

Second-Hand Toy Business Booms Again

Discarded Playthings Provide Yule Cheer For Unfortunates

Throughout America thousands of public-spirited citizens are participating in a toy industry from which they make no money, but will bring them a greater payment in satisfaction on Christmas morning.

That industry is the second-hand toy business, an enterprise that flourishes in towns and cities throughout the country each November and December. In high school manual training rooms, fire stations and service club headquarters, discarded playthings are being repaired and replanted.

In some of these workshops new toys are being fashioned by ingenious amateurs. But in all of them, busy merchants and professional men are devoting their spare time to helping Santa Claus make sure he has gifts for every youngster on Christmas eve.

Dolls which faced dusty abandonment through their later years are being rejuvenated. Cleaning and new paint have brought back the first flush of youth to their shining cheeks and the early sparkle to their obediently open or closed eyes. New dresses have added much to their attractiveness.

There is new fire in the big glass eyes of many a rocking horse, too, the long legs of whose original owner would now dangle on the floor. With new paint throwing his proud mane into brighter relief, he's as rollicking a steed prancing along the road to romance as ever he was.

The procedure of these community volunteer organizations varies from city to city. In larger towns, policemen and firemen are rejuvenating toys collected by Boy and Girl Scouts. Smaller communities depend on volunteer co-operation. Women make new dresses for dolls and men repair the toys.

Christmas baskets for unfortunates will have many presents other than toys. Each year thousands of communities find means of placing candy, nuts, fruit—and often all the makings for a Christmas dinner—in each basket. Shoes, stockings, mittens and other apparel also find a ready market.

Events of Year Have Been Steps of Progress For City

The year's outstanding events and occurrences are retold for the people of the Coquille valley in chronological order since January 1st, 1938. Many other things happened but the ones listed here are really the most important in the life of our community.

Jan. 3: Dr. Ralph Milne was named as the new councilman for the city on the resignation of E. D. Webb.

Jan. 5: Business men ask that city council refrain from tagging out-of-town cars and extend them special courtesy.

Jan. 10: The C. of C. of Coquille held a public dinner and reception for the city's newest hero, "Buzz" Holmstrom, who gained the distinction of being the first man to navigate the Colorado, solo.

Jan. 21: State Dairy Association holds its annual meeting in Coquille and the event brought many visitors to the city.

Jan. 20: Fire at Tip Top of mysterious origin caused damage to about \$300 worth of stock.

Feb. 3: Operations at Smith-Wood plant here have been suspended due to the radical change of the market. The blind and battery separator and the cedar mill units are down.

Feb. 3: Four small children of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Westbrook of Sixes were fatally burned in a fire there last Wednesday evening.

Feb. 9: The city of Coquille is almost isolated now with the heavy rains of the past week, covering the Bandon dike road and making mail routing possible only by boat across the valley flooded section.

Feb. 10: The NLRB conducted the case against the Smith Wood plant, charged by the C. I. O. members in the complaint which claimed the company had violated the Wagner act.

March 1: Unprovoked assault on prominent businessman brought a wave of criticism against rowdiness in the city at night. A more stringent policy by the police was urged.

March 15: High water once more this year closed units at Smith-Wood plant with the complete fir mill down indefinitely due to the market weakness and the water. The Coquille river again reached a highwater mark with 22.5 registering on the bridge gauge.

March 27: Vote in the plywood mill for wage cuts was refused by employees, making it possible that the particular unit of the company might close down entirely April 1st.

April 4: E. L. Clausen, John B. Arnold, W. W. Rhule and R. H. Lawhorn announced their intentions of seeking the commissioner nomination at the May primaries.

April 10: Maxine Knight was named to be Queen of the May Day ball on May 1st. She is a charming senior class member. The ball will be under the auspices of the Coquille Woman's club.

April 18: New offices of Dr. W. S. Parke were opened up in the Grimes building this week. Announcement was made that the fir mill of Smith Wood would commence operation for two weeks.

April 26: Announcement was made by a representative of the state highway commission that work on raising the Bandon dike road would commence in June.

May 3: Coquille Choral club made its second appearance of the year this evening as part of the National Music Week program.

May 10: A NLRB ruling ordered 78 men of the plywood plant of S. W. P. back to work with no back pay allowed this week. The company announces that the men will be rehired in accordance with the order as soon as possible.

May 11: New pastor at the Church of Christ will be C. Adrian Sias who comes here from Hamilton, Montana.

May 17: Pickets stopped work on the building belonging to Bob Train this week due to some labor differences which were settled peacefully.

May 24: A falling porch on the Quick apartments seriously injured Mrs. Lena Romning and her son, Carl, this afternoon. Jack Deters, new Coos Botling man, fled town in a new car which he had wrongfully secured. He owned nearly \$2,000 locally.

May 25: Fifty-eight high school seniors received diplomas this evening at the commencement services.

June 3: Dr. F. E. Townsend was in Coquille this evening to discuss his famous Townsend Plan. A large crowd heard him in the Community

building.

June 10: Mrs. Leona Bryant was elected president of the state B. P. W. club at McMinnville.

June 20: Weldon Kline and W. E. Bosserman were elected to the school board at the annual election this evening.

June 24: The city council decided to raise the Rink Creek dam ten feet in order to give the city a large water supply. Rev. George R. Turney was named president of the Coquille Rotary club.

July 7: J. L. James was charged with second degree murder of H. L. Henderson at Coaledo in a stabbing fray.

July 30: Coos County Pioneer Association held its annual picnic in the Myrtle grove. More than 600 attended.

August 10: Golden West Days' celebration opens with three-day program. It started out to be quite an affair. Coach of the Coquille high Leslie, a native son.

August 13, Carl Maek was assaulted by a rodeo cowboy and other commotions hit the town as the tail end of the Golden West Days came around.

August 14: New Port of Bandon tug was launched with Port Commissioner Eugene Norton officiating.

August 28: Two robbers kidnaped and robbed O. C. Shindler of Bandon last night and stole \$200 cash from him. They are still being sought.

Sept. 3: Bargain Days under the auspices of Coquille Junior Chamber of Commerce are held successfully. City schools open with 790 enrolled.

Sept. 19: The City Caucus was held this evening and a surprise ticket was named. Bonds for the new school building on Washington school grounds were passed.

Oct. 3: Congressman James Mott visited in town this afternoon and addressed service clubs at noon. He promised aid for the Coquille valley flood control plan.

Oct. 10: Keith Leslie has purchased a half interest in the Tip Top. Politics is in full swing as general election time nears.

Oct. 28: Coquille and North Bend gridders vie for county title at North Bend. Locals lost 32-13.

Nov. 3: General election here. "Bill Dad" Howell re-elected by large majority. R. H. Lawhorn also in. Clarence Barton renamed justice of peace and George Bryant, Fred Jensen, M. F. Pettit and Everett Seeley on city

council. Dr. R. F. Milne, unopposed, chosen mayor.

Nov. 10: Harry Claterbos named president of Coquille senior Chamber of Commerce.

LATE YULETIDE OBSERVED BY ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

Conforming to the Julian calendar, thousands of Christians will not celebrate Christmas until January 7, 14 days behind the Gregorian calendar. These people are Russians, Serbians, Armenians, Bulgarians, Syrians, and Macedonians—followers of the Christian Orthodox church. Greeks and Rumanians, also of the Orthodox church, mark Christmas on the Gregorian calendar but adhere to the Julian calendar in observance of Easter Sunday.

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