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## GAS BUBBLES OUT

### Fat Elk Well Has All the Ear-marks of a Producer-- Still Drilling

Gas in the greatest volume yet struck appeared in the bailings from the Fat Elk oil well last Tuesday. When lighted it would burn for ten minutes as it escaped from the muck and sand in the 20-foot bailer, bubbling and boiling out like steam from a kettle.

Drilling was suspended on Wednesday while another effort was made to get the casing down to the bottom, and the fact that the 1600-foot column of pipe is now slipping down easily is called almost miraculous by J. Ellis Loreman, after the great difficulties the drillers have had in getting casing through this difficult formation.

The 1600 feet of water now standing in the hole, exerts a pressure of 7,000 pounds to the square inch and Mr. Loreman says that it might require a month for the gas to work through that column of water to the top. But the bailings from the bottom show oil as well as gas.

When the casing finally reaches the limestone capping which the drill has now reached it is probable that the water can be bailed out and drilling in an open hole continued. Mr. Marston, who is doing the drilling himself, is convinced that the gas or oil vein has been tapped, and that when the water is drawn off that a good production will be in evidence.

But even should the first showing be not more than a barrel a day it will prove the territory as an oil district, in Mr. Loreman's opinion. His geological experience leads him to expect the maximum production at about 2,000 feet, which means 350 feet more of drilling, with constantly increasing oil and gas. Mr. Marston expects the well to break loose with a flow of the "black gold" at any time now.

### Spud Meeting to Be May 9

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a potato growers' association for Coos county will be held in Coquille on Wednesday, May 9, announces M. F. Pettit, chairman of the Retail Merchants committee of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce.

The preliminary meeting held a couple of weeks ago was well attended, but it is hoped a larger number of growers as well as of merchants, who are so vitally interested in the matter, will be present on May 9.

A North Bank farmer remarked in the Sentinel office this week, "I have a lot of potatoes for sale but I do not believe Coos county growers are entitled to consideration until they improve their product." He meant that too often potatoes offered for sale are not properly graded; that sufficient care is not exercised in the selection of seed to insure a potato suitable to Coos county land, and one which will not boil away to mush in cooking after it is fully ripe.

It is expected that a definite organization plan will be presented at the May 9th meeting.

### Ulett Building Fine Home

Good progress is being made on the Geo. A. Ulett home being built on that commanding site at the head of Second street on the north side of the street. There will be six rooms on the first and second floors, besides halls, bath room, closets, etc., and there will be two rooms on the third floor.

The structure is to be shake-covered, on the outside walls, painted white.

Melvin Kern, who is in charge of the construction crew, tells Mr. Ulett it will be ready for occupancy some time in June.

### A Lecture on Christian Science

Mr. A. Hervey Bathurst, C. S. B. of London, England, will deliver a lecture in Coquille next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, in the Odd Fellows Hall. The title of Mr. Bathurst's lecture is, "Christian Science: The Kingdom of God within Us." The lecture is given by First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Coquille and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### Naturalization Fees Reduced

County Clerk Oddy has received word from the national Department of Labor that naturalization fees have been reduced from \$20 to \$10. This includes all fees required from the first declaration of intention to apply for citizenship, to the final papers.

### May Day Dance Tomorrow

Tomorrow evening's May Day Dance and Festival, the annual event of the Coquille Woman's Club, will be as beautiful a dance as the club has ever presented. The special dance features which will follow the crowning of Queen Faye I and again during the 10:30 intermission, are under the direction of Miss Barbara Bradford. They will be most entertaining.

The grand march which will open the dance will be at 8:30 sharp. Admission is 40 cents for men, 25c for ladies, 25 cents for spectators, and children under 12, free.

### A Much Needed Rain

Approximately an inch of rain on Sunday and Monday brought the total for the season up to 35 inches which is about two feet short of the average and what this section needs for the benefit of pasture and crops.

