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CANDIDATES FILE

Three Seek Office of County Clerk--North Bend Republican for Commissioner

Two candidates for the republican nomination for county clerk were filed in the clerk's office yesterday and there is a possibility that another will file, Andy P. Davis, of Marshfield.

The first to get his name on the ballot for that office was Robert R. Watson, present incumbent, a man whose efficiency in handling the affairs of the office has never been questioned. He has served in that capacity uninterruptedly for nine years, and served one term previously, 1916-1917.

The second candidate to file was Geo. F. Winchester, of Marshfield, formerly cashier of the American Bank in Marshfield, and before that in the same position with the Bank of Southwestern Oregon. Mr. Winchester has spent nearly all of the 58 years of his life in Coos county, although he was not born in Oregon, and many years ago was a Coquille resident.

Mr. Winchester is modest in presenting his qualifications for the office and merely states that if he is nominated and elected he will give the county the best he has, and will endeavor to fill the duties of the office as required by law. Those who know him best recognize his ability and know that he is capable.

With two good men on the republican ticket and one on the democratic—even if there are no other candidates—the voters are sure of witnessing a pretty race, both at primary and general elections. And if we know the men as we believe we do, it will be a clean, though hard-fought contest in spring and fall.

Chas. Doane, of North Bend, is the first man to declare himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner. If nominated his selection will be a protest against the attempts now being made to build a section of the Coast highway around Coos Bay from Bunker Hill, thus cutting North Bend off the state highway map. This changing of the Coast highway route has been brewing for the past three or four years and apparently has the sanction of Coos county officials.

The second democrat to get into the race for primary nomination in May is Lloyd W. Oddy who will seek the nomination for county clerk. He was in Coquille Tuesday to file for a place on the ballot.

Mr. Oddy served four years as county clerk, during the years of 1917-18-19-20. He was elected first in November, 1916, and was re-elected in 1918, the term of county clerk being but two years at that time. It has since been changed to a four-year term.

Mr. Oddy served very efficiently as clerk, but refused to be a candidate in 1920.

He is now employed in the office of the Sitka Spruce Pulp & Paper Co., at Empire.

Votes for Bonus Payment Now

Coquille Post of the American Legion, in regular monthly session last Monday evening, voted to go on record as favoring the payment by the government at once of the second half of the bonus which under present congressional action would not become due until 1945. The vote in the local post was fairly evenly divided on the question, many of the members feeling as did the delegates to the national Legion convention last year which refused to make the demand for immediate payment.

Another matter acted upon was the naming of a committee to confer with other posts in Curry, Coos and Western Douglas counties, regarding publicity for the Coast Highway. It is their purpose to get in communication with posts in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, urging that members coming to Portland for the National Legion convention this coming summer include the Coast Highway in their itinerary. Those of us who know this route are certain that the scenic and climatic conditions of the coast route will well repay them if they heed the advice of the southwestern Oregon Legion members.

But Are the Voters Willing?

Al Smith is willing, but are the voters any more willing to elevate a Tammany chieftain to the White House than they were in 1928?

Say Bud, "Lucia's beau is awful good looking, ain't he?" See the Red Headed Steppchild.

Had No Bait on the Hook

It is doubtful if anything ever bluffed Riley Clinton and his feat Wednesday of battling to the death with a big 129-pound sturgeon proves that he is as good a man today as he was twenty years ago. He was working on the boom at Millington when he saw the big fish swimming lazily by. Without hesitation he jumped in, grabbed the fish and hung on for dear life. After two hours of wrestling he finally managed to get the hook which serves him for a hand into the fish's mouth, and dragged it to shore. A spectator on the boom was so excited by the tussle that he could do nothing to help Riley and watched the performance without lifting a hand. The fish measured 14 inches across the tail and dressed out 126 pounds.

Telegraphic Shoot Starts Soon

The Coos County Gun Club, of which Fred C. McNelly is president, was one of the first to enter the Oregonian's annual telegraphic shoot, which will hold the opening round on Sunday, March 6. Coquille marksmen form a large percentage of the county club.

