

The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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COQUILLE TO BAY

Highway Improvement Approved by Marshfield and North Bend C. of C.

Marshfield and North Bend Chamber of Commerce meetings were attended by groups of Coquille Chamber of Commerce members on Monday and Wednesday noons this week. On Monday eleven attended the Marshfield dinner meeting where J. E. Norton, in a clear and convincing manner, presented the reasons why the Coquille-Marshfield highway should be re-aligned, with sharp curves eliminated and new grades made for a portion of the 18-mile highway.

He was followed by J. A. Larson, chairman of the Marshfield Chamber highway committee, who favored asking the highway commission to make a real highway of the road, with a satisfactory approach into Marshfield.

The result of the conference of the chambers was the request that the highway committees of the two get together and formulate a plan of campaign for selling the idea to the state highway commission.

Those present Monday from Coquille at the noon session were J. E. Norton, J. A. Lamb, L. F. Compton, L. H. Hazard, R. L. Stewart, C. E. Niles, A. N. Gould, A. O. Walker, H. A. Slack, J. L. Stevens and H. A. Young.

At North Bend on Wednesday President L. W. Turnbull asked the highway committee to prepare a resolution pledging co-operation in the efforts to secure an improved and straightened highway from Coquille to Coos Bay.

Those from here attending the Wednesday session were J. A. Lamb, L. H. Hazard, L. F. Compton, J. Arthur Berg and J. L. Stevens.

A Still Operator Fined

An unusual conviction for these days was that of Nels Peterson, of Charleston, in Justice Bolt's court at Marshfield, yesterday. He was charged with operating a still and is serving out in the county jail the \$250 fine imposed. The arrest was made by state police and "Buck" Meredith, a federal officer. Officials say there is more moonshining around Charleston than anywhere else in the county.

George William Haggerty drew a 15-day sentence to the county jail in Justice Bolt's court yesterday for possession of deer meat during the closed season.

Wm. J. Lauren was fined \$10 in justice court at North Bend, Tuesday, for giving liquor to a minor. He was brought to jail here.

Ray Francis Smith is serving out a \$15 fine for disturbing the peace at Lakeside.

A Silver and Jack Riley, convicted of vagrancy at North Bend last Saturday, are serving ten days in the county jail.

Bail was set at \$500 by Justice Dodge at Myrtle Point for Elwin L. Baker, who was bound over to the grand jury for issuing a check without funds in the bank to cover.

Coquille Pistol Club Rules

There were more than 100 in attendance at the Coquille Rifle and Pistol Club which held its first shoot on the range in the Community Building annex, Wednesday evening. More than half of them took part in the practice.

The range has been well fitted up to provide for the safety of those present, but to eliminate all possible danger the club has adopted rules which, if obeyed, will prevent any accident.

An experienced rifle or pistol man can easily be singled out by the extreme care with which he handles his firearm.

1. Never handle, point or look over the sights of any firearm handed you without first opening the arm to see (Continued on Page Six)

To Give Pre-Christmas Dance

The Coquille American Legion is advertising a pre-Christmas dance to be given in the Community Building next Saturday evening, Dec. 21. Music will be furnished by Ernie's Ferrar's orchestra. The usual prices of 45 cents for gentlemen and 25 cents for ladies will prevail.

To Remain Open Evenings

Coquille business houses will start keeping open in the evening next Monday, Dec. 16, and continue to do so until Christmas eve.

\$2500 Damages Awarded in Bridge Case Yesterday

Ben R. Chandler and his associates were awarded \$2500 damages by the jury at 9:30 last night. The trial of the case opened Monday morning.

The suit involved payment for the land under the North Bend end of the Coos Bay bridge, and was brought by the state of Oregon which had offered \$750 as damages. The defendants had been asking \$27,500.

Officials from Salem who were here for the trial included J. M. Devens, attorney for the State Highway Commission; A. A. Selander, appraiser for the state tax commission; E. A. Skelley, chief draftsman for the highway department, and G. L. Paxson, bridge engineer.

