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Drilling On Well No. 3 Started On Pulaski Arch

Engine For Operating The Drill Is Fueled With Natural Gas From Well Number Two

The first piece of machinery in Coos county ever to be operated by an engine using natural gas is the drilling equipment at the West Coast Oil Co. well No. 3 on which W. E. Marrion began operations last Thursday.

That may not sound now like so momentous an announcement as it really is; and it probably will not arouse the general interest, in Coquille, which it would in sections that know more about the possibilities and comfort of gas for heating or in engines of internal combustion.

become a proven gas field there is nothing to become excited about, but the fact that natural gas is being used for fuel to operate the drilling machinery is worthy of serious thought. In the months and years to come there may be hundreds and thousands of such engines in Coos county.

In starting well No. 3, Mr. Marrion has just put the derrick on a solid foundation, concrete slabs, with a 12x12 foot cellar under the derrick floor, all concreted so that at any time he might want to come back and drill deeper he could move the machinery in and start work.

He intends fitting up wells 4 and 5, which will be started after No. 3 is finished in the same manner. Well No. 3 is some hundreds of feet north of No. 2, No. 4 is to be 900 feet west of No. 2, and No. 5 northeast of No. 2, which will give him a pretty good idea of conditions on all portions of the structure.

Monday when the Sentinel man was at No. 3, the crew had just finished putting down 135 feet of 12-inch casing and drilling was being resumed. Mr. Marrion estimates that he will strike gas at somewhere around 1100 feet. The hard limestone cap on well No. 3 was encountered at a depth of 97 feet. In well No. 2 it was struck at 127 feet, indicating that the formations are about 30 feet higher in No. 3 than they are in No. 2.

Some people have been curious as to why natural gas was not being pumped through the pipe line across the valley to the gas plant near the Smith mill. It will be as soon as a second producing well comes in. The public utilities commission of Oregon would not permit the use of gas from one well until there was a stand-by well ready to hook up should the first one fail. Nor could the butane gas, which is now shipped as a liquid in tank cars from California, be used as a stand-by, for the butane contains 550 BTU—the measure of heat units—while the natural gas contains 1010 BTUs, and a different sized orifice is needed for each. The mixture of air with the natural gas would be dangerous; it would render it explosive, so until No. 3 begins producing gas, only butane will be used in the city mains. But Mr. Marrion expects to have natural gas in Coquille before winter. He figures that two weeks will be enough time for the bit to punch a hole down to the gas sands.

After he has four gas-producing wells hooked up, he intends to start drilling deeper wells to strike oil sands, which he and the geologists are so confident underlie this section of Oregon.

The number one well is now well filled with water, and in this No. 3 operation he is using water from No. 1 and gas from No. 2. And the supply of neither is being diminished by the pull he is putting on them.

Bargain Days September 2 - 3

Bargain Days, which it is hoped will be made an annual event in Coquille, has been set by the sponsors of the idea—the Coquille Junior Chamber of Commerce—for Friday and Saturday of next week, Sept. 2 and 3.

Donald Farr is chairman of the junior chamber committee which has charge of arrangements for making the event one which will encourage its repetition in years to come.

The committee has arranged for band concerts both afternoons and is planning other attractions to entertain Coquille's visitors.

Page advertisements in the newspapers are to be solicited by a committee of three, and it is hoped that every retail business in Coquille will be represented with real bargain offers.

According to the plan each participating store will name three items to be sold at a special bargain day price. In cases of two or more stores proposing to offer a bargain on the same item, the selection will be made by a drawing.

The merchants will be asked to pay \$2.50 each for their adva., which will amount to more than the paper charges. The surplus is to be used by the committee for radio and other publicity announcements.

If all Coquille merchants will enter into the spirit of "Bargain Days" and co-operate with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in making the two-day event a success this year, it will be to their advantage and point the way to future co-operative movements for the further upbuilding of Coquille and enhance its position as a live trading center for all the Coquille valley.

The committee expects to make its solicitation campaign tomorrow, Friday.

Wrestling Card Friday Night

Wrestling will be back in the Community Building Friday night, August 26, when scowling Sailor Moran, New Orleans ex-gob, tackles Walter Tin Kit Achlu in the one-hour main event, best two falls out of three.

In the 45 minute semi-final, Elton Owens, ex-University of Oregon star in boxing and wrestling, meets Victor Porter, of Vancouver. For the prelim, George Spies meets Rudy Avallon in a re-match which might steal the show from the main eventers. Rudy and George, both Marshfield boys—and good friends, met at the Golden West Days celebration wrestling card.

