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THE SMITH PLANT

Still Expanding by Erection of New Units and Buildings—To Have Retail Yard

Very few people who have not been through the Smith Wood-Products plant recently realize how that industrial institution has grown physically in the last few years. Starting with six or seven of the saw tooth units it now has ten, and three more are to be added this summer.

A new planer shed, 40x110 feet, is now under construction; two additional dry kilns are being added to the six heretofore in existence; huge dock storing space has been added and will be further increased; and a large building to contain finished lumber, window and door frames—everything needed by the builder—is to be built soon. This will house the company's retail business which they will soon inaugurate.

Altogether the company now has from six to seven acres of land under roof or dockage, and will have more.

To insure that sufficient land will be available for their constantly expanding operations, Geo. Ulett has just completed the purchase of the ten-acre place belonging to E. A. Folsom. Four and one-half acres of that lies east of the highway, where the residence is located, and which Wm. Ulett will occupy as a residence this winter.

The remaining five and one-half acres adjoins the company's tract west of the highway and further extends their holdings for future enlargement.

The new planer shed lies south of the original plant and new and modern equipment will be installed as soon as the building is completed. Between the original plant and the planer shed a covered, but not enclosed saw-tooth section will also arise. This will be open on the sides and permit trucks to operate through it easily.

The very modern saw mill which has been in operation for a year or more is an interesting place to visit, were it not for the screech of the saws slicing the huge logs into lumber and the continuous roar of the machinery.

The saw mill has a capacity of from 45 to 50 thousand feet of cedar lumber per day, and from 86 to 100 thousand feet of fir.

Everything yet invented to enable the workmen to handle logs and huge timbers efficiently and economically has been installed here. The logs are hauled and kicked around by machinery, operated by a man at a lever; the lumber is all cut, the waste ground up into hog-feed, and the lumber shunted to its destination by machinery.

This hog feed is used to keep the steam up in the tanks of the electric plant where a turbine capable of producing a thousand watts of juice each 24 hours keeps running from early morning until 1 a. m. A second 500-watt turbine has not yet been completely set up. It is here that the electricity for operating and lighting the huge plant is generated.

The other two saw tooth sections, each 25x245 feet, are to be constructed on the new dock recently built and adjoining the original plant on the north.

There are 170 employees of the plant at present, the larger part of that number being men, but the ladies are just as much in evidence in the battery separator department as they were when the plan was new in Coquille.

The venetian blind department is another considerable part of the company's operations.

Mr. Ulett did not say whether the several new buildings now under construction and to be built this year will conclude the expansion program or not, but with new land being added to the company's holdings, it will be possible to greatly enlarge the present plant should the need arise.

The Smith Wood-Products plant has been a life saver for Coquille during the past five years. Never completely shut down for more than a few days at a time, it has furnished employment for from 100 to 200 for many years, and while we cannot say what its daily, weekly, or annual payroll is, it has practically all gone into the channels of trade in Coquille, and has helped keep this city to the fore front as the best city of its size in Oregon.

Continuous advertising, like continuous work, is most effective. If there is any enterprise in the world that a quitter should leave severely alone, it is advertising.—John Wansmaker.

180 Acres Late Peas Planted

County Agent Jenkins who went down to the Ford and Tway places yesterday morning to look at the pea fields, says that the vines are doing splendidly and the prospects look good for a fine yield this year. The harvesting is expected to be nearly a month earlier this year than heretofore. Stratagem, Morse Market and No. 40's are the varieties planted this year.

H. S. Cadman on the J. E. Ford place has planted 90 acres, W. M. Tway & Son have planted 82 acres, and Al Marsh at Leneve is trying out a two-acre planting this year.

It is not expected that the use of poles and string will be necessary this year. No telephone peas have been planted.

Loggers Have No Game Sunday

The Loggers are idle this coming Sunday and many of them will go out to Roseburg to witness the American Legion Junior League game there between the Coquille and Roseburg teams.