Boiler Installed at Plant

The 15,000 pound boiler for the Arrow Mill Co. plant arrived here by truck on Tuesday and the next day was moved on to the boiler house foundation and the crew began the work of getting it set. Because of the soft condition of the ground, between the main building and the river, it was necessary to lay a plank driveway from the railroad level to the boiler house.

The carload of machinery and equipment, which had been standing on the track for the past two or three weeks, was unloaded Tuesday and N. Jameson says that another carload is to be shipped from Chicago at once.

GRANGE JUBILEE ENJOYED SAT.

The annual jubilee of the Coos County Grange, held in the W. O. W. hall here last Saturday, was attended by the state master, Ray Gill, of Portland, and Arthur Brown, state deputy from Salem. Mr. Gill congratulated the Coos Pomona for holding such a jubilee and get-together, stating that very few counties in the state had such a program. He also spoke at length on the national Grange session in Sacramento last month, and stated that while Washington ranked first in grange membership, California first in number of granges, that Oregon stands first in the United States in having a well balanced program.

There were 125 who sat down to the annual jubilee dinner at noon. Mrs. Thos. Anderson, of the Coquille Grange, was chairman of the dinner committee.

The afternoon program began with a community sing with Mrs. S. H. Stockhoff as musician.

Each Grange presented a number for the program. Miss McDonald, of the Westmost at Langlois, gave two excellent readings, and Mrs. Harold (Continued on Page Three)

Basketball League Formed

Independent basketball is again back on its feet, a ten-team league having been organized in Coos county this winter. As a prize to work for Ekblad's, of Marshfield, is going to give a Spaulding trophy at the end of the season to the loop winner.

Teams to compete in this league will be: Gardiner, Bandon, Powers, Riverton; Ekblad's, Hansen's and Vikings of Marshfield, Aces of North Bend, Moore's and Bill's Place of Coquille.

Bill's Place will play its first game at home, against Hansen's of Marshfield, on Dec. 17, in the Community Building.

Moore's team will play Powers at the Community Building here, next Monday evening.

Mary Esther Johnson to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson, formerly of Coquille, now living in Oakland, Calif., have issued invitations to a large number of their friends here, to the wedding of their daughter, Mary Esther, who will be married on December 26 to Mr. Charles Barrett Kash, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dollar in Piedmont, Calif. Among the guests expected will be Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, of Indianapolis, Ind., also formerly of Coquille. Mrs. Lawrence is a sister of Mrs. Johnson.

Maps for the Treasure Hunt

Farr & Elwood will have on hand next week a map showing the location of all stores participating in the Coquille Treasure Hunt, and explains the details of the Treasure Hunt. Copies of these maps may be had by calling at the Farr & Elwood office.

Buy local bread and support home industry.

O. E. S. ELECTION

Mrs. Rietman, Worth Matron-- Mrs. Compton Presented with Past Matron's Pin

One of the finest meals ever served in Masonic Hall was the 6:30 turkey dinner last evening which preceded the annual election meeting of Beulah chapter, No. 6, O. E. S. The banquet hall was well filled with Star members and their families and full justice was done to the viands served by the most capable committee, of which W. E. Bosserman was chairman.

There was also an unusually large attendance in the chapter room for the regular session of the Star and the election of officers. The balloting resulted in the following being chosen for the coming year:

W. M.—Camilla Rietman.
W. P.—E. A. Walker.
A. M.—Belle R. Gould.
A. P.—A. N. Gould.
Sec.—Emma M. Pierce.
Treas.—Susie Folsom.
Cond.—Bess Maury.

Asso. Cond.—Florence Sanford.
Installation of the above and the other officers who are appointed by the worthy matron will take place Friday evening, Dec. 27. Other chapters in the county are planning on attending that ceremony which will be conducted by state grand officers, Mrs. Inez Glaziyer as installing officer, and Mrs. Mabel Ulett as marshal.