In many ways this has been the finest winter and spring of the past twenty during which this writer has resided in Coquille. Berries and many garden crops are a month or more ahead of the usual, but this country needs a lot more rain before the summer dry season really starts.

## I. J. BENNETT BURIED AT MCKINLEY

McKinley has lost one of its most valued citizens this week, with the passing of I. J. Bennett on April 23rd. He was born April 9, 1857, at Bushnell, Montcalm county, Michigan. He was married to Martha Meacham at Racine, Wisconsin, in 1877. After fifty-seven years of married life, she still survives him. Eleven children were born to them, of whom six are living.

The early part of Mr. Bennett's life was spent in Michigan, working at his trade of blacksmith. He was an earnest Christian and for sixteen years an ordained preacher, he and his wife riding many miles on bicycles and enduring many hardships to carry the gospel to out of the way places.

The last thirteen years of his life were spent on the farm at McKinley. He was a charter member of McKinley Grange, served several years as Master. He was the oldest Granger in Coos county, having been a member for fifty years.

Honest and upstanding, strong for the right as he saw it, he was one who could say, with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

The following poem was written for him by a friend on his 77th birthday, the ninth of this month:

There are many bees on the maple bloom today,  
From apple boughs full many a petal shed.

There are many memories folded and laid away,  
There are many hairs of silver on your head.

Unnumbered these, and all along the years  
Are many friends—these are uncounted, too.

No house would hold them, if they all were here  
To shake your hand and wish God's best for you.

For a life like yours is like that of a deep, still river,  
Feeding many roots, bearing many ships on their way.

The life of a strong and all unconquering giver,  
We, who have known you, honor you today.

### Scout Cabin Nearly Finished

The Scout and Camp Fire cabin, on which L. J. and Howard Post have been working since last Friday, is rapidly nearing completion. That is, the structure itself will be finished in a few days. The plumbing has not been installed and will not be until further funds are provided the cabin committee, of which F. S. Emery is chairman.

Built so that the old fireplace, constructed several years ago, will be in the center of the main room, on the north side, it will provide a very comfortable meeting place for the organizations which will use it. A kitchen and a lavatory will be across the east end of the 24x36 cabin.

### Another School Warrant Call

Keith Leslie, clerk of School District No. 8, received \$2400 this morning from County Treasurer Stauff, elementary school funds, and the balance of the special tax paid in March. He has issued a warrant call with interest ceasing tomorrow, April 28. This calls warrants issued up to Nov. 14, 1933.

### Motion Day Next Tuesday

Judge J. T. Brand, who has been sitting on the bench at Astoria and Eugene for some time past, returned to Marshfield this week and left yesterday for Gold Beach to receive the report of the Curry county grand jury. He will be in Coquille for a motion day next Tuesday.

### Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.

## ONLY OUT OF GAS

### Lafe Compton Breaks Cable and Ferb Emery's Tow Line Sunday Morning

Last Sunday Lafe Compton and Gene Norton, who had spent the night with their families at Bandon, went to the golf course for an early round before breakfast. About the time they had finished nine holes it started to rain and they hopped into Lafe's car, hungry as wolves. But the motor refused to turn over. For upwards of an hour Lafe sat there and played a tune on the starter. No good.

Gene finally went to his cabin and got his car and with a telephone cable they tried to tow Lafe's car out. But the cable was not strong enough and broke repeatedly.

During the unsuccessful towing episode Ferb Emery appeared on the scene, and Lafe confided confidentially that he would rather it had been anyone on earth than his bete noir, Ferb.

After watching the cable break a few times Ferb reached in and offered the loan of his tow rope. But even that snapped in two.

Finally a strong enough rope was secured and Lafe's car was towed to town. No mechanic was needed, however.

After two or three hours in the rain, with Lafe looking like a drowned rat, some one had the bright idea to look in the tank.

It was dry.

All this came out at Lions Club luncheon yesterday, when Mr. Emery opened a "collect" special delivery package in which was found his new tow rope in half a dozen short lengths. And Ferb was very careful in opening the large package to scatter the packing, and there was a lot of it, all over the dining room floor.