On July 21 Manager Fortier hopes to have the strong Cottage Grove club here for Logger opposition, and if he does the Loggers will play out there July 28.

COUNCIL HELD SESSION MON.

With only the mayor and four councilmen present, the Coquille city council held a short special session Monday evening.

The council recommended to the State Liquor Commission the granting of beer licenses to Grace Gilkey for the G. & R. Cafe on Front street, and to Frank Cowan who has just reopened the Rainbow confectionery and restaurant in the room just east of the Farmers & Merchants Bank building.

The bills approved by the finance committee the week before were ordered paid.

When the Natural Gas Corporation was granted a franchise a few years ago its bond for the protection of the city streets was set at \$2000. As the work of installing mains was completed at that time and there will be little need of digging up the pavement in the future, the council voted to reduce the bond to be required from its successor, The Coquille Gas & Power Co., to \$500. That new corporation is now in charge of the gas business in Coquille.

The recorder was instructed to draw a warrant for \$20 to be sent to the offices of the League of Oregon Cities for membership in that organization. The benefits which the city can receive from membership are numerous. Among them are the preparation of standard ordinances, information on any subject dealing with municipal laws and administration, and the League also presents a solid front before the legislature in the enactment of tax laws regarding cities.

Juniors Win from Luckey's Team

The Coquille American Legion Junior League team turned the tables on the Business Men in a ball game at Athletic Park last evening, and won out in seven innings, 2 to 1. The score was tied at the end of the sixth when the game was supposed to end.

Art Berg was chucker for the B. M. and Jesse Barton for the Juniors, and Jesse kept the old stiffs at bay throughout.

The Business Men, short a fielder, picked on Art Pulford, Logger outfielder, and put him in at short where he saved many a hit from being safe.

The Junior Leaguers are showing up mighty well now and should give a good account of themselves in the district game at Roseburg Sunday.

North Bend Flower Show

The annual North Bend Flower Show, for all southwestern Oregon flower lovers, is to be held this year for two days, Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, in the Community building. The show is being sponsored by the North Bend Garden club. The big feature of the show this year will be the gladiolus exhibits, these blooms now being in their prime. Besides these flowers, a large list of exhibits will be entered, the same list being used this year as in 1931. Only ribbons will be awarded first, second and third places.

Republicans to Plan Campaign

A meeting of the executive committee of the Republican County Central committee has been called by Chairman Wm. E. Walsh, to be held in his office at Marshfield next Thursday, July 19. Plans for the fall campaign will be formulated at that time.

ACTION STARTED

By Coquille Chamber of Commerce to Make Marshfield Highway Location Permanent

J. W. Garret, a school man from the Hawaiian Islands who may eventually come to Coos county to make his home, was a guest at the Chamber of Commerce directors' meeting Tuesday noon. In the course of a short talk he stated that he had travelled up and down the coast, from Bellingham, Wash., to the California line, and that he had not found any place that suited him as well, climatically and agriculturally, as does the Coquille valley.

Besides a lengthy discussion of various strike features, the greater part of the session was devoted to consideration of the Coquille-Marshfield highway, its need of straightening and asphalt covering. The matter was brought up as the result of a letter from Ed Miller, manager of the Coast Highway Association, in which he reported the lack of action by the State Highway Commission when he brought it to their attention last week.

The Commission did not place this improvement on its list of proposed projects because of the opposition of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads engineer. The engineer's opposition was based on the failure of past state commissions to designate the present Coquille-Marshfield route as the permanent location of this section of the Coast Highway.

This is one of the things which the Coquille Chamber of Commerce is and the local chamber will present the matter of a permanent location of the present route to the county chamber and the city chambers of commerce in the county, with the idea of presenting a solid front when the state commission is again asked to take the matter up.

This is one of the things which the Coquille Chamber of Commerce is and has been working on for some time. But the highways committee cannot effectively handle such important matters without the united co-operation of the whole city. And when there is not sufficient interest on the part of local business and professional men, when they are unwilling to attend local or county chamber of commerce meetings, or Coast Highway Association sessions, it is reflected in the scant courtesy shown the requests of the delegated committee who attend and ask for the things that the Coquille valley needs.

