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Port's New Tug Takes to Water Like A Swan

Mrs. J. E. Norton Christened It With Bottle of Champagne Before A Large Crowd Sunday

With Mrs. J. E. Norton breaking a bottle of real champagne over the bow as it slid gracefully as a swan down the ways at the Prosper shipyard last Sunday afternoon, the Port of Bandon tug was christened "Port of Bandon" under the most auspicious circumstances. The faces of the Swedish workmen who had labored on the vessel for months were wreathed in smiles, the launching without the slightest mishap and the christening with sparkling "eau de vie" being considered a very happy omen for the vessel's future.

The tug, built by the Bandon Shipyard, was launched on Sunday afternoon, August 7, at 8:45. And those who heard the tumultuous applause during the contest last Saturday know that the public likes fiddling.

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A crowd conservatively estimated at 700 was present to watch the christening and launching. With only two narrow roads leading to the shipyard the parking space for hundreds of feet away was blocked with cars, and Sergeant Tucker who was directing traffic had more trouble getting the mass unjammed than do the city police in Eugene or Corvallis after a largely attended football game.

Northwest Conference Next Week

The Northwest Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will convene at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Coquille, Oregon, on Wednesday evening, August 17, and will remain in session until Friday evening. Dr. E. E. Shangle, of Walla Walla, will give an address Thursday evening on the history of Methodism in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Shangle has preached in the Northwest for more than forty years and is well qualified to speak on this subject. Bishop Martin is expected to preach both Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as on Sunday, when the appointments of pastors for the ensuing year will be read. Not many changes are expected, in view of the fact that final unification of American Methodism will be accomplished next year.

Business sessions of the Conference will be held from 9 to 12:30 each day. These sessions are also open to the public.

Contract for Church Remodeling Let

The Bishop's committee of St. James' Mission awarded a contract Monday evening to Ben F. Atkinson for the remodeling and enlarging of St. James Episcopal church which is to be started at once. The amount of the contract was slightly over \$2500.

Beside enlarging the building 50 per cent by adding a 34-foot addition on the east side, the parish house and church are to be connected by a covered porch, the front entrance is to be remodeled, a furnace room built and a bell-cote added.

The figure above does not include the installation of a heating system for which bids have been asked.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

President Of Plywood Union Writes On Labor Situation Here

Dear Editor: After nearly one year of labor controversy in the Smith Wood-Products plant it appears as there might be a settlement reached, that is, provided all parties concerned can agree on one thing, an election to determine the bargaining agency. If this cannot be done it will mean perhaps months of prolonged strife between groups of laboring men who should be working together in harmony.

One year ago next Sept. 20, the C. I. O. struck to enforce a change of

Fiddling Duels At Liberty Theatre

Ernie Crane, the champion fiddler of Douglas county, has challenged Tex Heitin (the fellow with the red shirt) who won the Coos championship fiddler crown at the Liberty last Saturday evening, to a fiddling duel.

To satisfy the public demand for this duel of the bows, Messrs. Claver and Wood have arranged to hold it in the Liberty Theatre on Saturday night of next week, Aug. 27, at 8:45.

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New Gym Accepted By Board Yesterday

The directors of school district No. 6 yesterday accepted the new high school gymnasium as completed by the general contractors, Barham Bros., of Salem, the only reservations being minor ones, such as cleaning up the building and grounds.

A second contract which will include the installation of seating equipment, a ceiling above the gym floor and some other minor additions, cannot be let until the PWA office in Washington has approved the district's application for a \$4500 grant.

W. Hedlund, PWA engineer-inspector who supervised the construction of this 85x100 feet new structure, was here yesterday and said that

California Car On Wrong Side

A gentleman from Wisconsin by the name of Olson, driving a Chevrolet, met a Graham, driven by a man named Ziegler, from California, about three miles out on the Marshfield highway. Olson was approaching a curve, on his own side of the road, when the Graham swung around the curve, clear over the yellow line. Both cars were damaged and Mrs. Olson was taken to the Coquille hospital with a fractured arm at the shoulder, a bad break.

The City Motors wrecker brought both cars in to the Shell station garage.

Mrs. Berg Is Contact Chairman

Mrs. Ted Hornecker, president of the local Junior Women's Club, announced today that Mrs. Arthur Berg had been appointed contact chairman for the Juniors jointly by both the Junior and Senior Women's groups.

Other chairmen of standing committees for the new year are as follows: publicity, Carol Young; public welfare, Estelle Harbison; program, Ruth Wilshire; hostess, Genevieve Grant; civic club, Mildred Gould; athletic, Marjorie Knight; music, Louise Mills; song leader, Juanita Clabaugh; fine arts, Margaret Denison; unknown friend, Dorothy Fish. Several more committee chairmen are to be appointed later.

Log Sawing Winners

All the sawyers in the log sawing contest last Saturday afternoon were from Weldon Kline's camp at Fairview. There were eight in the contest who made good time in sawing through the 32-inch fir log.

First prize was won by Jack Flater, who went through the log in three minutes, 3 seconds; second to John Wersh in three and 24; third to Chas. Fanner in three and 42. Earl Steen was filer for the first two while Mr. Farmer filed his own saw.

