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ANOTHER FLOOD

Four Days' Rain and Melting Snow Have Spread the Coquille All Over the Valley

More than four inches of rain from Sunday night to Thursday morning, and melting snow on the hills and mountains of the Coast range, again brought the Coquille river to flood stage last evening with water over the dyke portion of the highway toward Bandon about a foot in depth at the lowest point on the dyke. But travel was not stopped as it was on the Pacific highway around Eugene this week, or detoured, and when the waters began slowly to fall this morning the danger was over for the present. The highway department did not close the road and cars were going through at the owner's risk.

There was a lot of snow back in the hills which came out with the warm rain and the bottom lands which had lost practically all of its water covering a week ago are now submerged for the second time this year, making it exceedingly tough on dairymen who have not a supply of hay and very few of them have. And the worst of it is that the slime coating on the grass when it does emerge will make it very poor feed for cattle until well into the summer.

Two Gas Wells in Valley

W. E. Marrion says they have been having a tough time finishing the gas well ever beyond Fat Elk. The continuous rain has made it impossible to haul the eight-inch pipe from the road up to the well, except with a team of horses, but they have kept going and expect to have it completed in a couple of weeks.

With the eight-inch pipe finally placed inside the ten, the crew will drill deeper in an effort to strike the oil bearing sand while the gas can come up between the two columns of pipe.

J. F. Ewell, of the Petroleum Corporation, which hit gas on the A. T. Morrison place this side of Bandon, was rather non-committal when he last Saturday about how much gas they found there. Naturally he did not know for the well has not been "shot," but he seemed to be very much pleased over the showing.

Whether another hole will be drilled nearby is awaiting the decision of the stockholders.

Tough Boys to Show at Community Bldg. Tonight

A new boogie-boogie mat toughie comes to Coquille tonight (Friday) when Sailor Moran, New Orleans ruffian, squares off against Thor Jensen in the local ring. This will be the main event of Promoter Elliott's all-star card, which will begin at the Community Building at 8:30 sharp tonight.

Sailor Moran came to the Pacific northwest from New Orleans with an enviable record both as a former welterweight champ of the U. S. navy and later as one of the toughest pros in the biz. Moran is a red headed guy who pokes a wicked right to the heart and who has a trick hold which he calls the jackknife. Since his arrival in Oregon and the northwest about three weeks ago, he has yet to lose a bout. An unusual feature of the main event, which is scheduled (Continued on Page Eleven)

Smith Plant Nearly All Union

The Smith Wood-Products plant is now nearly 100 per cent union, the plywood plant being entirely so. There are still a few in the mill and factory who have not yet joined but they expect to soon.

Last Sunday 110 employes there were obligated as members of the Sawmill and Timber Workers local here in union headquarters in the basement of the Machon building.

That local, by far the largest union organization in Coquille, has rented the room recently vacated by N. C. Kelley in the Noster building and the local's secretary, Mrs. W. A. Ireland, will be on duty there five days a week.

Shaves, Haircuts to Go Up

The man who has been getting a haircut every ten days says that after the first of May he will let it grow for another four days and only be trimmed twice a month.

The Coquille shops have decided to install a 65-35 rate in Coquille—60 cents for haircuts and 35 cents for shaves, beginning May 1. They have also agreed to close on Saturday nights at eight o'clock.

Food Stores to Close at 6 P. M. Every Saturday

Beginning tomorrow evening all food stores in Coquille will close at six o'clock each Saturday evening. The list includes grocery stores, meat markets and feed stores and there are some others which have received union cards which will also observe the six o'clock Saturday closing hour.

Opens a New Meat Market

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bickler, who arrived here from Medford the first of this week, have taken an apartment in the R. A. Wernich home. Mr. Bickler is proprietor of the meat market in the Henninger grocery in the Farr & Elwood building. He has been engaged in the meat business for the past eight years and through the years Mrs. Bickler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Huber. He is owner of the Huber Packing Co. at Medford.

