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## Nearly 550 Employed at Smith Plant Now

### Prospects Are Brighter For Continuous Operation Of Plywood Plant For A Full Year

The Smith Wood-Products plant and mill is running in all departments this week with 500 to 550 on the payroll. The fir mill is running two shifts, the plywood, blind and separator departments one and the prospects are brighter now than they were a month ago for continued operation. The mill is now scheduled to keep going another 30 days and the veneer plant for a week or two at least.

It was announced that the plant would shut down last Friday until after the Fourth, did not close down because of rush orders received, and there may be announcements soon which will mean at least a year's run.

## Lloyd's Thumb Finally Worked

Lloyd Claver had the hitch-hiker's usual experience last Friday night and found it almost impossible to get a car to stop and render aid.

He and Mrs. Claver were returning from a trip to Salem and Portland. It was about ten o'clock and they were 29 miles south of Albany when a connecting rod of their car's motor burned out and smashed a big hole in the side of the motor.

He started trying to flag approaching cars but was passed up like a white chip. Finally as Mrs. Claver kept the headlights winking at an approaching bus, a car driver stopped and towed them back to Albany.

Mr. Claver immediately phoned Cliff Galsbeth, of Southwestern Motors. It was then about 1:00 a. m. and the letter promised to send a tow car out in the morning. But around 4:30 Mr. Claver received a phone call and found Cliff had driven out at once and was there ready to tow him to Coquille.

They reached home safely Saturday morning.

## "Tom Sawyer" At Roxy Tonight

Tommy Kelly, who was rocketed to overnight screen fame when he was picked from among more than 25,000 boys to play the hero of David O. Selznick's technicolor picture, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," starting a three-day run at the Roxy this evening, still retains his burning ambition to play big league baseball with the New York Giants.

"Being a movie actor is all right, I guess," said Tommy, "but when I grow up I want to be like Carl Hubbell, Bill Terry or Mel Ott.

This is the picture for which the Coquille Bethel of Job's Daughters has been selling tickets the past few weeks, and the advanced sale indicates that Tom Sawyer still has a pulling power.

### A Freak From Bandon

Mrs. J. E. Perrott last Thursday sent to the Sentinel office from Bandon a floral freak which our horticulturist commented on with the words, "I wouldn't believe it if I hadn't seen it, and I don't know that I believe it now."

It is a cross of a foxglove or digitalis with a Canterbury Bell. The blooms extend the length of the stems as in the ordinary foxglove but with a single large-size Canterbury Bell at the tip of each stalk. Two of the stalks had purple flowers and the third was white.

## Not A Jury Criminal Trial At June Term ---Judge Hendick Paroles Several

A criminal docket of several cases was cleaned up by Judge Carl Hendrick last Friday without one of them being heard by a jury, all of the defendants pleading guilty.

H. B. Sproggins and Nick Randall, who were indicted for attempting to bribe an officer at North Bend, were given a year and six months respectively in the county jail. They were paroled on condition that they violate no laws in the future and report

## Hal Hatton Resigns As Coach

Supt. B. W. Dunn started looking this week for a successor to Hal Hatton as high school athletic coach, director of physical education and high school instructor.

Mr. Hatton, who has taught chemistry in Coquille High, as well as acting as coach of football, basketball and track, has just been elected as assistant coach at Washington High in Portland and will not return for a third year in Coquille.

There are two or three academic subjects the physical education director may handle in C. H. S. and Mr. Dunn hopes to secure an experienced coach who can also teach chemistry or one of the other subjects.

If as in the olden days coaching could be a part time job, the board of education would like to see "Spike" Leslie, but he is unwilling to give all his time to high school instruction and that lets him out as a possible candidate for athletics mentor.

## Mrs. Bryant, Chrm. Keith Leslie, Clerk

The school board of District No. 3 met and organized Monday evening by the election of Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant as first chairman and Keith Leslie as first clerk of the district of the first class. The other directors are Dr. J. W. Bunch and R. T. Slater as holdovers, C. W. Kline and W. E. Bosserman as the new members.

No other business was transacted, the wood bids being returned to those submitting them for more explicit details of their offers.

Awaiting delayed approval of the district's PWA application for a grant of funds to furnish the gymnasium, no action was taken toward buying seats or equipment for the gym.

