

The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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\$2.00 THE YEAR

Smith Plant Has 650 On The Payroll

Will Be 700 Next Week And All Departments Are Operating, Two of Them Double Shifts

When 60 men started work Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the blind department at the Smith Wood-Products plant, it meant a total of 650 on the payroll this week and F. S. Emery said yesterday that the additional men he would put on by the middle of next week would bring the number up close to 700.

All departments are now working with full crews, the plywood plant and the fir mill with two shifts, the battery separator, blind departments and the cedar mill with one shift. The cedar mill may go to two shifts soon.

Increasing supplies from private sources is well in order for materials from all departments leads additional hope that the speeding up of operations will be for a considerable period and not just a temporary spot.

Nearly all the old employees are back on the job, but a few are not here now.

Caravan To The Rogue On Sunday

The Myrtle Point Chamber of Commerce, which has arranged for a Rogue river trip this coming Sunday, has invited the other Chambers of Commerce in the county to participate. Lela Compton is chairman of the Coquille committee and anyone wishing to take part should notify her.

The plan outlined by the M. F. delegation is that half of their group drive to Gold Beach and half to Ilwaco, through Cannon Beach and near the Rogue river. A boat of 1000 lbs. will leave Cannon Beach at the station arriving here at 11 a. m. Leaving the up-stream passengers upon the boat will take the Ilwaco detour down stream, and each group will then have the cars left by the other group to return home in.

Best fare will be \$1.20 per person, and the boat meal, probably at Agness, will cost 50 cents.

To anyone who has not made the trip up and down the Rogue the idea should be especially appealing for it's a beautiful boat ride. The trip from Powers to Ilwaco is also one which should not be missed.

Truck Driver Injured Today

Dudley Hill, 38, of Marshfield, a truck driver for Beebe Bros., on the dike raising job south of town, was brought to the Coquille Hospital this morning. His truck got out of control on the steep road down which the trucks come after being loaded. He suffered a very badly torn rectum and lost a great deal of blood before he reached the hospital.

Lin Swain Hollywood Bound

Lin Swain was the popular song bird at the Eagles' dance singing contest in the Community Building last Saturday evening and copped the \$5 cash prize. He was one of nine who vied for the crowd's musical approval and he is now eligible to compete for the \$25 grand prize on Aug. 13.

No one is barred from competing in these contests.

H. A. Minter, President Of The Plywood Union, Addresses Open Letter To Coquille

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Coquille:

Many times each day I am asked by some resident of Coquille regarding the labor situation in the Smith Wood plywood plant since the Labor Board has ordered the reinstatement of striking C. I. O. members. It is impossible for me to give a detailed account to every individual, therefore I am writing this letter.

You are all more or less familiar with the activities of labor groups here in Coquille during the last year so it will not be necessary to review conditions and events to date.

It is assumed by many, if not all, as there are no open hostilities between the rival groups, that the danger of more trouble is unlikely. As the entire community is more or less directly dependent upon the continu-

Serious Fires North, South And East

Starting from a small fire a mile east of Idylwood on the south fork of Coos river, the flames spread rapidly Monday and Tuesday afternoon had crossed the divide toward the North Fork of the Coquille, causing J. W. Powell, who lives near the head of Fairview valley, to move out.

The sun that afternoon was veiled by a heavy pall of smoke causing it to shine redly through the veil, reminiscent of Sept. 26, 1935, when Bandon burned.

Scores of fire fighters, however, were able to check the fire and it is now pretty well under control.

The Smith river fire, northeast of Reedsport, threatened the village of Scottsburg on Tuesday but it is also being controlled after burning over several thousand acres.

A fire on the headwaters of the Chetco, near the California line, was getting out of control on Tuesday. A fire on the headwaters of the Chetco, near the California line, was getting out of control on Tuesday.

Another call for 150 more men came at 11 o'clock that night and they were sent south yesterday. Coquille's quota on that call was from 35 to 40.

Making Rapid Progress On The Dike

Working three shifts this week, the contractors who have the job of raising the dike, Beebe Bros., are making good progress and are now well up this side of the drainage ditch bridge, on the straight section.

The telephone company poles have all been reset, the fences all moved back to the property line on the south and the bank along that side of the highway has all been cut and burned.

The grade below the Pitt Elk bridge, where the dirt is now coming from, is shunting and one can visualize what the highway is going to look like when that sharper curve is replaced by one with a longer tangent.

