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## Pioneer Picnic To Be In Myrtle Grove, Sunday

Louis J. Simpson, North Bend,  
To Be Speaker --- Band And  
Other Features Scheduled

The Coos County Pioneer Association's annual picnic, which is to be held next Sunday in the Myrtle Grove park and Community Building, promises this year to be bigger and better than ever. Pioneers and their families from all over the county will be there in greater numbers than ever before.

The big picnic dinner, which precedes the program will be held under the big myrtle trees back of the hall. Tables and benches are being built and free coffee and cream will be furnished to all who attend. Guests are requested to bring well-filled lunch baskets with them. The dinner is scheduled for 12:30 p. m.

The officers of the association are particularly well pleased with the program, which has been arranged. Mayor J. D. Rankin will be on hand to welcome the pioneers to Coquille. The address of the day will be given by L. J. Simpson, of Coos Bay, whose oratory is well known and enjoyed by all. It is most fitting that he be honored by the place of distinction on the program since the Simpson family and Mr. Simpson himself, are so closely connected with the early development of Coos county.

The complete program, which will begin at 1:30 o'clock in the Community Building, follows:

1. Music - Townsend Orchestra
2. Song, "America" - Audience
3. Invocation - C. Adrian Bias
4. Welcome - Mayor J. D. Rankin
5. Saxophone Solo - Stewart Norton
6. Address - L. J. Simpson
7. Whistling Solo - Harvey Cole
8. Jugband - Franking
9. Duet - [unclear]

Proceeding to the Coquille municipal band will furnish music under the direction of J. A. Hanson.

The Pioneer Association provides the coffee, cream and sugar and the coffee will be made and served by C. L. Yarbrough, of the Cow Bell Dairy.

## Two Lawrence Brothers And Wives Visiting Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lawrence, of Oakland, Calif., arrived in Coquille for a few days' visit at six o'clock last evening and were followed two hours later by his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lawrence, who had not been able to reach here Monday as they expected. The Ned Lawrences had been on an eastern trip which took them to the Atlantic seaboard at New York and back through Canada and the northern states. Ned says he never saw a more beautiful sight than he did in Kansas where for mile after mile they travelled straight highways with immense fields of wheat or corn on either side. The dust bowl is due for a bumper crop this year if the August hot winds do not blast the prospect.

The Oakland Lawrences must be back in Oakland by next Monday, but Ben and wife will not leave that soon.

## Bay Man Taken To Pen

Jack Piper, of Marshfield, arrested at Marshfield on the charge of forgery by endorsement, pleaded guilty in circuit court Monday, after waiving grand jury investigation, and was sentenced by Judge Brand to a year in the pen. He was taken to Salem yesterday by Sheriff Howell and Deputy Bert Mead. His offense was that of opening a letter addressed to Mrs. Ott, of Allegany, taking a check for \$7.50 from the envelope, endorsing and cashing it.

Judge Brand suspended the sentence of Ovide Broussard, negro, who was found guilty in May of burglary. Execution of the three-year sentence was suspended Tuesday and he was put on probation for five years.

## It Feels Like Fall

There is a decided feel of fall in the air the past few mornings and whatever real summer 1938 has is more than likely behind.

Showers and rains to the north and east have put a quietus on the fires which raged a week or so ago on Smith river and the south fork of Coos river, and the cloudy weather the past few days will tend to keep the humidity up.

## Time For N.L.R.B. To Call Election

Harold A. Minter, president of the Plywood local, left yesterday afternoon for Portland to confer with Bert Sleeman, general representative of the A. F. of L. Carpenters and Joiners union. The latter, with which the local plywood union is affiliated, is considering a boycott of Smith Wood products on which other than A. F. of L. members are employed, and it is to discuss the boycott probability that Mr. Minter is going north.

A petition signed by 188 plywood employees was presented to the National Labor Relations Board a month ago, asking that the A. F. of L. be designated as the bargaining agency for the plywood. To date the NLRB has refused, or at least failed, to call the election and now will make no reply to requests for action. The idea is evidently to wait until the CIO can make a showing and then declare that the bargaining agency is without an election.

The men at the plant, most of them, want to work and their union affiliation is not so important, but the Smith company cannot sell its product if the carpenters and joiners boycott its product, which would mean the closing of the plant.

But with the federal administration NLRB managed solely for the benefit of the CIO, it could easily cause a shutdown of the plant for an indefinite period.