## Geo. Turney Now Heads Rotary

Retiring President Rietman turned the gavel over to the new president, Geo. R. Turney, at the meeting of the Coquille Rotary Club Wednesday noon. President Turney responded by introducing his associate officers and directors and afterward described his first day at the Rotary International convention in San Francisco last week. Secretary Elbert Schroeder has not yet returned from San Francisco and George Chaney substituted for him.

Mish Chapman was a visiting rotarian from Eugene. Other visitors were Hale B. Eubanks, of Sutton Lake Camp, former rotarian at Klamath Falls, and O. B. Harriman, of Coquille.

### Hoxie Goes to McMinnville

State Policeman G. H. Hoxie, who has been on duty at the local headquarters for the past fourteen months, has been transferred to McMinnville, where he will be on patrol duty. Sergeant Eric Tucker stated Tuesday that it had not been decided who would be transferred to succeed Mr. Hoxie, who has been broadcaster and office man here. Mrs. Hoxie and their daughter accompanied Mr. Hoxie to his new field. They left early this morning.

### Donations For Chinese Relief

Rev. Geo. R. Turney calls attention to the fact that receptacles have been placed in various business houses in Coquille by the Red Cross for donations for Chinese relief. So far contributions have been mostly pennies but there is real need for support of the Red Cross relief program in China and those who are able will contribute to this worthy cause.

## To Raise Dam Ten Feet Is Council Decision

### Ray Koon Advances Cogent Reasons For Not Pumping From North Fork--A WPA Project

The city council definitely abandoned any thought of pumping water from the North Fork as an addition to the Rink creek supply, after conferring with Ray Koon of the engineering firm of Stevens & Koon in Portland, last Friday evening.

The council met with Mr. Koon Friday evening, the water committee with him Saturday morning, and at a meeting of the council at 5:30 Saturday evening the council accepted the committee's recommendation and report, which suggests the raising of the present dam by ten feet, half rock and half earth. The present dam is 28 feet high from the bed of the reservoir to the top and impounds around 38 million gallons.

The additional ten feet will enable the city to store an increase of 24 million gallons, according to Mr. Koon, and the added depth will tend to make it a better supply.

In company with City Engineer Gould, Mr. Koon last Friday visited the dam, the North Fork where it was proposed to pump the water up over the 627 feet elevation above the reservoir, and also the well which Mr. Marriam has drilled for water at the Coast Oil Company's oil well site.

In his talk with the council Friday, Mr. Koon emphatically turned thumbs down on the North Fork plan, which he said would probably cost \$15,000 to install besides a constant expense for pumping. He gave several reasons for objecting to the North Fork as a source of supply.

The water there is not fit for human consumption and would require (Continued on Page Seven)

## Old Friends At F. G. Leslie's

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Merrill, of Anaheim, Calif., came in Saturday evening to visit for a few days at the F. G. Leslie home. They had been on a six weeks' trip going as far north as Yakima, Wash.

Mr. Merrill spent 50 years in the printing business and was foreman of the shop in Grand Junction, Colo., where Mr. Leslie had his first printing experience, being "devil" in the same shop.

Mr. Merrill told something in the Sentinel office Monday morning that was new to us, that between 50 and 60 years ago a bunch of Germans from the middle west located at Anaheim and started the first orange groves in California. Practically all of them and their descendants have been wealthy ever since, but he added that this is a poor year for oranges.

Mr. Merrill sold his shop at Anaheim a few months ago and feels that he is through with the printing game.

### Stephens' Resignation Accepted

At a special business meeting of the Emanuel Baptist Church the resignation of W. A. Stephens, pastor, was accepted by a unanimous vote.

It was decided not to call another pastor immediately. The pulpit will be filled by guest speakers for the present. Rev. Harold A. Minter will conduct the regular midweek prayer service Thursday evening. All are invited to attend.

### Truck, Ambulance Overtaken

A truckload of CCC boys from the camp at Sitkum overturned near the Dora school house about seven o'clock last Sunday. Two of the boys were injured, one of them suffering a broken arm. The Mast hospital at Myrtle Point was called and while on the way out to get the boys, the ambulance from there went into the ditch and overturned.

### Golf Course in Splendid Shape

J. Maloney has the greens and fairways at the Coquille Valley County club near Norway in the finest kind of condition now and is enjoying quite a good play by the golfers. He is also making improvements on the course in many ways. There is not a more sporting course in southwestern Oregon.

