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## Bandon Robbers Also Entered P. O. Two Are Arrested

### The Third, Wallace Crews, Bound Cecil Hartley Family Near Myrtle Point Sunday

Two of the men who robbed O. C. Shindler of \$240 at Bandon last Wednesday night, and took Mrs. Shindler's fur coat, are in the county jail. They were taken before Justice Barton on Tuesday and were bound over to the grand jury on the charge of robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

The names of those apprehended by the state police last week are Robert C. Bowersox, 32, and Jss. Wayne 29. They with Wallace Crews, 24, are together from the Idaho contingent.

When the trio left the Shindler home last Wednesday night they headed for Coquille and then turned up the Lampa creek road, expecting to go over Lampa mountain, through Arago and Myrtle Point to whatever place they may have left their car. A road map alongside the Shindler car, which had been hidden with boughs, showed the Lampa road as open, and they were foiled when they found it blocked, and then dared not go back to the Coast highway.

The wandered across the mountain, frequently sighting the officers searching for them, but able to remain hidden in the dense brush.

A hitherto unpublished account of their Bandon deprecations is that they entered the Bandon postoffice about midnight on Tuesday. The gun from that office was found on one of the men arrested.

After trying to open the postoffice safe they went to a service station and asked where Jack Wade, postmaster, lived. They were overheard there by people who were on their way home and who found their car missing, phoned the postmaster. While answering the phone Wade saw a couple of men peering in the window. He yelled at them "Get the h— out of here," and grabbed a gun but before he could get outdoors they had disappeared.

Wayne was picked up by a state police officer last Saturday as he was trudging along a road into Arago. He said he was going to the store to buy groceries.

Arrived there he bought a package of gum, and the officer worked around until he could grab Wayne and called to J. L. Burtis to come and handcuff him.

Bowersox, who had shot himself in the foot recently, was arrested Sunday morning in the haymow on the Petersen Bros. ranch. An officer had been summoned, after tracks were observed around the barn.

The officer moved about a ton of hay and suddenly saw a blue shirt. Pulling his gun he called to the fellow to come out.

When no response was made, he prodded him with a pitchfork and the fellow promptly gave himself up, evidently relieved to have it over, as he was hungry and his bare feet needed attention.

Crews, who evidently is the brains of the gang, appeared at the Cecil Hartley home a few miles west of Myrtle Point, Sunday night. He commanded food, a blanket and cooking utensils and then bound and gagged Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and their son.

To make sure they would not move around too freely he sprinkled kerosene on the floor and then set a lighted lamp on the edge of a table over

the kerosene close to the bed on which he made them lie.

Telling about it afterward the boy of six said he didn't think it was fair for a man to play cops and robbers with a real gun.

The officers, under the direction of Capt. Bounds, of Medford, have the country above Myrtle Point surrounded and all roads watched and it is probable that Crews' capture only awaits his being starved out.

Many humorous incidents of the way the robbers treated the Shindler family would make good reading did not lack of time and space this morning prevent the telling.

They were courteous in the extreme to Mrs. Shindler, went out to the line and secured a dish towel with which to gag her, at her request when they had dirty her from their car, and took the mercurochrome off the tape, at the boys' request, before plastering Franz's mouth shut.

## "Buzz" Again On Way Down Colorado

Haldane (Buzz) Holmstrom, Coquille's most noted young man, and Amos Berg, of Portland, got started on their Colorado river trip last week. They were using two boats, one the home-made vessel that Buzz made here last year, and the other Mr. Berg's collapsible canvas boat.

They started close to the head of the river, within four miles of the continental divide—the Rocky mountains—and will continue on this trip to the mouth of the river where it empties into the Gulf of California. They arrived at the mouth of Green river last Thursday evening.

A photographer from Portland accompanied them at the start but was not going to do any of the dangerous rapids-shooting with them.

## Buy Trott Bldg. On Front Street

In a deal completed Tuesday of this week Blegger & Gunderson purchased from Geo. E. Trott the latter's two-story frame building across the street from the B. & G. store and formerly occupied by the Coos Bottling Works.

Dave Blegger told the Sentinel man Tuesday that lack of room in their present location made the purchase necessary. They will continue to occupy the present building, which they own, with their new stock of furniture, hardware, etc., and will use the Trott building for their used and second hand merchandise. The workshop will also be moved across the street and they will also have considerable space there for storage.

Some remodeling and repairing will be necessary before the lower floor is occupied. The upstairs is under lease as a rooming house.