The particular piece of road for which improvement was asked was the widening of the highway between the Coquille Service Station and the Ralph Nosler place.

Final Oiling by July 20

By the 20th of July the entire coast highway, from Brookings to Astoria, will be oiled. The last stretches—the Port Orford-Euchre creek and that around Yachats and north of Gardiner—have been oiled and the final waterproofing coat will be applied within the next ten days.

Contractor J. C. Compton is now at work oiling the Reedsport-Scottsburg and the tunnel section of the Umpqua river highway, and that will be finished this summer. All the main highways in southwestern Oregon will be completed as to surfacing before winter.

There is a state secondary highway in Coos county, the Powers-Hoffman Bridge road, which is badly in need of oiling and the state highway department will find that 19 miles an excellent field for road improvement.

Even Cat Noticed the Quake

Not everyone in Coquille felt the quake last Friday afternoon, about 2:50, but to those who did the sensation was unmistakable, as one lady expressed it, "It seemed to strike at the pit of the stomach." She was lying on the davenport and the swaying movement was very decided. Even the house cat, which was lying on a nearby table, roused himself and looked around to see if she had shaken the table.

Press reports indicated that Grants Pass also experienced the tremor, and the seismograph in New York indicated that the disturbance was about 2500 miles distant.

Postal Receipts Up 12 Per Cent

Coquille postal receipts show a gain of \$666.72 for the first six months of 1934 as compared with the same period in 1933. Last year the total was \$5,653.25, and for the first half of 1934 the figure was \$6,319.97. That is an 11.8 per cent increase.

MRS. ATKINSON

Wife of Local Contractor Passed Away at Knife Hospital Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. Ben F. Atkinson, who had been seriously ill for the past three months, passed away Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, at the Knife hospital. She had undergone an operation for removal of tumor last Tuesday, but it could not save her life. She had been in poor health for the past six or seven years.

Funeral services are being conducted at the chapel at two o'clock this afternoon by Walter Ficus, minister of the Christian church. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery. Elnora Fulford was born in Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 6, 1880, being 53 years, nine months and four days of age at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fulford, both deceased.

She was united to Ben F. Atkinson in Pendleton, March 24, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson and son came to Coquille in 1924, after having resided in eastern Oregon, Idaho and California. They made their home at Riverton until two years ago when Mr. Atkinson built the present home on Rink creek, just off the highway to Myrtle Point.

Besides her husband and son, Lee Atkinson, of Riverton, Mrs. Atkinson is survived by two sisters and four brothers—Mrs. Laura Martin, of Irigien, Ore., Mrs. Cynthia Johnson, of Tacoma; Asa and J. M. Fulford, of Selah, Wash.; Voss Fulford, of Stanfield, Ore.; and Edward Fulford, of Seattle.

Mrs. Atkinson was reared as an Adventist, and although not a member of any religious denomination, she was a Christian woman, a faithful wife and a loving mother.

County Cosmeticians Banquet

The Cosmeticians of Coos county held a regular meeting of the association in the Coquille Hotel Wednesday evening, the session being a social affair instead of a business meeting.

A splendid banquet was served, the tables were beautifully decorated and those present describe it as one of the nicest banquets ever held in the hotel.

The program consisted of vocal number by the trio, Misses Anne Barton, Edythe Farr and Audrey Aasen; piano selections by Miss Farr; two very pleasing selections by Randolph Lorenz, and several numbers on the violin by that mistress of the instrument, Miss Muriel Dae. Miss Dorris Compton presented two dances—a Spanish and a tap dance.

The affair was greatly enjoyed by the eighteen beauty operators present.

Pioneer Picnic, July 28

The Coos county Pioneers picnic will be held in Coquille on the last Sunday in July—the 28th. Last year it was held in Bandon with 225 present. J. E. Quick is chairman of the arrangements committee; he says that the program and other details will be ready for publication next week.

