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HOSPITAL READY

Former Dance Hall Is Converted Into One of Most Complete Hospitals in State

Without any fuss or formality, the Coquille Hospital will go into operation tomorrow. Workmen have been busy the past week, rushing the completion of the plumbing, the installation of the many pieces of equipment which are necessary in a complete hospital, the heating unit, the furniture, etc. and while not all of the 30 rooms will be ready for use, enough will be complete to allow Drs. M. Earl Wilson and J. D. Rankin to operate on the cases which have been waiting.

The Coquille Hospital is as complete a hospital as can be found this side of Portland, and the only other hospital outside of Portland which can boast the sound-proof walls and the splendid equipment necessary for the comfort of patients is the addition to the Deaconess Hospital at Salem.

Nu-wood paneling of all walls, both outer and partition, makes the hospital practically sound-proof, and even the passing of a car outside can hardly be heard in the reception room.

On either side of the large reception room at the south entrance are the offices of the two doctors who have spent thousands upon thousands of dollars to give Coquille a complete-to-the-last-word hospital.

There are seven private rooms in the hospital, and a space not yet made use of on the north side of the building, can be made into six additional rooms if needed.

There is a ward for men and another for women, each containing six beds, with furnishings in keeping with the comfort noticeable in all parts of the building. There is an X-ray room, a laboratory, a major and a minor operating room, nurses' rooms, kitchen, a laundry, wash-rooms—in fact there is nothing that was overlooked in designing and laying out the plans, converting the dance hall into a hospital.

The huge furnace in the northwest corner of the building will be fueled with wood for the present but Dr. Rankin visualizes the use of gas there in the future. The warm air which it will spread to every room in the building will be reconditioned before leaving the heating plant, which is fitted with all known automatic controls.

The doctors have not found it necessary to purchase a great deal of new laboratory and operating machinery, their equipment already being quite complete.

For the present two nurses are to be employed in the hospital, which will be under the direct supervision of Doctors Wilson and Rankin.

Red Devils at Roseburg Tonight

The Coquille High basketball coach asks that business houses give the team, which he characterizes as the smoothest-functioning squad he has coached in several years, a little more support. He did not refer particularly to attendance at the games, although that is appreciated, but to the placards advertising the games. These cards cost money, but some merchants use them for price cards almost as soon as the cards are placed in their windows, and the advertising value is entirely destroyed.

This evening the Coquille team plays Roseburg High out there and Coach Hartley is hoping to bring home an Indian scalp.

Hall Crowded for Lecture

Odd Fellows Hall was filled to overflowing last evening, the occasion being the lecture on Christian Science, delivered by Miss Margaret Murney Glenn, of Boston, Mass. There were visitors from all over Coos county, and some from Roseburg.

Mrs. Glenn was introduced by Mrs. J. E. Norton and a complete report of her introductory remarks and Miss Glenn's lecture will be found on page five of this issue.

Wilson Confectionery to Move

A. O. Walker has rented the corner room in the Odd Fellows Building and in the near future Wilson's Confectionery will be moved from the W. O. W. building corner to the one across the street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Coughell left last Sunday for Salem where he was to put in a week doing some special work for the State Tax Commission.

Fell from Truck, Struck Head

Maxine, 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brining, suffered an injury to a vertebrae in her neck, about five o'clock Tuesday evening when she fell from a truck in which six girls were riding, at the highway intersection near the high school. It was thought at first that her injury was more serious than it has turned out to be, for, yesterday she was feeling very much better. Dr. M. Earl Wilson took her to the Mast hospital.

There were six girls in the truck, Maxine Johnson, Hallie Knight and Norene McKeown in the cab, while Maxine, Georgianna Johnson and Margaret Belloni were standing in the rear of Geo. Johnson's pickup truck. The truck has side boards and as they turned the corner the girls in the rear were thrown against the side, and the side boards gave way. The other two girls were bruised in the fall but not injured seriously.