## C.H.S. Coach Not Yet Selected

At the meeting of the directors of school district No. 8 last week, Robert S. Nelson, of Salem, was elected to succeed Kenneth Johnson on the high school faculty. He will teach English and social sciences.

The board had hoped at that time to choose a successor, from the 25 or more applicants, to Hal Hutton as the high school's athletic instructor and coach, but Mr. Hutton's formal resignation and return of contract have not yet been received and until they are there is no vacancy. It is understood here that his new contract with the Portland school board, as assistant coach for Washington High, cannot be tendered until he has taken an examination some time in August.

It is now less than 60 days prior to the beginning of school and a board can, if it so desires, refuse to accept a declaration of contract which has been signed if presented within 60 days of the opening date for school. Such action would prevent a teacher from contracting with any other Oregon school.

## In His Third Wreck But He Does Not Drive

Fred Hudson must carry a rabbit's foot with him all the time. He has now been in three wrecks—he does not drive himself—without being injured beyond bumps and bruises.

Last Friday night he and Wm. Ekblad were returning from the big shoot at Portland and at the first turn this side of the village of Winchester Bay they failed to make the turn and the car was driven so far into the mountain side that the lights were buried. It required a wrecker to extricate it but the men came on home, the car travelling under its own power. Neither of the occupants were injured except for bumps and bruises.

## "Iowa Club" To Hold Picnic At North Bend Park Sunday

The eighth annual picnic of the Coos county "Iowa Club" is to be held in the city park at North Bend on Sunday, Aug. 7. Everyone who was born in that state or has lived there is invited to come and bring his or her family, a picnic lunch and dishes. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished.

## Is Headed For Canada

W. A. Stephens, who disappeared last week and is being sought by the sheriff's office for writing checks and taking a car which had not been paid for is thought to be headed for Canada; whether he has crossed the line yet is not known.

## Work On Church To Start

Plans for the enlarging and remodeling of St. James Episcopal church will arrive here from Portland this week and work is expected to start next week.

## The New H. S. Gym Is Nearly Completed

Costs The Taxpayers Of The  
District \$27,000 And Will Be Of  
Great Benefit To The School

Coquille's new high school gymnasium will be completed in a few days, the contractor's crew being busy this week putting on the final touches. This does not mean final completion, however, for the FWA grant to match the funds voted at the school meeting last month for bleacher seats, gym equipment, ceiling under the roof and finishing the interior walls, has not yet been approved, but there is little question that it will be.

The maple floor of the main auditorium provides a regulation sized basketball court. The gymnasium has been made for two practice games courts, which will be side by side, about 32 feet long and 44 feet wide.

Seats for spectators are to be provided in the balconies on either side of the gym and across the south end. The collapsible bleacher seats on the main floor will be along the west side and can be pushed back against the wall when the smaller courts are in use.

The heating plant for the gym is in the high school basement where the wood-burning furnace has been changed into an oil-burning one. Just how well this will work out in practice (Continued on Page Six)

## Rodeo Stars For The Celebration

Coquille's Golden West Days celebration, scheduled to start a four days' program two weeks from yesterday, will have for one of the biggest attractions a rodeo which will bring some of the best known riders in the west.

Mr. Tallcamp, of Medford, who is acting as general manager of the rodeo, writes that in addition to bringing three Brahma bulls and ten head of Brahma steers, there will be twenty head of Klamath bucking horses, noted for their outlaw proclivities as shown at the Pendleton Round-Up. America's champion cowgirls, Miss Ollie Osborne and Miss Donna Cowan, who have ridden at all the big international shows, including that at Madison Square Garden in New York are among those to be present. (Continued on Page Six)

## Nebraska Cornhuskers' Picnic

The Fifteenth annual Nebraska picnic will be held at the city park (south edge of city on highway) in Corvallis, Oregon, August 7, 1938.

Free Coffee. Bring your cups and trimmings. Seats for all. Short snappy program, leaving plenty of time for visiting. Come and see Nebraska you knew "back home." There were over 1500 present last year, says the publicity chairman at Corvallis.

## Rain Didn't Reach Coquille

Strange it doesn't hit the Coquille valley. Yesterday morning there was a 30-minute rain on Coos Bay and the downpour at Lakeside is described as a cloudburst. It wasn't a shower coming in drops, but the water was falling in sheets.

## Another Letter By Plywood Union President On Labor Situation At Plant

To the Editor: In my open letter to the citizens of Coquille I mentioned that the Labor Board was reluctant in ordering an election in the Plywood division of Smith Wood for apparently no other reason than to give the CIO ample opportunity to swing over enough men to their side so as to have the bargaining agency. Developments of the past week made it more apparent that such is the case.