SWIFT CO. INVITES FARMERS

Importance of cash crops on the farm and the improvement of products marketed will be brought to the attention of more than five hundred farmers around Coquille on February 16, when the first annual Swift Day is held at the Liberty Theatre.

Producers of butterfat, poultry and eggs will be told how their products are marketed and how they can procure better returns for what they have to sell, by experts from Oregon State Agricultural College, county agents and others. The program is sponsored by the local produce plant of Swift & Company.

The meeting, which will be an all day affair, will be called to order at 9:30 a. m. by C. T. Selbig. F. M. Simpson, of Chicago, will talk on how the cheese, butter, eggs, and poultry of the Pacific coast are marketed. George H. Jenkins, county agent, will offer some helpful hints. Prof. P. M. Brandt, head of the Dairy Husbandry Department of Oregon State Agricultural College, will discuss "Lower Production Costs," and Marshal N. Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal, will talk on "Oregon's Dairy Industry." The motion pictures include, "A Tale of Two Bulls" and "Blood Will Tell."

Luncheon will be served to those in attendance.

Coquille Grange Meeting

The Coquille Grange met Thursday night, February 4th, at the W. O. W. hall, with a splendid attendance of 36 officers and members being present. Among visitors present for the evening were Pomona Master C. O. King, Pomona Secretary Geo. Hampton, Lecturer Mrs. C. C. Robison, Mrs. Geo. Hampton, Mrs. L. R. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carl, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burtis, Judge D. F. Thompson and Miss Melba Varney.

Meeting was called to order by Master E. L. Detlefsen for a short business meet, followed by a potluck dinner, served by the home economics committee, after which Lecturer Edna Stockhoff presented an enjoyable program of music, songs, readings and games. For a future meeting Lecturer Stockhoff is planning a Washington Bicentennial program in which she has asked all members to participate. Our officers and members are all taking an interest in the good work the Grange is doing and showing a larger attendance at each meeting.

Next meeting will be held at the W. O. W. hall, February 18th, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to be present.—Press Correspondent.

Masonic Grand Master Coming

Quite a number of Masons plan on going over to Marshfield tomorrow (Saturday) evening to attend the communication held for Herbert L. Toney, grand master for Oregon. All the Masonic lodges in southwestern Oregon are being paid this official visit by the grand master at the one session in Marshfield. To allow those from Curry and western Douglas counties to arrive on time, lodge will not be opened until 8:30 p. m.

Lincoln's Birthday Today

Today is a state holiday, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator, and the banks, the court house and the city hall are closed. In all other places business is as usual.

DEATH CALLS TWO 22 YEARS OF AGE

Former Coquille Ladies Pass Away in Portland and Salem This Week

Mrs. Geo. E. Pike, one of the earlier settlers of Coquille, passed away in Portland Sunday, after an illness of four years, during which she suffered with heart trouble. She had been confined to her bed for the past year. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Portland where the family has resided since 1918.

Margaret Frances Stone was one of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone who came to Coquille from Texas in 1884. She was born Feb. 7, 1863, in Missouri and passed away on her birthday at the age of 69 years.

She was married in Coquille to Geo. E. Pike, May 5, 1896, who survives her. Two children were born to them, Mrs. Mary Lucas, wife of Dr. Ellsworth F. Lucas, of Portland, and Howard E. Pike, who returned from the Orient on the President Jefferson, Wednesday morning, just in time for the funeral.

She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. D. F. Dean, of Bandon, and Mrs. Ruby Gohman, of Seattle. Mrs. Imogene Neal, of Coquille, is a niece of the deceased.

Mrs. Pike was the friend of all the old-time citizens of Coquille and was universally respected and loved by her many friends in this section. Her last visit to Coquille was in 1928 when she came to visit her mother, Mrs. P. E. Drane.

Mrs. Ray C. Schott, who had been ill at their home in Salem and in the hospital there, for the past year and a half, passed away Monday and was buried in Salem on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schott came to Coquille some seven or eight years ago from eastern Oregon, and he was connected with the county highway department as engineer, until a year ago last May when they moved to Salem where Mr. Schott has been connected with the state tax commission.