TAX MONEY SLID INTO THE RIVER

Wm. H. Wann, Marshfield Lion, gave another very interesting talk at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday noon, principally on old coins, where they are apt to be found, and how found. Just what the connection was between the Julius Caesar piece, coined 2000 years ago, which he passed around for inspection, and Ray Jeub, was not made clear by Mr. Wann. He told of a young man who left the beer belt—St. Paul and Minneapolis—some 20 years ago and who attempted to cross the Coast range to Coos county. He wandered around for nearly a week, without food, and when next seen was at the court house here where a game warden was trying to collect a bounty at the clerk's office. Due to privation the man's hair had turned white from a jet black, but after he had been back in civilization for a while the natural color was only partially restored and the Auburn tint continues to this day.

Silver U. S. dollars of 1804 coinage are very rare and worth anywhere up to \$5,000. Five dollar gold pieces of 1862 are also scarcer than hen's teeth and until a few years ago only three were known to exist. A fourth showed up in Portland, where a tramp exchanged it for groceries and the grocer sold it for \$4,000. It is supposed that it washed up from the wreck of the Brother Jonathan off Crescent City, which ship went down seventy-odd years ago as it was bringing \$17,000 such gold pieces to pay off the soldiers located on this coast. It is thought the entire year's issue of \$5 pieces was on the vessel.

Mr. Wann told of likely places for finding old coins, at Whiskey Run where the town of Randolph was once located; at Empire on the sites of the saloons and dance halls of earlier days; at Yachats, Florence, Scottsburg, and many other of the older Oregon coast towns.

Ray Jeub, city councilman, asked an expression of the club as to what the council should do toward straightening out the difficulty within that body in contracting with the Mt. States Power Co. The club voted unanimously in support of the council's action in making a contract which is to be done at a special meeting within the next ten days.

Mr. Wann also mentioned an early Oregon history fact that is not generally known. In the later 1850's the county seat of Umpqua county, comprising all of southwestern Oregon, was at Scottsburg. During a high water of the Umpqua the court house slipped off the bank into the river. It was during a tax paying period and there were several thousand dollars in the safe which was never recovered. Mr. Wann would like to find a magnetic instrument of some kind which would locate the safe and permit recovery of the old coins.

Marshall Hartley, a brother of H. H. Hartley, was also a guest at the luncheon.

Beautiful Spring Weather

With all the predictions of rain the first of the week when the Chinook took the snow off, almost in a day's time, it was really surprising to have four days of the finest kind of spring weather. Nor would it be surprising if a month of the same brand is enjoyed. February is quite often one of the most pleasant months of the year in southwestern Oregon.

County to Sell Lakeside Lots

Anyone who is interested in informed that county-owned property and lots in and around Lakeside will be sold at public auction Saturday, February 2, at 10:00 a. m., at the court house.

3 WELLS TO START STILL UNSETTLED

W. E. Marrion Takes Option on Coquille Gas Plant—Will Pipe Gas to City

The Coquille Gas & Power Co. owners this week gave a 90-day option on their property to W. E. Marrion. In taking the option, for which he made a substantial payment, Mr. Marrion declared that he would exercise it.

He was negotiating for the property at the time the Oregon Gas Corporation sold it last year, and states that it is his intention to lay a pipe line from the Fat Elk well to Coquille and supply this city with natural gas, instead of the Butane now being used.

Mr. Marrion estimates that he has a flow of from one to two million feet of gas a day from the present well, and he intends to start another well 900 feet to the west within a few weeks.

Nor is that all the gas and oil prospect for the valley this spring. The Twin Bell Co. of Los Angeles, to whom the Coast Oil Co. sold a thousand acre block of leases, will start drilling before summer one-half mile south of the present well, and have contracted to go down 5000 feet if necessary.

And yesterday's Western World states definitely that drilling will commence on the Bear creek structure on March 5, by the Oregon-California Petroleum Corporation whose secretary-treasurer was here this month.

These three operations should determine whether or not there is gas and oil in commercial quantities in the Coquille valley, a fact which oil men are united on in claiming there is.

A gas pipe line to Coquille would mean a supply of the cleanest fuel there is, and the most satisfactory, providing the rate was not prohibitive.

