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Clearing For Dike Raising Is Started

Work Will Be Carried On 24 Hours A Day For Next Three Months By Burke Brothers

O. E. Burke, one of the three Burke brothers who comprise the firm of that name, came in Monday to start action on the dike-raising job for which they received a contract from the state highway commission last week.

An office is being erected as headquarters across the highway from the Hathaway home below Fat Elk, and work was started yesterday clearing and burning the brush on the hill land where the dirt is to be taken for the fill.

The company intends moving in a considerable amount of its heavy equipment and is prepared to push the job as rapidly as possible, working three 8-hour shifts a day.

The gravel for the first coating of the pavement on the dike is to come from the F. D. Fish place this side of Fishtrap on the Roy-Fishtrap road.

The Russ barn and over two miles of fence on the south side of the dike will have to be moved and the willows cut, but as the fill is to be started at the far end of the dike there is plenty of time to get the moving done. The highway commission pays for that but does not pay for raising the Russ house where Leland Petersen resides.

The plan worked out for taking care of traffic during the three months of construction period is to start the fill on the south side of the dike, leaving the present roadway open to traffic and when the new part reaches the desired height it will be graveled and filling started on the other side. There will probably be 500 foot stretches, one at a time, where one-way traffic will be necessary. Another possible route to and from Bandon is the Fat Elk road from the creek along the foothills to the Anderson place and then down through the Roy district to the bridge here.

At the Clausen place, nearly four miles below town, the fill for a short distance there will reach a maximum of nine feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke, who left yesterday for Portland, have taken one of the apartments in the A. N. Gould home.

\$25,000 Damage Case Settled

The case of Eda Breuer vs. Pacific Greyhound Lines, which was started in circuit court Monday morning, with Judge Carl Hendrick, of Fossil, sitting on the bench, came to an abrupt end on Tuesday when a settlement of the case was reached privately.

She was suing for \$25,000 for injuries sustained when the stage in which she was riding went into the ditch last fall. It is reported that the settlement was for \$2300.

Judge Hendrick adjourned court yesterday afternoon until 9:30 next Monday morning and then went to Gold Beach to hold a session of the Curry circuit court.

Belle Knife Hospital

Miss Mary Bain, who is employed by the Coquille Credit Bureau, underwent an operation for appendicitis last Thursday.

Cecil Nelson, of Bandon, submitted to a mastoid operation on Sunday and Edgar Gillespie, also of Bandon, to a major operation on Tuesday.

Ernest Drew, a young man who came here from Eugene and went to work at the Smith plant, suffered a broken ankle at the plant this morning and was brought to the hospital.

Mrs. Jos. Esser was dismissed and returned to her home yesterday.

Births at Coquille Hospital

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delos Ocheltree, of Myrtle Point, June 18, a seven-pound girl, who has been named Sharon Lee.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Warren, of Bullards, a 9½ pound baby girl, on Sunday. Her name is Beverly Ann.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Rivers, of Coquille, last Saturday, an eight-pound boy, named Henry Carl Rivers.

The Ninety and Nine men's group of the Church of Christ went to North Bend Tuesday night to attend their regular monthly rally.

Back Pay Plea Turned Down

None of the previously published reports as to the National Labor Relations Board decision which was received here last Saturday are correct, says Geo. A. Ulett, manager of Smith Wood-Products, Inc.

Last Saturday's decision only made permanent the tentative decision rendered several weeks ago, and it applies to the Plywood plant only.

At the time the tentative proposal was made an opportunity for appeal was given—the Smith plant, the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. unions. The plant and the A. F. of L. accepted the decision. The C. I. O., although its members applied for their old jobs and were put back to work, appealed from the decision, asking for pay for the months they were out on strike.

The decision last week denied that application for pay for their period of idleness, and made permanent the tentative decision.

Republicans Organize For Campaign

After calling the meeting of Coos county Republican central committee to order and presiding over the election of his successor, Harry A. Slack retired as chairman of the county committee at an organization meeting held in the city hall here Tuesday evening.

Mayor L. A. Cutlip, of North Bend, was chosen as chairman for this year's campaign; Mrs. C. C. Farr, vice chairman; Mrs. Mary Randleman, of Leneve, secretary-treasurer; Allan A. Hall, of Coquille, state central committeeman; Chas. Woolrich, Myrtle Point, congressional committeeman. The district nominating committee to fill precinct vacancies consists of Ray McNair, Fred C. Truse, Reidar Bugge, Mrs. Ellen Kruse and Mrs. Beth Culver.

