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MUSSELS POISON

Dr. Stricker Reports on Findings at California University Laboratory

There is one point not covered in the following letter from Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, to Dr. M. Earl Wilson, Coquille city health officer, in regard to mussels, but as a measure of safety it will be well for everyone to abstain from eating them, whether they are gathered from under the ocean's surface or not. Mention is not made as to where the samples sent were taken from. Dr. Stricker's letter follows:

Dr. E. F. Lucas, of Bandon, submitted specimens of mussels presumed to have caused the death of a man in that vicinity. These mussels were sent to the Hooper Foundation, University of California, for examination and we are today in receipt of the following telegram from Dr. Karl F. Meyer:

"Your samples of mussels highly poisonous stop Survey by my associates show mussels Oregon Coast very poisonous stop Please warn public and place quarantine."

Will you please see that this is given all the publicity possible.

Holding Pens for Pheasants

About a dozen members of the Coos County Game Protective Association are going down to Bandon Sunday to build holding pens for Chinese pheasants. The work will be done under the supervision of Warren Cornell and the pens built on land adjoining the fish hatchery, which belongs to the state fish commission.

Pens to hold 200 birds will be built and it is expected pheasants from the state's game farms will be sent down as soon as the pens are ready.

These birds will be kept penned up until all danger of high water is passed next spring, thereby saving one and possibly two spring hatches, which are often destroyed by floods when the birds are released too early in the spring.

With the saving of these spring hatches and the shipping of more birds as soon as the danger from freshets is over in the spring, the number of pheasants will be materially increased in the future.

The material for the pens is being paid for by members of the Isaac Walton League and the Game Protective Association and the care of the birds will be in the hands of the commission employees at the hatchery.

Big Cuts in Valuations

Assessor J. P. Beyers returned this morning from attending the state assessors convention in McMinnville, which met Wednesday. Yesterday the assessors met with the state tax commission in Salem.

A general slash in property valuations all over the state was reported by the assessors, the only county to show an increase being Hood River. Multnomah valuations are down over \$33,000,000, while Jackson and Linn both reported cuts of \$2,000,000.

The old age pensions it is estimated will cost the taxpayers of the state about \$4,000,000 and Coos county's expense for this purpose is estimated at \$40,000 per year, at \$20 per month per person.

The officials in session discussed asking the legislature, when the special session is called, to postpone the operation of the old age pension law until the counties can have some prospect of being able to pay.

Services at Christian Church

Beginning Sunday, October 8, Walter Fiscus, of Eugene, will begin an evangelistic campaign at the Church of Christ. Mr. Fiscus is a graduate of Eugene Bible College and a young man of wonderful personality who has recently completed a successful year's work at the Marshfield Church of Christ. He will be preaching every evening except Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Lawrence Simpler, at present pastor of the Marshfield Church of Christ, will be song leader and soloist.

Dr. J. F. Young to Leave

Dr. J. F. Young, who has practiced here for the past four years as a chiropractic physician, intends leaving tomorrow with his wife for Salem, where they will be temporarily with his parents. His health has been such that he has had to give up all practice of late, and he will seek a location which agrees with him better climatically.

Sheriff Settles "Tough" Baby

Sheriff Hess and State Police Cornell met up with a hard-boiled bunch of hunters on upper Dement creek last Sunday morning and before the session was over one of the "tough" boys was lying on his back with his arms and legs pointing heavenward.

The officers found a four-point untagged deer tied in a tree on property not belonging to any of the hunters, two of whom were from Eugene. When they declared their intention to take the buck, as no one would claim it, one of the Eugene men became abusive and personal in his remarks to the sheriff, but he learned his lesson and was not nearly so hard-boiled when the officers left, with the deer.

No arrests have yet been made, but Mr. Cornell is continuing his investigations.

Two Cases for Grand Jury

The grand jury, which meets next Monday, has but two criminal cases to come before it, that of C. D. Smith on a rape charge, and Thos. Calhoun for writing bad checks. Other matters not on the sheriff's records will probably also be considered by the grand jury.

Two men, now in jail who have signified an intention to waive grand jury investigation, enter pleas of guilty in circuit court, and take their jolt, are Paul Covalt, arrested last Saturday on a non-suspport charge, and Delbert Charles Sumerlin charged with forgery.

WAS IT BUCK FEVER, FERB?

Ferb Emery received a lot of attention at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday, due to his failure to provide venison for the meal as he had promised. And then the buck agree which seized him over at Bly when the biggest buck he ever saw was driven out from shelter by the rest of the hunters and stood 30 feet distant, with Ferb shooting over him and then jamming a shell in his excitement. At least that's the story Geo. Ulett and Ray Jeub told, and "Dutch" Clinton says the rest of the party could not shoot because of their laughter at Ferb's attempts, with teeth chattering, knees knocking, and the buck letting out a bleat every time Ferb worked the lever! Oh well, probably any of us who had never killed anything larger than a jack rabbit might suffer the same way, but according to Mr. Jeub the walls of Mr. Emery's home are covered with pictures of himself and his many kills in his New England days, with guns of all kinds in his hand.

