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WIDENING OF THE DIKE STARTED THIS WEEK

Burke Bros. Will Finish The Fill This Fall--Surfacing Not To Be Done Until Next Spring

Burke Bros., the contractors having the state highway job of raising the dike across the river, began work the first of the week using two large shovels and eight trucks in moving earth from the hill just beyond the last bridge and starting at that bridge to widen the dike. They have not yet started the three-shift program but expect to soon.

According to V. H. Coffey, highway engineer, when the fill is finally surfaced by next June, the Coast Highway across the Coquille river bottoms will be two feet higher than the river.

It is not proposed to surface the raised and widened dike until the coming winter's rains have settled it. O. C. Yokum has the sub-contract for the surfacing, his figure being \$28,000.

The raising of the bridge will be done by state highway crews. This includes raising the approach at the southwest end of the river bridge.

Traffic is not greatly interfered with yet, the present work being only to fill in alongside the dike on the south side, bringing it to the highway level.

County Bonds At 3 Per Cent Interest

Coos county received the best bid for bonds this week that it ever has and sold the \$21,000 and \$37,000 worth of refunding bonds at three per cent interest. The \$21,000 issue was sold for a premium of \$157.50 and the \$37,000 at a premium of \$283.50. The successful bidder was the Coos Bay National Bank.

Other bids received were from Williams, Bosch & Fleen, 3 1/4 per cent, \$100.00 for each \$100; from the First National Bank, \$100.02 for each \$100, 3 1/4 per cent on \$25,000, 3 per cent on \$25,000; from Blythe & Co., Ferris & Hardgrove, par for both issues, 3 1/4 per cent on \$30,000, 3 per cent on \$18,000.

An Unusual Trade

What would you give for a wrecked car? Or course, it would depend on how badly it was wrecked, but the deal we heard of Monday didn't mention the extent of the damage but the buyer turned over a horse, a cow, a ton and one-half pick-up truck, a boat and a motor. Furnished with the parts the buyer could make the repairs himself, so probably it was a good deal all around.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant, state president of the Oregon federation of Business and Professional Women's club, left last Thursday for Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend the biennial B. P. W. national conference. She expects to be gone about two weeks. Mr. Bryant drove up to Portland with her and she took the train from there.

Warren Laird and Fred Harlocker And Wives From The Islands Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Laird, of Honolulu, arrived in Coquille last Thursday afternoon and after two or three weeks in southwestern Oregon intend to go east to spend five months in Maine. Having resided in the Islands for the past 22 years they are anxious to experience a real winter, as they undoubtedly will back there.

They left Honolulu June 6, bringing their car with them, and landed at San Francisco.

After a trip to southern California they stopped at Santa Rosa where Mrs. Laird's brother, C. A. Boyrie, lives, came up to Bandon and then Coquille and went up to Florence Friday for a short visit with Mr. Laird's sister, Mrs. Schroeder. They will also visit his brother, Geo. Laird here and P. W. Laird at Myrtle Point, before starting for the Atlantic coast. They will find 30 below quite different from the 65 degree minimum they are used to.

Mr. Laird was in the furniture business here before he and Mrs. Laird went over to the Islands. Their last visit in Coquille was in the summer of 1936.

Hughes Flying 14,000 Miles

It was just a year ago last night, shortly before midnight, that the Russian fliers who had flown across the North pole passed over Roseburg. And now Herbert Hughes, world-encircling aviator, is expected in New York this afternoon in a flight around the globe in a much faster time than was ever done before.

With more powerful engines and better equipment he cut Lindbergh's time from New York to Paris in half and nearly cut in two the world flight time of Wiley Post.

With such rapid improvement in aeronautics it is not foolish to imagine that some day an airship will encircle the globe and remain in sunlight all the way. In other words make it in 24 hours.

Last evening Hughes was at Fair-bank, Alaska, and should he land in New York this evening it would be a five days' flight.

Plans For Homemakers' Camp

The fourth annual homemakers' camp for all Coos county women will be a joint camp with Lane county women at Lake Cleawox from August 2 to 7 this year. Lake Cleawox camp, three miles south of Florence on the Coast highway, has been recently improved and is now rated as one of the very best camps in the state of Oregon. It is a beautiful lake site located in an ideal camp ground grove.