Another meeting of the committee will be held next month and a republican picnic was considered.

Kennedy Is Demo Chairman

The democratic county central committee met and organized at an afternoon session Tuesday in the Elks Temple at Marshfield. Willis E. Kennedy, personal property tax collector, was elected chairman, succeeding J. W. Flanagan, of Marshfield, in that office. Mrs. Fred Hollister was made vice president; Geo. Kronenberg, treasurer; Henry Beard, secretary.

Judge Hugh McLain, who has served nearly half a century as an official of the democratic organization, was succeeded as state committeeman by W. J. Conrad. The congressional committeeman is Verne Zeller, of Eastside.

A nominating committee consisting of Sen. Geo. Chaney, Jas. Jenkins, H. A. Schroeder, Mrs. Dorothy Pike and Berne Andrews was selected, and the executive committee consists of Hardie Mast, Geo. F. Burr and Dave McNair.

Vener Plant Speeds Up

The cedar mill at the Smith Wood-Products plant was started up Tuesday and a large crew was put to work in the battery separator and Venetian blind departments, due to new orders received. Just how long this operation can be continued has not been announced.

The fir mill has been operating, as has the Plywood plant, but the latter is expected to be shut down this week, at least until after the Fourth, if not longer.

Capt. and Mrs. Maynard Leave For Washington

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. L. Maynard, who had been visiting at the R. A. Wernich home since Sunday, left yesterday in the new Buick which he had just purchased of Southwestern Motors. Capt. Maynard and his bride, the former Catherine Wernich, were married in Portland, May 24, Mayor Carson performing the ceremony.

The captain has been on detail with the CCC camps in Oregon, but now goes east to rejoin the Marine Corps, with retirement from service expected in a few years.

Kline and Bosserman Are Chosen Directors

163 Out For Monday Evening Election; Only Thirty Attend Budget Meeting Friday

Coquille's school election, District No. 8, at the two meetings held the past week voted 24 yes to 5 no to increase the levy more than six per cent, 27 to 3 to adopt the proposed budget, with one change, and elected C. W. Kline and W. E. Bosserman as directors to serve for three years.

With the election of those two the district becomes one of the first class, and when the directors meet next week, they will select one of the following as their first class clerk.

The change in the budget last Friday evening was to increase the amount for bus hire from \$180 to \$450. Jack Broshear, Mrs. John Martin and others spoke in favor of the increase because there are many youngsters in the lower grades who have to walk the Marshfield highway in all kinds of weather, some from as far out as China camp bridge.

The only business at the Monday evening meeting, at which 163 voters were present, was the election of two directors.

When Chairman J. R. Bunch called for nominations Art Pulford presented the name of Lonnie Clark; R. A. Jeub that of C. Weldon Kline; Fred Bull named E. L. Vinton and H. A. Slack nominated W. E. Bosserman.

Tellers appointed were Mrs. Ruth Beyers, L. W. Oddy and C. A. Barton, while O. C. Sanford assisted Clerk Keith Leslie in recording the names of those who voted.

When the tally had been checked, it was announced that Kline had received 105 votes, Bosserman 86, Vinton 77 and Clark 57.

There was some muttering about the fact that a dozen or fifteen late comers were allowed to vote, but the law provides that the polls shall remain open for one hour and Mr. Leslie's watch showed that the meeting was called to order at 8:02 and the polls closed at 9:02.

The clerk's report for the year was read by Mr. Leslie. It gave the assessed valuation of the district as \$1,923,954, and the district tax levy as 30.8 mills. The estimated value of the school buildings is \$110,000, of the school grounds \$15,000, furniture and equipment \$20,000. The amount of insurance carried is \$81,400.

The total receipts during the past year was shown to have been \$125,608.47, and expenditures \$109,025.95, leaving a balance on hand of \$16,582.52. Outstanding warrants total \$18,875.40, and outstanding bonds of the district \$53,500. The bonded debt was decreased \$8,000 during the past year. The warrant debt decreased \$4,837.51 during the year just passed.

There are twenty women employed in the schools and eleven men, three of whom are janitors.

Catches Ling Cod From Rocks

An interesting catch of fish was made by Oscar Hendricks last week-end from the rocks at Port Orford. He was fishing there with Les Greens when he hooked a 40 lb ling cod. He was using a red-headed white plug.