Fiddling Duel At Liberty Saturday

"The fellow with the red shirt," as the crowd at the fiddlers' contest a couple of weeks ago referred to Tex Helton, Coos county's fiddling champion, is going to have his bow and fiddle strings tuned to the highest perfection at the Liberty theatre, Saturday night, when he engages in a fiddling duel with Ernie Crane, Douglas county champion. "Tex" should win, appearing as he will in his home town, but Ernie didn't win his title without showing real fiddling ability and it will be a bloodless duel worth hearing. The time is set for 8:45 p. m.

O. E. S. Natal Day, Aug. 31

The Annual Natal Day celebration of the O. E. S. will be held in Myrtle Point Wednesday, August 31, starting with a noon luncheon at 12 o'clock. All members are requested to bring their 1938 receipts.

Northwest Conference M. E. South In Session

Bishop Martin, Glendale, Calif., Is Presiding—More Than One Hundred in Attendance Today

There were more than 100 present for the Northwest Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Rev. H. L. Graybeal, pastor of the Pioneer Church, reported this morning. The ministers and visiting laymen are being provided with rooms in private homes around the city, and meals are being served by the ladies of the church in Pioneer Hall.

The conference opened last evening with the sacrament of the Lord's supper, and Bishop W. C. Martin, of Glendale, Calif., preached the sermon, using as his text, "I will never leave thee." Bishop Martin will talk each evening this week except Saturday evening when Mr. Sweet, from Stockton, Calif., will show motion pictures of the mission work in Africa and give an address.

Business sessions of the Conference are from 9 to 12 o'clock each day, and the Women's Missionary Conference, of which Mrs. Georgia Richmond is president, holds its sessions each afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30. On Sunday Bishop Martin will preach at the 11 a. m. service and at 3:00 p. m. there will be a memorial service.

In the evening the bishop will again preach and read his appointments for the coming year. In all probability this is the last conference of the M. E. Church South, and two delegates will be named here this week to attend the uniting conference of the three Methodist organizations which will be held in April.

Conference pastors who are in attendance here this week include several men who have served Pioneer Church as pastor in the past. Rev. and Mrs. W. Raymond Wilder are here from Spokane; Rev. Philip D. Hartman from Spokane; and Rev. J. E. Walbeck from Juliaetta, Idaho. Many of the others attended the last conference held in Coquille and are well known to many local people. The list includes: J. P. Bray, Medford; C. S. Coberly, Milton; E. Roy Fort, Corvallis, Mont.; B. C. Gleason, Roseburg; M. H. Greenlee, La Grande; J. A. Hall, Leland, Idaho; E. J. Harper, Corvallis, Ore.; F. E. Hartfield, Richland, Ore.; C. F. McConnell, Stevensville, Mont.; J. A. McKee, Walla Walla; A. L. Metcalf, Tangent; M. D. Medlin, Junction City; T. B. Reagan, Boulder, Mont. T. F. Reagan, Deer Lodge, Mont.; H. S. Shangle, Walla Walla; Frank Sutton, Junction City; H. J. Van Vleet, Noxon, Mont.; J. L. Wilson, Myrtle Creek, and T. S. Wheeler, Roseburg.

Dr. W. H. Nelson, of Woodlawn Calif., and Dr. Alfred F. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., are also in attendance today.

Former Coos Co. Resident Dies At Long Beach

On July 25, 1938, at Long Beach, California, Mrs. Marguerite Hayes-Harris passed away. Mrs. Harris was the daughter of the late James and Julia Hayes and a grand daughter of W. W. Hayes, one time county treasurer of Coos county. She was also granddaughter of Bird and Mary Ann Vowell, all old-time residents of Coquille.

Mrs. Harris leaves a husband, Marion Lester Harris, and an eight-year old daughter, Wilma Marie; a sister, Mrs. Georgena Rice; brother-in-law, Arthur Rice, and niece, Miss Arthens Rice, all of Long Beach, and numerous relatives in Coos county and elsewhere.

Celebration \$900 In The Hole

The promoters who worked up the Golden West Days celebration in Coquille presented a statement at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon which showed that they had failed by about \$900 of meeting the obligations they had requested. They were asking the chamber to endorse the petition they had ready to circulate seeking donations to pay a part of the loss, but the directors did not feel like endorsing nor contributing.

It is to be hoped that no individual, commission nor organization will ever again agree to act as sponsor for a private enterprise celebration.

Absurdities Of The Wagner Act Told County C. of C.

It Should Be Repealed, Not Amended, Says Attorney Who Has Had Experience With It

One of the strongest indictments of the Wagner act which established the National Labor Relations Board ever heard in Coos county, was that made by Robert Miller, Portland attorney, before the county Chamber of Commerce meeting at Bandon, Monday evening.