Miss Lois Lutz, home demonstration agent from Lane county, will be camp director and Miss Julia Bennett, home demonstration agent for Coos county, will serve as assistant director. (Continued on Page Two)

City Should Receive More Of It

Whether a person approves of the state of Oregon engaging in the liquor business or not, the division of profits based on 1930 population is unfair, although that is the basis for distribution provided by statute and Secretary of State Snell must follow that schedule.

Under that arrangement Coquille has received \$94.03 for the second quarter of 1938, Bandon \$2.18, Marshfield \$181.97, Myrtle Point \$45.87, and North Bend \$138.09. Coos county's share for the quarter is \$405.38. Portland receives the biggest share, naturally, of the \$32,000 paid out, something over \$10,000.

The only fair method of making that distribution is on a percentage basis, with sales as the basis for figuring, and it is hoped the next legislature will correct this injustice. Coquille, with its present 4500 population, is treated like a town of 2742 in the division.

Benefit Dance at Gravel Ford

The dance at Gravel Ford this coming Saturday evening, July 16, will be a benefit dance for Harvey Minard, who has been so seriously ill for some time and in a hospital at Portland.

FURTHER PLANS FOR GOLDEN WEST DAYS

Contract for Street Decorations Made--Tickets for "Mother Coos" Contest On Sale Friday

A. V. Wicklund, general manager of the Kern Advertising Sign Co., of Portland, was in Coquille this week and made a contract with the Golden West Days committee to install specially designed street decorations for the celebration, Aug. 10-13.

The Mother Coos contest will start Friday noon and close at noon Monday, August 8. This contest is being staged in an effort to determine the most popular mother in Coos county and pay tribute to all pioneer mothers of the county. Mr. McDuffee, general manager of the celebration, was in Coquille this week and made a contract with the Golden West Days committee to install specially designed street decorations for the celebration, Aug. 10-13.

A big three-day rodeo will feature the four-day celebration. With a log sawing contest, fiddlers' contest and other contests filling in, there will not be an idle moment during the three big days. A children's pet parade, children's amateur show and other sports will make this celebration one of the most outstanding ever held in Coquille.

The coronation services for "Mother Coos" and the children's rodeo program featuring America's youngest cow boy and girl, will be the feature attractions for Thursday (Children's day), August 11. Any one interested in children's activities or wishing to enter a child in any of the children's events on children's day is advised to call 260 or call at Celebration headquarters, Laird Building, Coquille.

Public Playground Starts In Coquille

The free public playground on the Washington School grounds opened Wednesday, July 13, with Mrs. Helen E. Woodcock as supervisor.

Henry I. Meyers, supervisor of adult education and recreation for Coos county, recently organized two similar projects in Marshfield and Englewood, and Coquille is fortunate in having him back of the venture in this field. The Coquille project is part of the W. P. A. recreation program of the Oregon State Department of Education.

Mrs. Woodcock reports excellent co-operation on the part of the few business houses and organizations which she has been able to contact in the limited time since her assignment as supervisor. Several have promised various types of equipment but there is a pressing need for supplies and playground accessories and co-operation in this respect will be greatly appreciated by all concerned. Many activities are being planned which cannot be carried forward without adequate recreation supplies.

Children of school age are welcome on the grounds under constant supervision, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. daily, Monday through Friday. Lunching on the grounds is permissible.

The desire is to make this project of real benefit to the community as a whole and it should be a stepping stone to a more pretentious recreation program for the future.

Claire Gray Legion Commander

Claire Gray was elected commander of Coquille Post No. 36 American Legion at the annual election of officers meeting held in the Legion Home Monday evening. Other officers chosen were Geo. Oerding, first vice commander; Dewey Lung, second vice; Ed Lund, adjutant; D. E. Rackleff, sergeant-at-arms; R. A. Jeub, R. L. Stewart, F. W. Martin, executive committee.

Frank Belgrno, of San Francisco, a past national commander of the Legion, was in attendance and gave the post an interesting talk. The Coquille post was the eleventh one in the state of Oregon to adopt resolutions asking the president to remove Frances Perkins as secretary of labor. This was voted at Monday evening's session, unanimously.

The evening closed with the serving of ice cream, cookies and coffee.

PORT ORFORD MAN KILLED SATURDAY FIVE SURVIVE

Thought That Previous Head Injury Caused Him to Lose Control Of His Oldsmobile

Chauncey E. Jacobs, 52, a saw filer at the Trans-Pacific mill at Port Orford, passed away at Bandon early Monday morning as the result of injuries he received in an auto accident, just north of Port Orford, at 1:10 Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held at Bandon at ten o'clock this morning.