RECKLESS DRIVING FINES

The Myrtle Point Herald printed the following yesterday in regard to the auto accident last Sunday night in which Coquille boys were involved:

One car was a total loss while the other was only slightly damaged as the result of a wreck which occurred on the straight-of-way just north of the F. A. Danneberg home in Norway about ten o'clock Sunday night, when a car operated by Warren Deyoe, of Myrtle Point, collided with a light sedan driven by Ernest Frederick Butchmann, of Coquille.

Riding with Deyoe at the time of the accident was his wife and Tom Gustin and the Deyoes were returning from Coquille where they had driven their daughter, Mrs. Agnes Deyoe. The passengers at their car received a severe shaking-up and the car, which had an estimated value of \$250 was too badly wrecked to be repaired. The Deyoe loss was not covered by insurance.

Riding with Butchmann were Don Schamerhorn and John Murphy, of Coquille. Butchmann's car is reported to have been approximately two feet over the yellow line and he was later picked up in Coquille and convicted of reckless driving before Justice C. A. Barton, who imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

Bert Pearson is said to have cautioned the occupants of the Butchmann car, when they were parked on the street in Myrtle Point a half hour before the wreck, that they had better take a case of beer, which they had in the rear of the car, to their homes instead of driving around with it. It is said that the boys threw the case of beer over the bank when the accident occurred.

Gayle Alfred Bush, of Bandon, was given a \$25 fine by Justice Barton, who suspended payment of \$15 of it, on a reckless driving charge. He came speeding up to the scene of the wreck above mentioned with brakes that would not hold and almost ran over Adrian Campbell, state police officer who was investigating the wreck.

Overwidth truck owners have been fined \$5 this week, those brought before Justice Barton being Ralph William Shelton, of Myrtle Point, and Harold O. Rand, of Roseburg.

School Principal Resigns

Mrs. Rosabelle Shone Brown, who has been principal at the Washington building here for the past several years, will not teach in Coquille next year, although she had been elected by the board for another year. She will teach at McKinley where her home is.

Another change in the Washington building will be a teacher to take the place of Miss Helen Stanbrough, who has applied for a year's leave of absence.

Cattle Fight Shy of It

The latest to install an electrically-charged fence to keep cattle in their pasture is John D. Carl, at Arago, who has just put in a mile of such fence and expects to have two more miles installed soon. One line of wire is sufficient for a herd where three, four or five barbed wires might be needed. It is said that after cattle are shocked once they will try it a second time, but that ends it. After that they keep clear of all wires.

58 TO GRADUATE ONLY \$22,500 GYM

May 26 Will See Coquille High School's Largest Commencement

The largest class to graduate from Coquille high school—a class of fifty-eight members—will hold their graduation ceremonies on the evening of Wednesday, May 26, at the Community Building. Baccalaureate will be held Sunday evening, May 23, at the Pioneer Church with the Reverend George Turney preaching the Baccalaureate sermon.

The commencement project for this year's graduating class is not yet complete in detail, but a fairly definite outline is assuming form. The seniors except to make a comprehensive study and report of the progress, more particularly the younger generation of graduates. They expect to give a report on their progress in regard to the number of students attending colleges, the types of work in which their members have engaged, comparative salaries, the percentage already married and supporting homes, and the general type of problems confronting them. The same general plan will be followed out as regards student speakers and compilers of material as has been used in the last three graduation projects.

The senior class officers are Billy Walker, president; Robert McGilvery, vice-president; Vivian Morris, secretary-treasurer; and Dorothy Glaisyer, representative for senior council. The complete list of seniors for 1937 includes:

