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## Coos County Pioneer Picnic Held Sunday With More Than 600 Present

L. J. Simpson Recalled Earlier Days in County's History --- C. A. Gage Elected President for Coming Year---Good Program and Music by Band and Orchestra

The Coos County Pioneer Association picnic in Myrtle Park last Sunday was attended by well over 600 people and they had a wonderful time talking over the events of 40, 50, 60 and even 70 years ago in Coos county. There were a score in the group of those who had been in the county for 70 years when Edgar McDaniell assembled them to get a picture.

It was a fine day for an affair which so many of the old time residents look forward to from year to year and had the program been presented in the grove, as it was last year, the audience would have been more comfortable.

John Tomkin, the first white boy born in the county, was unable to attend, being confined to his home, nor did we see Mrs. Anna Wolcott, of Marshfield, who was the first white baby girl born in the county.

At the business meeting of the association, C. A. Gage was chosen as president for the coming year, L. H. Hazard as vice president; and Mrs. Inez R. Chase was re-elected secretary-treasurer. W. H. Schroeder is the retiring president, and he asks the Sentinel to express the thanks of the officers and members to all those who helped make this annual affair the splendid success it was.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the Coquille city band, prior to the picnic dinner, by the Townsend orchestra and H. S. Norton, sax solo, and accompanied by Mrs. Neideth, of Myrtle Point, at the piano, as a part of the program.

In his invocation to Deity, C. A. Sias, of the Church of Christ, prayed that the United States might return to the ideals and patriotic attitude which existed when these pioneers came to Coos county.

Mayor J. D. Rankin extended Coquille's welcome to the visitors and expressed honor for the pioneers who had begun the task of making Coos county the homeland it is.

L. J. Simpson, who founded the city of North Bend a little less than 40 years ago, was the speaker of the day. He considered a gathering of the kind held Sunday as "wonderful," and said his right arm was nearly ready to drop off from shaking hands with old friends.

He told some of the vicissitudes of travel into Coos county when the steamer Breakwater brought seask passengers from Portland and of the six methods of conveyance which travelers coming overland from Drain used—stage, river steamer, rowboat, stage again, gas boat, and this writer could add that a quarter of a century ago horseback riding was also included in the list as well as a railroad trip from Marshfield to Coquille.

Telegrams in the early days were sometimes sent to Roseburg by horseback, when winter storms leveled the wires.

In 1906, at the time of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, a vessel coming with merchandise for Coos Bay, arrived there the morning of the disaster. Not a pound of the merchandise was unloaded, and the citizens of Coos county added hundreds of sacks of clams, loaves of bread by the hundreds, and other supplies to the ship's cargo and sent it all down to the survivors in the stricken city.

After complimenting Mr. Schroeder and the orchestra, Mr. Simpson concluded with the hope and prayer that some time, some where, a pioneer can be found who can lead this country from its present financial condition.

Whistling solos by Harvey Cole were rendered, after which the minutes of last year's meeting were read by J. P. Beyers.

Hundreds of those attending did not register but the following is the list of those who came to Coos county 40 or more years ago and did take the trouble to have their names recorded:

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Staff, K. E. Marcy, Thos. H. Hanly, Archie Hatcher, C. A. Holverson, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins, Rena Averill Mavity, Myrtle I. Holverson, Nettie Hayter, Melvin Hayter, A. L. Volkmar, Alice Carey, Lula B. Kardell, E. W. Kardell, W. R. Mavity, George Huther, Rosetta White, Eva W. Barnard, Mrs. Zoe Sealander, Geo. Black, Sylvia Drew, Belle Barklow, Effie Summers, Mrs. S. E. Bright, Amanda Heller, Ada Bender, Mrs. John

Carl, Mrs. Levi Bunch, Geo. B. Adams, Chester Krantz, W. B. Norton, Electa Easley, Jas. Boone, H. A. McCue, Thos. L. Wheeler, Millie Child, A. H. Bender, Hugh H. Hastings, Aurora Willard, Lysle F. Collier, Wm. H. Moore, J. H. Schroeder, C. A. Schroeder, Harry F. Brownson, T. M. Collier, Artha C. Hoover, W. A. Hoover, Mellisa L. Brownson, Berline Goodrich, Mrs. Seiden Warner.