## Independent J. P. Candidate

Fred Bull has decided to file the petitions, circulated by friends, which nominate him as an independent candidate for justice of the peace at the November election. The petitions have the required number of signatures and will be filed either tomorrow or Saturday.

## Riverton Man In The Toils

Ray Hensley was arrested at Riverton on Tuesday, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, his victim being a young girl at Riverton. Sheriff Howell and Probation Officer Mast went down to Riverton this morning to investigate the case before taking him in to justice court.

## City Caucus, Sept. 26, to Nominate Mayor, Recorder, Four Councilmen

The Coquille city caucus to nominate a candidate for mayor, four councilmen and one for city recorder, was set by the council in a resolution adopted Monday evening for Monday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p. m., in the Community Building.

Participation in the city caucus may be taken part in by every registered voter, but the naming of a ticket there does not prevent other groups from getting together to name a candidate or candidates should they so desire.

Mayor Rankin and Recorder Leslie were both elected for two years in 1932. The former has stated that he will not again be a candidate for city office. So far as heard there is no one seeking to contest the nomination and election of Mr. Leslie as re-

corded and police judge. The council members whose terms expire are Geo. W. Bryant, Everett Seeley, C. T. Harrington and Dr. R. F. Milne.

Mr. Harrington was appointed 30 months ago to succeed Jack LeFevre, whose term would have expired next January 1. Dr. Milne was appointed last spring as successor to E. D. Webb, but serves only until the next election.

Dr. Milne had a great deal of experience in municipal affairs in Powers, and would make an excellent chief executive for Coquille should the voters decide to name him.

Whether any of the councilmen will (Continued on Page Six)

## Coos County Fair Opens At M. P. Sept. 14

### All Roads Lead to Myrtle Point Next Week—Exhibits, Racing, Carnival For Entertainment

Myrtle Point and the Coos County Fair will be the mecca of all of Coos county next week. Starting Wednesday, which is usually devoted to installing exhibits, the fair will continue until Saturday evening.

In recent years the fair has featured the work of 4-H clubbers, home economics clubs, Smith-Hughes classes, etc., and this year will follow the same plan, although dairy stock and grain will still vie for ribbons from the farms and ranches.

The high school bands of the county will furnish music for the last three days and the Silver Spray orchestra the music for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night dances in Oaks Pavilion.

The new feature this year, the Mutt dog show, is attracting considerable interest and a good list of entries is anticipated.

Horse racing will be the feature attraction each afternoon of the 16th, 17th and 18th, with pari-mutuel booths provided for those willing to back their opinions of horseflesh with cash.

Between races the Eddie-Burke-Whiteside troupe will entertain with their exhibitions of gymnastic skill and strength.

The usual carnival shows, concessions, hot dog stands, etc., will occupy the Midway of the fair grounds, and the Standard Oil announcer car will be there to broadcast all events, winners, etc.

Airplanes will also provide high flying for those who cannot keep their feet on the ground.

## New Ladies Store To Open Soon

The Coquille Beauty Salon is no more. After a great number of owners during the past few years, the equipment was moved out and the partitions removed yesterday.

This room, between the hotel coffee shop and Opene & Jensen's, has been leased to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young, of Emmett, Idaho, who will in the very near future open a ladies' ready-to-wear shop there.

Mr. and Mrs. Young left yesterday for home and as quickly as the stock can be shipped here will open the new shop. They had been in Coquille for two or three days prior to signing the lease.

## School Enrollment Tuesday Was 790

Enrollment in the Coquille schools when they reopened for the fall term on Tuesday was 22 greater than it was the opening day a year ago. This year's total is 790, against last year's 768.

In the high school, the registration is five more than last year's 277, while in the grades it is 508 where it was 491 a year ago.

Enrollment in the grades was as follows: First 63, second 78, third 61, fourth 68, fifth 53, sixth 63, seventh 55, eighth 67, and in the high school freshmen 75, sophomores 75, juniors 75, seniors 52.

## Bert Peterson Killed By Explosion

A report reached Coquille yesterday that Bert Peterson, 50-year old rancher on Four Mile, below Bandon, was killed that morning by a dynamite explosion. He was blowing out stumps and one of the cartridges failed to explode. He waited a few minutes and then when he approached the stump the explosion occurred. He leaves a wife and several children.

## Woman's Club to Meet Sept. 13

The first meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club will be held Tuesday afternoon, September 13th, in the Guild Hall, at 2 p. m. A Style Show featuring fall styles from several stores will be presented by Mrs. Lucky Bonney.