Henry Hess as chairman of the snooping committee, was instructed to examine the rope and see if it had been broken by the strain, or had been cut with a single or double-bit axe. He returned to the dining room with a beautiful new tow rope, saying that he could find nothing wrong with it, but Ferb complained that it was an inch shorter than the desiccated one for which he was seemed to have a peculiar affection.

Needless to say both Lions paid the limit in fines.

### Milk Price to Be Set May 1

M. Kerr, inspector for the Oregon milk control commission, was here yesterday inspecting all dairies that sell milk, whether it be one that makes it a business, or a one-cow dairy where milk is sold to the neighbors only.

A week ago members of the commission were here and held a meeting at the court house and another one at Marshfield at which time it was explained to the assembled dairymen what the new milk control law would do.

Under its provisions the price will be set which the distributor must pay the dairyman producer for four per cent milk, as well as the price for which he must sell it to the consumer, and the same price will prevail for the producer-distributor, the dairy which milks its own cows and retails the product. The price will vary, of course, with the grade of milk sold, the four per cent product being that usually sold to the public.

The regulated price is supposed to go into effect next Tuesday, but local dairymen have not yet received definite information as to what it will be. The figure of \$1.80 per hundred for four per cent milk to be paid to the producer and ten cents a quart as the retail price are fairly close to what the commission will probably set is the figures.

### To Show Colored Cartoons

The first of a series of thirteen of the Walt Disney color cartoons will be shown at the Liberty Theatre Sunday evening. These technicolor pictures will include "King Neptune," "Three Little Pigs," "Babes in the Woods," "Old King Cole," and others, running about three of them a month.

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## BETTER HOMES

### And Gardens Week to Be Observed Here April 29 to May 5

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, April 29th to May 5th, 1934, has been set aside as National Better Homes Week, and

Whereas, National interest is being shown in the observance of those days and each community should do its part by co-operating, in every possible way, with our local Better Homes committee, and

Whereas, a great deal of benefit will be derived by the proper observance of those days and every interested individual should do his part in making said week a successful annual event.

Now, Therefore, I, J. Arthur Berg, Mayor of the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, by and through the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim and declare April 29th to May 5th, inclusive, of the year 1934, as Better Homes Week, and ask that all parties interested co-operate in making this a successful event.

J. Arthur Berg, Mayor.

Mrs. W. S. Sickels has again been appointed Coquille chairman for national Better Homes and Gardens Weeks, April 29 to May 5, inclusive.

This is the third year Mrs. Sickels has served in this capacity and she hopes to make the week this year more outstanding than any of the previous ones.

The purpose of the Better Homes and Gardens Week is to arouse and stimulate a greater interest in lawns and gardens and in their appearance, and to bring about a definite betterment of the home, both the interior and the exterior.

Various committees have been named. The schools are putting on a program along the lines indicated; Mayor Berg has issued a proclamation calling attention to the week's observance, and the Campfire girls are participating.

The Otokson Camp Fire group, of which Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant is guardian, has arranged a contest between two groups of young Camp Fire girls in which the bedroom of each of them will be entered. Not only the arrangements of the room, but the draperies, bed coverings, furniture, and the girl's own handiwork will be considered by the judges. The prize will be awarded at a Grand Camp Fire Council to be held early next month.

Last week was Clean-Up week, but the purpose of Better Homes and Gardens Week is more than a cutting of weeds and disposing of trash around the home. Painting of the exterior; decoration with paint and wall paper of the interior; improvement of sanitary and living conditions greater comfort in the home, all are included in the general purpose back of the week's observance. Not many are able at this time to spend a great deal for new furniture or new conveniences around the home, but there is no one who cannot do something to make his or her home a more attractive place in which to live.

The public schools have been asked to co-operate with the local committee on Better Homes and Gardens in observing this week which opens April thirtieth. The school has set aside the assembly period on Friday, May fourth. C. C. Farr, former chairman and member of the school board, has been asked to address the students on the subject, "Civic Pride." Certainly this is an opportune time for such observance and we are in hearty sympathy with such a program.