Jane Elizabeth Axtell, Orville Paul Bailey, Frank E. Biasca, Eileen Elizabeth Bloomquist, Kathleen Brady, Geleene Brown, Davis Chasey, Eileen Lorein Childs, Marilyn Ethel Compton, Ernest E. Delelsen, Thompson Ervin Drake, Ida Maydelle Gerlach, Betty Virginia Lillian Glaisyer, Dorothy Inez Glaisyer, Mary Elizabeth Graham, Virginia Harrison, Jack H. Hunt, Georgia Lee Johnson, Emma Genevieve Judd, George M. Elder, Kenneth T. LaBrache, Jack Stanley Laird, Helen Bernice Lund, Arden L. Malden, Roy Vernon Mattoon, Don L. McClellan, Robert W. McGilvery, Jean McNeilly, Cecil Harry McQuigg, Anita Milani, Hazel Martha Morris, Vivian Grace Morris, Vern Harold Neal, Mary Lou Nozler, Vern R. Oederkirk, Eileen Percy, J. Lynn Richardson, Josephine N. Robison, Betty Savage, Earl Alton Schroeder, Marcus H. Shelley, George Sherman, Merle Donald Shuck, Loren E. Simmons, Lurene St. Clair, Donald L. Stevens, Bessie Pauline Summers, Audrey Iris Taylor, Lennis Marian Terry, Charles A. Van Meter, Elizabeth Jane Varney, Eugene C. Vaughan, Jack L. Vaughan, Kenneth Lee Wassgoner, William G. Walker, Dudley C. Walton, Curtis Ray Williams, Gross W. Wood.

Mother of Stevens Brothers To Be Buried Today

Mrs. Carrie Stevens, mother of Jas. L. and Stanton F. Stevens, of Coquille, passed away at her home in North Bend at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon after an illness of six weeks. Funeral services are being conducted at two p. m. in North Bend this afternoon. Interment is to be in Sunset cemetery.

Born Carrie McClatchie, in Quebec, Canada, Aug. 28, 1862, Mrs. Stevens was 74 years, five months and 18 days of age. F. W. Stevens to whom she was united in marriage Dec. 21, 1880, passed away several years ago. They came to North Bend in 1907 and until his death Mr. Stevens conducted a print shop there which has since been conducted by his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Clinkenbeard.

Beside the three children mentioned Mrs. Stevens is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Bertha P. Pretzel, of Michigan City, Ind., five sisters, five grandsons and three great-grandsons. All her sisters reside in Canada except Mrs. Emma Mills, of Eugene, who came for the funeral.

The Peoples Market and Stevens' hardware store are closed this afternoon from one to four o'clock.

M. P. Union High Refunds

The Coquille Branch submitted the bid for the First National Bank of Portland which was awarded the \$50,000 refunding bond issue of Myrtle Point Union High at a meeting of the directors Tuesday evening. The bid was for par and \$150 premium for the bonds which bear four per cent. The original issue bore 5 1/2 per cent.

F.W.A. Flunks Out On Matching School District's Bond Funds

School District No. 8 Is Finding That the Hope of Getting P. W. A. Funds for New High School Gymnasium is a Mirage and a Delusion, the Same Experience the City of Coquille Had in Its Dealings With P. W. A.

This week a telegram from Senator Frederick Steiwer brought the information that a new ruling of the P. W. A. required that the district have the entire amount on hand that it expended the gym to cost, and that after the building was completed the P. W. A. would reimburse the district by grant for the cost of all relief labor used on the job, plus 15 per cent.

There is practically no labor on hand in Coos county and the project of the district will have to curtail its expenditures for a gym by 50 per cent and spend only \$22,500 for that purpose—the amount of bonds voted instead of the \$40,000 proposed for a larger gym when P. W. A. officials advised the district that the federal grant would be made.

C. N. Freeman, Portland architect, was here last Thursday consulting with Mr. Lane, and it is fairly certain the school board will go ahead and have built a gym using the proceeds (Continued on Page Ten)

Rietman to Head Rotary

Dr. C. A. Rietman was chosen by the Coquille Rotary club at its noon session on Wednesday to serve as president for the year beginning July 1.

There are eight directors in the organization, the retiring president, J. Arthur Berg being one by virtue of his past office. The others chosen were P. W. Lane, O. L. Wood, Dr. Rietman, L. H. Hazard, Elbert Schutender, M. F. Pettit, and Rev. Geo. Turney. The club officers selected by the directors from their number were Mr. Turney as vice president and Mr. Lane to continue as secretary.

H. L. Claterbos, manager of the bank, was welcomed as its newest member by the Rotary and music was furnished by Mrs. Maud Woodyard, her daughter, Louise, and by Mr. Turney.

