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## DEBATES FEB. 18-19

### High Schools of Oregon Will Argue About Chain Stores Next Week

The annual high school debates will occur in Pioneer Hall next Wednesday and Thursday evening, Feb. 18 and 19. The Coquille high school affirmative squad will meet the Marshfield High negative team on the first evening, with Donald Farr and Frederick Fuhrman representing C. H. S. in debating the question: "Resolved, That chain stores are detrimental to the best interests of the American public." The judges for that evening are H. W. Covalt, of Coquille, J. Clifton Tucker, superintendent of schools at Riverton, and Mrs. Reidar Bugge, of Marshfield.

On Thursday evening the Coquille negative team, Vada Swinney and Madeline McKeown, will meet the Gardiner high school affirmative team, debating the same subject. The judges the second evening will be H. W. Covalt, C. J. Gillette, editor of the Coos Bay Times, and Miss Hilda Henderson, speech instructor of the University of Utah, from Salt Lake City.

The same subject is debated by high schools all over the state, and the winners in the southwest Oregon district next week will later meet the winners of the other districts in the state to determine the state championship debate team.

The Boys Glee Club will furnish vocal music for the Wednesday evening program and a one act play will be presented by high school pupils Thursday evening.

The high school orchestra will also be present to give several numbers each evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend the debates next week.

### To Play North Bend Tonight

The Red Devil basketball team of C. H. S. goes to North Bend tonight to meet the Bulldog five in a game which will be very decisive in the league standing of the Southwestern Oregon conference. Victory for the locals means a clear opportunity to overhaul Marshfield, while defeat spells oblivion as far as the championship is concerned.

The Red Devils are in second place with five wins and one defeat, while North Bend holds the fourth notch due to only two victories compared to three losses. Notwithstanding, however, the contest can be called decisive because of the effects a Bulldog win would bring about in the race for the hunting. The dope, of course, favors Coquille but you never can tell when old Dame Fortune might take a hand.

Coach Adams of N. B. H. S. will likely start his full strength tonight, hoping to halt the string of red and white victories. Of late he has been using Peterson as center; Bowers and Bloomquist, forwards; and Anderson and Robertson, guards. As well Adams has Mullen, Sommers, Meyers, Hughes and Barnes to use in case of necessity. Bloomquist is the only veteran and though all the others are inexperienced they play hard basketball.

Coach Hartley will likely start his regulars: L. Seeley and Ellis, forwards; Ellingson, center; and Pulford and Woodyard, guards. On the bench will be Stevens, Shaver, Williams, Smith, and McCoe, all capable of working in with the winning combination. Glaisyer, a guard, is at present incapacitated with an injured hand.

There will also be a "B" squad game starting at 7:00 p. m.

### Dogs Must Be Kept Up

With the advent of spring weather and the making of gardens, the running at large of dogs is causing complaints to be filed with the city police, and the nuisance will have to stop. Officer Poulton says that he will enforce the city ordinance which requires that the dog be taken up and impounded and the owner arrested. He intends making a round-up of loose dogs at once.

### Mail Delivery on Rink Creek

Six days a week mail delivery service was inaugurated Wednesday up Rink creek, from the highway at the J. N. Jacobsen place. A petition to the postal department by the dozen or more families who will be served, was favorably acted upon. The department at first ordered that the Pacific Greyhound stage should make the delivery, but later changed the order and made it a part of Walter Rhule's Coquille-McKinley star route.

### Fine Concert Here Tonight

Among the numbers to be sung by the Scandinavian Choir, at the Community Building this evening, is a choral from the Sixteenth century, "Hail the Lovely Morn." This is a number sung at early Christmas morning mass in Scandinavian churches.

Another famous number is the "Bridal Procession in Hardanger." This lovely chorus was sung by the students from the University Upsala at the Paris exposition. That male chorus was prize winner at the international singing contest at the exposition.

Some of the finest music for choral singing has been written by Scandinavian composers, and the choir this evening are to sing many Scandinavian songs unaccompanied.

Miss Edla Larsen is director of the choir and their rendition is enthusiastically received whenever they give a concert.

The concert is sponsored by the Coquille Woman's Club, and was postponed from a week ago because of conflict in hall dates.

Admission will be 50 cents, no reserved seats.

