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STUDENTS RULE

City Affairs in Hands of Class Yesterday—Good Ordinance Suggestions

Yesterday the annual student administration, headed by the mayor-for-a-day, George Ulett, and composed of all members of the Civics classes, had complete charge of the city affairs under the supervision of Mr. Osika.

During the four council meetings that were held, Ordinance No. 234 providing for a ten per cent tax on all punch boards being used within the city was passed, as were also Ordinance Nos. 235 and 236. The first dealt with the regulation of beer dispensaries by imposing a yearly tax of \$100 on each beer dealer, and the latter with reference to the movement of the street lamp in front of the Lincoln building to the street fronting the south entrance of the High School.

Recommendations which will be referred to the city council were also made regarding:

1. Purchase of a pullmotor and pressure pump by the city.
2. Facilities for providing wholesome entertainment for the CCC's.
3. Use of the community building to a greater extent for civic, athletic, and recreational programs.
4. Beautification of North Taylor street. (Marshfield Highway.)
5. Improvement of the sanitary conditions in jail.
6. Condemning of the fire traps on Front street and the erection of buildings in accordance with zoning regulations.

Aside from the above actions taken by the council the students on commissions made these reports and recommendations:

Street Commission:—Assisted in street construction and cleaning projects and aided other commissions. They recommend modernized construction implements for SERA workers.

Health Department:—Inspected the city dump, visited the Roy school, and co-operated with Mrs. Elrod, county health nurse, in other health projects. Members of this commission wish to commend Mrs. Elrod on the excellent work she is doing.

Engineering Dept.:—Inspected the city dock and found it unfit for service. Also investigated other old buildings and recommend their condemnation. Aided the SERA in the street construction, worked on the city reservoir, and inspected the basement of the city hall.

Light Commission:—Investigated demand for a system of standard lighting poles and inspected the lighting system of the city.

Fire Department:—Washed the windows of the city hall and polished the fire engine.

Park Commission:—Destroyed the debris in park and tested the safety of park equipment.

Library Commission:—Aided Mrs. Ellingsen in unpacking the new books and preparing them for circulation. Also assisted in actual library work.

Police Department:—Arrested Lloyd Wood for speeding in the residential district, and cared for the prisoners in the jail.

Building Commission:—Inspected the buildings of the city, finding many of them unfit for public use. They heartily recommend an investigation by city officials, particularly on Front street.

Although the action of the students yesterday was not particularly spectacular, they did gain a very definite knowledge of city government and are grateful for the opportunity they have had of participating in this administration.

Electricity to Cranberry Bog

The Mt. States Power Co. started Tuesday the extension of their line to the Dufort cranberry bog, one and three-quarter miles south of the highway at Tipperary flats this side of Bandon. Mr. Dufort has a fine bog there, about a mile south and west of A. T. Morrison's. His were the fine large berries exhibited by Geo. Hampton at the state fair last fall.

Road Warrants Called

County Treasurer Stauff made a call this week for general road fund warrants, endorsed prior to Feb. 1, 1931. Interest on those called stopped yesterday. The call is for \$14,000 worth of warrants, on which the interest amounts to about 25 per cent, another \$3500, or a total of \$17,500 to be paid out. It leaves the road fund warrants over 31 months in arrears.

To Be Hot Game Sunday

The Jacksonville Gilmore Lions baseball club, of Medford, is to furnish the Loggers' competition at the local ball yard, Sunday, and from the calibre of the teams they have been defeating, they will make it intensely interesting for the Bill Fortier clan. Ashland, Klamath Falls, Medford, Weed and Glendale, have all bowed to the Gilmore outfit, and the Medford team was the same one which handed the Loggers a defeat in the season's opener here.

"Cocky" Brewer will again be on the mound for the locals, and the same line-up will face the Lions as defeated the Eugene boys last Sunday.

Memorial Day Observance

The American Legion, the V. F. W., the auxiliaries of both organizations, and the W. R. C., are all co-operating in presenting the Memorial Day services on Thursday, May 30. The usual service will be held in the Liberty theatre at 10 a. m. The speaker for that has not yet been secured.

Immediately afterwards will be held the ceremonies at the bridge and at both cemeteries.