With him in the Oldsmobile which he had purchased from the Southwestern Motors a couple of days before, were his fiancée, Mrs. Ruby Robison; his daughter, Gretchen, 13; Eldon Robison, 17, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Montgomery, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Robison. None of them were seriously injured, although they received bruises and cuts which were extremely painful.

The party had started for Eugene to take Eldon back to the CCC camp near there, and after proceeding a short distance had returned to Port Orford for a forgotten spare tire.

According to those in the front seat with him, Mr. Jacobs appeared to slump, or make some unusual move, and the car shot ahead, taking the wrong side of the road and striking a Ford in which Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Montgomery were traveling south.

The Oldsmobile was turned over and for 70 or 80 feet bumped along on its side or top, gouging holes in the pavement. Mr. Jacobs being crushed without even emerging from the car, which is now at the Southwestern shop in the Haynes building here. It is as complete a wreck as is often seen and one wonders how the other five escaped with their lives.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Montgomery were much injured but their car was, although it did not turn over.

About six months ago Mr. Jacobs was in a wreck at the Bay, suffering a fractured skull from which he had apparently recovered. Recently, however, he had suffered intense headaches and it is very probable that something snapped in his brain, causing him to lose consciousness and the control of the car.

The survivors from the Oldsmobile were here yesterday to see what was left of the car. All parties, in both cars, reside in Port Orford.

"Chuck" Rowell Wins First Contest

"Chuck" Rowell received the greatest amount of applause in the singing contest at the Eagles dance in the Community Building last Saturday night and was awarded the \$5 cash prize. He was one of eight contestants who were heard by a very fine crowd of dancers and spectators.

"Chuck" will not be eligible again until the final night of the contest, Aug. 13, when the five winners will compete for public favor. More contestants have entered for this week's dance audition, and any one may register at Fred Bull's office, 436 Front street, at any time, or at the Community Building prior to 10:30 o'clock on Saturday night. There will be four more preliminary contests culminating in the final one for the \$25 prize at the dance on the last day of the Golden West Days celebration.

Postal Employee In Toils

David Henry Ward, Jr., substitute clerk at the Bandon post office, was taken before Justice Bolt at Marshfield last Friday, charged with theft from United States mail. The charge was that he had opened a letter, and had taken money from it which was addressed to the bank there. Acting as U. S. commissioner, Justice Bolt set his bond at \$1000. It was furnished and young Ward was released on Saturday.

Elderly Lady Escapes Injury

County Surveyor J. N. Gearhart went up to Astoria last week to bring his mother, who is 90 years of age, down to his East Fork ranch for a visit. Near Cloverdale he had an accident when his car turned over as he veered it to avoid striking a child which ran out from behind another car, directly in front of him. Except for a slight injury, Mrs. Gearhart came out of the wreck unharmed.

Pomona Grange At Bridge Tuesday

An interested group of Grangers met at Bridge Tuesday, July 12, for the regular Pomona meeting; Master Ervin L. Peterson presiding. C. P. Zumwalt was given the obligation in the fifth degree.

The annual state conference was discussed, at which time the fifth degree will be given by Pomona Grange and the sixth degree will be given by the state officers in preparation for the National Grange, which will be held in Portland in November. The date of the conference will be left to the wishes of the state master and will probably be held in August or September.

Plans were discussed for the annual picnic which will be held on Coos Bay, with E. R. Peterson, chairman. Date to be announced later. It was decided to sponsor a farm (Continued on Page Seven)

May Widen Highway From Myrtle Point

A. N. Gould reported at the Chamber of Commerce directors meeting in the hotel Tuesday noon that highway officials have stated that the Myrtle Point section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway is to be given a non-skid surfacing this summer for about five miles out from Coquille.

The state highway department is also giving thought, with no plan yet ready to announce for widening the highway for a mile out of town in order to make it safer for pedestrian traffic out past the Smith plant.

The plan to route the highway from Roseburg through Coquille on Hall and Third streets is also being given consideration, but it probably will not be done until the widening of Hall street from Front to Third and Third from Hall to Taylor has been finished by the city.