Mrs. Schott, who was upwards of 40 years of age, is survived by her husband to whom she was married in 1917, in Alaska, where he was engaged in railroad engineering, and by two children, a son and a daughter; also by her mother who resides in the east.

Mrs. Schott had many warm friends in Coquille who will mourn her untimely passing, although it was not entirely unexpected for she had suffered much in the past 18 months.

Are You Registered?

The last day on which a voter can register and take part in the primary election on May 20 is still more than two months away, but those voters whose names are not on the voters' record in the county clerk's office should attend to that matter before April 19, for that is the last day for registration, and unless a voter is registered he or she cannot cast a ballot. There is no swearing in of a vote allowed. Nor does the law permit an election board to accept the vote of one who moves between the last day of registration and election day. It contemplates that the voter shall have been a resident of the precinct where he resides at least 30 days prior to the election.

Registration in Coquille and vicinity can be done at the county clerk's office.

46 Inches Rain To Date

Forty-six inches of rain since Sept. 1, practically the total precipitation for last year, from Sept. 1, 1930, to July 1, 1931, is this year's record and there are still four months of the wet season ahead. February does not give promise of its usual spring-like weather, but it may all tend to an early spring.

One rancher stated this week that since October he had not been able to complete the work of setting out his strawberry plants, because the ground has been so continuously and thoroughly soaked all fall and winter. Spring plowing is usually started in the Coquille valley before this time, but not this year.

Gas Company Re-opens Office

The Natural Gas Corporation this week re-opened its office in the hotel building, on Taylor street, and monthly bills are again payable there. Mrs. Robert Rush will handle the collections department, and it is expected to continue the sales end of the business—ranges, heaters, hot water tanks, etc.

Boy Scouts Celebrate Anniversary Week--Court of Honor Wednesday Evening

This is Anniversary Week for the Boy Scouts, the movement having been inaugurated 22 years ago last Monday, February 8th. Anniversary Week began last Sunday and closes Saturday night.

Next Sunday morning the Coquille Scouts with their scoutmaster, Wade Arstall, will attend the Pioneer church in a body. Rev. P. D. Hartman has prepared a special service for the Scouts and their parents and friends are especially invited to attend.

The annual Scout contest, among troops in the Coos-Curry-Douglas council, started Jan. 18, and will close April 4. Just what the prize award for winning this contest will be has not been decided. Last year it was a trip to San Francisco for six of the ranking Scouts on the winning team. Myrtle Point won out when the attendance at Scout parents' meeting there exceeded the Coquille attendance by 50, although there were 115 adults at the Coquille meeting.

Points in the contest are awarded for all Scout activities, for advancement at Courts of Honor, for Father & Son banquet, for the parents' meeting, and for various other matters.

The Scout movement has grown in the 22 years of its existence until there are now more than 900,000 Boy Scouts in the United States. Troop No. 14 in Coquille has a membership of 40. There are 29,000 troops in this country.

One of the features this week is a Scout exhibit in the corner room of the Odd Fellows building. It is a complete showing of camp equipment, merit badges, and Scout manual and periodicals.

At the Scout Mobilization and Court of Honor held Wednesday evening in the City Hall, Norman Ricketts and Tom Henderson passed the first class Scout signaling tests; and the following merit badges were awarded:

Francis Arrell and Norman Ricketts, in civics; Norman Ricketts for poultry-keeping; Tom Stacer and Lynn Richardson in pathfinding.

Faye Holverstott, of Fairview, is the first one of the McKinley troop to become an Eagle Scout, having received that honor at the last Court of Honor a couple of weeks ago.

Will Be a Musical Treat

Next Tuesday evening, February 16, is the date set for the performance of "The Rose Maiden," a cantata by Cowen, which will be presented by the Coquille Choral Club at that time. It is certain that this will prove to be the outstanding event of the musical year.

The program will consist of eleven numbers or divisions, which will include an instrumental introduction, a number of recitations and solo numbers, duets, a double trio, and six chorus numbers. The soloists of the evening will be Mrs. Lyman Carrier, Mrs. Paul Walker, Oran Rickard, H. H. Hartley and Kenneth Thompson, all of whom are well known to local musical audiences. The chorus numbers over thirty voices, including many of the best voices in the city. The accompaniments will be played by Mrs. M. O. Hewkins and Mrs. C. A. Rietman, both of whom should receive special praise for their splendid handling of a very difficult work.