## Two Are Seriously Injured In Falls The Past Week

### Kirk Shelley In Serious Condition—Morris Morrott Will Recover From Broken Vertebrae

Kirk Shelley was critically injured about five o'clock last Friday afternoon when he fell from the roof of the W. H. Schroeder home on Coulter street, and fell 30 feet to the ground. He was internally injured, his spine was hurt and he suffered fracture of his shoulder, wrist and several ribs. His condition is quite serious.

He and his assistant had been re-shingling the house and were nearly through. The 2x4 which holds the seat on which shinglers work had been removed, with Kirk's knowledge, and there was nothing to hold the small platform on which he sat.

He was taken to the Belle Knife hospital and reports from there this morning were that he was unconscious most of the time.

Morris Morrott, 45, who has charge of the Smith Wood-Products unloading at Cedar Point, was taken to the Coquille Hospital last Wednesday morning in a very serious condition, suffering from the fracture of four vertebrae, three in his neck and one lower in his back. Reports from the hospital this morning are that he is doing as well as could be expected but that recovery will be very slow.

He was standing on a log in the gondola from which all but two had been removed, and was signaling to the engineer just what pulls to make on the other log. When it was raised it released pressure on the one Morrott was standing on.

To save himself he jumped for the dock but missed it and fell between dock and cat, striking his chin on the dock edge and breaking the bones in his neck. He fell seven feet and the vertebrae in his back was fractured in that fall.

## Portion of New Dike Slips Out

About 400 feet of the north side of the newly raised dike, half a mile south of the Russ barn, slipped last Thursday and Friday, the earth from near the middle of the new grade going down into the ditch made when the original dike was thrown up.

This week huge boulders, rock and earth, have been dumped into the cavity, but it has slowed up the program of getting the entire dike raised before it rains.

The cut at the Norton and Collier corner has been finished and an easy curve there makes for safer traveling. Also the low spot at the Clausen place is practically all up to the new level.

## Powers 3-C Boy Hit Woman With Rock

Richard Foster and Corbett Noble were arrested at Powers on Monday and brought to jail here. They are members of the 3-C camp above Powers.

Noble was trying to get Foster, who was drunk, to go back to camp. The latter had a rock in his hand and as a woman came along the sidewalk he threw it at her, hitting the back of her head.

Foster was bound over to the grand jury under \$5,000 bail. He says he has no recollection of throwing the rock but when the woman fell both boys ran. Noble was turned over to the custody of the CCC officer.

## Legion Dance, Saturday Night

The Coquille Post of the American Legion dance, to be held in the Community Building Saturday evening, Sept. 10, with Bum Gartin's Silver Spray orchestra furnishing the music, is arousing a lot of interest and indications point to a record crowd.

The Legion dances are always popular, well conducted and those attending are sure of an enjoyable evening. The music will start at nine o'clock. Admission will be 50 cents for gentlemen and 25 cents for ladies.

The ladies of the Pioneer Methodist Church will conduct a Rummage Sale in the Pioneer Hall, commencing Thursday afternoon, Sept. 8th.

## Land Classification Board Meets

The local members of the Coos County Forest Land Classification committee including E. L. Detlefsen, of Coquille, Carl Davis, of Marshfield, and J. F. Van Leuven, of Bandon, with R. H. Lawhorn, county commissioner, will comprise a local committee which will meet with similar groups from other Oregon coast counties in the near future to consider ways and means of making better use of the large areas of cut-over land in the coast section, according to action taken at a meeting called by Mr. Lawhorn and held in the county court room last Thursday evening, September 1.

This meeting, which included representatives of the state legislature, Coos county court, County Livestock association, County Forest Land Classification committee, County Agricultural Agent, State Board of Forestry, Coos County Fire Patrol association, County Dairyman's Association, Pomona Grange, and lumber companies, was called as a result of action taken at a previous meeting when members of county courts and others interested in a better land use (Continued on Page Seven)

## Mrs. Ames Celebrates 90th Birthday

Last Thursday, Sept. 1, a very pleasant and enjoyable family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Ward on Second street. The affair was in honor of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Rachel V. Ames, mother of Mrs. Ward, with whom she makes her home. It was impossible for Mrs. Ames' three sons to attend, and it was the first time in 25 years that Mrs. Ames and her three daughters had all been together.

Mrs. Ames' mind is keen and she bears her four score and ten years well, not looking that age.

During the day local friends called to congratulate her and left many lovely gifts of love and remembrance and beautiful flowers.

