

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1930.

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## A HOLIDAY SAT.

Officially Declared So by Mayor Berg--Banks and Stores Closed 3 Days

The Coquille banks yesterday, conforming to the wishes of nearly all the business houses in Coquille, decided to remain closed from Thursday evening until next Monday morning. Their doing so was made possible by the holiday declaration, issued by Mayor J. Arthur Berg yesterday, which was as follows:

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**  
Whereas the 4th of July, 1930, falls on Friday and it is the desire of the business houses and other establishments to close their doors on the 5th of July also, and  
Whereas it is deemed to be to the best interests of merchants and business men as well as their employees and to the public at large that Saturday, the 5th day of July, 1930, be declared a Holiday.

Now Therefore, I, J. Arthur Berg, Mayor of the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby declare Saturday, July 5, 1930, as a Holiday within the corporate limits of said City of Coquille.

J. Arthur Berg, Mayor.

While every business house in Coquille has not agreed to remain closed Saturday, it is very probable that all the grocery, hardware, furniture, clothing, dry goods stores, meat markets and barber shops will do so. The Marshfield stores and banks have signed an agreement to remain closed on Saturday, and there will be very little business done over the three-day week-end.

The confectioneries, pool halls and restaurants are about the only retail establishments which will remain open Friday and Saturday.

Every business house in Coquille plans to remain open this evening as long as the demands of their customers require.

## \$117,000 Building Permits, 1930

Marshal W. J. Brown, who is also city building inspector for Coquille, reports that building permits issued from Jan. 1 to July 1 this year, total \$117,825.

The two big constructions are, of course, the Hotel Annex and the Odd Fellows building, which are listed at \$85,000 each, although the former may run \$40,000 when all changes and additions to the plans are figured.

Other houses for which permits were issued in May and June are those of Roy Neal, \$7,000; E. M. Wilson \$4,500; E. W. Gregg \$3,000; Mrs. Arrell, \$3,000 and the Geo. W. Taylor battery service station addition, \$4,000.

## Cunningham Bridge in Use

The new bridge across Cunningham, just below the high school building, which was built last year, was put into use this week when the highway department graded the approach on the far side and gravelled the driveway. The cut-off is still rough and the gravel is loose, but it will be oiled soon, and will then be a great improvement on that big curve and bridge which was so slippery in rainy weather that several cars have been wrecked there.

## One Mile Not Yet Graded

The Peart Bros. contract for grading a mile of the Fishtrap-Fat Elk road, beginning at the I. S. Robison barn has been practically completed and there now remains but one mile more to connect with the other end of that market road at the oil well. Whether the mile just graded can be gravelled this year is uncertain, but it should be, if funds are available, as a matter of protection and to permit its use next winter by the ranchers there.

## 120 Tourists Given Information

Miss Aileen Wilson, local manager for the State Motor Association, reports that during the month of June 120 tourists were given information at the local office and that 76 out-of-state cars were registered. Without exception, she says, all the visitors were very outspoken in their praise of the highway and its scenic attractions.

## Oregon's Population

Oregon's population was made public Wednesday, the figures showing the state to be 50,000 short of a million. The exact figures are 951,790.

## Noted Screen Stars Visit Here

Being on the highway with the most salubrious climate in America, Coquille in years to come will have more such universally known people as stopped for lunch at the Coquille Hotel Tuesday noon. John Barrymore and his wife, known to screen fans as Dolores Costello, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cawhorn, from Beverly Hills, stopped at the hotel for lunch. They were on their way to Alaska to spend the summer.

They will board their \$3,000,000 yacht, which went up the coast Monday, at Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. Barrymore told Life Compton that on their return they plan to spend a night in Coquille.

## No New Mill Information

D. D. Hall left last Friday evening for Portland, to remain until after the Fourth, and there is nothing definite as to whether the old Johnson mill will resume operation in the near future. The mill has not been sold to Mr. Hall and associates, and until his return it cannot be said whether his efforts to make a deal for it are going to be successful or not.

## PLANT TO RUN REST OF YEAR

Geo. A. Ulett says that the article about the Smith Wood-Products, Inc., company, in a Bay paper Wednesday evening, under a Coquille date line was very misleading.