### Monday Last Day for Seed Loan

The closing date that the crop seed loan office will receive applications for government seed loans has been set for April 30, according to information received at the county agent's office where some 30 application blanks have been filled out during the past month.

In order to meet this requirement Coos county farmers desiring such a loan should make application before the end of this week, it is announced. Government crop seed loans were made available again this spring to provide emergency funds for the purchase of seed and fertilizer by those who have no other source of credit available. Only one-third as many applications for this type of loan has been applied for as were made last year which is thought to indicate a generally improved condition among producers.

### Highway Ass'n Annual Meet

Coquille should be well represented at the annual meeting of the Coast Highway Association which is to be held in Crescent City on Friday and Saturday of next week, May 4 and 5, with the opening session a banquet at six p. m. on Friday.

The Coast Highway Association, under the management of Ed. W. Miller, has been one of the most potent forces the past few years, in bringing progressive action along the coast. One of the most important of its achievements is the success in securing governmental approval of the five coast highway bridges, all of which will be under contract this summer. We do not mean that the Highway Association secured this approval by itself, but it has kept the matter to the front so forcefully that the legislature, the state highway commission, the state and Portland chambers of commerce, and the Bureau of Public Roads have all co-operated in assuring that the bridges will be built.

At least two Coquille boosters are planning on attending the meeting next week, and it would be well if two carloads went. Reservations for accommodations may be made through Lafe Compton at the Coquille Hotel.

## MAY DAY--CHILD HEALTH DAY

Better Homes Week and May Day-Child Health Day coming together as they do next week is emphasized this year by the holding of our tuberculosis testing clinic of contact cases, at the county court house April 30th.

This will be the fourth clinic held in Coos county in recent weeks. Powers, Marshfield, North Bend and now Coquille, in the order named, will have successfully conducted clinics for tuberculosis skin-testing and in each case the attendance has exceeded expectations. The work is conducted by the Coos County Medical association, physicians donating their time, with no charge whatever, and sponsored by the Coos County Public Health association, American Legion, as a project of their Child Welfare committee, is lending assistance in cases of transportation problems. A call from those needing transportation to Mrs. Lela Elrod, county nurse, will receive attention.

During early May a membership drive will be conducted under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Bradford, local community chairman of the Coos County Public Health association. They have this year a greater responsibility than ever, with the launching of this important new tuberculosis testing project and need the support of every individual in Coquille.

Membership fee will be only ten cents for 1934 and it is hoped to add many new names to the list of health-conscious citizens. The money raised in this way is used for local health relief.

### To Explain Reduction Plan

The dairy reduction program as proposed by the dairy section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at the recent regional meeting held in Portland for dairymen of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be explained and discussed at a meeting in Myrtle Point, sponsored by the Myrtle Graze, which will be held Tuesday evening, May 1, at 8 p. m., according to Martin Schmidt, of Norway, who is chairman of the agricultural committee.

E. L. Detlefsen, of Coquille, who is a member of the State Dairy Production Control committee, and who attended the Portland meeting, will lead this discussion. His remarks will be supplemented by George Jenkins, county agent, who also attended the Portland meeting.

While it is recognized that the program which will be discussed is only tentative, it is believed that most dairymen in this community will be interested in having a report on the progress made up to this time and are invited to be present whether they are Grange members or not.

### Sprained Ankle at Portland

L. H. Hazard has been using a cane and limping quite badly since his return from Portland, Monday. Last Saturday evening he and Mrs. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor were entering a show house up there when Mr. Hazard caught his toe on the projecting carpet at the edge of a step. He fell in such a way that his left ankle was badly sprained and some of the ligaments torn. An X-ray revealed there were no broken bones, but the attending physician says the bone was almost pulled from its socket.