In the afternoon the Legion will have a flag raising ceremony in front of Legion Hall. The flag pole to be set there will remain permanently.

PETIT JURY FOR THE JUNE TERM

Following is the list of names drawn this week for the June term of Circuit court which will convene on Monday, June 3, at 10 a. m.:

Myrl Pettit, Ralph Nosler, of Coquille; Belle B. Whitaker, Eda Bruer, Karl Kaufman, R. L. Ellis, of Myrtle Point; Mike G. Sumerlin, of Lee; C. A. Painter, Arthur B. Hermann, of Broadbent; Virginia Hillstrom, Alice Thiering, Raymond Cauty, Effie Heath, Emmett S. Henderson, Elsie A. Elwood, Clifford A. Doane, Mary D. Kronholm, Henry Haverkamp, Edward A. Curran, of Marshfield; Carl E. Mathews, of Sumner; Carl E. Morrison, Charles Otto King, Eugene Carpenter, Geo. W. Sanford, Leonard E. Dunlap, Frank R. Minkler, Albert J. Davis, Harry Edmonds, A. R. Helm, Edwin B. Moore, of North Bend; Grant S. Waters, of Hauser.

Three Boy Scout Patrols

Dr. J. D. Rankin was in attendance at the Boy Scout meeting in the Scout cabin Monday evening and examined a dozen boys. He complimented them on their fine appearance and good physical condition.

Scoutmaster Harold Gould announced that evening that the troop would be divided into three patrols, with Jack Clinton, Frances Arrell and Bill Davis as patrol leaders.

This Coquille troop which is just beginning to get under way, since the reorganization of scouting here, and the affiliation with the Eugene-Willamette council, is already planning on attendance at Scout camps this summer. The boys are all greatly interested in the work and Scoutmaster Gould gives every promise of being a most efficient and popular leader for the fellows.

Leaves for State Convention

Mrs. Geo. Bryant, who holds the office of state membership chairman in the Business and Professional Women's clubs, left early Wednesday morning, driving to Medford, where she attended a banquet of the B. P. W., honoring Mrs. Eudora Richardson, of Richmond, Virginia, national representative of the organization. On Thursday morning Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Richardson drove to Klamath Falls, where they were joined by Mrs. Leda Parker, state president, who accompanied them to Bend, Oregon, where a luncheon and reception were given for them. Continuing their journey to The Dalles, they will attend the state convention of B. P. W. in session there Friday, Saturday and Sunday. After the close of the convention Mrs. Bryant will go to Portland, where she will transact business for the Bryant Logging Co.

Legion Dance, May 25

The Coquille Post of the American Legion will hold its first of several dances in the Community Building on Saturday evening, May 25.

The freshly sanded floor, used first for the Woman's Club May dance, is in splendid condition and while not as large as the Graham Hall floor was, it will accommodate a good-sized crowd.

Don Estes and his dance band will furnish the music.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

TOWNSEND RALLY

D. D. Hail, State F. O. E. President, Talks to Club Here Monday

Monday evening a Townsend rally was held in the Community Building and from the number in attendance the fences of any representative or senator from this district opposing the plan will be sadly in need of repair in the future. An exceedingly large crowd assembled to hear D. D. Hail speak and frequent applause proved that those present considered his remarks in line with the radical change that has come over the democratic and republican old guards since the last presidential election. Evidently the people are awakening to the curse of political machines and will use their whip—the ballot—in 1936.

Mr. Hail proved to be a most excellent speaker. Not in years have the people of Coquille had the opportunity of hearing an orator of such power and appeal speak to them. The subject of his talk centered mainly around the old age institutions as they are conducted in our own state, not of Coos county but of larger institutions of various kinds in the western part of the United States. Mr. Hail has been an advocate of pensions for 28 years and his intense study of these institutions has been of great benefit in obtaining legislative action in behalf of the old people of our nation.

It would be a fine thing if we could find a few more men like Mr. Hail and have them broadcast their views to the American people. Perhaps a few of those who now call the Townsend plan fantastic, unworkable, etc., would see the light of economic recovery behind the measure and let their narrow minds broaden into the road of knowledge. It has been said that only one of small intellectual calibre will refuse to read and study both sides of any great question. Surely the Townsend plan is a great question and as such deserves the respect of every brilliant mind in America.