The articles of incorporation filed at the court house here last week were the original articles of the Ralph L. Smith Lumber company, and the Jones-Smith Battery Separator Co., adopted eight or ten years ago, and are just being recorded in Oregon. The Jones-Smith company was succeeded a few years ago by the Smith Wood-Products, Inc., company.

Mr. Ulett also says that while the Smith plant will be shut down from Thursday evening until next Monday evening, that orders for battery separators received the past week insure that the plant will be continuously operated until well along in the winter, possibly until next spring without any shut down.

This, of course, is splendid news for Coquille, insuring as it does, steady payroll at the plant for many months.

## Lions Club Camp Plans Complete

The plans are completed for the boys' summer camp, which is sponsored by the Lions Club. All of the boys who have signed up to go to Elk river are asked to meet with Mr. Hackett Monday evening, July 7, at the community building for final instructions. There are sixteen boys who have signed up to go. There is still room for four more boys.

The general equipment should consist of bedding equivalent to three army blankets, comb, tooth brush and paste, soap, hand towels, bath towel, dish towel, extra shirt, pants, socks, shoes, knife, writing material, stamps, etc., swimming suit. Eats to take: 2 lbs. flour, 1/4 lb baking powder, 1/2 lb lard, salt, pepper, hot cake flour, 2 or 3 pkgs. Jello, 1 lb butter, small can cocoa, 2 lbs. sugar, onions, 1 lb rice, 1 lb beans, 1 lb bacon, 4 lbs. spuds, 2 loaves bread, (additional bread will be secured at camp), 2 lbs. prunes, dried peaches or equivalent, canned fruit, 3 cans beans, 3 cans milk, (fresh milk will be secured daily), canned hominy or peas, etc., 3 cans soup, 1 1/2 doz eggs (well packed), carrots, etc. for stews, jelly etc., 2 lbs. fresh meat. Mothers can add to or take from this list as they know their boys' individual tastes. Send plenty of eats, be sure they are well balanced.

## Retail Lumber Co. Moves Office

The Coquille Valley Lumber Co. this week moved its office to the Johnson mill property, alongside of E. W. Gregg's shop on Front street. They will continue to handle all kinds of building supplies and lumber, as they have in the past, but will be found henceforth in the new location, where they will be pleased to meet all their old customers as well as new ones, or anyone desiring lumber.

## Gov. Norblad Withdraws

Gov. A. W. Norblad has evidently given the handwriting on the wall for he announced his retirement from the race for nomination at the hands of the state republican central committee on Wednesday. Of course, if the committee should hand him the plum on a gold platter it is probable he would accept. But they won't.

## WATER ELECTION PAY DOUBLE TIME

To Be Called Soon--\$80,000 Bond Issue to Be Submitted to Voters

The supreme court last Friday rendered a decision on a bond election case which will permit the city of Coquille to proceed at once to call an election to vote on the question of issuing \$80,000 worth of water bonds.

The case decided was carried up from Lane county, the city of Cottage Grove being a party to the suit.

By its decision the supreme court invalidated the Eddy act, passed by the last legislature, which made the right of franchise on municipal bond and tax matters dependent on a property qualification. The decision means that any taxpayer can vote at any election on any matter, whether a tax measure or not, with the exception of school taxes and bonds.

It was for this decision that the city council of Coquille had been waiting before calling the water bond election.

The Portland bond attorneys, Teal, Winfree, McCulloch and Shuler, have now in preparation the proceedings by which the city must operate in calling the election, but it is doubtful that they will be received before next Monday's council meeting.

At the same time there will probably be submitted a charter amendment, making the city's election law conform to the state's, in at least two particulars. One is that of keeping the polls open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. The city provision calls for an eleven hour voting period--from 8 a. m. until 7 p. m.

The other would make it possible to call an election either by resolution or ordinance.

It was on these two technicalities that the bond attorneys turned down the bond issue voted last year, and delayed the improvement of the water works system by several months, and the council thus assures the approving opinion of the state's recognized authority on bond matters by having the same firm of attorneys prepare the proceedings.

The Sentinel will have more to say in future issues about the necessity of voting bonds for the water system improvement now in progress.

The replacing of the old wooden pipe with iron pipe was a vital necessity, and the pipe concern and contractor showed their faith in the city by accepting warrants which the proceeds of the bond issue will redeem.