## Sidewalk Along Highway Is A Safety Need

### Pedestrians Must Jump Fence Or Climb Hill On One Section Just Beyond Union Substation

Attention is called to the need of a highway safety program for pedestrians between Front street in Coquille and Rink creek, on the Myrtle Point highway.

The city council last week asked the county court and the local state highway department to confer with the county WPA chief, Mr. Mattson, at Marshfield, to see if something could not be worked out to furnish protection to those who must walk the highway.

The worst point is just above the Pettengill home, beyond the Union Oil substation, where the curving roadway prevents lights from cars in either direction from spotting pedestrians, and for some distance along there the footman either has to climb the steep bank or jump over the fence when two cars are meeting at the point where he is walking.

Being outside the city limits, the council can spend no money for a walk there, but prompt action by the county and highway department may avert a tragedy.

In many places there is space for a pedestrian to get off the pavement between Fitzgerald's service station and Rink creek but in some places he stands a poor chance, especially at night.

## Empire Celebration Starts Saturday

A choice of celebrations is being offered southwestern Oregon for the Fourth with Port Orford, Gold Beach and Empire advertising three days of festivities. Empire's, being on Coos Bay, will probably attract the largest crowds with its rodeo, yacht races, open air dancing, mud wrestling, water sports and many other attractions. It is to be a three-day affair, starting Saturday and lasting through Monday.

## Picnic At Norway On The Fourth

A picnic and celebration will be held at Norway Grove on the Fourth of July by the various churches of Coos county. This will be similar to the one enjoyed last year. There will be sports, contests, concessions, a good speaker and lots of eats, in fact a jolly good time will be enjoyed by everyone. Last year more than 600 were in attendance.

### Broke Arm in Five Places

Geo. R. Holbrook, manager of the Western Condensing Co., and Mrs. Holbrook took their 13-year old son, George, Jr., to Portland Tuesday for examination and treatment by the physicians at the Shrine hospital. While they were on a picnic Sunday at Floras creek, he fell from a tree, fracturing the bones in his right forearm in five places and possibly a sixth.

### Macy Anderson Re-enlists

Macy Anderson, who had been on the home place at Fat Elk, near the Fishtrap road junction for the past two years, enlisted in the U. S. army again recently and expected to be sent to the post at Spokane, where he will again be a member of the post band as he was during his previous three-year enlistment which he served at Vancouver Barracks.

### Tot Has Toe Injured

The two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bennett was taken to the Coquille Hospital yesterday for treatment. He had reached for a glass on the drainboard in the kitchen at home but did not get a good grip on it. The glass fell and broke and cut through the tendon on the back of his left big toe.

A. O. Walker left Monday for Portland on a business trip for the Coquille Service Station, expecting to return today.

## Wider Streets A Big Improvement

The full width paving on Second and Hall streets which is considerably more than half done is going to do more than anything else could do to relieve traffic congestion in the business district. It also improves the appearance of the streets and is one of the best improvements made in Coquille for years.

Whether the county will be able to carry out its original program for an oiled mat job around the court house has not been determined. There is a WPA ruling that men can not work except on specified projects and the county's plan was to bring rock from its quarry which is not in any way connected with the paving project. But those wide strips between curb and sidewalk around the court house will be surfaced in some manner. They have to be now with the earth removed.

## P.O. at Myrtle Point Now Second Class

Elton Schroeder, Myrtle Point postmaster, has reason to be proud these days. He has recently received his appointment for another four-year term as P. M., and has also learned that the office there will become one of the second class tomorrow, July 1, which, besides an increase in his salary, means that the office will be closed Saturday afternoon, that clerks in the office can not work more than 40 hours a week and that the office cannot be open on Sunday.

It is expected that a petition will soon be presented to the postal department asking for village service mail delivery. This will be for the business section and means an increased payroll in the office.

## Traffic Director From North Coast

Fred J. McKeown, of Astoria, was in Coquille Monday and Tuesday of this week. He is travel director for the north section of the Coast highway, from Otis north to Astoria, and his duties are to make contacts from Crescent City north, endeavoring to persuade tourists to see the whole Oregon coast from Brookings to Astoria.

While in Crescent City last week he was told that travel over either the Redwood highway or the Coast highway was considerably less than it was last year and that all travel centers, like Crescent City and Grants Pass, were feeling the depression keenly in the shortage of tourist travel.