Lions Enjoy Boys' Singing

Dr. A. B. Peacock, Marshfield Lion, was a guest at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday noon, and entertained the members with a good line, after stating that he was not prepared.

A. L. Beck, principal at Junior High, who was recently elected, was given the initiation and became a full-fledged Lion.

The musical entertainment was furnished by a double quartet of city officials (for the day) and President Stewart remarked that he had never enjoyed Councilman Jeub's singing before as much as he did then. The double quartet was composed of the high school boys, most of whom were student members of the city government yesterday. The boys whose singing was hugely enjoyed were Lin Swain, Jim Robison, Jess Barton, Don Smith, Jack Clinton, Alton Schroeder, Bob Weggoner and Tom Thrift. Miss Myrtle Minter accompanied at the piano.

Norway 8th Grade Graduation

At the eighth grade commencement exercises at the Norway school last Friday, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, who has taught there for the past ten years, was presented with a beautiful floor lamp by the appreciative patrons of the community. Next year Mrs. Wilson will be principal of the Valley View school, two and one-half miles south of Coquille, on the highway.

There was a large attendance at the graduation exercises and a splendid program was presented. The graduating class was composed of Dorothy Bender, Lois Hayes, Thelma Robison, Eleanor St. Clair, Mavis Barklow, Donald Trigg and Howard Keller.

M. M. Schmidt, chairman of the board, made a very fine talk to the members of the class.

Cutting County Road Expense

The county court this week adopted a resolution, ordering a retrenchment policy in county road matters. It was ordered that all road work in the county be limited to 5 days a week, except for grader and bulldozer work; that the services of W. D. Leaman, road supervisor, be dispensed with after May 31; and that the county barn force be reduced and three men from there placed elsewhere.

The Past Matrons Club of the Eastern Star will meet this evening at the Geo. Ulett home on East Second. All members are requested to be present.

P. T. A. ELECTION

Mrs. J. Loy Stacer to Head Association Next Year—Committee Reports Given

With Mrs. A. O. Walker, retiring president in the chair, the Coquille Parent Teachers Association held its last meeting of this school year in the high school auditorium last evening. Officers elected and installed for next year's P. T. A. activities, were: Mrs. J. Loy Stacer, president.

Mrs. Jas. Brady, first vice president. Mrs. M. Earl Wilson, second vice president.

Mrs. A. L. Beck, secretary. Mrs. D. D. Dale, treasurer. Mrs. Keith Leslie, historian. Mrs. Jack Lefevre, parliamentarian.

Mrs. H. E. Hess, retiring treasurer, reported \$3.39 in the general fund and \$51.56 in the library fund.

Mrs. Geo. Unsoeld, chairman of the book committee, reported that she had contacted the school heads and the committee was preparing to supply the most needed books for the libraries.

Mrs. F. C. McNelly, chairman of the recreation committee, reported an enthusiastic response from those who had been asked to lead in hobby clubs. The list of those who will act as leaders for the various hobby clubs includes:

Basketry—Mrs. Bob Wheeler, chairman; Mrs. Frank Wilson and Mrs. M. D. Sherrard, assistants.

Knitting—Mrs. Eva Currie. Sketching—Lucille and Georgia Sherwood.

Aeroplane Modeling—Geo. Wilson. Kite Building—Marc Shelley. Doll Costuming—Mrs. Wm. Fortier. Scrapbook—Mrs. Beulah Norton, Betty Axtell, Assistant.

Hooked Rugs—Mrs. Edith McNelly. Tap Dancing—Miss Laura McLeod. Gardening—Flower Club. Camera Club—C. K. Norcott.

Stamp Collecting—F. L. Greenwood. Mrs. Beulah Norton, Assistant. Pigeonkicking—Mrs. Emma Shelley.

Butterfly & Moth Collecting—Geo. Taylor, Sr.

The beautiful picture, "The Flag," was awarded to Miss Rosabel Shone's room in the Washington building, for having made the best attendance record.

The program committee, of which Miss Shone is chairman, presented the following program during the evening:

"Use of leisure time of the school child," by Miss Hazel Adams.