The club has a membership of 37 and a very high percentage of attendance at its weekly meeting.

Slack Residence Robbed

During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Slack and children, who went to Portland last Thursday and returned Sunday, some one entered their home and ransacked the place. The thief or thieves secured \$12 in currency, two children's banks, a motion picture camera, a fraternity and a sorority pin, a suit of clothes, and various other items.

That the robbery occurred after midnight Saturday is certain from the fact that when Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bonney went home from the card party about 12:30 there were no lights in the house but they were on when the family returned Sunday.

It undoubtedly was local talent for a male voice called up Mr. Slack's office and inquired of his stenographer, Miss Irene Sandon, if Mr. Slack was in town and asked when he would return. When she asked who was speaking he hung up the receiver.

Portland Trade Boosters Coming

About 15 Portland business men are expected to be in Coquille next Tuesday from shortly before noon until late afternoon. Members of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce will meet with them for lunch in the hotel dining room at noon and later they will be taken to the Smith Wood-Products office where an invitation has been extended to them to go through the entire plant.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce should keep this noon date open and greet the Portland delegation.

Grange's Special Program

The Coquille Grange at its next regular meeting, Friday, April 23, will have a special program with several guest artists taking part, and refreshments after the close of the lodge session.

The warrant call made this week by Keith Leslie, clerk of school district No. 8, is for warrants up to and including No. 11562, and cleans up all the district's outstanding warrants to the first of this year.

A Capella Choir Concert at Pioneer Church Tomorrow

The Pioneer Methodist Church is happy to present to music-lovers of southwestern Oregon the a capella choir from the Portland Bible Institute in concert next Saturday night at seven-thirty in the church auditorium. This versatile choir of thirty-five voices, composed of students from the Institute, is known throughout the Northwest as possessing real ability to interpret religious music with unusual spiritual understanding and high choral technique. Coquille has more than a common interest in the choir, for two Coquille girls, Miss Margaret Purvis and Miss Elois Wilson, are members of the choir.

The choir is directed by Professor Willard R. Hallman, head of the school of music at the Institute. Mr. Hallman is a graduate of the Westminster Choir School of Princeton, N. J., and is a musician and director of note. During the National Peaching Mission in Portland last fall he was a member of the choir which attracted audiences that packed the civic auditorium there. Mr. Hallman possesses a baritone voice that enjoys equal reputation. He was chosen (Continued on Page Ten)

BAND SECURES NEW DIRECTOR

J. A. Hannon, who recently came here from Medford to take charge of Oregonian distribution in Coquille, has taken on another job which he demonstrated at rehearsal Monday evening he is eminently qualified to handle. It is that of director of the Coquille band, which meets in the Community Building each Monday evening for practice.

Mr. Hannon was at one time drum major for an army band, and directed a band in the Islands for 14 years. He has played with leading bands in the east and after his return from Honolulu he directed the Glendale Symphony orchestra in southern California and later organized the Junior Symphony orchestra there.

Speaking of the local band Mr. Hannon said he never met with an organization in which the members all showed so much musical ability as he finds in the Coquille band.

He plays any or all band instruments and has taught most of them. H. S. Norton, who had been acting as director until one could be secured, was delighted with the showing made last Monday and predicts that the present organization of 15 or 16 will soon increase to 25 or 30 as the musicians learn what Mr. Hannon is capable of doing.

The band is still short a few pieces and it is the intention to give a minstrel or other show to raise funds for the purchase of additional instruments.

Senior Class C. H. S. Play Next Tuesday Evening

The annual senior class play of Coquille high school will be presented at the Community Building next Tuesday evening, April 20, at eight o'clock. This year the class will present "Girl Shy," by Katharine Kavanaugh.