John Loreman said this morning that the date for starting operations on Bear creek is March 10, only five days later than the Western World report.

SERA Approves Local Projects

Two SERA projects have now been approved for Coquille. The first was for 230 feet of 4-inch and 1250 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe replacement in the water mains on Front, Willard, Second and Taylor streets.

The second project approved was for a fill of the east end of the Spurgeon street bridge, the relaying of 90 feet of decking at the west end, and the replacing with cast iron the wooden 4-inch mains on Spurgeon for a distance of 990 feet.

The council has not yet announced whether the PWA or the SERA approval will be accepted, but it will probably be the SERA for the PWA application was cancelled before the SERA request was made.

Has Had Poems Accepted

Mrs. Euphemia Dimick is a lady whom most Coquille people know but very few of whom know her as a poet who has had verse accepted and published in national magazines. For a poem in The Mixing Bowl, Detroit, she received a year's subscription, and Loring Eugene Williams, of Cleveland, Ohio, accepted another for his brochure "Rubies," recently out. The third was an award for the best liked poem in The Scintillascopie, a California publication for poetry.

We shall hope to receive some of Mrs. Dimick's poems for publication for home people.

City Library Treasurer Report

The report of the City Library treasurer, O. C. Sanford, made to the council last Monday evening showed receipts in 1934 of \$1,269.67, from the city, the Woman's Club, the B. & P. W. Club, and from fines and rentals. Disbursements of \$1,131.36 were to the librarian, for books, magazines, repairs, janitor and miscellaneous expenses. Besides the \$138.31 cash balance the treasurer is also holding \$257.93 in warrants.

Niles Motor Co. to Move

Clyde E. Niles, who is not yet ready to announce his building plans, will start Sunday moving his garage and Ford agency from the Farr & Elwood building to the Z. C. Strang building on Front street, the garage building erected by J. D. Graham. Just how long Mr. Niles will remain there he does not know, but he hopes to have his own building ready in a little more than three months.

Light Committee Offers No Suggestion for Workable Agreement with Company

The light committee submitted no plan at the council meeting Monday evening for a workable agreement between the city and the Mt. States Power Co. Jack Lefevre merely reporting adversely on the contract submitted two weeks previously and recommended that the city have no dealings with the power company. He declared that if that contract was adopted he would demand a referendum on it.

Mayor Berg spoke at some length, pointing out the need of some sort of an agreement which would permit the city officials to pay for street lighting and prevent the city going dark; he declared that the contract submitted was cancellable, and pointed out how much the city was losing monthly with absolutely nothing gained.

Ray Jeub made a motion that the city employ some attorney, in county, state or nation, who would pass on the cancellable clause, but after Attorney Corby had made some very pointed remarks, and Mr. Lefevre had admitted that he had no legal opinion as to whether the contract was cancellable or not, Mr. Jeub withdrew his motion.

Mr. Corby's ire was aroused by the reflections cast on his good faith in preparing the contract, and he did not mince words.

George Bryant pointed out to Mr. Lefevre how much his position was costing the city. The referendum election in November cost nearly \$100, the city is losing around \$100 a month in revenue from the power company, which may also submit a valid claim for the payments they have already made on the two per cent gross of their income in the city, and the lighting of the city hall, community building and chlorination plant will also be charged against the city if there is no contract.

In passing the matter over for another meeting, Mayor Berg said if the light committee did not have a workable agreement plan to suggest that the council would adopt one that is fair to the city. The matter will be the business considered at a special meeting next week.

Mrs. R. A. Wernich and Mrs. W. H. Mansell, representing the Coquille Woman's Club, asked the council to repair the Community Building with new underpinning, new floor, inside ceiling, and new roof. They submitted an estimate of the cost at \$2500.

The city engineer was instructed to examine the building and make an estimate of what the repair costs would be.

W. L. Kistner appeared before the council asking that the state highway department be requested to help with the repair of the sidewalk just beyond their entrance to the shops on Front street.

No action was taken on the bids submitted for repair of the Louis Sell house on Tenth street, acquired by the city last year.