Following the election, the retiring worthy matron, Mrs. Flora Compton, was presented with a past matron's pin by the officers of the chapter the past year, in a beautiful ceremony.

Chas. Doane to Seek Toga

The announcement yesterday by County Commissioner Chas. Doane that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for state senator from Coos and Curry counties at next year's primary, leaves the field open for anyone who wishes to help run the county's affairs to get into the race. Mr. Doane says he made the announcement thus early, not only in the interest of his own candidacy for state senator, but that everyone would know he is not a candidate for commissioner.

Mr. Doane has made a good record the past four years in serving Coos county. He has always had the best interest of Coos county in mind, and has at all times sought the viewpoint of his constituents before deciding on important matters.

He is a conscientious and fearless young man who will not hesitate to vote for what he believes to be right if he is chosen at the election next November.

An Aid for Shoppers

Coquille Vigilantes started operations again last week, this time to keep the cars of business men and employees off the main business streets during the pre-holiday season, and leave parking space for customers who wish to trade at the local stores.

Securing the co-operation of Mayor Berg, the street committee and the police, the Vigilantes tagged a few cars for violation of the two-hour parking ordinance and since then the parking spaces in Willard street have been full of cars.

The idea was a good one but it is to be wondered if this "Coquille incident" will receive as much newspaper space as did the last so-called incident!

Leonard Ensele to Give Recital

Leonard Ensele, violin pupil of Muriel Dae, will be presented in recital next Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at Pioneer Hall. Vocal numbers for the recital will be provided by Henry H. Hartley. Miss Geraldine Ensele and Mrs. Hartley will accompany the performers at the piano.

The recital is open to the public and everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend and hear this young man who gives promise of becoming known as a master of the violin.

Busy Corner to Move Sunday

J. E. Norton states that the painters have promised to be out of the way so that the Busy Corner grocery stock can be moved on Sunday from its present location to the building just west of the hotel building. The interior of the room has been decorated, shelving installed and everything made as attractive and convenient as possible.

BANDON AIRPORT

May Be Secured From W.P.A. Funds -- Port of Bandon Provides the Site

A group of about twenty Bandon business men attended the Coquille Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday noon in the interest of the revived airport plans for that city. They were asking the Coquille Chamber to go on record as favoring the purchase, by the Port of Bandon of about 4000 feet of river front tide lands, between the Moore mill and Prosper. Something over 200 acres is involved in the deal. The land is owned by Alex McLeod and the consideration was the payment of back taxes on the rest of his property which he retains.

The board of directors of the Coquille Chamber approved the plan and at a meeting of the Port commission in J. E. Norton's office that afternoon the Port voted to make the deal.

The revival of the airport idea for Bandon was occasioned by the recent visit of Major Howard C. French, former state aeronautics inspector, and Pilots Dick Dickinson and Russell Lawson, of Portland, who gave assurances that WPA funds would be available for developing the airport if the site could be purchased.

It appears that the North Bend airport will not be open to commercial and private planes, except in an emergency, and the Bandon site is declared to be ideal for a supplementary landing field to the one on Coos Bay.

Getting Fairview Camp Ready

The Coos Bay Lumber Co. set up their cook house near Fairview last Sunday and are rapidly getting their camp in shape, two or three miles north of the crossroads at Fairview, to begin hauling logs out over the new logging road which is practically completed.

The fallers and buckers have been at work out there for some time and have a lot of logs cold-decked. It is expected to haul the first trainload of logs out the first week in the new year.

One hundred and twenty-five men have been working out there, part on construction and the rest in the woods, and there will be up wards of 200 when the camp is opened a week or so hence.

The Eden Ridge camp will not be closed until forced by heavy snow-fall.

State P. T. A. Head Here

Approximately a hundred people were present to hear the general discussion of Parent-Teachers' Association work throughout the country, given by Mrs. William Kietzer, of Portland, who is state president of the organization, when she met Friday afternoon at the High School building with the local group. Mrs. Kietzer was enthusiastic in her praise of Coquille's effort to establish a community playground centering around concrete tennis courts.