No organization of the Coos Pioneers Association has yet been effected, but it is hoped that such an association can be formed this year.

Everyone is invited to the picnic whether pioneers or descendants of pioneers or not. Coffee, cream and sugar will be provided by the committee.

They Are Not Big Leaguers

Last week the Sentinel referred to the coming ball game of the Loggers and the House of David team, as "big league stuff." We now wish to apologize to the big leaguers, for the short-haired, bearded professionals who played on the team were the bushiest outfit ever seen here. Most of them could play good ball, but they were the dirtiest, nastiest bunch that ever invaded Coquille, and if they ever play in this city again it will be too soon for most of the fans. This does not refer to the real House of David players on the team. They were gentlemen and conducted themselves as such, but the less said about the rest of the bunch the better.

County Fair Sept. 12-15

The 23rd annual Coos & Curry county fair will be held at Myrtle Point on Sept. 12-13-14-15. The premium list, just off the Herald press, has been distributed this week.

The Myrtle Point Garden Club will hold their annual flower show tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Library Being Redecorated

The Coquille Library is closed for two weeks while the interior is being entirely redecorated. The work is being done as a SERA project, the library association paying for the material used, and the State Emergency Relief Association for the labor.

Two painters are at work painting the walls and woodwork and varnishing the furniture.

Material for a new librarian's desk has been given the library by Geo. A. Ulett, and new shelving will also be installed before its reopening.

While the library is closed for loaning purposes, books due back can be returned at any time.

150 Still in Five Powers Camps

Although the little city of Powers is feeling the effects of the strike in a serious way, there are still five camps running in that vicinity, with 150 men drawing pay therefrom. The shutdown of the Coos Bay camp Monday night put 450 out of work.

Notwithstanding Powers is still a good town and the merchants are all doing a very fair business.

A cooking school was held in the Fellowship Hall there this week, sponsored by the Powers Women's Club, with the Mt. States Power Co. cooperating. The school opened its two-day session there Tuesday noon and was well attended.

C. W. GANO SELLS INTEREST

C. W. Gano this week sold to his partners, Henry Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, and Chas. E. Schroeder, of Bandon, his interest in the Schroeder & Gano undertaking business in Coquille and Bandon. He will remain in charge of the Coquille establishment until the first of August.

What Mr. Gano will do he does not yet know, whether he will remain in Coquille or move elsewhere.

Chas. Schroeder reported to the World at Bandon that he will move to Coquille and be in charge of the establishment here, and that either Elbert Schroeder or L. L. Powers will be moved from Myrtle Point to Bandon to conduct the business there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gano have a great host of friends here who would regret their removal from Coquille, should that be their decision.

Lions Luncheon Yesterday

Ben Flaxel, district attorney, who was a guest at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday noon, said he could see now, after observing Bob Stewart preside at a Lions Club session, why Bob was unable to sit on any of the cases heard at the June term of court and for which the latter had been drawn as a jurymen!

Fred Reed, an insurance representative from Portland, was also a guest and expressed his pleasure at attending so Sunday school-like a luncheon.

Ferb Emery gave a report on his recent eastern trip which was spent principally in visiting at his old home in New Hampshire. One matter he mentioned was the effect of the Pacific strike on the lumber business, and how Oregon and Washington will lose for years to come as a result of the strike.

It's only in recent years that the fir men of the west have been able to secure the New England market by ousting the yellow pine men in the south. Now the pine is again practically the only lumber to reach Boston, and Ferb says the builders and dealers told him it would be a long time before fir would again supplant the pine in that market.

To complete his dominance of the meeting, Ferb then proceeded to draw his own name for the attendance pot.

Improvement at the Laundry

Arthur Simpson has made several changes at the Coquille Laundry the past few weeks. One is the repainting of the building with a green strip across the bottom of the front where the rain is more apt to dirty the woodwork just above the sidewalk. New lettering on the windows and a large sign across the front of the building speak clearly of the business done inside.