### New Grand Jury Named

A new grand jury was drawn last Saturday and both grand and petit jury were excused subject to call. The members of the grand jury are John Ferguson, of Marshfield, foreman; Dora Church, Marshfield; C. A. Holverstott, McKinley; Roy T. Robinson, Norway; Mrs. Dell Nosler, J. D. Gillespie, R. T. Slater, all of Coquille.

### Hand Mashed In Mixer

Melvin Schroeder, who was operating the concrete mixer in the street widening improvement, had his hand caught yesterday when the mixer kicked back. He went across the street to the Coquille Hospital where Dr. Rankin found the tendons had been cut into but not severed.

### Wrestling Card In Two Weeks

Harry Elliott says he is planning another wrestling card in the Coquille Building in two weeks, July 15, but has not yet got his card lined up so that he can announce it.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

## K. P. Lawrence Visits "Buzz" Holmstrom Who Will Be Home In August

"Tell the folks I'll see them in August," was Buzz Holmstrom's last words as he waved goodbye to "Count" and Mrs. K. P. Lawrence at Boulder City two or three weeks ago. And Buzz is extremely anxious to come home if only for a visit. He was somewhat homesick but the Count's visit was a help.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and sons spent a day and a half with Buzz, who is employed by the Boulder City

## New Mail Schedule Effective Tomorrow

### Mail Heretofore Arriving In Evening Will Be In 11 Hours Earlier--Better Service to Bay

Effective tomorrow a new mail schedule goes into effect for Coquille and Coos county but the new star route from Eugene will not be in operation on Sunday nor holidays. Heretofore there has been a mail truck coming in from Roseburg, arriving in Coquille about 5:30 in the evening and leaving here for Roseburg about 10:30 a. m. That route is now to be discontinued.

The new mail truck will leave Eugene about 1:30 a. m., an hour and a half after the train leaves Eugene for Coos Bay. This truck will pick up the first class mail and parcels post which arrives on the last night train from Portland and bring it via Drain and Reedsport to North Bend, Marshfield and Myrtle Point, arriving here about 6:30 in the morning, a couple of hours ahead of the mail which comes by train.

This mail truck will turn around at Myrtle Point and start back for Eugene, picking up all mail dropped in the postoffice by 8 a. m. and will leave here at 8:30. This will make a morning mail out to Marshfield, Eugene, Portland and east--something entirely new.

A clerk will be on duty at the postoffice when the 6:30 truck arrives in the morning to sort and distribute the mail which arrives then, but which under the old schedule would not have arrived here until 5:30 that evening, eleven hours later.

Mail from California and the south is likely to be slower arriving than it has been. What formerly arrived at 5:30 in the evening will not get in now until 6:30 the next morning. But the Coquille valley for the first time will have a daily round-trip mail service to Coos Bay.

## Why Highway Signs Not Desirable

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce laid on the table the question of signboards at Crescent City, Roseburg, Drain and McMinnville, referred to county chambers by the Coos County C. of C. Tuesday evening. These signs would cost \$28 a month each for a 42-foot long sign and nearly half as much for a 20-foot sign.

While it is impossible to finance four or five such signs for a year, there is another reason against so marking the highways. At the present time there is no effort being made by the cities on the Redwood and Pacific highways to keep travel from the Coast highway and this world's most scenic route is receiving its share of tourist traffic. Such a condition of harmony would not last if the Coast made an aggressive campaign to keep travel off the other highways and only a small percentage of the traveling public could be influenced any way.

The coast route will always get its share of travel because of its more comfortable temperature in summer and its superior scenery and the coast sections fare better from a quiescent attitude on the part of those living on other highways than it would if they were actively fighting us.

### August Celebration For Coquille

It is being talked, but source of the rumors cannot be located, that Coquille is to stage a three-day celebration during the first half of August. Doubtless those who are promoting the plan will come out with public announcement after the Fourth of July celebrations are past.

Amusement Co. He runs a boat for them on upper Lake Mead. The company owns the hotel, a boat line and other resort features. It looks now as though Buzz would make something out of his daring feat in running the Colorado, solo. The company has helped him fit out his boat and a book recounting his adventure will soon be off the press. The Lawrences visited Marble Canyon (Continued on Page Six)