## HENRY JOHNSON DIED LAST NIGHT

Henry Brown Johnson, nearly all his life a resident of the Coquille valley, passed away at his home at Parkersburg last evening at 6:30. He had been ailing with heart trouble for the past three months and suffered a stroke a week ago.

The funeral services will be held in the chapel here tomorrow at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. S. D. Walters. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 12, 1870, in Tennessee, but came to Coos county at an early age. He has been a rancher, fisherman and logger, and was well and favorably known all over the valley. Besides his widow, Mrs. Zada P. Johnson, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Floyd Price, of Coquille; a son, Clarence A. Johnson, of Bandon; a brother, David S., of Wenatchee, Wash.; three half brothers, Albert Johnson, of Yuma, Ariz., Samuel C., of Phoenix, Ariz., J. P., of Coquille, and one half sister, Mrs. Harry Gardner, of Barlow, Ore.

### Scouts' Anniversary Week

That is a very good Scout display in the window of the vacant room of the Odd Fellows building. Besides the Scout equipment there are upwards of 75 merit badges worn by local Scouts.

As a part of the Scout Anniversary Week, every home of a Scout in Coquille today shows a placard in the window, "A Scout lives here."

A Scout mobilization plan is being worked out in Coquille and the first call was indicated last evening by five taps of the old city fire alarm bell. The idea is to have the boys so organized that when called in case of calamity or sudden need they will respond as promptly as do the fire department members. There are many occasions on which the Scouts' trained usefulness might be beneficial.

Twenty boys turned out for the first call last evening, and they were given a talk by Assistant Fire Chief F. F. Schram, along the lines of the mobilization idea.

The Father & Son banquet, on April 1, is also receiving Scout attention and they are planning to make it a real affair.

### Legislature to Run Overtime

J. E. Norton was home last Saturday and Sunday for his regular weekend visit, returning by train Sunday night to Salem. Mrs. Norton did not come with him, she spending the two days with friends in Salem.

Mr. Norton reports the same as do the Salem dispatches in the daily press—that the legislature cannot finish its work in the prescribed 40 days. That would mean final adjournment next week.

But it is in the various committees where the delay has occurred. The house keeps its calendar well cleared up daily, but the different committees to which bills are referred cannot keep up with the grist poured in to the hopper.

Judge Brand in Circuit court this week gave a decision awarding E. H. Kern \$75 as settlement in full for all his claims against Coos county.

The Church of Christ will hold a cooked food sale at Thrift's Grocery Saturday, February 14.

## HONOR SOCIETY C. C. DRIVE MAR. 3

### Of C. H. S. Entertained by Lions Club at Dinner Yesterday Noon

The Lions Club yesterday noon, at their weekly luncheon, had as guests fourteen members of the Torch Honor Society of C. H. S. Ten of the fourteen present were girls and four boys, which caused the comment that boys are doing better. Two or three years ago there was but one boy in the society when they were entertained by the Lions club and he was so bashful he would not attend.

J. L. Smith, who complained a week ago that on account of his handicap he had been unable to make speed enough in previous years to have even one young lady as his guest, was given right of way yesterday in making his choice, and proudly took four of them into the dining room.

R. L. Stewart welcomed the guests in a few pleasant remarks and Grace Ellingsen gave a talk on the Torch Honor Society, how membership is won and what it is doing. Those present were Geneva Agostino, Helen Robinson, Katherine Jane Haasler, Grace Ellingsen, Melba McCoy, Robelle Oederkirk, Madeline McKeown, Bernice Eggleston, Barbara Unsoeld, Marjorie Knight, Keith Holverson, Tallant Greenough, Donald Farr and Fred Fuhrman. One other guest was present, Miss Rosa McQuigg.

### Mrs. Hartley Suffers Injuries

Mrs. Henry H. Hartley suffered a broken nose, cut on her face and limbs and other bruises Tuesday evening when the car in which she was accompanying Mr. Hartley and members of the Coquille basketball squad, hit the rear of the Dr. W. V. Glaisyer car ahead. Her head struck the windshield with such force as to break the glass and she was thrown partly through the windshield.