A concerted effort is being made by the CIO group to coerce men into changing their affiliation. A very subtle and unethical manner is being used by them to bring this about. As usual a series of flagrant untruths is the method of attack. One of the A. F. of L. boys was approached in his home one day last week and was told by the CIO organizer that they had succeeded in persuading me to sign up with them and unless he signed up he wouldn't have work, that it was the only way that any of the boys

## First Rock On The Dike Due In Two Weeks

It Is Expected To Have An Oil  
Surfacing Before Winter With  
Finished Surface Next Spring

Harry W. Kelley, who has the contract for furnishing the Arago gravel for the base on the new fill across the dike, expects to begin delivering on the job in a couple of weeks. He will install a shovel at the Arago bar and put six or eight trucks on the delivery.

That rock will be pushed into the earth of the fill with heavy steam rollers and a coating of smaller gravel than applied.

A tack oiling will be applied on top of that and should the rains be delayed unusually late this year the final surfacing can be done before next spring.

In the meantime Berke Bros. are making rapid progress in the filling alongside the dike. The additional fill on the south side of the dike is not all up to grade but the trucks are now dumping earth within less than a mile of the river bridge here.

Yesterday work was started cutting the point at the Norton place. The earth from there is being hauled to the low spot in the highway at the Clausen place.

## Coquille Landing Field Discussed

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted at the Tuesday noon session to take a half page adv. in the Golden West Days official program.

Late Compton reported to the directors that a man by the name of [unclear] was here Monday, endeavoring to arouse interest in an aviation field for Coquille, saying that FWA funds are much easier to secure now for such a purpose than they were when this city and Bandon attempted to secure federal allotments a few years ago.

J. A. Lamb made the sensible suggestion for a Coquille landing field, that Coquille and Myrtle Point cooperate and secure the old Arago race track which is only a few miles from either town.

There is no possible year-round field adjacent to Coquille available. The Russ lands are under water a portion of the winter and the ball park is not large enough.

Mr. Brooks said if a field could be developed here and a regular coast schedule inaugurated that there would probably be mail contracts made besides operation as a passenger air line.

## Prizes Offered In

### Log Saw Contests

The Simonds Saw & Steel Co. is sending a seven-foot Royal Chinkook cross cut saw to be given as first prize in the log bucking contest during the Golden West Days celebration here. When it arrives it will be on display in the Mt. States Power Co. window. The committee is also giving \$50 in cash for first prize, \$30 in cash for second prize and \$20 cash for third.

## Gilmore Station Starts At Once

Work on the new Gilmore service station, which has been held up for the past few months, was started yesterday morning when Harry W. Kelley put men to work doing the fine grading and getting the lot leveled up for the buildings and the concrete.

E. M. Emeis, Gilmore engineer for Oregon, and Mr. Ellis, district sales manager, both from Portland, were here Tuesday morning and gave instructions for the construction.

It is expected to have the service station ready for use by the first of September. It will be on the lot the company purchased several months ago on Front street, across Willard from Eaton's Feed Store.

Mr. Kelley was named as superintendent of construction to represent the Gilmore company. A. L. Hooton was awarded the electrical contract, E. L. Johnson the plumbing and E. L. Ferrott & Son the form and concrete work and interior finishing.

The steel for the building which will be 24x48 feet in dimension, is being fabricated in Portland and will be shipped in about a week. The building will have a sales room, a lubrication room and rest rooms.

Driveways to the three pumps will be of concrete, the rest of the area being covered with dry macadam. The back and sides will be enclosed by an attractive picket fence with shrubbery in front of it.

No announcement has been made of who the manager and assistant are to be but they will be selected from local applicants.

## Many Plan To Attend Camp

Many homemakers of Coos county are getting ready to attend the annual vacation rest camp from August 2 to 7, at Lake Cleawox, three miles south of Florence on the Coast highway. The cost of the stay-at-camp is \$2.50, but \$1.50 of the fee may be brought in produce such as eggs, bacon, or fresh and canned fruit and vegetables.

Shirts, slacks, overalls, and hiking clothes will be in order for the campers at Cleawox next week. Many women will soon be taking their bathing suits out of moth balls so that Mrs. Harry Ward may teach them swimming and rowing.

Experienced campers as well as newcomers will get a real thrill out of relaxing in the quiet and natural beauty of one of Oregon's most beautiful camp grounds.