"Buzz" To Do It Again Soon

Mrs. Frances Holmstrom informs the Sentinel that the last she heard from her son, Haldane, he was in Salt Lake City visiting at the home of Dr. Frazier, one of the geological survey party with whom "Buzz" became acquainted when he was making his solo trip down the Colorado. Just when he will start on another trip down that river, in company with Amos Burg, of Portland, has not been definitely settled, but they plan to do it soon.

Carl Mack Assaulted By Rodeo Announcer

Cherokee Bill Alcorn Seized Money Box And Throw Mack Through His Glass Office Door

Reports that Coquille police failed or refused to serve a warrant on Cherokee Bill Alcorn for his attack on Carl Mack early last Sunday morning are false. No warrant has been issued, and Alcorn disappeared after the attack, and the police were busy all night taking care of drunks and answering calls, they should not be criticized for negligence. One of the special officers was at the scene but the regular officers were not.

According to Mr. Mack's report the rodeo outfit, a lot of them, were right here it should be said that Monday Mr. Mack paid the rodeo company all it had coming and has a receipt marked "paid in full."

When Cherokee Bill seized the money box lying on Mack's desk, from which he had previously removed most of the funds, Mack went after the box. The larger man then hit him, knocking Mack through the glass door of his office where he received a severe cut on his arm, another on his chin, besides smaller cuts elsewhere on his face. He was a very bloody object when taken to the hospital to have the cuts sewed up.

Prize Winners in Saturday Parade

The parade last Saturday night was more of an affair than people generally had anticipated, and its attraction was considered enhanced by the Marshfield Eagles drill team and drum corps and the Auxiliary. The Coquille Eagles Auxiliary likewise made a splendid showing with its marching and drill maneuvers after the parade.

Winners of float prizes were: Best equipment, Geo. F. Burr. Best float, A. F. of L. Plywood union.

Pioneer entry, Frank Fish's mule team. Most original, Cow Bell Dairy. Best cowboy and outfit, Leonard Johnson. Drill Teams, Marshfield Eagles and Auxiliary. Best decorated float, Lions Club.

Coquille Wins Again From Marshfield

The return soft ball game between the Coquille and Marshfield All-Stars was not played at Marshfield last week, but took place at the ball park here last evening. The local team won again, this time by a 3 to 1 score. The visitors scored in the first inning and were shut out thereafter.

Not until the fifth did Coquille score one, but Joe Allard won his own game in the sixth when he clouted a line drive over the left fielder's head, the ball rolling to the gate, for a home run. It was as pretty a hit as is often seen in a regular ball game.

To Have Open House Sunday

Open House will be featured Sunday at the Pioneer Methodist Church immediately after the morning service and everyone will have an opportunity to go through the church and see the transformation wrought by a complete painting job throughout the building. Altogether more than 110 gallons of paint were used and the building is now water-proofed completely for the first time. An oil paint was used on the plaster walls also, instead of kalsomine as heretofore. The color schemes have been radically changed throughout and new window drapes bought for Pioneer Hall. Rubber trends are being placed on all the stairs, and a new stove installed in the dining hall.

Painted Doll Pageant Was A Fine Show

The "Painted Dolls" pageant in the Community Building last Wednesday evening was attended by a good crowd, which greatly appreciated and applauded the efforts of the young people who had been so splendidly drilled by Mrs. Alice Lafferty. She deserves much commendation for the showing they made.

Escaped Injury When Hit By Freight Train

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mackey In Their Car As It Was Shoved 160 Feet By Flat Car Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mackey, of the Pat. Elk district, have every reason to be thankful that they are alive and unharmed, for it is not once in a thousand times that a railroad train can hit an automobile without killing or injuring the occupants.

Last Thursday afternoon, just before four o'clock, they had driven their car down the roadway, between the City Cleaners and the Coquille Wood Co. office and had crossed the S. F. tracks to turn around on the old Johnson mill platform and were re-crossing the tracks to pick up a load

It was a long string of empty flat cars, being pushed from the west by the engine and the top of the cars

To Investigate Water Possibilities

Members of the city council have intimated that recommendations or suggestions from the Chamber of Commerce and business interests of Coquille as to what should be done to increase the city's water supply, will be welcomed.

In order that each citizen interested (and everyone in the city is vitally interested) may have a better idea of what the raising of the Rink creek dam, or the pumping of water from the North Fork over the hill to the dam, will mean, a delegation of citizens will visit the dam site and the North Fork this (Thursday) evening, starting at five o'clock. The delegation will be met by the Chamber of Commerce directors, and a discussion of the city's water problem was made a special order of business for next Tuesday noon.

But the delegation personnel is not confined to the chamber directors and everyone who wishes to make the trip this evening is invited to go.

1926 Mail Order Catalogues Received in Coquille Yesterday

Do Coquille merchants realize how much business goes out of town to mail order houses because those mail order establishments advertise and quote prices? We doubt it, but a concern like Montgomery Ward could not send in over 1,000 catalogues, the number which arrived at the postoffice here yesterday, unless it was paying them to do it. They believe in advertising.