It wasn't careless driving that caused the accident, which occurred between six and seven o'clock. Three cars were parked, two on one side and one on the other, headed this way, with headlights on, just this side of the first curve on Bear creek mountain. The bright lights so blinded all drivers that the car ahead of the Glaisyer auto forced the doctor to stop and Mr. Hartley was so blinded that he couldn't see the Glaisyer car slowing down.

Both cars were badly jammed, but Dr. Glaisyer was able to drive his on to Bandon and return after the game. The Hartley car was put out of commission.

Passing autoists had noticed a considerable going back and forth between the parked cars, and when the accident occurred there was a strong odor of liquor in the vicinity.

The people who were responsible for the wreck pulled out at once without waiting to learn what damage their carelessness had caused.

### Junior Hi Declamatory Contest

A declamatory contest with Lincoln's Gettysburg address as the subject of declamation, was conducted yesterday in the Junior High of Coquille and Bandon, four pupils from Coquille going to Bandon and four from there speaking here. Coquille won the most points, scoring 14 to Bandon's 9 for the two programs. There were other features in the local school program which was held in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The judges here were Mayor J. Arthur Berg, F. W. Martin and O. T. Gant.

In the Coquille contest, George Ulett, of this city, won first place, a Bandon pupil stood second, Anne Van Scoy was third and fourth place went to pupils from both schools, they tying on points.

At Bandon, Howard Hickam stood first, Bandon students ranked second and third, and Thelma Dennis, of Coquille, ranked fourth.

### Bar Ass'n Banquet Tonight

The annual banquet of the Coos County Bar Association will be held in K. P. hall at Bandon this evening, with Chas. E. Carpenter, dean of the law school of U. of O. as the principal speaker. John D. Goss, of Marshfield, will act as toastmaster, and other speakers on the program will be Judge Brand, Chris Bosen and M. W. Skipworth, of Marshfield, and C. R. Wade, of Bandon.

### Grand Jury Meets Next Monday

The Coos county grand jury has been summoned to meet at the court house next Monday morning, February 16.

### Geo. Bryant Heads Committee to Solicit Memberships--No Forum Meeting in Feb.

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive for 1931 funds will start on Tuesday, March 3, with Geo. W. Bryant, Ray Joub, C. E. Niles, Geo. P. Burr, H. A. Slack and L. H. Hazard as members of the committee was Mr. Bryant's announcement at the directors' meeting Wednesday evening. With the employment of a secretary, the Boy Scout contribution of \$200 a year, and other expenses which must be met in the near future it is necessary that funds be available. It is hoped that a thorough canvass this year will produce fully as much as the \$1400 budgeted in 1930.

No forum meeting of the chamber is to be held during February. Next Wednesday the high school debate has the right of way and on the following Wednesday, Feb. 25, Frank Branch Riley is to speak in Masonic Temple here. It is probable that Mr. Riley, in his forceful manner, will present some of the benefits which have accrued from Chamber of Commerce activities, as he has observed them in Oregon and in the east.

C. C. Farr reported that J. E. Norton had been named the Coos county representative, and A. W. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, of Josephine county, to take up with the State Highway Commission the need for its co-operation in asking for the Powers-Grants Pass road, agitation for which has been under way for some time.

The chief of the forestry department at Portland says that no attention can be given to the petition presented him by the Coos and Josephine Chambers of Commerce, for a survey of the proposed route, unless the highway commission is co-operating. The matter was taken up with Mr. Norton last Saturday and he agreed to present the matter to the commission and its secretary, Roy Klein.

The request of the Coos Bay Times that the Coquille Chamber take a page advertisement in their forthcoming Coos Bay Harbor Jubilee special, at the half page price of \$60, was referred to the publicity committee and a decision deferred until next Wednesday.

### Jas. Hobson a Suicide

James Hobson, prominent and well known stockman, horse fancier and timber operator of Myrtle Point, ended his life with a 25-20 rifle in the barn on his Bald Hill ranch last Friday morning, some time between 8 and 12 o'clock.

The body was discovered by Frank Southmayd, who was one of a crowd of 40 who started out to look for him that evening, after Mrs. Hobson had expressed alarm at his absence.

He had left home at 8 o'clock to go up to the ranch "to look after the cattle" as he told his wife. She offered to accompany him in a few moments but he replied that he would not be gone more than an hour and a half.