The members of the Choral Club have been working on this cantata for the last three months under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Woodyard and are ready now to present a very nicely finished production for the approval of Coquille music lovers. Everyone is invited to attend the performance, which will take place as announced before in the main auditorium of the Pioneer Church, on Tuesday evening, February 16, at eight o'clock. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

Peace Study Group Tonight

The regular session of the "Peace Study Group" will be held in the city hall this (Friday) evening, beginning at eight o'clock.

C. C. Farr has kindly consented to lead, taking for his subject, "The Farmer and Peace."

All are invited to attend whether approving or disapproving of the peace movement. Many interesting points of discussion are brought out each evening by different members of the audience.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.50.

Cooper-Gaslin

Miss Ruth Gaslin, well known and popular Coquille young lady, was united in marriage last Saturday to Ray Cooper, who is employed at the Smith Wood Products plant. The ceremony was performed at Gold Beach by Rev. Jos. W. Angell, and was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perrott, the latter being the bride's sister. The party returned to Coquille the following day and began housekeeping in the home prepared on North Heath street.

Mrs. Cooper is a former Coquille high school girl, and as employee of the Liberty Theatre and more recently as bookkeeper for the Coquille Machine Shops, has made the acquaintance and acquired the friendship of a very wide circle, all of whom unite in wishing the newlyweds much happiness and a long and prosperous life together.

February Terms Opens 23rd

Judge J. T. Brand has summoned the grand jury to meet next Monday. The regular February term of Circuit court will open on Tuesday, Feb. 23, Monday being a legal holiday.

H. S. DEBATES NEXT WEEK

The high school debates for the southwest Oregon district will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The question for debate is: "Resolved, That the various states must enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance."

The Coquille high school affirmative team, composed of Madeline McKeown and Avery Combs, will meet the Gardiner high school negative team, at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening, in Pioneer Hall. The judges will be Chas. Nunn, of Marshfield; W. E. Fearnley, of Myrtle Point; and J. J. Stanley, of Coquille.

The entertainment features that evening will be a vocal solo by Anne Barton, accompanied by Edythe Farr on the piano; a piano solo by Audrey Aasen, and a reading by Craig Perrott.

The same evening the C. H. S. negative team will debate at Langlois the high school team there.

On Thursday evening the Coquille negative team, composed of Donald Farr and Fred Fuhrman, will meet the Marshfield affirmative team in Pioneer Hall, while the C. H. S. affirmative team will debate at Coos River. The program for Thursday evening includes a reading by Melba McCoy and singing by the boys' quartette—Donald Farr, Carl Yeoman, Gus Gallas and Jack McCue—accompanied by Edythe Farr. The judges are to be W. E. Walsh and C. J. Gillette, of Marshfield, H. A. Slack, of Coquille.

The schedule for Wednesday evening for all the high schools in the district, the negative team travelling, is: Marshfield at Gardiner; Coquille at Langlois; Gardiner at Coquille; Langlois at Coos River; Coos River at North Bend; North Bend at Bandon; Bandon at Myrtle Point; Myrtle Point at Marshfield.

On Thursday evening, affirmative teams travelling, the schedule is: Marshfield at Coquille; Coquille at Coos River; Coos River at Bandon; Bandon at Marshfield; Gardiner at Langlois; Langlois at North Bend; North Bend at Myrtle Point and Myrtle Point at Gardiner.

Highway Funds Allocated

Of the \$425,000 budgeted by the highway commission this week for the Coast highway the southern portion gets quite a generous slice. \$30,000 is set aside for re-grading the Port Orford-Euchre creek section, which will also receive \$80,000 for re-surfacing and \$30,000 for oiling; the Denmark-Sixes section will receive \$20,000 for bituminous macadam covering; the Bandon-Curry county line \$18,000 for re-surfacing. The Drain-Reedsport highway has been allocated \$312,000 for finishing that road.