Any woman from 16 to 96 years of age is eligible for enrollment in the joint camp at Cleawox. Membership in any club or organization is not necessary and, according to Miss Julia Bennett, there is still time to register.

Women are requested to bring warm clothing, bathing suits, bedding (Continued on Page Seven)

## Wreck At Elk River Yesterday

A northbound traveler through Coquille shortly after noon yesterday reported seeing the wrecks of two cars on the winding ascent just this side of the Elk river bridge yesterday. He did not stop to investigate but stated that one car had evidently been over the yellow line, and that one man was stretched out on the roadside.

The local state police office has had no report on the accident, it having been investigated by the officer located at Gold Beach, but information here is that no one was killed.

## Baptists Select Rev.

### H. A. Minter As Pastor

Rev. H. A. Minter, who two years ago resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church of Coquille, on account of ill health, last week offered his services again to that body as supply pastor, with condition that the offerings received be applied to the improvement of the church building and property.

He will preach Sunday morning on "The Personality of Satan." Evening services, at seven-thirty each Sunday evening, will be planned for the particular interest of young people.

The Coquille Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the picture, "Having Wonderful Time," at the Roxy next Sunday to Tuesday, July 24 - 25 - 26, and those intending to attend are asked to buy their tickets of one of the Auxiliary ladies. (Continued on Page Seven)

## Dairy Co-operative Considering The Bandon Creamery

Will Purchase The Plant If  
Suitable Arrangements Can  
Be Made With The Owners

Members of the Coquille Valley Dairy Co-op and other dairymen endorsed efforts being made by the directors to acquire the plant owned by the Bandon Cheese and Produce Company, at a general membership meeting held in the Bandon high school Friday evening, July 22.

Most of the dairymen present were members of the organization, having signed up recently when contacted by directors of the organization in an effort to determine the possibility of purchasing the plant and operating it on a co-operative basis. The sentiment appeared unanimously in favor of a co-op at the membership meeting and the directors were authorized to continue their efforts to acquire the Bandon plant providing this can be done on favorable terms.

In explaining the purpose for the general meeting, Lester Clausen, president of the Co-op, stated in his opening remarks that the directors wanted to know the sentiment of the dairymen who had signed up as members and would appreciate a free discussion by all those present. Floyd Bennett, manager of the Bandon Cheese and Produce Company, explained the situation as it pertains to the local plant and stated that the bid which had been submitted by the co-op for the account and stock owned by Buffum and Company of Oakland, had been turned down at the bankruptcy sale. This account is to be sold at private sale by the trustee, Mr. Bennett stated.

Minutes of meetings of the board of directors at which this matter had been considered, were read by George Jenkins, county agent, who has acted as secretary for this group. Other members of the board of directors who served with Mr. Clausen, including Harry Hull, Floyd Peterson and Ralph Christensen, spoke favoring the re-organization plan.

## Coquille Boys Hike Down Rogue

Four Coquille boys, who returned last Thursday from a five-day trip, found 125 degree weather on the Rogue river. The boys were Wayne Goodman, Leroy Gilbert, Rolf Holmstrom and Arlington Knife. Carl Gilbert took them down to the mouth of Graves creek on the Rogue and they hiked over to Powers.

The first day out "Whimpy," as young Holmstrom is called, pretty nearly stepped on a rattlesnake stretched across the trail, but before it could coil and rattle Whimpy was half a mile up the trail.

They stopped the first night at an automobile association resort where the rate is something like \$16 a day. But they did not pay that, the manager being a friend of "Buzz" Holmstrom. He told them to come that way and be his guests again.

## No Hope Held For Dudley Hill

Dudley Hill, of Marshfield, truck driver for Berke Bros. on the dike job, who was so seriously injured a week ago this morning when his truck got out of control and overturned on the river side of the highway, was reported very low at the hospital this morning, with no chance for recovery. Besides the terrible laceration of the rectum, he suffered a crushed pelvis and his skull was fractured.

Another driver on the job, Glenn Horton, of Marshfield, was brought in to the Coquille Hospital shortly after midnight Tuesday. His truck had gone off the grade into the ditch along the highway, but his injuries consisted only of a sprained back and bruises.

## Myrtle Pt. Woman Disappears

The sheriff's office and the state police have been searching since Monday for Mrs. Ellen Angel, of Myrtle Point, who disappeared from her home last Sunday. Although 25 more citizens of Myrtle Point had been assisting in the search, the officers stated this morning that no trace of her had yet been found.