Waldport Celebration, July 23-24

Waldport, the beautifully located little city on the shores of the Pacific ocean, in Lincoln county, is having a two-day celebration, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24.

This celebration is being sponsored by the townspeople, the Lions club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Saturday's program will consist of water sports, swimming and boat races, a baseball game, dancing and various concessions. An airplane will take passengers for trips above the ocean and the surrounding timbered hills.

Sunday's main attraction will be the big free crab feed. Included on this day's program will be various contests, dancing, baseball game, airplane rides and a general good time.

Young Folks Rally Friday

Young Folks Rally of the Christian Endeavor forces of this district will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 8:00 p. m. in the local Church of Christ. C. Adrian Sias, minister of the local Church of Christ, will bring the talk on the theme of the rally, "Youth on the March." All young people are invited to attend.

There will be a social hour in the basement following the program, which includes special numbers by local and outside talent.

One Hundred At Rackleff Golden Wedding--Report Of Original Event

The following is a clipping from the Myrtle Point Herald of July 12, 1888, and tells of the marriage of a couple who observed their golden wedding anniversary at Myrtle Point last Friday:

"OUR CONGRATULATIONS"

"On Sunday last one of the most auspicious weddings that has ever taken place in the county was celebrated at Myrtle Point, Rev. H. B. Swafford officiating. On that day Mr. Edward Rackleff, son of our pioneer merchant, Captain Rackleff, was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Roberts, daughter of our representative, Hon. J. H. Roberts. It would be superfluous to say one word in praise of this amiable and estimable young lady. Her charms of mind and person form the theme of comment among her large circle of acquaintances, and if the bright vision of HOPE is to be trusted at all the fairest promise of a happy future is hers. It goes without saying that Eddie Rackleff is a most exemplary young man whose steady character is well fitted to sustain the new relations of life which have been undertaken by him. Indeed the popularity of the parents of the bride and groom is reflected in the good wishes of all their representatives in the rising generation. The HERALD extends its heartiest congratulations to the young folks and bids them a glad 'Godspeed.' The writer was remembered with a bountiful supply of cake."

COOS COUNTY PIONEER PICNIC PLANS---JULY 31

Program To Be In Community Bldg., Picnic Dinner in Myrtle Park--L. J. Simpson, Speaker

The Coos County Pioneer Association will hold its regular annual picnic as usual at the county seat on the last Sunday of July--the 31st. Business people of Coquille are contributing funds to provide for free coffee, cream and sugar, for all who come to this picnic.

Tables and benches are to be made ready for all pioneers and their friends in the myrtle grove adjoining the Community Building.

Many who pioneered this county look forward to these annual events as high spots in their lives, meeting old friends and making new ones, whom they would not have the opportunity of seeing at any other time of the year.

L. J. Simpson will be the speaker this year. Himself a pioneer resident of the county and an able speaker, his promise Sunday to W. H. Schroeder to deliver the address insures that a very fine program will be arranged. The program will be presented indoors this year.

Everyone is invited to come and bring his or her lunch basket. Lunches will be spread and coffee served at 12:30 and after the lunch a short but interesting program will be given in the Community Building.

Officers will also be elected for the ensuing year.

Come and visit with the people who have labored long and hard for many years, overcoming privations and isolation, waiting somewhat impatiently for the development of southwestern Oregon which has been more rapid in recent years.

It is hoped that the attendance and the enthusiasm will be even greater than at any previous year picnic; that all pioneers and their friends from every part of this county will make a special effort to be present at this Annual Pioneer Picnic in Coquille on Sunday, July 31.

A. A. Hall Talks On Youth Problem at Rotary Club

A. A. Hall gave a very interesting and thought-provoking talk on the youth problem at the Rotary Club luncheon at the hotel on Wednesday. Mr. Hall has had considerable experience along this line and gave some rather startling facts and figures in regard to the annual cost of crime in the United States and presented some very constructive suggestions toward reducing this tremendous cost by the proper training of our youth.

The club voted to hold a picnic at some date in the near future and accepted the invitation of A. N. Gould and Lou Hazard to hold it at Brewster.

Geo. A. Ulett was a guest at the luncheon.

Hode Caughell came up from Gold Beach, where he is finishing up his vacation, to attend the meeting. He says the fish weren't biting very well anyway.

Mrs. Hazel Sharkey and her son, Richard, of Tenino, Wash., are visitors this week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Price.

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