Ferb's red-faced explanation was that he was not used to the kind of a gun he had with him at Bly!

A committee was named by President Ulett to confer with Scoutmaster Sayre and the Scouts and fix the date for an out-doors meeting of the Club which would furnish the lunch and which would be cooked by the Scouts.

K. C. Couch, of Portland, father of Mrs. J. R. Bunch, was introduced by Dr. Bunch as his guest. Mr. Couch responded briefly.

Legion Installation Oct. 9

A joint installation of the Coquille American Legion and Auxiliary will be held in the Legion headquarters next Monday evening, Oct. 9. The other posts in the county, at Myrtle Point, Bandon, Marshfield and North Bend, have been invited to attend and 100 guests are expected for the occasion. There will also be several entertainment features and a feed at the evening's close.

Olivers to Move to Portland

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Oliver, who recently sold their home on Knowlton Heights to John Bullack, expect to leave the first of the week to make their home near Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have made Coquille their home for the past ten years and they will be missed by their many friends here. He has not announced in what line he will engage in their new place of residence.

Will Start Cranberry Picking

A. T. Morrison, who was in Coquille Wednesday, expects to start cranberry picking at his bog just off the highway, this side of Bandon, next Monday and will employ 100 pickers for a five-day period. He estimates his yield this year will be 1000 bushels. His second bog has not yet come into bearing.

If you want to subscribe for a Portland daily the clubbing combination we offer with the Sentinel will save you money.

PLANNING SHOW SCHOOL FIGURES

Corn Carnival, Nov. 10-11, to Be the Best Yet--M. H. S. Band Coming

There has been no change in the dates set for the Corn Show, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11, and the committee in charge is beginning to line up the two-day program.

Chairman J. L. Smith received a letter yesterday from the Marshfield high school band, offering to come over and add to the pep one day, as they did last year. The only expense will be for a bus charter to bring them over.

Mr. Smith has not announced his committee appointments yet but will do so soon.

It is the plan now to have the parade on Saturday instead of Friday as heretofore. This will probably prevent the Marshfield band appearing in the parade, for the Armistice Day football game between Marshfield and North Bend is scheduled for that Saturday.

The big state game between O. S. C. and U. of O. is also to be played on Armistice Day, but since the big colleges have gone so money-mad and moved the game to Portland, instead of keeping it at Eugene or Corvallis where all the students can see it, it is not probable that many will go from here.

There is some mighty fine corn in the valley this year, the spud crop is good, and there will be no lack of excellent exhibits, which was the reason for starting the Corn Show in the first place. Nor will the carnival celebration be any less interesting than in former years.

1530 Head Under Test

Coos county now has more than twice as many cows included in cow testing association work as any other county in Oregon, according to the state summary of associations just received at the county agent's office, which shows that there are now 1530 cows in 65 herds being tested regularly once each month and records kept by the association tester.

There are two associations operating in Coos county; one in the Coquille valley and one in the Coos Bay section. Charles Leatherman, of Coquille, is the tester for the Coquille valley association which includes all of the southern part of Coos county and northern Curry county. Fred Bessey, of Marshfield, is tester for the Coos Bay Association which includes the territory around Marshfield, Coos river and the section north of the bay.

The average milk production for the 1098 cows in the Coquille valley association for August was 630 pounds. This contained an average of 289 pounds of fat for the month of August. One hundred and thirty-nine of the cows in this association produced more than 40 pounds of fat during the month. Production of all herds in this association averaged lower this year than some previous years. This is thought to be due to

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Non-High School Budget

The budget committee for the non-high school district met in county superintendent's office on Friday evening, Ed Marcy, of Dora, was chosen as chairman and Adam Donaldson, Jr., as secretary for the meeting. Other members of budget committee were: Leslie Kime, Sylvia J. Hillar, Everett Messerle, J. N. Gearhardt, Ed Detlefsen, Neil O. Watson and W. M. Hillar.

October 23rd has been set by the non-high school board as date for hearing on the budget for the fiscal school year 1933-1934. The amount which the board is proposing to levy is \$65,667.85. The meeting will be held in Circuit Court room at 8:00 p. m. and is open to all. Preceding the meeting of budget committee, a meeting of the non-high school board was held at which time Ed. Detlefsen was elected director to succeed J. W. Powell, who has resigned.

C. H. S. vs. McKinley CCC

The first local football game of the season in Coquille's Athletic Park will be played at 2 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday) between the Coquille High School team and a team from the McKinley CCC camp. Very little is known about the 3-C boys' squad, but they ought to make it interesting for Coach Hartley's protegee, who will play a better game for having one contest under their belts, that with Marshfield last Saturday. Admission will be 25 and 15 cents.