Music—"Those Old Pals of Ours," "A Perfect Day" and Jubilee Medley, by the high school boys double quartet, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Beyers, with Myrtle Minter as accompanist.

P. T. A. History for the year, by Mrs. Inez Chase, a portion of which is given below.

Mrs. A. O. Walker was given most of the credit for having organized and helped the P. T. A. through its most crucial first year period, and her whole-hearted support of and activity in the P. T. A. is heartily appreciated by the teachers and other supporters of the organization.

Following is a synopsis of Mrs. Chase's report as chairman of the historical committee:

During the school year of 1933-34 the educational committee of the Coquille P. T. A. (Continued on Page Ten)

Elderly Lady Dies at Bancroft

Mrs. Fredrika Melvina Hylstead, mother of Mrs. Mark Hardman, died at the latter's home at Bancroft, yesterday morning, at the age of 91 years.

Funeral services, in charge of the Gano Funeral Home, will be conducted at the M. E. church at Myrtle Point on Sunday, May 19, at 1:30 p. m., by Rev. G. A. Gray, of Coquille, and Rev. R. C. Young, of Myrtle Point. Interment will be in the Bancroft cemetery.

The deceased was born in Sweden, and beside her daughter, had only one other relative in the United States, a niece who lives in Iowa.

Arm Caught in Edger Rolls

Ed Tuell was brought to the Coquille Hospital yesterday to have his arm treated. He is employed at the Smith Wood-Products plant and his hand got caught between the rolls on the edges, the arm being drawn in up to the elbow. It was not mashed but was badly contused. When the machine finally was stopped he could feel the air vibrated by the saw at his fingers' end.

Smith Plant Boosts Wages

A very welcome revision of wages went into effect at the Smith Wood-Products plant here yesterday, which amounted to an average increase of about ten per cent. The percentage of increase in the lower wage brackets was larger than in the higher parts of the payroll, but the increase affected the entire 200 men and women employed there.

"It isn't that our prices to our customers have advanced," said Manager Geo. A. Ulett yesterday, "but the increasing cost of living makes a wage increase imperative.

"The plant is running continuously and we hope to keep it running without a lay-off during the summer."

Car Landed on R. R. Track

Pat Geaney experienced another wreck just before noon on Wednesday this week, but without the serious features that attended the destruction of his Plymouth, when Ed McKeown was so badly injured a few weeks ago. He was driving his Pontiac on the Marshfield highway, where the slide occurred several years ago, and went over the grade where the highway is about 15 feet above the railroad track. The car landed on the track, on its side, without hurting Mr. Geaney nor damaging the car greatly. A dent in its top and a broken windshield, where a tie corner struck it, were the worst damages.

EX-MAYOR BAKER A VISITOR

George L. Baker, former mayor of Portland and now manager of the Oregon Manufacturers' Association, was in Coquille Tuesday in the interest of the National Housing Show which will be held in Portland, May 25 to June 2.

"A committee of 100, headed by Aaron M. Frank, is doing a real job of putting on this housing show for the Federal Housing Administration," said his honor. "We have the word of the directors from Washington, D. C., that the Portland show will be the largest and most comprehensive of the 237 they have presented to date. The committee has taken over the public auditorium and the four blocks adjacent for an exposition center. In this space will be offered the greatest show Portland has ever produced. From the Chicago Exposition of Progress they have signed the most spectacular and mystifying phenomena of the electrical age—the "House of Magic." It drew capacity crowds for two years in Chicago and thousands of people were unable to see it.

"Tommy Luke and his entertainment committee will have the best of stage and screen stars on hand to attract thousands, and the governor of this state has asked him to select a 'Miss Oregon' to represent the state at the San Diego exposition. Here's opportunity for some of the beauties of Coquille to hold a contest and send their own representative to Portland to compete for this distinguished honor.

"The exhibits in the exposition center will be of unusual educational value as every means of buildings will be represented. The model house is going to be a modest dwelling typical of Oregon. In that, I mean, it will be built entirely of Oregon products, inside and out. It is also an innovation in style of architecture and is already attracting the architectural genius of the country.