An 88-Year Old Resident Passes

Mrs. Phoebe Stinchfield, 88 years of age on the 18th of last March, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Q. Jarvis, on South Myrtle street, last Friday night. Old age and the gradual weakening of her powers of resistance were the cause of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis left last Saturday with the body for her old home at Mayville, Ore., in the northeast corner of the state. Funeral services were held there at two p. m. on Monday and interment was in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Stinchfield had made her home with her daughter for the past five and one-half years, coming to Coquille last year when Mr. Jarvis became associated with the Rackleff Pharmacy. Mr. Stinchfield passed away three years ago.

She is survived by a son and daughter, F. A. Stinchfield, of Mayville, and Mrs. Maud Jarvis, of Coquille, and two sisters, Mrs. Laura McConnell, of Mayville, and Mrs. Otis Kizer, of Coburg, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis returned to Coquille Tuesday.

The End Comes To A Most Distinguished Citizen

Geo. W. Taylor, Sr., Passed Away At Eugene Tuesday Night—Was Past 80 Years Of Age

Geo. W. Taylor, Sr., a resident of Coquille for the past 16 years, passed away at a Eugene hospital Tuesday night. He had been taken out there last week in the hopes that something could be done to relieve the prostate gland trouble from which he was suffering but the physicians there said that he was beyond help and the end only a matter of days.

Mrs. Taylor and his son, George, have been in Eugene with him since he was taken out there and they made arrangements for the funeral services and interment to take place at the home of Mrs. Taylor on this afternoon.

George Washington Taylor was born Feb. 22, 1856, the son of English parents, who came to the United States and settled at Allegheny city, now part of Pittsburgh, Penn. He was the only one of their children born in the United States.

Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Emma Hackison, in Irwin, Penn., on Sept. 15, 1884. The observation of their golden wedding anniversary was an event in Coquille two months short of four years ago.

Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by one son, Geo. W. Taylor, Jr., of Coquille. A daughter passed away many years ago. Three grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Taylor was an authority on all things horticultural and was connected with the horticultural experiment department of the United States for 45 years, serving some time in the government's greenhouses in Washington, D. C.

He came to Oregon in 1908 and had just left San Francisco for this state when the earthquake and fire occurred in that city.

Mr. Taylor lived a full and useful life. He was of that high type of citizens which all communities regret to lose even after his active days are past.

Mr. Taylor leaves among other mementos of his long and energetic career a rare collection of butterflies beautifully mounted, some of which he collected on two trips to the Amazon river in South America, while he was working for the Smithsonian Institute.

Mr. Taylor first visited Coquille 56 years ago, and the following is the last paragraph of the biographical sketch written by Mrs. Euphemia Dimick at the time of the golden wedding celebration in 1934:

"His impressions of the Coquille valley had remained with him, so when opportunity offered, he brought his family to Oregon, where he held the government position of horticultural inspector and lived at Eugene. Nine years ago he retired and moved with Mrs. Taylor and their son to Coquille where they still live. He has never lost his love for plants and has been active in organizing flower clubs and putting on flower shows. He organized the Coquille Flower Lovers' and has been its president since the decease of Chas. Skeels, the first president."

Will Seek Raising Of Fishtrap Road

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce directors at the Tuesday noon session in the hotel, declared that they wished to co-operate with the dairymen and ranchers of the Roy and Fishtrap districts when they appear before the county court to ask for the raising of the lower points in the county road which are sometimes covered by the waters of lesser floods. When that happens they are compelled to haul their milk to the Swift plant here around through Arago and Myrtle Point when a little filling in would permit them to use the road along the foothills, past the oil well, to the highway at the south end of the dike.

Treasurer R. L. Stewart made a semi-annual financial report of the chamber's condition which showed that there was \$200.25 on hand January 1, that collections had been \$800.82 for the first six months and disbursement \$561.53.

Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.

Heartache Or Stomachache Is The Choice

Freedom Plus Equality May Take 1000 Years To Achieve, Judge Brand Tells Rotary Club

That it may take a thousand years to work out the problem of freedom under our democratic form of government—economic freedom and social equality, as well as the political freedom we now enjoy—was the conclusion of Judge J. T. Brand's address before the Rotary club yesterday noon, but his opinion was that American citizens would be infinitely better off to struggle toward that sense of perfection than to exchange our birthright of freedom for the ease of pottage, or a full stomach to be slain, under the dictatorial or totalitarianism of some nations of the earth are tending.