SCHOOL FIGURES

Comparative Registrations and Other School News Given by Supt. Ward

The public will be interested in the comparative registration figures at the beginning of the second month of school.

Total registration at the beginning of the second month of last year was 686; the total at present writing is also 686. The distribution a year ago was as follows: high school 247, grades 439. The distribution at present is high school 266, and grades 420. This makes a total of seventeen more in high school, as compared with the same period last year, but a small drop in the grades. Peak registration in high school last year, which came during February, was 264, so we anticipate a considerably heavier enrollment at peak this year. New students continue to register every few weeks.

Because of the general financial pressure, the Board thought it best to reduce the school term for the grades to eight months but have the high school term the full nine. While the reduction of one month makes it just a bit more difficult to work in the material, with an early decision, the teachers will have ample opportunity to do any necessary readjusting. This will in no way affect the standardization of the elementary school. It was decided not to reduce the high school term because of college entrance requirements and so many students are taking college preparatory courses.

Because of crowded conditions existing in the Fourth and Fifth grades at Washington building it was also decided to replace one teacher. Miss Hilda Wittick, who substituted last year, was elected. This still leaves us one teacher short of last year.

We hope to have ready at the next edition of the paper, the exact figures showing the amount saved in teachers' salaries by the reduction of one month. The saving, as far as supplies and overhead are concerned, can only be an estimate.

We desire to commend very highly the principals and teachers for the real progress made during the first month. The students have caught the attitude of enthusiasm as manifested by the teachers and are doing, in general, very good work. The teachers are working out some splendid programs and a general advance is being made throughout the entire system. We appreciate, very much, all co-operation by the patrons of our school.

The high school was most appreciative of the entertainment afforded by the Lions club at last Friday's morning assembly. If the program was a sample of "pinch hitting" as Mr. Rackleff informed us, then the real program as originally planned must indeed have been a wonder article.

Chester L. Ward, Superintendent.

Joe Nilsen Barn Burned

The first bad barn fire of this season occurred last Sunday morning, between 10 and 11, when the 40x107 foot structure on the upper Joe Nilsen place, where Geo. Cox lives, a mile or more this side of Riverton, was destroyed, with all its contents.

Spontaneous combustion of the hay, which had been in the mow for 60 days, is supposed to have been the cause. There were between 125 and 150 tons there, and as the whole mow was aflame when discovered it is probable that the spontaneous theory is correct rather than that it was accidentally set by tramps.

Mr. Nilsen estimates his loss at between \$6000 and \$7000, with insurance of \$4,000 on barn and contents.

Beside the barn and hay there were burned the milking machinery, considerable harness, three gasoline engines, the generator for the lighting system and sixty drinking fountains. None of the 60 head of stock was in the barn at the time, all being out in the pasture.

The Coquille fire department was called but, of course, could do nothing with the chemical after the start the fire had. The hay was still burning at nine o'clock that evening.

Could Handle Him Anyway

Sam Epperson, who acts as day marshal a portion of the time each week, alternating with Frank Dungey, tells a good story on himself. He made an arrest Tuesday of a man nearly twice his size who was considerably under the influence. Sam was having quite a little trouble leading, pulling, pushing and shoving the fellow up to the city jail, when an onlooker remarked, "I wonder which of those two guys is the drunker!"

Queen Avis Will Reign

Queen Avis I will preside at the B. P. W. Club's Fall Festival Dance in Aragon Ball Room here next Saturday evening, Oct. 14.

The decision was made by lot Monday evening when the seven candidates drew envelopes from the box held by Mrs. Ida K. Owen. Miss Avis Hartson was the candidate named by the Chamber of Commerce. The six young ladies who will serve as her attendants for this annual event of the B. P. W. club, are Miss Laura MeLeod, named by that club; Marvin Jane Hawkins, by the Lions Club; Miss Catherine Wernich, by the Woman's Club; Miss Barbara Bradford, by the American Legion; Miss Virginia Miller, by the Flower Lovers' Club; and Miss Olive Tillman, by the Legion Auxiliary.

Queen Avis will be crowned by Mayor Berg at nine o'clock as one of the features of the dance, and there will be other features during the evening, all very worth while and entertaining.

New County Budget Committee

An entirely new committee was named by the county court yesterday to sit with the court in preparing Coos county's budget for the coming year. It will consist of Fred Powers, of Powers, W. U. Douglas, of Marshfield, and Ellis S. Dement, of Dement creek.

The committee will organize soon and get to work on the probable expenditures schedule, as the budget must be adopted the first of December now instead of the last of December as heretofore.