But the most important thing to bear in mind is that the voting of the bonds is not going to increase taxes one cent. They will be paid off entirely out of water fund receipts, and even last year, when the \$1.50 flat rate for water use was in effect, it was figured that the profit from operating the water system would retire the bonds in 25 or 30 years.

Another matter which is yet to be decided in connection with the forthcoming special election is the Knowlton Heights bridge. There has been talk of voting bonds for building that bridge but another meeting with the property owners on Knowlton Heights will be held before it is finally decided how the funds for its construction will be provided.

At least it is certain that a special election is to be held, but whether in August or September is not yet known.

## Zosel Haring Removal Sale

Elsewhere in this issue appears the "Selling Out to Move" Sale announcement of W. A. Zosel, men's wear merchant, who began Tuesday morning selling his entire stock at reduced prices.

As soon as the Odd Fellows building is finished, Mr. Zosel and Ralph Kruse, as partners, will open a clothing and men's furnishings store in the room adjoining Cal Langworthy's "Coquille Electric," which will be next to the old postoffice.

Mr. Zosel has made a success of the clothing business here in the last 18 months, and in associating Mr. Kruse, who is well and favorably known to the Coquille buying public, with him he has made no mistake.

The sale at the present location will continue until the new room is ready for occupancy.

## 18 Inches Less Than Average

As a rule July 4th is the end of the wet season in Oregon, which starts Sept. 1. Since last September the precipitation has been 47 inches, or 18 less than the average. The rainfall for June was three-quarters of an inch.

## COOS COUNTY IS PAYING \$11,000 FOR ADDITIONAL OVERTIME FOR PAST 2 YEARS

Evidently the bluff of Labor Commissioner C. H. Gram worked in Coos county, although in a recent statement at Salem he admits he has no authority to force the payment of double time wages for all overtime work.

It has cost Coos county between \$11,000 and \$12,000 to settle all overtime claims for the past two years, and in some instances the employees, on road work especially, refused to accept the extra amount, stating that they had been paid in full.

According to a story heard this morning at the court house, the agitation was started by a dismissed workman who was one of a crew who offered to work in the cool of the morning and evening so as to rush construction along.

All employees were paid for every hour of overtime, and the \$10,000 to \$11,000 was for additional payment. Commissioner Jas. T. Jenkins refused to sign the court order making the payment.

Mr. Gram is quoted as follows in the Oregonian of June 22:

Amendment to the existing statutes which would empower the state labor commissioner to compel the payment of wage claims to Oregon workmen, will be sought at the next session of the legislature, according to C. H. Gram, head of the Oregon labor department.

A somewhat similar bill to the one now being prepared by Mr. Gram was defeated at the 1929 legislature, as the legislators contended there was no demand for such legislation. Since then Gram has received many requests to collect accounts for workmen, but has been unable to do so because of the inadequate laws now on the statute books in this state.

It is said that Gram would have the support of the state federation of labor and other similar organizations.

The existing laws do not give the labor commissioner power to collect wages due workers, and as a result many fly-by-night employers have left the state owing large amounts of money to their employees. In some cases workers who have been unable to collect for their labor have been compelled to seek charity.

## Three Ball Games at Bandon

Baseball at Bandon for three days--July 4, 5 and 6, will see the Coquille Loggers pitted against one of the strongest semi-pro clubs in Portland, the Eastside Commercial club. The games will start at 1:15 each day.

Manager Fortier has a likely-looking youngster, young Endicott, of Myrtle Point, who will pitch one of the games, although Carl Gilbert, the old war horse, could pitch all three, if necessary, Fortier says. "Penny" Sturdivant will also be up from Brookings for the three day series.

Noble Brundage will not be with the club Friday, having a game at Marshfield for the Fourth but he will be there with bells on for the other two games.

The line-up for the game on the Fourth will be Woodyard second, Stewart short, Tuma first, Roper center, Cox third, Conley right, Pulford left, Fischer catcher and Gilbert pitcher; Lorenz and Mark Seeley utility.

On Sunday, July 13, the Glendale club will be here for a game at Athletic Park.