The great question before the American people today is whether democracy can compete with the dictatorial form. Not which is best, but which form the great mass of the people in this country will choose. The slogan of the hour is along the lines of social equality and whether the "equalitarian" will "gamble for his security with the coin of liberty" is a matter which only time will decide, whether the masses "prefer heartache to stomach ache."

The rise of democracy scuttled totalitarianism at the time of the French revolution; now that individualistic form of government is endeavoring to scuttle democracy.

The Sentinel editor believes that many of its readers would be interested in reading that address, which Judge Brand gave at Oberlin college last month, in full, and if he will consent to its publication, the Sentinel will print it in three or four installments. No conception of the depth of thought revealed in Judge Brand's full address can be conveyed in a few newspaper lines, but it is a subject of vital importance to every citizen of this United States.

Skips And Bilks His Creditors

W. A. Stephens, who tried to engage in the milk business in Coquille, by buying equipment on credit, blew up with a bang the first of the week and on Monday left for parts unknown.

Besides bilking numerous creditors around town, he wrote checks for around \$100 that bounced right back. Not long since he gave his note in payment for a Dodge car and just before leaving turned the Dodge in on a car at the Southwestern, and used that in making his getaway.

Coos Logging Camps Not Closed

Last Sunday's executive order by Gov. Martin, advised by the state forester, that all logging camps in the state be closed down, was abrogated Monday morning when the ban was lifted on logging operations between the Pacific and the Coast range of mountains, from Yachats on the north to Port Orford on the south.

The only fire of any consequence in that area was on the headwaters of Smith river, northeast of Reedsport, where hundreds of acres were being burned over.

The town of Sutherlin, north of Roseburg, was threatened Monday, and a church was burned there, but the town escaped.

The worst fire in the state was in the Grants Pass section where thousands of men were fighting the fire demon.

Rev. L. E. Neal To Leave

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Neal, who have been here for several months, he as pastor of the Church of God, expect to leave Monday for California, where he will engage in evangelistic work. His headquarters will be at Lodi. Mr. Neal says that they have enjoyed their stay here, that Coquille is as much like home as any place they ever lived.

Sunday school is to be continued at the church and the pastor of the North Bend Church of God will arrange for supply the pulpit here.

E. H. Kern Buried Last Monday

E. H. Kern, a resident of Coquille since 1908, passed away at his home on Maple street last Saturday afternoon at four p. m., after less than a week's illness. Heart trouble was the cause of his death and although he had been troubled for the past year or more it was not until Tuesday of last week that his condition became serious.

Mr. Kern had been a member of the Masonic order for 31 years and the graveside ceremonies were conducted by Chadwick Lodge, L. H. Pearce, of Myrtle Point, acting as worshipful master. The services at the Gano Funeral Home were in charge of T. B. MacDonald, of Port Orford.

Edwin Henry Kern was born at Kerntown, Penn., May 30, 1859, and was one month and 16 days past 79 years of age. He moved with his parents to Iowa and later was graduated in civil engineering from Kansas State Agricultural College. His life profession was surveying. He spent some years on railroad surveying in Kansas and Arkansas, and served Coos county as its surveyor from 1924 to 1933. He was also city engineer for Coquille for a time.

On March 28, 1887, at Superior, Nebraska, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elma Wilson, who passed away July 11, 1937. Of the five children born to them, three died in infancy. The sons surviving are Melvin J. Kern, of Ritzville, Wash., and A. Clifford Kern, of Coquille. Five grandchildren also survive.

For several years Mr. Kern had been enthusiastically interested in archery, and many are the bows which he made for others, shipping quite a number to eastern points.

Mr. Kern had a kindly disposition and did not make enemies, although he was a man positive in his opinions and never hesitated to express them.

Lamb, Wool Show Praised by Experts

Sponsored by the county livestock association, Coos county's first lamb and wool show, held at the county fair grounds last Thursday, July 14, was a successful event according to the directors of the association and to sheep raisers who exhibited in the various classes.

The display of sheep completely filled the pens constructed by the directors and county fair board in the livestock building at the fair grounds. The exhibits were made by 47 sheep raisers and included 117 lambs, 21 bucks, 5 dressed carcasses, 8 coarse wool fleeces, and 21 medium wool fleeces.