The city engineer was instructed to have the guard railings on the Henry street bridge re-inforced.

County C. of C. at North Bend

With all the cities in the county, except Myrtle Point, represented at the County Chamber of Commerce session last Monday evening, R. L. Stewart assumed his duties as president of the organization.

Fred Benne, secretary of the Marshfield Chamber, was named as secretary of the county chamber.

The candidacy of R. G. Currier, for appointment on the State Highway Commission, was endorsed by the group.

The agricultural booklet which the chamber hopes to issue as a SERA project was discussed and L. D. Felsheim and H. A. Young were added to the committee of which Stanley Emery, of Marshfield, is chairman. It is hoped to have the booklet out in two months.

Ed Miller, manager of the Coast Highway Association, who is also a member of Gov. Martin's planning board explained the governor's program and what he hopes to accomplish by eliminating many of the commissions and boards which now handle so large a part of the state functions.

The next meeting of the County Chamber will be held in Marshfield, March 18.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

President Ball Next Wednesday

The Presidents' Ball, to be held all over the United States on Wednesday of next week, will be held in Masonic Hall in Coquille. Dancing will start at nine o'clock, and tickets will be \$1.00.

The proceeds from the thousands of dances will be used in fighting the dread disease—infantile paralysis. Last year the entire net was sent to the Warm Springs, Georgia, sanitarium, but this year 70 per cent of the net will remain in the cities where raised for local use in fighting the malady, and care of its victims.

A ticket selling campaign is being carried on today by the members of the 20-30 Club. Should anyone be overlooked tickets may be secured from Russell Brown at the J. C. Penney store, at Hudson's Drug Store, Wilson's Confectionery or Bill's Place.

Smith Plant to Resume Sunday

The Smith Wood-Products mill, which has been shut down for the past ten days, will be ready to start again Sunday morning at seven o'clock. A steel bull-wheel for the log-hoisting apparatus has been made, but it will not be installed until tomorrow. Having lost so much time, the need for lumber requires that the mill start Sunday morning.

BOXING CARD HERE SAT., 26th

Frankie Monroe, Klamath Falls lightweight, main event in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and other centers, will likely be the next opponent for the winner of tomorrow night's boxing card in the Community Building. Bernie Wilder, Medford, and Earl "Kid" Leitch will be fighting for this shot at Monroe.

Monroe is described by L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian as the "busiest mixer in the ring." This means that Frankie throws more gloves by far than the average mixer.

Bernie Wilder and Earl Leitch are two boys who really carry the mail when it comes to milling. It is true that they are new to the rings along the Oregon coast, but around Medford, in central Oregon, and in Washington they are leaders in their field. Wilder has recently returned from a successful campaign in California, while Leitch has been fighting for Tex Salkeld in Portland.

Promoter McCarthy has thirty rounds billed, but in order to accommodate clerks and shopkeepers he will likely add a bout or two.

The semi-windup will feature two more light weights, Hank Stennett, of Langlois, and Jack Francis, Marshfield knockout artist. Recently, these boys went six furious rounds to a draw in a Marshfield ring. Since then each has held a grudge, that alone assuring a half dozen or less rounds of real scrapping.

The other bouts are for four rounds. They will pit Ellis Newton against Fritz Hull, Ray Willard against Charley Vincent, Jack Smith against Warren Albertson, of Bandon, and Shorty Harrison against Tom Schaer. All of these boys have had ring experience.

The curtain raiser will go on at eight o'clock.

The semi-final will not start until 9:15, and if the four preliminary bouts are ended too quickly, McCarthy has an extra bout arranged for so that there will not be any waits.

Tickets are going fast for the bouts and a large crowd is anticipated. Tickets are on sale at the Pastime, Bill's Place and Wilson's Confectionery. Reserved ringside seats at 75c and general admission 50c.