Mrs. S. L. Lafferty, Mrs. Jennie Price, Lilly Hartig, Millie Beyers Sanford, Levis Rose, Margaret Kardell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schroeder, Mrs. W. A. Luse, Flora E. Dunne, Clara W. Adams, Alice E. Adams, Mrs. Adams, Carrie Benham, Rose M. Ashton, Almer Walstrom, Mrs. W. R. Oxenrider, Jessie M. Perkins, Hattie Hatcher, L. M. Strong, Mina Strong, Marie Danielson, Sara Ann Haughton, Mrs. Emma Haughton, Richard Haughton, Frank Black, Alice Beyers Black, Iris A. Elrod, Wm. Sneddon, E. M. Hoffman, E. C. Roberts, Cal Gant, Mrs. Alma Halter, Mary Laird, L. P. Jennings, Walter Laird, Levi L. Bunch, W. A. McNair, Florida Fahy, Lillian Steward, Geo. Steward, Rachel H. Grieg, Bertha McDuffee, Mary C. Edwards, J. C. Brown, Malinda H. Bullard, Daisy Hunt, Annie Barrows, Mrs. Howard B. Hunt, R. P. Carman, John Foutes, A. McDuffee, Geo. W. Cox, Mrs. Nellie Harry, Anna J. Holland, Ida Paterson, M. R. Lee, Jas. D. Clinton, E. L. Sanderlin, A. E. Ellington, A. J. Radabaugh, T. M. Willard, Otto Pope, L. D. Jones, J. D. Carl, Jess D. Clinton, M. N. Belleu, Chas. W. Dye, Mary M. Randeman, Mrs. Mary Elrod, Mrs. J. D. Laird, A. R. Hultin, Mary Pantler, Nina Moegan.

Leo Schaur, W. R. Panter, W. A. Panter, Margyette Morse, John H. Paxson, Jos. L. Laird, R. P. Hunt, L. Myrtle Cox, Mrs. W. R. Panter, Mrs. Braden, Levi Snyder, Pete Johnson, Thos. J. G. Blumenrother, J. W. McGuffin, Robt. Hatcher, J. D. Clinkenbeard, Fred Barker, Mrs. Annie S. Bunch, Belle Bennett, Jim Stock, Laura Broadbent, N. E. Barklow, Mrs. Josephson, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. W. Perkins, Mrs. D. Giles, Mrs. J. D. Donaldson, J. D. Laird, Roxie Haskin.

Mary B. Bright, Henrietta Hofman, A. C. Widby, Levi Smith, Kate F. Prey, Robt. McNamara, Mrs. A. Barrows, Geo. Jackson, Cora Axe, Thos. Lawhorn.

Next Thursday night, Aug. 11, there will be 28 rounds of boxing in the open air arena built by the Golden West Days celebration committee under the direction of A. McDuffee and Carl Mack. Harry Elliott will promote these bouts and the headliner will be a ten-round contest between Jack Drews, of Marshfield, and Kid Burns, of Spokane. Both of these boys are 158 pounders and are well known to southwestern Oregon fans.

In the semi-final six-round event, Young Paxton, of Powers, will mix it with Hugh Hamilton, of Myrtle Point. Hamilton weighs 158 and Paxton will be about two pounds under that.

In one four-round bout, Kermit Shaw, of Coquille, will meet Poochie Thomas. Both of these boys are heavies. Johnny Bergil, of Empire, and Bon Muscis, of Sitkum CCC camp, will make up another four-round event. In the opener, Ole Chard will fight Young Horton in a four rounder.

Kermit Shaw, the pride of Coquille, has trained consistently for several weeks and is in tip top shape for his comeback campaign. He is not going to do any fooling around and is going to lay Thomas among the daisies as soon as it is humanly possible.

In the main event, Jack Drews and (Continued on Page Six).

Mr. Earl Wilson is preparing to start a competitive fire department. He answered his first alarm Tuesday noon, a silent one, with a fire extinguisher from the hospital and beat Chief Frank Schram by a hair to the Kirkendall car, which was smoking from a short, on the street near the hospital.

Following is the league standing after last night's game with one more scheduled for tonight:

	W	L	PC
Plywood	5	0	1.000
Pastime	3	1	.750
Cow Bell	2	3	.400
Jr. C. of C.	2	3	.400
Stevens	1	3	.250
Fuhrman's	1	4	.200

He has a four-room suite in the bank building—office, consultation room, minor surgery and rest room. He expects Mrs. Stark's sister, who is a nurse to arrive soon to have charge of the front office and assist in a professional capacity.

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Golden West Days Are Next Week

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Fire Fighters Paid Off In Coquille

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## All-Star Game Tomorrow Night

Plywood, of the Coquille softball league, which won the first round, wound up the season Tuesday evening without a loss in the second, and is the undisputed champion team in Coquille.

The regular season ends this evening when Stevens Hardware meets Pastime, but an all-star team has been picked to meet an all-star team from the Coos Bay league. They will play at the Coquille park tomorrow, (Friday), night, at 8:30 and a return game will be played at Marshfield next week. Those who will probably be picked for the Coquille all stars are Alred, Johns, Martin, Hall, Clabaugh, E. Smith, Gilbert, Witter, Clatterbos, McCool, Barton and Schaer.