But the greatest change is the removal of the office from the lean-to on the east to the northeast corner of the main room, where a very attractive office has been fitted up. The former office is now used as a receiving room for the articles sent in for laundering.

Judge Brand set Tuesday, July 24, as the next motion day in Circuit court, when he was here on Tuesday of this week.

POMONA GRANGE

Met at Myrtle Point Tuesday—Plan Co-operative Buying of Automobile Supplies

The co-operative buying of gasoline, tires, grease, oil, batteries and other commodities will become an activity of the Coos and Curry County Pomona Grange members if the plan outlined by Irvin King, Washington State Grange Master, at the Coos and Curry County Pomona Grange meeting held in Myrtle Point Tuesday, July 10, is adopted by local grangers.

A meeting of all subordinate grange masters and secretaries will be held in the near future to consider this project further, according to an announcement made by George Hampton, Pomona Grange Master, at the meeting Tuesday.

The quarterly meeting of granges in this section was attended by approximately 150 members. C. H. Bailey, editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin, attended and gave an interesting talk on "peace." George Palmer, past master of the Oregon State Grange, and at present a member of the state executive committee, was present and assisted in the discussion on the co-operative buying plan.

A farmers' picnic will be held at the Norway grove on Sunday, August 5, according to action taken at the grange meeting, and all farmers, whether grangers or not, will be invited to attend. It is reported that a state grange officer is expected to be present and give an address at the picnic.

A committee appointed to have charge of the arrangements for the picnic includes Miss Hilda Nieme, North Bend; W. E. Cross, Coquille; Ray Deadmond, Fairview; Roy Robinson, Norway, and Mrs. Cora Hansen, Langlois.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Magill, of Bridge; Mrs. Alex Mackey, of Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Curl, of Coos River, and Lawrence Rackleff, of Myrtle Point, were given the fifth degree and became Pomona Grange members. Lunch was prepared at noon by members of the home economics committee.

A literary program conducted under the direction of Mrs. Beth Culver, of Bridge, Pomona Grange lecturer, included a song, "America the Beautiful;" vocal numbers by the Myrtle Point male quartet; poem by Miss Hilda Nieme, of North Bend; humorous skit by Mrs. Pearl Smith and Carlton Smith, of Coquille; vocal solo by Mrs. H. J. Curl, accompanied by Edith Mae Curl, both of Coos River; musical skit by Walter Laird and Victor Stevens, of Myrtle Point; banjo numbers by Tom Summerlin, of Myrtle Point; reading by Irene Grayber and a song by members of the Broad-bent Grange; a short talk by Irvin King, master of the Washington State Grange, and by C. H. Bailey, editor of the Oregon State Grange Bulletin.

The next meeting of the Pomona Grange will be held at Bridge on the second Tuesday in October, according to the Pomona secretary, Mrs. Pearl Smith, of Coquille.

To Discuss Old Age Pensions

A meeting has been called for next Tuesday evening, July 17, at eight o'clock in the Coquille Community Building, to discuss the Townsend or Old Age Relief Pension plan, which is one of the most talked about subjects on the Pacific coast this summer, dividing public interest with the strike.

If those attending feel so inclined a local organization of the O. A. R. P. will be formed to join the many already organized. At Eugene recently a Lane county branch was formed, and so great was the attendance that many were forced to leave the court house because of inability to get within hearing distance.

\$32 Netted from Entertainment

The Job's Daughters Bethel of Coquille netted \$32 from their entertainment and candy sale in Masonic Temple, Monday evening. This will enable them to buy the necessary equipment and paraphernalia.

It was a very enjoyable program, featuring Mrs. J. H. Dalen, of Bandon, 12-year old Phyllis Taylor, of Marshfield, who sang and played remarkably well for a child of her years; two amateur skits by local people, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Booher; a one-act play by the Marshfield Dramatic club; a specialty dance by Dorris Compton; and musical selections by Mrs. Georgia May Moller, of Myrtle Point, and Miss Margaret Purvance.

Calling cards 50 for \$1.00.