County Employees' Salaries Set

The county court this week set the salaries to be paid employees in the court house for the year 1935, as follows:

P. W. Culver, deputy sheriff, \$140; Alice Perrott, deputy sheriff (office), \$80; C. G. Coughell, deputy (tax dept.), \$140; Margarite Brodie, deputy sheriff (tax dept.), \$80; J. W. Leneve, deputy county clerk, \$125; Frances Oddy, deputy county clerk, \$80; Georgianna Vaughan, deputy county clerk, \$80; Anna Rooney, deputy county assessor, \$80; Beneva Volkmar, stenographer (school supt.), \$87.50; Mae M. Waggoner, stenographer, county court clerk, health dept. secretary, old age pension commission, \$85; Andy P. Davis, probation officer, \$115; M. Earl Wilson, health officer, \$25; Lela Elrod, health nurse, \$115; C. C. Evland, janitor, (bid court house), \$60; Stewart G. Whitsett, janitor-jailer, \$75; Belle Whitsett, matron and cook, \$25.

Calling cards, \$0 for \$1.00.

C. OF C. SESSION

Budget Adopted—Dairy Resolutions Approved—Mayor Talks on Lighting Contract

The budget committee of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce reported at the directors' meeting Monday noon the following estimated expenditures for this year:

Coast Highway Ass'n, \$240; highway committee, \$100; entertainment, \$50; Coos County Chamber of Commerce, \$25; advertising and publicity, \$125; office expense, \$75; local projects, \$100; emergency, \$58; collections and unpaid contributions, \$100. This totals \$873, the total amount paid in or pledged for the year.

The request from the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce that the local organization urge Coos county's legislative members to oppose the proposed change in the game and fish commission, making it a one-man commission, was not acted upon. The chamber's fish and game committee was asked to investigate and make a report at the next meeting when the proposal will be discussed.

This is one of Gov. Martin's plans for greater efficiency and economy in handling state business, but there is argument on both sides of the question. At the present time the funds paid in by sportsmen for licenses is used exclusively for fish and game protection and propagation. Whether it would be as satisfactory to have all game funds turned in to the state treasury and have the legislature budget expenses for protection and propagation is doubtful.

At the suggestion of County Agent Jenkins the directors approved four resolutions, adopted by the Coos County Dairymen's Association, one in regard to milk grading, another to make testing for Bang's disease compulsory, a third asking for a state Bang's disease control law to become effective Jan. 1, 1937, and another to forbid importation into the state of cattle not tested and found free of Bang's disease. These four resolutions appear elsewhere in this issue of the Sentinel.

Mayor Berg, who attended the meeting explained to the directors what the council is up against in trying to make a satisfactory, working agreement with the Mt. States Power Co. for supplying electricity in Coquille, lack of which is costing the city \$100 a month and is likely to cost more. Without any franchise or contract it is doubtful that the council has any authority to pay street lighting bills, and there is no reason why the power company should not charge for juice at the Community Building, the city hall, and the chlorination plant. The franchise which the voters defeated in November provided for free juice at those places.

The mayor said members of the city government were contacting all civic organizations in Coquille, endeavoring to learn what a majority of the people wished to have done. The Chamber of Commerce will give its answer at the next directors' meeting.

Woman's Club to Sponsor It

The Coquille Woman's Club is sponsoring the picture, "Anne of Green Gables," which will be shown at the Liberty on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, a week hence — Feb. 3-4-5.

The ladies of the club will conduct a ticket sale campaign next week, with the usual Sunday prices prevailing, 35 cents for adults.

Sixteen-year old Anne Shirley takes the part of "Anne" in the picture which was chosen for screening by the Illinois Club women last year. Educators, clerical bodies and club women all over the country are supporting "Anne of Green Gables."

The story, written by L. M. Montgomery, has been a best seller since it first appeared in 1908, and more than a million copies have been sold in the United States and Canada. It is based upon the universally loved romance of youth and the Woman's Club chose it from a long list of attractions for their sponsorship.

Call Dates of County Warrants

At the request of a subscriber the Sentinel names the dates to which Coos county warrants have been called:

General fund warrants have been called up to Aug. 1, 1930.

General road warrants up to Jan. 1, 1931.

Market road warrants up to Nov. 1, 1930.

Non-Union high school warrants up to warrant No. 410.