## Visitors from Singapore

The Dr. Jas. R. Bunch family is spending this week at their cottage at Bandon, having as their guests his brother, F. L. Bunch and wife and two daughters. The visitors are on a summer vacation from their home in Singapore, India, where Mr. and Mrs. Bunch are instructors in a college. They have been visiting their father, at his ranch between Coquille and Myrtle Point, and will go next week to Walla Walla, where they will remain until August 1, when they start back across the Pacific.

## W. Bunch Here on Wedding Trip

Walter H. Bunch, who has been managing the Walla Walla College service station for the past year, surprised his many friends here when he arrived with his bride Tuesday. Mrs. Bunch was formerly Miss Winifred Gibson, a nurse, in Portland, and they were married there June 24. They spent a week on a wedding trip to points of interest in southern and southwest Oregon and left Wednesday for Portland and Walla Walla.

## Scout Camps This Month

Donald Smith and George Ulett Jr., Coquille Boy Scouts, left last Sunday to be a part of the Second Class Scout camp at Wolf creek for two weeks. The first class scout outing this year will be an Umpqua hike of two weeks, starting July 30. A week of the time will be spent in camp at Diamond Lake with daily trips out from there. Scout Executive E. A. Britton will be in charge of each camp.

## To Have Bridge Party, July 10

The meeting of Beulah Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., July 10, will be followed by a bridge party to which all Masons and their wives and all members of the Eastern Star and their husbands are cordially invited. Score cards will be 50 cents, and refreshments will be served at the evening's close.

## Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

## Grange to Meet at Broadbent

The meeting of Coos Pomona Grange at Broadbent next Tuesday, July 8, will be attended by two state officers, C. C. Hulet, of Myrtle Point, newly elected master, and Marie Flint McCall, of Salem, state lecturer.

Edw. Bailey, democratic candidate for governor, will also be in attendance, and will address the sessions.

Several matters of importance are to come up for discussion and all members are urged to attend.

## Will Resume Drilling at Once

The slip-spear with which the casing was to be loosened in the Fat Elk oil well arrived Wednesday evening, and the crew got busy with it Thursday morning. It was not anticipated that any further trouble would ensue, and the drilling operations were to be resumed at once. "The Fourth is the same as any other day to us," remarked the president, A. E. Gault, this morning.

## "SHEIKVILLE" PICTURE SOON

The finishing touches to the local motion picture comedy, "Sheikville Ranch," is nearing completion. Next Sunday at George Hermann's ranch, a mile beyond Broadbent, the last scenes will be taken. The "shooting" will start at ten o'clock in the morning and will last all day. There is to be a big fight scene between the hero and the villain, and lots of horse racing. The public is cordially invited to come early and stay all day.

"Sheikville Ranch" is a cowboy comedy with plenty of laughs and action played by all local people. The leads are Bunny Wernich from Coquille and Jerry Extra from Marshfield. Another important character from Marshfield is Gladys Willis, who plays the part of a ranch owner. Her foreman is Don Donaldson, the villain.

The big comedy hit is Billie Simpson as Lizzie, the cook. Bobbie Burns plays the role opposite her. Like all good motion pictures the story has a happy ending, but not until all the horses and cowboys of Coos county and the best actors of the county have gone through a riot of mirth to reach the climax. "Sheikville Ranch" comes as the first direct result from the screen tests made in Coos County a few weeks back by the Scenograph Film Company.

The first showing of the picture will be at the Liberty Theatre, Coquille, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 9, 10, and 11.

The following names represent the cast of the story: Bunny Wernich, Billie Simpson, Gladys Willis, Jerry Extra, Don Donaldson, Bobbie Burns, William Brain, Mr. Rogers, Lester Moll, Ralph Gibbs, Al Hartley, J. A. Smith, T. Robbins, L. Robbins, Everett Barklow, Lyle Barklow, E. V. Marsey, J. P. Evernden, Dad Bell, Lloyd Smith, Basil Smith, Homer Harvey, Roderick Hermann, and Geo. Hermann.

Woodburn Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Settlemeir, of Woodburn, were Coquille visitors for a few hours Wednesday. They were on their way to attend a convention in San Francisco and thought the coast highway would be the most comfortable for travelling. Both are well known here, as they have served respectively as worthy grand master and worthy grand matron of the Masonic lodge and Eastern Star chapter in Oregon. Mrs. Settlemeir has entirely recovered the use of her limb which was broken at the ankle in a fall a couple of years ago.

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## Checking Up on Auto Licenses

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