Vacation Bible School Closes Tomorrow, With Final Exercises Friday Evening

Coquille's largest and most successful Vacation Bible School ever held, will close with a band concert and the awarding of certificates Friday evening in Pioneer Methodist Church. There will also be demonstrations of the types of work covered and a display of the hand-work made by the pupils in the various departments.

The Coquille Band is giving a concert which will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Certificates will be given to those pupils who have met the requirements for attendance and for work accomplished. Nearly 200 certificates will be issued. Approximately 100 of these will be special awards for having been present at every session of the school.

The faculty of the Vacation School included the following:

Beginners: Mrs. Walter Oerding, supt., Mrs. Wm. Peart, Muriel Davis, Margaret Stewart, Mary Jane Dunn and Donna Dunn.

Water Engineer To Investigate Local Conditions

Council Seeking Expert Advice Before Pumping Over The Hill From The South Fork

Before buying any pipe, pumping equipment or anything needed to increase the city's water supply, a survey of all possibilities of an increased supply will be made by Ray Koon of the engineering firms of Stevens & Koon, of Portland.

This was the decision of the city council this week after canvassing all possible sources by which more water can be secured.

Mr. Koon is the engineer who made a survey prior to the construction of the storage dam on Link creek, and he is quite familiar with conditions here.

The councilmen viewed the subject from all angles. They are unwilling, and in their opinions the people of Coquille are unwilling to pump water from the river where the daily ebb and flow of the tide keeps the water contaminated with sewage.

Wells are apparently out for all reports on wells dug are that the water is C grade and unfit for consumption. If within a short distance

Lions Elected Last Thursday

Lafe Compton was elected president of the Coquille Lions Club at their weekly session last Thursday noon to serve for the coming year. Les Greene was chosen as first vice president, Cliff Gulseth as second, and Dr. J. W. Harrison as third. Brewer Mills was selected as secretary-treasurer, L. W. Claver as tally-keeper, Dr. C. G. Stem as lion-tamer and Don Gillespie, D. E. Racleiff, F. W. Martin and M. O. Hawkins as directors.

The new officers were to be installed at today's luncheon.

County To Refund \$47,000 Road Bonds

The Coos county court this week adopted resolutions providing for the refunding of \$47,000 of county road bonds which will mature, \$20,000 Aug. 1, and \$27,000 Sept. 1. The maturities are for \$30,000 and \$38,000 respectively, but the treasurer will have \$20,000 to apply on them when they become due. The extra thousand is for interest which will be due.

Bids for the sale of the bonds will be opened by the court at 10:00 a. m. on July 8, and will be let on the basis of the lowest rate of interest offered. Refunding bonds last September were sold at an interest rate of 3½ per cent.

Humane Society Filed Charges

Two young men were arrested on Coos River the past week on charges preferred by the Coos County Humane Society. One of them was for cruelty to animals and he was let off with a \$10 fine. The other was for refusal to secure a license for his dog.

More Streets To Be Widened

At the Tuesday evening session of the city council this week, postponed from Monday evening because of lack of a quorum, the councilmen instructed the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for more street widening, and to make application to the Portland office for a WPA project.

The streets which it is proposed to widen by taking out the parkings, and for which the council expects to declare its intention to improve at the next council session are for the block north of Second street on the highway—the old Sentinel corner to Folsom's Grocery—the three blocks east from Folsom's to the Pioneer church parsonage; the block in which the Coquille Hospital is located, north to Third, and the south side of Second street—the half block east of where the Pioneer church has already put in concrete paving.

One reason for these proposed street widening projects is that the state highway department expects before long to route the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway north on Hall

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Jas. Brady In- jured At Camp

Jas. A. Brady, of the logging firm of Brady & Neal, was seriously injured at their camp above Allegany, Tuesday, when a piece of wood struck him. He was taken to the Mercy hospital at North Bend.

A log being skated down the hillside at tremendous speed dislodged the chunk which struck him. His right leg was broken in two places, his ankle broken and he received other bruises.

Until the firm received the large logging contract on which they have been working the past two or three years, Mr. Brady was a Coquille resident, living with his family at their home on East First street.

Salmon-Bake Draws 5,000

There were approximately 5,000 in attendance at the salmon-bake given by the Roseburg Rod & Gun club out there last Sunday, and the entertainment features allowed most of them to participate. Archery, trap-shooting, fly casting, horseshoe pitching, soft ball games, band concerts and several addresses made up a most enjoyable program for the day.