Marks on a crate in the barn showed that he had stood or sat there some time, considering, for the wood was worn smooth where the trigger guard had polished the wood.

The rifle had been placed just below his right ear, with his left thumb over the muzzle for the bullet had pierced the digit.

Despondency due to recent poor health is the only reason advanced for his suicide. The funeral services were held at Myrtle Point, Monday.

Besides his wife, born Pearl Otto, Mrs. Hobson is survived by a brother, Fred, of Myrtle Point, and a sister in Port Townsend, Wash.

### Camp 3 to Close April 1

The Cunningham Camp No. 3 of the Coos Bay Logging company is to be closed down the first of April and all operations at that time will be moved to the Eden ridge camp of the company above Powers for the summer. Only construction work, preparatory to opening Camp 3 at Fairview next fall, will be in order the coming spring and summer. The new location for Camp 3 will be near the four corners at Fairview.

A powerful story of the European spy system, "Three Faces East," at the Liberty Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, February 24 and 25.

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### February Jury List

Following is the list drawn by the sheriff and county clerk the first of the week who have been summoned for jury duty at the February term of Circuit Court, which opens Tuesday, February 24:

R. D. Hall, Powers; Otto W. Hill, Coos River; F. M. Lovelace, Two Mile; John Damron, Bandon; E. L. Barzee, Catching Creek; W. C. Lundgren, Riverton; Dewey Kollar, Four Mile; Orville H. Haga, Coquille; Oscar Erickson, Ten Mile; Louis Knutson, Bunker Hill; John W. Jenkins, Norway; William B. Haynes, Bandon; Clayton C. Driscoll, Marshfield; R. L. Ellis, Catching Creek; Arthur Chapman, North Bend; John Ferguson; Marshfield; Donald Real, Bunker Hill; E. A. Krewson, Dora; John M. Randall, Bandon; Lawrence Mullen, Myrtle Point; Clyde A. Carlson, Parkersburg; Wm. J. Blake, Catching Slough; Oscar Franz, Coos River; D. M. Wood, Fat Elk; L. W. Stratton, Marshfield; Ira Bernard, North Bend; George Hazer, North Bend; G. O. Gosney, New Port; C. A. Bushong, Catching Slough; Robert E. Jenkins, North Bend; Alfred J. Rodine, Allegany.

## BOXING CARD FEBRUARY 19

Roy Watson has a very attractive fight card lined up for the next American Legion boxing card, to be held in the Community Building here next Thursday evening, February 19.

"Cyclone" Joe Coffman, the fighting 140-pound welter weight who is making his home here and has cleaned up on every scrapper he has met in this section thus far, is matched to fight George Ingersoll, 148-pounder from Astoria. George is no novice at the game. He has a draw with Ole Neishem in his record and has won from such well known fighters as Frankie Burnell, Del Allen and Young Harry Willis. But he will have to go some to hold his own with "Cyclone" Joe. It is scheduled for a ten-round go.

The semi-final will be a six-round affair between Kermit Shaw, of Coquille, 158 pounds, and Bill Gilson, of Bandon, 156. Kermit needs no introduction to fight fans here. He is a much improved boxer over what he was when he came here a few years ago. Not a great deal is known of Gilson who came to Bandon from Cleveland, Ohio, recently, but he has shown enough stuff to indicate that he is a dangerous man in the middle weight class.

The four-round matches will be between: Tex Davidson, 136, of Coquille, and Pat Franko, 134, of Roseburg; A return match. Ellsworth Willett, 145, of Lee, and Young Pearson, 145, of Myrtle Point. Both are sluggers and gloves will fly from every angle.

The curtain raiser will be between two Coquille boys—Cliff Judd and Geo. Lynch—both fighting at 135 pounds.

Tickets will be on sale at Elrod's, Zosel's, Fortier's and Holycross' places in Coquille, and at Eddie Brain's in Myrtle Point.

### Public Card Party, Feb. 17

The second pre-Lenten card party to be given by the Ladies of the Holy Name Altar Society will take place in the banquet room of the Coquille Hotel next Tuesday evening, February 17. There will be room there to accommodate everyone and none feel that he or she will be crowded as was the case last year.

Arrangements have been made by the ladies on the committee in charge to provide a very pleasant evening for their guests and all who attend will enjoy the evening.