This play portrays the difficulties of Tom Arsdale, played by Ernie Detlefsen, who is girl shy, and his bosom friend, Oke Stimson, played by Bill Walker, who isn't. Tom's Aunt Carolyn (Marilyn Compton) and his father (Frank Biasca) are much interested in seeing him married to pretty, but uninteresting, Sylvia Wester, (the part taken by Georgia Sherrwood). Dean Marlow (Kenneth Wassgoner), as dean of the college, is properly annoyed and shocked by everything that happens, and affairs in general become well scrambled, through the efforts of Peaches Carter, Oke's present weakness (Elizabeth Varney); Birdie LaVerne, a movie aspirant (Dorothy Glaisyer), and Barbara Sanford (Lurene St. Clair). Asma, the colored wash lady, (Ellen (Continued on Page Ten)

Hess Buys Ranch Near Salem

Henry E. Hess has purchased a ranch in the Willamette valley, ten miles south of Salem, which he will operate. Mrs. Hess, Marion and Junior will remain here for the present, probably until school closes and Mr. Hess will make week-end trips in here.

Mr. Hess has tendered his resignation as director of the Coos county fair association and if the fair board intends naming a Coquille man as his successor the Sentinel would suggest a man here who has always been interested in agriculture—J. L. Smith.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Chooses Mrs. J. Loy Stacer As Its President for Next Year

The Coquille Woman's Club held its regular meeting in the Guild Hall Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. O. C. Sanford, president, in the chair. The room was beautifully decorated with iris, snapdragons, Japanese quince, Oregon grape and huckleberry. The club song was led by Mrs. Boober, accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Rietman. This was followed by the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Sanford reported on the convention at Powers and praised Mrs. Werlich for the artistic poster she had prepared for the convention, depicting the club and its activities in the form of a wheel. This being the last meeting of the old year, annual reports were given by the chairmen of the different committees. Mrs. J. LeFevre gave a very worth while report of the welfare work over the period she has undertaken it. In recognition of her splendid work, the club voted unanimously to tender Mrs. LeFevre a life membership. There are now 125 paid up members in the club.

The nominating committee gave the following report which was accepted by the club: president, Mrs. (Continued on Page Two)

Reserved Seats, May Day Dance

Two weeks from tomorrow night, which will be May 1, the annual May Day dance of the Coquille Woman's Club will be held in the Community Building.

Announcement of the details of the program which will follow the crowning of Queen Helen and precede general dancing, is not yet ready to be made, according to what Mrs. O. C. Sanford, president of the club, said yesterday, but it will be very pleasing and interesting.

A departure from old-time custom this year will be reserving of about 200 seats, in the gallery and in a roped off section on the floor. These seats will be sold for 25 cents in addition to the 25 cent admission. Mrs. K. P. Lawrence, named to have charge of this seating arrangement, will have a plate made and tickets will be on sale at Fuhrman's Pharmacy next week. Admission for dances will be 50 cents and an additional 25 cents for a reserved seat for the program.

Henningers' to Open Tomorrow

When customers of Wilson's Red & White store walk into the Henninger Market in the Farr & Elwood building tomorrow—it is to be open for business Saturday morning—they will not know the place so completely as it has been remodeled. The east wall of the store has been set back, giving more room for the various vegetable and other department counters and bins; the walls have been lined with shelves, the interior has been redecorated and the whole store will be spic and span throughout.

The meat department, for which Jick Bickler has installed a large refrigerated box, is in the southeast corner of the room.

Kenneth Henninger, who will manage the store, and his brothers, L. E. of Canyonville, and A. G., of Glendale, have been here this week assisting Mr. Henninger and the three carpenters and two painters who were engaged in remodeling the room.

Eagles Dance Saturday

Another Eagles dance is scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) evening in the Coquille Community Building with Don Estes and his orchestra furnishing the music. Dance devotees are urged to remember these splendid dances which are a weekly affair with the Coquille Eagles.

Will Buy Turn-Out Coats

The Coquille Fire Department is sponsoring the picture, "Holy Terror," which will be shown at the Liberty, April 27 and 28. They will sell tickets next week. The proceeds are to be used for the purchase of turn-out coats for the members of the department.

Going to Highway Meeting

J. E. Norton and Lefe Compton expect to leave Sunday to attend the two-day semi-annual meeting of the Coast Highway Association, of which both are officials. They will be glad of other company if anyone can get away to attend the meeting.