Local merchants can reach more people in this territory than even Montgomery Ward does by taking advantage of the Sentinel's combined Buyers News and regular issue of the Sentinel. Nearly 4,000 copies of their ads. would be mailed or delivered each week to potential buyers if the merchants would place their advertising in the Sentinel's columns. It is the most complete coverage in southern Coos county.

Saturday Night Crowd Was No Respector of Property

Complaint was filed against Mrs. Hazel Fellers, of Marshfield, in Justice Barton's court Monday. She is charged with driving across the J. A. Lamb lawn, flower beds, and breaking the sidewalk, Saturday night.

Creary & Williams Sell Shell Station To Larson And Associates

City Motors is the name adopted for the Shell service station, formerly Guss Tillmann's super service on Front street.

City Motors is a partnership of three men who bought out the Creary & Williams business the first of the month.

O. E. Larson, who had been employed by Creary & Williams as salesman, engineered the deal and is one of the partners. He has been in Coquille for the past 18 months.

Public Will Present Next Celebration

Coquille will take charge of any future celebrations that are given here. That is the talk around town now: that a celebration in August should be an annual event; that it should be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; that a qualified man should be employed for a couple of months to work out the details. If that plan is followed there will not be the hundreds of dollars of loss such as is causing so many headaches as a result of last week's celebration.

The crowd on Saturday and that night was all that could be desired. Every foot of available parking space was occupied on all streets in the business section and east of the court house. Probably there never were so many automobiles in Coquille at any one time before. But the Thursday and Friday crowds were much smaller and with the foolishly high prizes offered and other unnecessary

Gravel Ford Cheese Factory Burned

Fire starting in the boiler room of the Gravel Ford cheese factory Monday morning, completely destroyed the plant, burned the bridge across the river there and destroyed a large part of the bridge approach. The residence of the factory owner, W. J. DeBoer, was saved after a hard fight by the Myrtle Point fire department and the Coos Fire patrol pumper and crew.

The plant is figured at a \$10,000 loss, partially covered by insurance, and the county estimate of the bridge destruction is \$9,000.

The county court began making plans at once to rebuild the bridge, which is an integral part of the Myrtle Point-Siskiyou county road.

N.L.R.B. Representative Here

Arthur Haley, field representative of the National Labor Relations Board, has been here this week endeavoring to get the three organizations which would be affected by certification of a bargaining agency at the Smith Wood-Products plant to all agree to an election to determine whom the bargaining agency at the plant should be.

The management of the plant is agreeable and the A. F. of L. has also petitioned for an election, but up to last night the C. I. O. union had not given a consenting answer.

For Biggest Salmon in Coquille

Here's a chance for you salmon fishermen to win yourself a complete salmon fishing outfit and at the same time advertise the Coquille river as the real salmon stream it is.

Greene and Jensen, in the hotel building, are offering a salmon outfit of reel, pole and line for the largest salmon caught in the Coquille between Aug. 15 and Oct. 15. Rules of the contest appear elsewhere in this issue.

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Fred Fuhrman Returns From A Year In Germany

His Account Of Incidents And Conditions In The Hitler Country Could Fill A Book

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman drove up to Portland last Friday to meet their son, Frederick, who landed in New York on July 27 and had visited at several places on his trip across the country, reaching Portland on Sunday.

Fred spent a year at the University of Freiburg, in southwestern Germany, as one of seven or eight students from the United States who spent the year in Europe, a corresponding number of German students attending universities in this country.

Fred is a young man of 28 months and while glad to be home again he says he would like to go over for another year's study in Vienna.

Attendance is not required of those who matriculate at German universities, it being up to the individual whether he attends classes or not. Fred visited in several other countries besides Germany while over there—France, Switzerland, Italy—and one of his pleasant trips was one that lasted more than a week when all the American students went down the Danube in collapsible canvas boats.

Another pleasure trip, financed by the government was a tour of Germany.

Mrs. Skeels Returns From Trip

Mrs. Birdie Skeels returned last Friday evening from her three months' eastern and southern trip, having had a most enjoyable summer vacation, but very glad to be home again.

She spent six weeks with her daughter, Marvel, in New York City, and then went to Blacksburg, Virginia, where she spent ten days with Mrs. Lyman Carrier. While there she visited the capital building in Washington, went through one wing of the White House, but failed to see either Franklin and Eleanor.

She found Mr. and Mrs. Carrier well and quite happy in the town where they had resided as a bride and groom. Martha is a little taller than when the family left here.

From Virginia she took the southern route, going to New Orleans, and went to San Diego and Los Angeles, where she spent of couple of weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Gage went out to Roseburg last Friday to meet and bring the traveler home.

Aichu to Meet Sailor Moran Here Next Friday

Walter Aichu, Chinese grappler who subdued Wild Bill Kenna in the main event at the outdoor arena here last Friday evening, will meet Sailor Moran, who pinned Elton Owen to the mat twice in the semifinal, in the Community Building here next Friday evening, according to announcement of Harry Elliott, promoter.

In the preliminary last week Jack Spies took two out of three falls from Rudy Avalon.

All three matches were colorful and interesting, completely eclipsing as a show the flistic card of the night before.