Designed to stimulate interest in the production of lambs and wool of higher quality, the show provided an opportunity of comparing the different exhibits made and having them judged as to the relative desirability of each type by experienced judges who have devoted years to this work. The carcass cutting demonstration (Continued on Page Seven)

\$30,000 Warrants Called

Elsewhere, appears a call by the county treasurer for general road, non-high school and bridge fund warrants. The total to be paid out is not large—\$20,000 on the general roads, \$2,000 on the bridge fund, and \$8,000 on non-high warrants.

The call brings general road warrants up to October 1, 1936, the non-high to July 15, 1937, and the bridge fund warrants are called to June 1, 1938.

Bond commitments prevent a larger call of general road warrants at this time.

Was More Comfortable Here

While Portland and the inland sections of Oregon were sweltering under temperatures which ranged from 99 to 104 degrees last week end, Coquille's maximum was 87. That was last Thursday, and Saturday's thermometer register was only 82.

Asks Return of Books

Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen, city librarian, makes a request that anyone finding library books in apartments or houses, left by former tenants, return them to the library in the city hall. There are quite a number of books which have been borrowed and not returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ayers left Friday morning for San Diego, Calif., to spend a week with their parents.

City To Widen Three More Streets

One Block on East Taylor, Hall And Third Streets Listed For Improvements as WPA Project

The city council Monday evening declared its intention to improve the streets on three sides of the block in which the Coquille Hospital and the Farr & Elwood building are located by paving from sidewalk to present paved roadway on both sides of the street. The entire cost of the project is estimated by City Engineer Gould at \$12,781, but it is to be a WPA project, the labor being paid for with WPA funds. The abutting property will be assessed for the cost of materials, engineering, supervision, etc.

According to the notice elsewhere published in this issue the property owners have until Aug. 9 to file any objections to the proposed improvement.

Mayor Rankin and Recorder Leslie were authorized to sign a contract with Stevens & Koon, the engineers who will prepare the plans and supervise the dam-raising project to increase Coquille's water supply. The work of clearing above the present water line of the Rink creek reservoir is to be started at once, according to instructions given the city engineer.

Permission to improve the Hersey building on Front street, in which The Pastime is located, by placing concrete blocks under it and making other repairs, was given.

The application of Thos. Smith for appointment as police officer when a vacancy occurs in the local force was read and ordered filed.

In reply to Lee Hand's inquiry if a permit was necessary in order that he might repair the sidewalk in front of his place on North Henry, he was told that the city officials preferred the repairs be made without formalities and that no permit was necessary.

Free use of the Community Building by the Coos Pioneers Association for its annual picnic on July 31 was granted; the president, W. H. Schroeder, making the request.

Neil Peart, who is building a service station on the highway at the Wm. Peart place, south of the high school, applied for permission to install the tanks and pumps. There was some discussion as to whether his building was too close to the street if the state highway department should ask for an 80-foot right-of-way on Taylor street for the Coast highway, instead of the 60 feet it now has, but the street committee was authorized to grant permission if the city's attorney and engineer found that the station would not be too near the sidewalk on the widened street.

The council ordered that the property on Coulter street, at the east end of Eighth street be vacated by W. A. Stephens. The latter, who has been operating the Sunshine Dairy there, made a deal for the property some time ago, and it was reported he had collected the rent from the tenants of the house but had failed to pay the city a cent on his contract.

The request of Fire Chief Schram for a fire hydrant on Knowlton Heights, corner of Hoover street and Riverton avenue, was left to the fire committee for a decision.

The council ordered that nickle-in-the-slot machines, the kind which pays in merchandise if you are skillful enough to stop it at the correct second, must pay 25 per cent of the gross receipts to the city, the same as the old nickle-vending machines did, if the present machines are classed as legal. They are a machine requiring more skill than were the other old style slot machines, and are being allowed to operate, although not as popular as the contrivance which paid in cash when you were lucky.

Young Girls Gone For Three Days

Two Coquille girls, Miriam Rice, 14, and Oma Widmark, 15, who left the latter's home Friday night, were found to be in Oregon City on Sunday and returned home the next day. Fears that they might have been abducted were caused as much as anything by the fact that Miriam left her purse and money on the bureau at home.