It was a well attended meeting, with about 30 present and the entire group listened attentively to the attorney who had taken a prominent part in the N. L. R. B. hearings of the E. D. Johnson Lumber Co. labor troubles. The mill is at Toledo, near Bandon.

That the board is strongly C. I. O. in its leanings was explained by Mr. Miller as being due to the fact that one of its three members is so strongly prejudiced in that organization's favor that all the examiners and board attorneys take the same view. Mr. Miller did not say it, but naturally they wish to hold on to their jobs and salaries and would not think of opposing the boss.

The officials make it as expensive as possible for the defendant employer. In the case he was connected with the hearings were heard in Toledo, Portland, Spokane and elsewhere.

One of the annoying actions of the board's representatives is their zeal in making it difficult for the defendant to secure witnesses. The attorney for the board will come out from

Mrs. J. A. Staninger Buried Monday

Mrs. Joe A. Staninger, who had been seriously ill since May, and confined to her bed since the first of July, passed away at 12:30 last Friday morning. She had been taken home from the hospital some weeks ago but when her condition became more alarming Wednesday, she was again moved to the hospital.

Funeral services at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries were conducted at two p. m. on Monday by Turner McDonald, of Port Orford, her former pastor. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Born Mary Ann Rice, in Utica, Mich., Aug. 26, 1880, the deceased was united in marriage at Gaylord, Mich., to Jos. A. Staninger, Oct. 10, 1898. Six years later they moved to Roseburg, and have been residents of Coquille for the past 30 years.

Of the five children born to them, four survive: Kenneth Staninger, of Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. Cora Tiedeman, of Jewell, Ore.; Mrs. Mildred McCune and Miss Margaret Staninger, both of Coquille. She is also survived by two grandsons, Donald Lee Tiedeman and Roger McCune.

Three brothers and two sisters also survive: Mrs. Minnie Zimmerman, of Langlois; Mrs. Marjorie Roberts and Fred Rice, of Flinton, Mich.; Carl Rice, of Atlanta, Mich.; and Howard Rice, of Newport, Kentucky.

Mrs. Staninger was a true Christian, a member of the Church of Christ here, and one whose first thought was of her family. She was always a good neighbor and a dependable friend.

She was a member of Mamie Rebeck Lodge, of the Woman's Relief Corps and of the W. C. T. U.

Cow Bell Installs Automatic Bottling Machine

The last word in a bottling machine has just been installed by Cliff Yarbrough in the Cow Bell Dairy milk room, and it is impossible to imagine a more sanitary or quicker way of bottling milk and inserting the caps. The only thing touched by hands is the outside of the bottles and the edges of the caps as a stack is placed in the receptacle for them. The process cuts to a quarter the time it formerly took to bottle the milk.

It's an interesting exhibition of the automatic operation of machinery and Cow Bell Dairy patrons can be sure their milk is as pure as when it came from the source of supply.

Mining Location notices for sale at this office.

P.W.A. Grant To Finish The Gym

The directors of school district No. 8 received word this week that PWA amandatory grant of \$5,383 for completion of the new high school gym had been approved. This amount, added to the \$4500 which the district will furnish, means that \$9,883 will be available for completing the job this fall. The total amount of PWA funds is \$23,792 for the gym.

The additional funds will be spent for the following items which were deleted from the schedule of construction and equipment items when the original contract was let: Portable bleachers for the galleries, 300 steel folding chairs, rubber tired trucks for the chairs, six basket ball goals, folding gymnasium stands, 77 feet long with seven rows of seats, football and basketball lockers and baskets, drapes and curtains for the stage, a cyclorama, gymnasium equipment, plastering of the walls of the gymnasium, and a few minor items which will add to the comfort of pupils and spectators, as well as to the general appearance.

C. N. Freeman, the architect, was expected here from Portland today to confer with the board and prepare a call for bids for the work which the additional funds are for.

Wagon Road May Be Taken By State

County Commissioner R. H. Lawhorn and Roadmaster F. A. Robb went out to Roseburg Tuesday to accompany two state highway engineers over the Coos Bay Wagon road which the state has been asked to take over as a secondary highway by the county court.

After making the trip the state engineers made no comment as to what their report would be. One of them is K. D. Lytle, highway district engineer from Roseburg, and the other a highway construction engineer from Salem.

The county officials made a request, if the road is taken over by the state, that it not follow the old route from Sumner past the Marshfield golf course to highway 101, but follow the county road from Sumner down Catching Inlet to a junction with the Coos river road northeast of Eastside.

C. H. S. Band To Play At Fair

Coquille high school band practice is scheduled to start practice one week before the opening date of school, according to B. W. Dunn, superintendent. The high school band has been engaged to play on Coquille Day at the Coos county fair September 16, and it is necessary to start practice before the opening date of school in order to be in shape to play by the sixteenth.