Those going over from Coquille were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Alton H. Grimes, Cal and Morris Ray, Hank Burr and Grover Gouthier.

Glaisyers Here On Visit

Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Glaisyer, Alington and Dorothy, who had been visiting their daughter and sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Kerby, at Bandon, came up to Coquille Monday and spent a couple of days visiting old friends here. They still reside in Redmond, to which city they moved last year.

Ralph Smith Here This Week

Ralph L. Smith, president of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., whose home is in Kansas City, arrived in Coquille Monday evening intending to remain here the rest of the week conferring with Mr. Ulett and the plant management.

Suffers Burned Arm

Lyndon Lower was brought to the Coquille Hospital yesterday with a badly burned left forearm and hand. He is one of the state highway crew and when he attempted to light one of the highway warning pots, the accumulated gas exploded.

City Police Cases

Ray Dye was given a \$10 fine, suspended for a year, in Recorder Leslie's court last Friday on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Chester Summers was fined \$5.00 by the recorder Monday for being intoxicated.

Leon Roysdon, who has resided in Coos county for some time, was arrested by local police Monday for having no operator's license and for driving a car with a California license. He did not appear for a hearing as ordered last evening but his father informed the recorder that he had just purchased the car and the title had not been transferred yet.

Three Coquille Residents Pass Past Week

Mrs. Geo. Lorenz and T. F. Ten- nison Buried Here; Mrs. C. K. Norcott Dies At Nyssa, Oregon

Mrs. Violet Lorenz, wife of George F. Lorenz of this city, passed away Tuesday evening at seven o'clock at the Coquille Hospital, where she had been for the preceding week.

She had been in ill health for the past six months and a month or more ago had been thoroughly examined in a clinic in Portland. She had seemed to rally somewhat after returning from Portland but a week ago she was again unable to be done to save her life.

She was born Violet Nelson, April 4, 1880, at Langlois, Curry county, and on July 17, 1899, was united to Mr. Lorenz in marriage, at Bandon. One daughter was born to this union, Mrs. Pauline Pettit, of this city.

Other survivors beside her husband and daughter are her mother, Mrs. Ella Nelson, of Coquille; two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Martin, of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Elva Philpott, of Bandon, and one brother, Harold Nelson, of Ophir, Ore.

Funeral services, in charge of Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries, are being held at St. James Episcopal church at two o'clock this afternoon. Rev. F. G. Jennings, of Marshfield, is conducting the service.

Interment is to be in the Masonic cemetery, with Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., of which she was a life-long member, conducting the graveside service.

Mrs. Lorenz was a splendid woman, a true Christian and one whose unexpected passing stunned her hundreds of friends in this vicinity. Their sympathy goes out in unstinted measure to the bereaved husband, daughter, mother, and other loved ones, in this hour of grief.

Mrs. C. K. Norcott, who had been in poor health for the past year, passed away at the home of a son in Nyssa, Oregon, yesterday. Mr. Norcott, who had left there last Friday and returned to Coquille, left at once for Nyssa, Drue Cunningham taking him out to Eugene.

What funeral arrangements had been made he did not know when he left.

Mr. and Mrs. Norcott came to Coquille eight years ago from Bend where they had resided for 12 years. She was about 65 years of age, and until illness prevented had assisted Mr. Norcott at his photograph studio on Front street.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and had made a wide circle of friends here who sincerely mourn her passing.

Another Coquille pioneer, who had lived here for the past 55 years, has crossed over. Thomas Franklin Tension, who had been ill for the past two months, passed away at a local hospital last Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gano Funeral Home at two p. m. on Monday, Rev. H. L. Graybeal officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Tension was born in Greene county, Arkansas, August 10, 1854, and was ten months and eight days past 83 years of age.

He was united in marriage to Mary A. Castleberry, in Arkansas, in 1874, and they came to Coquille in 1883. Mrs. Tension passed away nearly a score of years ago.

Of the eight children born to them only three survive, Mrs. Ealie Oddy, of Coquille; Mack and Thos. Tension, of San Diego, Calif. There are also five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

His son, Mack, who came up from San Diego when his father became seriously ill, has remained in Coquille but expects soon to return to San Diego.

Tennis Courts at Ball Park

When the Junior Chamber of Commerce met with the Park commission last Friday evening, it took but a few minutes for Chairman Carl Mack to convince the committee that a double tennis court could not be provided in Myrtle park without taking out a number of trees. Their decision was then to locate the courts in the ball park, along the east side.