### Cent a Mile Rate on S. P.

Next Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, the Southern Pacific is making a Dollar Day sale of round trip tickets, good from Friday morning until Tuesday of the following week, anywhere on their lines. The rate is three-fifths of the regular one-way fare for the round trip which figures practically \$1.00 per hundred miles. That is much cheaper than one can drive his own car, and will no doubt be taken advantage of by those who have not ridden on a train for years.

### Large Attendance at Lecture

The banquet hall in Masonic Temple was filled Tuesday evening with out-of-town visitors and Coquille residents for the lecture on Christian Science, delivered by Arthur P. DeCamp, of St. Louis. A complete report of his lecture will be found on page seven of this issue.

## GET BIG CONTRACT

### Laird & Garrett to Cut 60 to 70 Million Feet of Cedar for Evans Auto Loading Co.

A logging contract calling for 60 to 70 million feet of cedar, said to be the largest logging contract ever placed in Coos county, was signed this week by the Evans Auto Loading Co. of Detroit, as owners, and Laird & Garrett, Myrtle Point, as contractors.

The contract was signed the first of the week in Marshfield, Mr. Evans making the trip from Detroit to personally carry through his company's part of the agreement.

Mike Morrison, another Myrtle Point man, will be logging superintendent for Laird & Garrett, and the job will require six to eight years, with 100 to 150 men working all the time. Mr. Morrison already has 40 men at work. This number will be increased to 100 within two weeks, P. W. Laird, of the contracting firm, stated Tuesday, and the force will total 150 men as soon as operations can be shaped to accommodate that many men.

The job is a truck job all the way through, said Mr. Laird, and the delivery will be made by rail and water.

The land to be logged lies between the Middle Fork and the South Fork of the Coquille river, and is approximately 15 miles from Myrtle Point, reached easily by good auto roads. The tract to be logged naturally is one of considerable size, which will necessitate the building of auto roads. Mr. Morrison is now established on Roland creek, but will move camp as distance from operations require.

The logging firm of Laird & Garrett is one of the biggest concerns of the kind in this section of Oregon. They have been in the logging business since 1921 and in that time have logged more cedar than any other logging firm.—Myrtle Point Herald.

### Fire Destroys LeRoy Rice Home

The five-room house, owned by LeRoy Rice, on the point at the intersection of the Marshfield highway and the logging railroad, was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. Mr. Rice had gone to bed about twelve o'clock and was awakened by the fire at 4:15. The only cause he can think of for the fire was the heating stove in the living room which contained some fire when he retired.

He was forced to crawl out his bedroom window, and attired in his pajamas, ran to the Auto Park Service Station to arouse his brother and turn in the alarm. By the time the department got there the house was beyond saving, but the S. B. Leeper house and buildings adjoining were saved.

Mr. Rice estimates the loss at \$1800 to \$2000 for the house and \$400 for the contents, with \$1500 insurance.

All his clothing and personal effects were lost in the fire, although he tried in vain to save some stuff after turning in the alarm.

He has not decided yet whether he will rebuild or not.

### Much Activity Tuesday Evening

Coquille showed a great deal more than the usual evening activity Tuesday night, and the downtown section was clogged with cars. Out of town visitors were here for the O. S. C. banquet in the hotel, where a county organization was perfected; the Christian Science address by Arthur P. DeCamp in the Masonic Temple was well attended; the band held its semi-weekly practice, there was a session of Masonic lodge, and a party or two was given. Besides that quite a number were gone to Bandon for the basketball game.

### Riley Lecture Tickets on Sale

The Lions Club of Coquille is now actively engaged in the selling of tickets at 50 cents per for the Frank Branch Riley lecture which will be given in the Masonic Temple a week from next Wednesday, February 25. The local den guaranteed one-half of the estimated \$130 expenses, which requires that they sell 130 tickets. There should be no trouble in selling 200 tickets here in Coquille, for a man with the reputation Mr. Riley enjoys should be heard by everyone, or as many as can get into the banquet room of the Masonic Temple.

### This Is Friday the 13th

Yesterday was Lincoln's birthday and was observed by the banks and court house officials. Today is Friday, the thirteenth. No particular poor luck has been reported up to noon today.