Miss Anita Pageler, band director, will be on hand for the rehearsals. The first rehearsal has been called for 2 o'clock Monday, August 29. Both new and old members are requested to be at this first rehearsal.

Bridge P. O. Robbed Of \$5

The postoffice at Bridge, which is located in the C. S. Murphy store, was robbed of \$4 or \$5 some time Tuesday night, and if the state police and sheriff's force have any clues they are not making them public.

Two pairs of logger shoes, some socks, and possibly overalls and other clothing, was taken by the thief or thieves.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

H. A. Minter, Plywood President, Tells Why No Election Is Called

To the Editor: Last week I wrote on the possibilities of a consent election being held in the Plywood division of Smith Wood to determine the bargaining agency. It was pointed out that after nearly a year of turmoil, the labor situation might be ironed out to the betterment of both factions. From developments of the past week it appears that the situation will remain unchanged for some time yet. From an article appearing in Saturday's issue of the Coos Bay Times the C. I. O. have refused to consent to the election. They gave as their reason for refusing, one of the most pitiful excuses that a sup-

posed progressive organization could give and expect rational people to believe.

They gave as their principle reason, the A. F. of L. had virtually stolen their membership. We might ask the question, "Whose members were they prior to the C. I. O. steal of July and August of 1937?"

Another of their reasons was that some men had not been given their old jobs back as ordered by the NLRB. The order reads as follows: "offer to those employees . . . reinstatement to their former or substantially equivalent positions, with-

Council Has Real Job To Secure Additional Water

Neither Pumping From North Fork Nor Raising Dam Recommended By Business Men

The dozen or more Chamber of Commerce members who went up to Rink creek dam last Thursday evening and over to the North Fork near Fairview found the city council had a very tough nut to crack in securing an additional water supply for Coquille.

They did see that the big pond back of the dam is clean and that the water looked like a good wholesome supply, but they also saw that the Walker creek supply which is piped to the reservoir is pitifully small at this time of year, and the Rink creek supply is not much larger.

The recommendation of Stevens & Koon that the dam be raised ten feet looks entirely feasible, but there are drawbacks to that course. One is that as a WPA project it would not be approved by the government agency unless it was to be completed by June 30 next year, which is impossible as a wheelbarrow job. Fur-

Irrigation Projects Visited Last Week

Irrigation is proving profitable on farms in Coos county, according to statements made by operators of farms visited in connection with the annual Coos county irrigation tour held in the Coquille Valley on Tuesday, August 16, and operators of the two farms where field meetings were held in the Coos River and Lakeside communities on August 17.

The irrigation tour and field meetings was the second program of this kind to be held in the county in order to provide an opportunity for farmers and others interested to see the various kinds of irrigation equipment in operation, according to George Jenkins, county agent, sponsor of the tour. If the normal rainfall here could be distributed throughout the year, there would be no need for irrigation it was pointed out. But during the summer and early fall months when other conditions are most favorable for plant growth, the lack of moisture causes a marked drop in production in dairy herds and a shortage of pasture for other types of livestock.

The first stop on the tour was made (Continued on Page Seven)

Democratic Picnic, Sept. 11

Republicans as well as democrats—everyone in fact—is invited to attend the democratic picnic which is to be held in the McCloskey Grove at Norway on Sunday, Sept. 11, at which time many of the democratic candidates will be present to speak and meet the precinct committeemen and women.

It will be a basket picnic with the committee furnishing coffee, cream, sugar and ice cream.

Music, speeches and a general good time are guaranteed those attending by W. H. Kennedy, chairman of the democratic county central committee.

Mrs. Doris Fully arrived here last Saturday from Dallas, Ore., for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. Adrian Sias. Today Mr. and Mrs. Sias left for Dallas, taking Mrs. Fully home. They will visit there a couple of days with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Newbills, and will return to Coquille Saturday.

Dog Show To Be Added Attraction At Coos County Fair, Sept. 14 - 17

A new feature has been added to the attractions of the Coos county fair, which will be held Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17, at the fair grounds near Myrtle Point. It is a mutt dog show which will add considerable interest to this 27th annual event.

Horse racing, carnival attractions, airplane riding and the nightly dances in Oaks Pavilion are other of the entertainment features, while the 4-H, farm and general exhibits will give a very good idea of what Coos county raises in agricultural lines.

Music will be furnished by the high school bands of the county.

The dog entries are to be under four general classifications—sporting, terrier, toy and non-sporting types. The sporting class will show cocker spaniels in one division and all others in another.

In the terrier class will be the wire hair in one, the fox terrier in another, Scotties in a third and all others in a fourth.

Pekingese and other toy types will be the entries in the third class, while in the non-sporting class will be Boston terriers in one division and all others in another.