"It is my pleasure to invite Coquille and all of its citizens to the National Housing Show, Portland, Oregon, May 25 to June 2, inclusive."

Not As Bad As He Posed

A chastened CCC boy started hoofing it to the McKinley camp about eight o'clock last evening. He was arrested last Saturday evening by Kermit Shaw for creating a disturbance and was released about six o'clock last night. After he got into the truck which was taking a load to McKinley, he looked out and saw the officer. Pointing his finger at Shaw, he said, "The next time I see you it will be over the sights of a 45."

A few moments later Shaw him again and arrested him for threatening an officer.

About eight o'clock Recorder Leslie went down into the jail and found both officers, Lewis English and Shaw, drawing a map showing the young man how to get out to McKinley.

The youngster had begged so sincerely to be allowed to go that Shaw filed no complaint against him. The boy said by walking most of the night he could be there in time for roll call this morning.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Set for May 20-25—Collection of Trash to Be Made Thursday, May 23

Clean-Up week in Coquille has been set for next week, May 20-25 inclusive, but the trucks which will collect the trash and garbage, set out on the parking in containers, will make the calls next Thursday, May 23.

The clean-up is being sponsored by the 20-30 club and in co-operation with the fire department an inspection of fire hazards in the business section will be made by the club.

Anyone living where the truck will not be likely to pass should call up Wm. Barrow.

This clean-up is an annual event, in Coquille and besides the collecting of trash includes the cutting of weeds and high grass on lots and parkings. In the case of an absentee landlord of a vacant lot or house the 20-30 boys have made arrangements to handle the work themselves.

It was not a part of the program suggested by the club at its Tuesday evening meeting, but if anyone desires to do a little painting in beautifying his buildings, the added support to the clean-up program will be appreciated.

Grand Jury Has Several Cases to Hear Next Week

The grand jury, drawn during the February term of circuit court, has been called to meet next Monday, May 20. The grand jury is composed of M. R. Lee, Myrtle Point, foreman; Bertha E. Selbig, Coquille; John Miller and Chas. A. Wright, both of North Bend; Alpha Johannesen, Empire; Gust Roos and Frank M. Marhoffer, both of Bunker Hill.

Among the cases to be considered by the grand jury are those of the State versus Robert Ostranger and Wilfred Ashton, charged with burglary not in a dwelling; State versus Victor A. Miller on a morals charge; State versus Grace Coombs, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor; State versus Clarence H. Howard, charged with burglary not in a dwelling; State versus M. A. Economy, Nic Anton, Mabel Emerson, Charles Cook and Joe Sharral, charged with sale of liquor; Preston Packwood, charged with involuntary manslaughter; and Tiny Peterson and Arthur Rasmus charged with larceny.

To Honor Mothers-in-Law

Mother's Day was observed in a most inspiring way at each of the services at the Pioneer Methodist Church Sunday. Rev. W. Raymond Wilder announced that while mothers deserved all the honors that could be bestowed upon them he was of the opinion that mothers-in-law were denied the praise that rightfully belongs to them. In consequence, he announced that next Sunday at the morning service the much-maligned mother-in-law would be especially honored. He will deliver a sermon upon the subject, "An Old Mother-in-law." All mothers-in-law are cordially invited to the service, and the mother-in-law present with the largest number of "in-laws" will receive special recognition. A special musical program is being prepared for the service by the choir.

Honored Marshfield Man Passes

Duncan Ferguson, Sr., 65 years of age, who served as mayor of Marshfield for more than four full terms, about nine years, passed away at Marshfield last Saturday. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. D. T. Robertson.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Feb. 17, 1870, and came to the United States when ten years of age. He had been a resident of Marshfield for a quarter of a century, and was one of that community's most highly respected citizens.

He is survived by his widow, five sons and three daughters, a brother and three sisters.

Secure Members by Cannon Fire

The booming of a cannon in various sections of Coquille Wednesday evening startled the neighbors as well as the men in whose honor it was fired. About a dozen Legion men started on the round of visits to secure Legion membership and the crowd was augmented as they went along. One unanticipated shot was always sufficient to bring the prospect into line. Seven names were added to the Legion roll as a result of the bombardment.