Last Thursday's score was Plywood 5, Junior C. of C. 1; Friday, Pastime 6, Fuhrman's 0; Monday this week, Cow Bell 4, Junior C. of C. 7; Tuesday, Plywood 6, Stevens 5; Wednesday, Cow Bell 3, Fuhrman's 1.

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## Dr. G. E. Stark Locates In Coquille

Dr. G. E. Stark, who has spent the past year in the Deornbecher-Multnomah county hospitals in Portland, has opened an office in the First National Bank building, second floor. His equipment arrived last week and he had his office ready for use the first of this week.

In conversation with the doctor yesterday, he remarked to the Sentinel man that he could be considered a permanent Coquille fixture, as he did not intend making up his mind whether he wanted to stay here or not for at least fifteen years.

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## Free Street Dance Next Wednesday

For the free street dance, on Second between Taylor and Hall streets, next Wednesday evening, the city council gave permission Monday evening for it to be roped off and cars kept out of that block. Also for the parade on Saturday night of next week cars are to be kept off the two blocks from the Fuhrman Pharmacy corner to the Mt. States corner and down First street to the Sentinel corner.

## COMMITTEE TO WORK FOR LANDING FIELD

Will Seek Co-operation of Myrtle Pt. In Having Arago Field Made Available for Planes

A committee of five—J. A. Lamb, H. A. Slack, R. L. Stewart, H. L. Clatterbos and D. E. Rackleff—was appointed by Pres. J. L. Stevens at the noon luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, to investigate the possibilities of a landing field in the valley, as suggested by L. W. Brooks a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Slack, in a talk on the desirability for a field here, called attention to the landing field at Lakeside where the trees and brush were cut for a mile in length, all with labor paid for by some governmental agency. Mr. Slack mentioned that the tract at Arago is no further from Coquille than large city airports are from the center of town.

The committee will first contact Myrtle Point civic boosters to ascertain if that city will co-operate with Coquille in the attempt to secure a landing field midway between the two towns.

Fire Chief Schram reported that the Coos county firemen had an S. P. Pullman engaged to take about 18 of them to Pendleton where the state firemen's organization is to hold its annual convention and school the three days preceding the Round-Up.

Railroad fare and sleeping accommodations in the Pullman for the entire time will be just under \$23, with meals in addition. He said anyone who wanted to make the trip would be welcome and two Pullmans could be had if needed.

He also asked if the Coquille Chamber would contribute to a fund for advertising purposes. The firemen will place banners on the car, take literature along, and a little German if funds are donated. The matter was referred to the publicity committee for investigation and report.

Other guests at the luncheon were Judge H. K. Zimmerman, of Astoria, and W. J. Abbott, of Hood River.

## 53 Attending Camp at Cleawox

Fifty-three Coos county women have shown their great enthusiasm for the annual Homemakers' Vacation Camp at Lake Cleawox by registering for the period from August 2-7. The total enrollment from Lane and Coos counties now tops one hundred. This number of women is a new high record for enrollment of Coos county women in summer homemakers' camps. Marshfield and North Bend vie for honors in sending the greatest number of women to Cleawox, but many other communities from all parts of the county are well represented.

Four hundred pounds of potatoes have been ordered, two hundred quarts of milk, forty-five dozen eggs, over two hundred loaves of bread and other food in proportion in order that these hungry women (for who isn't hungry on a camping trip?) may not lose weight at camp. As registrations have continued to come in, recipes and supply lists have gradually expanded, also. A simple menu which will be served on Saturday, August 6, is:

Breakfast—Applesauce, cereal, shirred eggs and ham, toast, coffee.

Lunch—Tuna suffle, Harvård beets, nut bread, caramel pudding, milk or tea.

Dinner—Pot roast, corn loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, apple-celery salad, date torte.

Swimming lessons, bird, flower and nature study, astronomy, candlewicking and ozalid crafts, singing, playing games, contests, dramatics, and camp newspaper are some activities which are planned for homemakers at vacation camp, according to Julia Bennett, home demonstration agent.

## It's A 10,000 Mile Guarantee

In the Thornton Tire Service adv. on page five of this issue the type reads that there is a 1,000 mile road hazard guarantee on Goodrich tires. It is an error and should have read 10,000 miles.

The report of Fire Chief Schram for July, presented at the council meeting Monday evening, showed that only one fire, and that for only \$10 damages, occurred in the city during June and July.

## Thornton Tire Service Opens Here

A \$10,000 investment is what Harry Thornton, of Marshfield, is making in Coquille with the installation of the Thornton Tire Service in the Strang building on Front street this week.