The plan is to start road work April 1, and these funds are a portion of the \$2,333,680 of state money and \$1,609,860 of federal funds which the commission has to be spent.

300 Attend Science Lecture

The Odd Fellows lodge room was filled to capacity last Friday evening by an interested audience which came from all over the county to listen to the lecture on Christian Science, delivered by Chas. V. Winn, of Pasadena, Calif. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Fred Belloni, of the Coquille church. The full text of the lecture will be found on pages five and seven of this issue.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

Institute of Federated Clubs Held in Coquille Tuesday--Two Sessions in Guild Hall

The Coos county institute of federated women's clubs met in Coquille Tuesday with the local Civic Club for an all day session. Nearly a hundred representatives of the six federated women's clubs in this county attended the meeting, which was thoroughly enjoyed. A number of interesting speakers as well as musical numbers on the program made the day very interesting for those present. Mrs. J. E. Norton, president of the Coquille Civic Club, presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. These were held at the Guild Hall, the morning session opening at 10:30 o'clock, with all singing, "America, the Beautiful," and "Salute to the Flag." Mrs. C. V. Smith, one of Coquille's active club workers, gave a hearty address of welcome to which Mrs. J. W. Forester responded.

A five-minute talk was given by each of the club presidents from the various county towns, telling of some of the outstanding work done by their members. The Powers club has done much in relief work in their community. Allegany, which is a small community, has a very active club and was well represented for their population at this meeting.

Other splendid reports were given by Mrs. G. LaFlamme, for Myrtle Point; Mrs. W. S. Nicholson, for the Marshfield Civic Club; Mrs. J. T. Brand, for the Progress Club; Mrs. Frank J. Connell, for the North Bend Women's Club; Mrs. E. S. Gamwell reported for Powers Club; Mrs. True Sailing for Allegany. The Bandon Club's representative was not present for the morning session but a splendid delegation of club women attended the afternoon program. Mrs. L. D. Felstein, vice president, is acting president at present. Following these reports Mrs. W. S. Nicholson, who is second vice president of this district, gave an interesting address and review on the state institute recently held at Salem, which she attended. Mrs. A. Y. Meyer, the state chairman of the endowment fund, talked on the plans to permanently finance the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. At twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned with many of the Coquille Club ladies and other club ladies enjoying a no-host luncheon at the Coquille Hotel.

At two o'clock the second session opened with the hall well filled with ladies. A short meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club was held with reports from the various chairmen of active committees, after which the program was turned over to Mrs. O. C. Sanford, head of the local program committee, who introduced Mrs. Reider Bugge, of Marshfield, who presented the program of music furnished by members of the Civic Club of Marshfield.

Mrs. Herbert Buserud was the first on the program, playing two numbers by Beethoven, "German Dance No. 1," and "Ecosaises," both greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Mrs. Buserud gave a short encore, a Norwegian song, "The Rising Sun," by Torjusen. Before the second musical number, Mrs. Bugge gave an interesting story of the romantic setting which Alexander Von Felix must have had in mind when he composed the song cycle, "Eiland," which was sung by Mrs. Chas. Stauff, Mrs. C. W. Endicott, Mrs. Stanley Henderson, Mrs. Lulu McKnight, Mrs. John D. Bergen and Mrs. Ben B. Ostlund, accompanied by Mrs. G. Wilson Kaufman. This group of ladies certainly gave the audience a rare musical treat.

The Marshfield Civic Club members have invited the Coquille club ladies to meet with them March 4th. At this meeting the Coquille club will present the program.

At the close of the interesting program tea was served with Mesdames W. S. Sickels and Mrs. F. L. Greenough pouring. Serving were Mesdames L. P. Maury, C. C. Farr and L. H. Hazard.

County Buys Three New Cars

Coos county this week purchased three new 1932 Chevrolet, two coaches and a sedan, for the use of Deputy Sheriff's Pete Culver, Archie Philip and Roadmaster W. D. Leaman. Heretofore the county had paid mileage for the use of privately owned cars, but now will maintain and pay operating costs. The three cars cost the county \$2137 and the deal was made by Bob Bennett for the Southwestern Motor Co.