## 48, SENIOR CLASS

### Commencement, May 25, Baccalaureate Services to Be Held May 20

There are 48 members of the C. H. S. senior class which will be graduated May 25. This is about the same size class as graduated a year ago. The list includes Audrey Aasen, Mari- anne Axtell, Anne Barton, Alice Bunch, Edythe Farr, Rose George, Lois Harry, Verna Halfer, Cherie Mae Hartwell, Jeanne Hatcher, Mabel Hill, Faye Hurrell, Marjorie Judd, Hallie Knight, Clarice Krantz, Geraldine McCarthy, Faye June Nosler, Sara Margaret Nye, Rose Matney, Mildred Noyes, Tessie Ruble, Olive Stewart, Florence Tway, Beryl Unsoeld, Freda Wilson, Darrell Anderson, Kenneth Arrell, Bob Bailey, Bob Collier, Ernest Cooper, Joe Davis, Bill Floten, Charles Gaslin, Vern Hansen, Harold Hatcher, Don Hickam, Harry Kelley, Gordon Neil, Albert Rhule, Jack Mast, Marvin Skeels, Manley Matney, Earl Morris, Ellis Newton, Bill Peart, Bill Pook, Morse Stoneypher, Clarence Shoemaker.

The Baccalaureate services will be held in the Pioneer church on Sunday, May 20, at 8:00 p. m. Walter Fiscus, minister of the Church of Christ has been asked to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

For the commencement exercises, to be held in the Community Building on Friday, May 25, at 8 p. m., W. G. Beattie, extension lecturer at U. of O., has been secured to make the address.

### Program at O. E. S. Splendid

Following the regular session of Beulah chapter, O. E. S., last evening a delightful program was rendered for the pleasure of the large number who were in attendance.

Solos, "This is My Creed," and "The Arrow and the Song," by F. G. Leslie, accompanied by Mrs. Maude Woodyard.

Harmonica selections, by Billie Black, member of Roseburg DeMolay chapter.

Talk on Masonry, its beginning and progress down through the centuries, by E. P. Lewis, of Marshfield.

Piano selections by William Wharton, Roseburg DeMolay.

Saxophone selections by H. S. Norton, accompanied by Mrs. Woodyard. Talk on the principles and workings of the DeMolay by William Unrath, of Roseburg.

Selections by high school double quartet, directed by Mrs. Ruth Beyers. The members were David Robbins, Robert Waggoner, Jim Schaefer, Don Smith, Jim Robinson, Lynn Swain and Jesse Barton. They were accompanied by Margaret Purvance.

A delicious lunch was served in the banquet hall at the close of the program by the committee in charge, Mrs. Maxine Jeub, Mrs. Sylvia Knight, Mrs. Genie Lorenz, Mrs. Mable Lair, Mrs. Hettie Leslie, W. E. Bosserman, F. G. Leslie and E. H. Kern.

### Name School Budget Committee

The board of directors for School District No. 8 met Tuesday evening and appointed the committee which with the directors will prepare the budget for the 1934-35 school year. The committee consists of M. O. Hawkins, R. L. Stewart and Lafe Compton, with E. D. Webb named as alternate in case either of the others could not serve.

Bids for operation of school buses were opened. J. W. Powell, who operated the bus from Fairview this year, was the low bidder for that run, his figure being \$180 per month.

For the McKinley bus, Sam Arnold was low at \$185 per month. Walter W. Rhule has had the contract for that run the past year.

Bids were also called for 150 cords of wood. Specifications can be seen in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

### Fairview Boy on Short Furlough

Carl Yeoman, whose home is at Fairview, left yesterday after a week's visit with home folks. At the completion of his training in the U. S. Navy at San Diego, he was on a light cruiser for a couple of months, and then transferred to the cruiser Trenton, which is the flagship of the squadron at Panama. Just now the vessel is in dry dock at Bremerton, where it will be for a couple of months. After that it will proceed to Panama and Carl says the vessel will be there for the next 18 months. He likes the navy life.

Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holverstott, who is in training at San Diego, expects to be home on a furlough about July 4.