The average auto owner is not familiar with how worn tires are built up, or re-capped, and treaded, and Jack Dean, who is in charge of that department in the new Coquille shop, invites the public to come in and watch the process by which old tires are made as good as new, with new tire mileage assured, at less than half the cost of new tires.

Harold Matson is to be in charge of the office and will handle time budget plan for purchase of the Goodrich tires and accessories which the shop will carry. It is the easiest credit plan in the world. All a tire buyer has to do is to show his automobile registration card and agree to pay for the tires in installments.

Besides the Goodrich stock of tires and tubes which the Thornton Tire Service will carry are the Goodrich batteries, the Motorola car radio, the Goodrich bicycle and all other Goodrich accessories.

See the company's advertisement on page five of this issue and note the many features in Goodrich tires and the service offered by the Thornton company.

## M. E. South Conference in Coquille

Bishop W. C. Martin, of Glendale, Calif., one of the seven new bishops elected at the general conference of the M. E. South church in May, will preside at the Northwest conference of the church which will be held in Coquille, Aug. 24-27. This will be the last northwest conference of the M. E. Church, South, for next April there will be held the general conference of the united Methodist churches—the M. E., South, the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant. The union of these three has already been ratified and it will become effective next spring.

Approximately 100 are expected to be in Coquille for the conference the latter part of this month.

## Levelle Walstrom Returns

Miss Levelle Walstrom returned Monday night from a two months' trip to the Atlantic coast. She travelled south via New Orleans and returned by the way of the Canadian Rockies, stopping at Banff for a short time. While in the east she visited Washington, New York and Boston and spent some time visiting relatives in Chicago. Miss Walstrom spent some time in Swampscott, Mass., attending the Delta Delta Delta convention. She was a delegate from her goritory at U. of O. About 1200 delegates attended.

## Pontiac Agency Moved

Walter Eagan has moved the Chief Pontiac company from the Farr & Elwood building on Second street to the Strang building on Front street.

## The "Kilties" Are Coming August 5



Yes, the "Kilties," headed by Chief Nimmo, are playing a return engagement in Coquille and will be heard at the Church of Christ tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Those who heard them last year will be most anxious to hear them, with a new schedule of songs and music, this year.

They appear in the native Highland costume and are said to display more

## CITY SELLS BONDS—CALLS FOR BIDS

Work on Taylor, Hall and Third Street Widening To Be Started This Month—Executive Session

With all members present for the first time in several months, the city council held its regular session Monday evening.

No objections having been filed to the improvement of the three blocks on Taylor, Third and Hall streets, around the block in which the Coquille Hospital is located, the council called for bids for the gravel, sand, concrete and pipe which will be needed. It will be a WPA project as have been the other street widening jobs in Coquille this summer.

Another WPA project for which City Engineer Condit was instructed to make application is the tenth street grading and graveling improvement. The property owners there have asked for it from Heath east to Carter avenue.

On the bonds to be issued—\$2,637.06 for the ornamental street lighting issue and \$2,266.66 for the Elliott and First streets improvement—E. D. Webb offered par and accrued interest, for \$2,000 worth of the street bonds and the city treasurer the same for all or a part of both issues.

The engineer for the Gilmore Oil Co. was present to ask the council (Continued on Page Six)

## Visitors Here Saw The Dionne Quints

John Trigg, a nephew of Mrs. W. L. Kistner, and Mrs. Trigg, of Ferndale, Calif., visited here yesterday. They were on their way home from an eastern trip, which took them up into Canada. While there they were part of the crowd of 5,000 which "viewed" the Dionne quintuplets. And that was all the visitors can do there. The crowds pass through a U-shaped building, with glass and wire protecting the quints from contact with visitors, and the four-year old little girls were at play within the U. Not a sound could reach the spectators, and strange as it may seem, not once did one of the five glance up or show the slightest interest in "the passing throng."

## New Business To Be Opened Next Wednesday

"The Isle of La Pert," Coquille's most recent business venture, will be ready for its grand opening, Aug. 10. Will Pearl and Mike Ireland, well-known local boys, are rapidly completing work on the concrete filling station and light lunch service, located at the top of the hill south of the high school.

Gilmore gasoline is already being dispensed at the station and by the first day of the rodeo the boys expect to inaugurate their curb lunch service, consisting of hot and cold drinks, hamburgers and confections.

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distinct personality than any other group now before the public. The quintet consists of "The Chief," bagpiper and bass singer; Charles Frazer Ross, first tenor; Arthur Thomas Stegless, second tenor; Charles (Wee) McGregor, baritone; and Wallace Duncan Wicken, pianist and Marimba artist.

Admission to the concert will be free.