Those of the family who enjoyed the birthday dinner were Mrs. R. M. Gilchrist, of Los Angeles; Mrs. C. C. Arrasmith, of Edmonds, Wash.; Mrs. Ward, Fred E. Romeo, of San Francisco, and other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Rotarians Accept Golf Challenge

The long delayed challenge to a golf contest was brought from the Marsh-Bend Rotary to the local club Wednesday by Stan Emery and was promptly accepted and the battle will take place at the Marshfield County Club grounds on Saturday afternoon of this week. The game is scheduled to start at 1:30 p. m. and Manager Dutch Clinton urges all taking part to be at the club house promptly on time.

The Rotary luncheon was held in the Pioneer Hall this week and the ladies of the church outdid themselves in serving an excellent meal.

George H. Chaney gave a most interesting talk on his visit to the seaboard cities of the south Atlantic coast, Charleston, Savannah, Miami and Williamsburg.

The subject of arranging for a boat launching slide and possibly a boat house at the city wharf was brought up and while the club did not feel that it could make any cash donation for this purpose, Orville Wood was named to accept individual contributions and considerable money was raised in this way.

Rev. Howard Graybeal was present as a guest.

## School Election Set for Sept. 27 To Vote On Bond Issue For New Building

In calling an election to vote on the proposal to issue \$41,250 of bonds by school district No. 8, to provide a new grade school building to replace the old fire-trap Washington building, the directors wish it to be clearly understood that it is only to ascertain the wishes of the voters on the matter. So many people have urged the construction of a new building, and the time being ripe while 45 per cent of its cost may be secured as a P.W.A. grant, the board has used good judgment in calling the election to let the taxpaying voters declare their wishes.

The election will be held in the high school building on Tuesday, Sept. 27, between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 p. m.

One reason for calling the election at once is that P. W. A. officials state that those municipalities which have their preliminary arrangements all made by Sept. 30, the last date on which applications for grants will be received, will have first consideration by the P.W.A. board. If the district waited until after Oct. 1 it might lose out in the final allotment of funds.

## City Asked To Pay "Headache" Celebration Expenses

### Band Was Promised Pay For Furnishing Music—Other City Matters at Council Session

The city council, through the fire committee and fire chief, at the regular session Monday evening, purchased 300 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and 200 feet of 1 1/2 inch. The price to be paid the Eureka Fire Hose Co., which was deemed to have submitted the best bid was \$1.00 per foot for the larger and 80 cents per foot for the smaller hose. The prices ranged from 62 cents up to \$1.30. Other bidders were the Fabric Fire Hose Co., of Oakland, Calif.; the J. B. F. Co., of Portland, Ore.; the Fire Hose Co., and the League of Oregon Cities.

The health committee was asked to investigate the bad odor around the milk house which Mr. Stevens built and equipped on Coulter street, just before he skipped the town. The councilmen also voted to sell that property to Mike Broad for the amount it has invested there, \$1390.

Permission was given to Marvin C. Hopkins, who has a house just north of the W. E. Bosserman home on Third street, to connect with the sewer, at his own expense.

A restaurant license was granted to Hazel E. Mullen, who conducts the Rosebud in the Roxy building.

Permission was given Marlin Brandon to install the large neon sign, which he originally purchased for installation on the pole in front of the Rex Tavern, above the marquee in front of Brandon's in the Gould building.

Jack Harrington asked what policy he should pursue in getting Coquille's streets ready for winter, particularly Henry street north of the paving. The other council members advised that he wait until the fall rains got started and then make use of Berke Bros' scraper which can be secured at the rate of \$4 an hour.

The Henry street bridge, and its need of redecking was again mentioned but as before was passed by till some future date.

H. S. Norton, speaking for the band, referred to Coquille's recent "headache celebration," and asked if the city would pay for the band's services. His statement was that Carl Mack, as chairman of the park commission, had guaranteed that the band's bill would be paid, but when the celebration was over that there were no funds.

Councilmen informed Mr. Norton that the city had sanctioned the park commission's sponsoring of the celebration only on condition that the city should not be involved financially in any way.

This brought a retort from Mr. Norton that if the city was not backing its subordinate officials it should appoint some whose actions it could support.

## Mr. and Mrs. Nels Osmundson Leave for California

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Osmundson left today for San Bernardino, Calif., where they expect to make their home. They have rented their home to Miss Alice Jordan, who came here from Salem last Saturday to take a position in the Southwestern Motors office. Her cousin, Miss Esther Fortune, came with her and they are expecting the father of the former, M. E. Jordan, to join them here this week. They are former South Dakota residents who came to Salem last year.