Other features of the program, which was conducted by Mrs. George Unsold, included several songs by the High School Glee club, and violin selections by Leonard Ensele, accompanied by his sister, Geraldine. Mrs. J. Loy Stacer, club president, presided at the meeting.

Choral Club to Give Concert

The Coquille Choral Club met for regular practice on Tuesday evening at 7:30, at the home of Mrs. George Bryant.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard, this group is planning to present a concert early in the year which promises to be one of the outstanding musical features in Coquille.

The next rehearsal, Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 p. m., will be held at the home of Mrs. L. H. Hazard. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

To Open Greenhouse Here

A. M. Cooper, of the Myrtle Greenhouses at Myrtle Point, expects to have an opening of his Coquille branch on Saturday, Dec. 21. Mr. Cooper is just finishing a store building on the tract of land he leased from Wm. Ulett, across the highway from the Smith Wood-Products plant. He will later construct one or two glass hot houses and plans on making Coquille the headquarters for a considerable part of his business.

Father and Son Bean Feed

Last Friday by F. F. A.

The annual Fathers & Sons bean feed, given by the Coquille chapter of the Future Farmers of America, was served in the auditorium of the high school last Friday evening, with about 100 fathers, guests and F. F. A. boys present. The guests included Smith-Hughes instructors and chapter presidents from Myrtle Point, Riverton, Bandon and Coos River.

The feed was prepared and served by the girls of the Home Ec department, under the leadership of their class instructor, Miss Kathleen McClintock, and to show their appreciation of the very excellent meal served the F. F. A. chapter presented the girls with large boxes of candy.

Ray Jeub, who has acted as toastmaster for several years at this occasion, again did a fine job of keeping the diners interested and the program running smoothly. He took charge after Harold Neal, had conducted the opening F. F. A. ceremony. Many men who have presided (Continued on Page Three)

Taking On Holiday Aspect

With the setting of 110 fir trees in the sidewalk holes in front of each place of business this week, Coquille has begun to make a decided holiday appearance. Many of the stores are being decorated, within and without and the competition for the two prizes offered by the Chamber of Commerce for the best decoration promises to be keen.

PLAYGROUND, TENNIS, PARKS

The Lions Club at its noon luncheon yesterday started a discussion as to the advisability of making a park project its major activity for the next year or two. Whether it was Patterson's Grove or the Myrtlewood Park was not discussed, but the idea was to have some park property fitted up.

This is along the same line as the Woman's Club's tennis court project and the P. T. A. playground project which individuals are also backing.

Would not the best plan be for all civic organizations, and individuals who are interested, to get together on some comprehensive plan which would include all three ideas above mentioned, and a swimming pool? Probably the whole plan could not be carried out in one year, but with half a dozen organizations working for a park, playground, tennis courts and swimming pool, it should not be impossible to make an impressive showing each year.

That Coquille needs facilities of the kind mentioned goes without saying. As J. E. Axtell said yesterday noon, every hamlet of a few hundred inhabitants through which he passed on his recent eastern trip, had its well-kept public park and while Coquille needs many civic betterments, they cannot all be secured at once. The thing is to make a start on some of them. A public library and a fire-proof community building will come in time, when the public decides that they shall be built.

Masons Elect Officers

The annual election of Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., resulted in the following being chosen for 1936:

W. M.—M. F. Pettit
S. W.—Geo. E. Oerding.
J. W.—C. W. Gano.
Treas.—L. H. Hazard.
Sec.—R. H. Mast.

Installation of the newly elected officers of Chadwick Lodge will take place next Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, at 8 p. m. This is a departure from the time-honored joint installation with the Eastern Star, on St. John's Day, but was necessitated by the Star plans for visitors when the local chapter officers are installed on Dec. 27.