REV. T. R. JACKMAN TO LEAVE



Rev. T. R. Jackman, who with Mrs. Jackman has been co-pastor of the Foursquare church here for the past two years, will preach his farewell sermon Sunday evening and next Tuesday will leave Coquille. He will go first of Lodi, Calif., for Mrs. Jackman, whose mother is now improved, and will open a conference in Red Bluff next Sunday. After working in northern California, holding conferences at various points, they will go to Portland for a conference at the church in that city. The increase in territory for which Mr. Jackman is superintendent, and which will include northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and a portion of Montana, necessitates his making his headquarters in Portland.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackman have made a wide circle of friends in Coos county who deeply regret their departure. Both are earnest Christian workers who have the universal respect of all, both in and outside their church.

Pall of Smoke, Slashings Fire

The heavy smoke which drifted down the valley, just west of Coquille, Wednesday afternoon and yesterday, was from the former Hal Baxter camp, north of the McLain coal mine, where Jack Hultin has been burning slashes. September 30 was the last day on which a permit was necessary to do such burning.

Will Start It Next Week

E. W. Gregg, who has the contract for remodeling the store front of the Odd Fellows building which is to be occupied by the H. N. Lorenz store next month, expects to start work the first of next week, in taking out the present wide window and replacing it with the foyer type of entrance, with display windows on either side.

Judge Brand Honored

Judge J. T. Brand was honored at the annual meeting of the State Bar Association in Bend last Saturday when he was chosen as its president for the coming year.

2,935 BARRELS

Flour, \$30,000 Worth Cotton Goods Distributed by Red Cross in County

A special meeting of the Coos and Curry Red Cross chapter was addressed here Wednesday afternoon, in the city hall, by Miss Alida Bigelow, of Portland, state field representative.

Miss Bigelow gave figures as to the amount of material and supplies sent to Coos county for relief purposes, the figures being as of July 1, and more material has been received since that date. There were 2,935 barrels of flour in the list, 14,959 yards of cotton goods, 1623 dozen cotton garments, 96 dozen sweaters, 810 blankets and comforts, and placed the value of the cotton goods at \$30,000.

She also spoke on the need for appointment of a disaster committee for the chapter, which would function in a relief role if such a disaster as the flood at Kelso, the earthquake in southern California, or the hurricanes on the Atlantic coast this fall, should happen in this district. She told of how much the Red Cross had done to relieve suffering at Kelso and painted a word picture of the devastation there which made it quite real to her auditors.

Cliff Brunk, of Marshfield, gave a very interesting talk about amateur radio. At first thought there might seem to be very little connection between Red Cross work and the amateur broadcaster, but there is. For the first half hour or more after some disaster strikes a community all means of communication may be paralyzed, and it is here that the amateur radio has helped more than once in bringing prompt assistance.

These amateur sets, such as Paul Van Scoy has here, are under the direct supervision of the U. S. army, which has authority to silence them all if the necessity arises.

The Roll Call quota for Coos and Curry counties was announced at \$1500.

Those present for the meeting Wednesday afternoon, besides the two speakers were the Coos and Curry county chairman, Mrs. W. G. Barrow, Marshfield; Mrs. C. C. Bennett, of North Bend; Mrs. M. Cutsforth, of Charleston; Mrs. Chas. Magee, Mrs. Wm. Eickworth, Mrs. G. M. Long, of Empire; Mrs. Nellie Ray, of Myrtle Point; Mrs. Albert Panoast and Mrs. Harold James, of Bridge; Mrs. F. F. Schram and Mrs. Ida Owen, of Coquille.

Roy Boys Win Honors

Returns just received from Salem gave Willard Miller and Harold Shull second place in the Home Economics Demonstration division.

This is the highest place ever won by any team in that division in Coos county and this team has the distinction of being the first team composed of boys to compete for the honor from Coos county.

These boys, aged eleven, are to be given especial credit for the fact that they were alone at Salem to put on their demonstration, having to arrange everything and be entirely on their own. The judges stated that the boys did exceptionally well.

The pupils from the Roy district have appeared in public at various times and have won a reputation for their naturalness and ability. These experiences will greatly benefit them in the future.

\$14,968 Coming at Once

A letter from the Department of the Interior at Washington to Assessor Beyers states that \$14,968.91 will be sent soon to Coos county for its share of the O. & C. payments. This is 60 per cent of what was expected, and the department writes that when more funds are available from the sales of timber that the payment of the other half "will be considered."

Indian Summer This Week

The brand of Indian Summer Coos county has enjoyed for the past week has made it one of the most delightful periods of the year. Warm days, warmer even than any of the past summer, and cool evenings and nights, make one glad to live in this God-blessed country. The total rainfall since Sept. 1 is three and one-half inches.

Ward McReynolds will make his semi-monthly visit to Coquille next Tuesday, Oct. 10, and will be at the city hall from 1 to 5 p. m., to conduct examinations for drivers' licenses.