Grand Jury Drawn Today

The grand jury for the February term of Circuit court was drawn this morning, at 10 o'clock, the following to constitute that body:

Chas. Powers, Marshfield, foreman.
Garnet Gant, Coquille.
Lucy M. Barker, Myrtle Point.
Geo. F. Ross, Coos River.
Carl A. Sandine, North Bend.
W. E. Hoagland, Englewood.
Chas. F. Powers, Bandon.

Following this the jury for the October term was discharged. Judge Brand announced that next Tuesday, Dec. 17, will be motion day.

Christmas Cards at Sentinel.

PROMINENT MEN

Of Coos County Pass Away the Past Week, Dr. G. Earl Low, R. C. Dement

Dr. G. Earl Low, whose death has been anticipated for several months, passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Portland last Monday. His passing was due to the effects of X-ray burns received while practicing in Coquille many years ago. He had undergone two or more operations, at the hands of specialists, but none of them availed in prolonging his life.

Dr. Low was a member of Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M., here and at the request of the Coquille lodge, the lodge at Grants Pass, where he has made his home for the past five years, conducted a Masonic funeral on Thursday.

Dr. Low was 50 years of age. He graduated from the Willamette medical school in Salem in 1912, coming there from Helena, Montana. After his graduation he practiced for two years in Miles City, Mont.

In 1915, at the suggestion of Dr. V. L. Hamilton, who had attended Willamette at the same time, Dr. Low removed to Coquille after the death of Dr. Walter Culin.

When the United States entered the World War, Dr. Low offered his services and served in the medical corps with the 21st evacuation corps, seeing considerable service in France. He entered as a first lieutenant, was advanced to a captaincy before the war ended and was made a major after his return to the United States. He returned to Coquille in 1919 and practiced his profession here until 1930. In 1931 he moved to Grants Pass and was very successful there also as a physician and surgeon until forced to give up his practice last summer.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel May Low, to whom he was married at Helena, Mont., in 1910, and their daughter, Mrs. Jerene Stewart, both of whom reside in Grants Pass.

The following Coquille men left yesterday morning for Grants Pass to act as pallbearers: F. C. Hudson, J. Arthur Berg, T. B. Currie, C. P. Zumwalt, F. C. McNelly, and R. F. Miller. Others going out to attend the funeral were Mrs. McNelly, Mrs. Currie and J. W. Richardson.

Russell C. Dement

Russell C. Dement, pioneer of Coos county who lived in the Coquille valley for a longer period than any other white man, passed away last Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eunice Braden, at Hubbard, Ore. He was past 88 years of age, having been born Oct. 11, 1847, in Monroe county, Ohio. He came to Oregon with his parents in 1851 and grew up with Coos county.

Mr. Dement was a man of fine judgment, universally respected, and one whose opinions were sought in both politics and business.

He was one of the organizers of the Security Bank at Myrtle Point, where he had made his home the greater part of his life, and he was a director of the First National Bank of Coquille until a few years ago.

Mr. Dement, in his younger years, had been a stockman and owned several ranches at different times.

In 1874 he was united in marriage to Lucy Ann Norris at Fairview. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. C. Norris, early settlers on the North Fork.

Mr. Dement had gone out to Hubbard a few days before his death to spend the winter with his daughters at Hubbard and Aurora.

Surviving relatives of the deceased are: Two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Fearnley of Aurora and Mrs. Eunice Braden of Hubbard; five sons, Ray, the twins, Ellis and Lester, Clair and Harry, all of Myrtle Point; two half-brothers, William Taylor Dement, of Myrtle Point and Washington Clay Dement of Myrtle Creek in Douglas county, and a half sister, Mrs. Carolyn Bird Moomaw, who lives near Hubbard.

Funeral services, conducted at the Schroeder Chapel in Myrtle Point last Sunday, were attended by friends and acquaintances from all over the county. Interment was in the Norway cemetery.

Just Like Any Friday

This is Friday the 13th, but it means no more as a day of ill omen than does any other Friday of the year. All Fridays look alike to the Sentinel.