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## Unsafe For W.P.A. Workers, Same Men Work For City

### There Is No Danger Says J. C. Stevens But W. P. A. Official Passes The Buck To The City

The city council at its Monday evening session, with all members present except M. F. Pettit, instructed the city attorney to prepare an amendment to the sign ordinance which will prohibit the lower edge of any sign extending over the sidewalk to be less than seven feet above the walk.

Mr. Matson, for the W.P.A., had notified the city that work on the tunnel into the dam, in the effort to stop a leak, would not be continued by W.P.A. workmen unless the reservoir was emptied.

There was absolutely no danger, according to Engineer J. C. Stevens, but as the W.P.A. officials are a law unto themselves, there was nothing for the city to do but employ the workers at city expense to finish the tunnel and repair the break.

An ordinance was adopted providing for the replacement of wooden pipe in the transmission line below the dam with pipe of a more enduring kind, and bids for the pipe will be called for at the April 3 session of the council. The council ordered that bids for specially treated spiral steel pipe be included in the specifications.

The application for extension of the water main for about 600 feet east of Tenth street was granted, if and when the property owners sign deeds for a right of way.

Geo. Simpson, of the city's water and street department, was appointed by Mayor Milne and confirmed by the council as police officer for the days when the regular force members have their one day off each month.

The application of Roy Glikay for a card room license in the billiard parlor on Front street was granted. Bond posted was for \$500.

The application of Beatrice Bergquist for approval of a Class B package license at the Riviera was laid over for further consideration.

## Robt. Jarger Goes To Power Co. Office At Albany

Robert J. Jarger, for several years the very efficient and capable cashier in the Mt. States Power Co. office here, will leave tomorrow morning for Albany where he will be employed in the company's general office. Mr. Jarger has made many friends during his stay in Coquille, who are glad that he receives this deserved promotion and that the temper in a teapot stirred up by a very few malcontents did not injure his standing with the company.

Wendell Sandall was transferred from Marshfield to Coquille to assist in the local office.

## Work Starts On New Service Station

Work on the two lots where the new Coquille Service Station is to be built, was started Monday by the clearing of vines and brush and by excavating for the concrete footings of the buildings. Forms for the concrete have been put in place and the work is to be pushed rapidly so that the new station will be ready for use by May 1.

## Rotary Shown Pictures By A. N. Gould Wednesday

Bert Gould showed some very interesting moving pictures at the Rotary luncheon at the hotel on Wednesday. Many of the pictures were taken on the East Fork and showed logs being run through the Chaney dam, fish jumping the falls and glimpses of the stream in flood near the Kokeel Kanu Klub grounds. Another film showed interesting highlights of their eastern Oregon hunting trip last fall and another was of San Francisco and the Fleishacker park.

Jane Kramer was present from the high school in the interest of the music concert at the high school gymnasium on Friday evening.

Rotarian guests present were W. Ellis, of Eugene, and Marshal Dresser, of Salem. Harry Claterbos, Jr., was also a guest. Dan Fish, a new member, passed the cigars in honor of a likewise new members in his family. Bert Folsom was elected to membership.

## Survey Of River Mouth Is Ordered

Major Cecil R. Moore, U. S. district engineer at Portland, and Mr. Hixson, civilian engineer with the same office, stopped in Coquille Monday to confer with J. E. Norton, president of the Port of Bandon. They were on their way to Bandon to check over what is needed in the way of harbor and jetty improvement, as the result of a congressional order for a survey of the Coquille mouth.

The project being sought is a 18-foot low water mark on the bar, where a few years ago the engineers gave up trying to deepen water on the bar because they encountered rock pinnacles there.

Another thing needed is the extension of both jetties with the one on the north extending farther out to protect against the wind and current which has wrecked some vessels and others have narrowly missed being tossed on the south jetty.

The removal of sand which came through breaks in the north jetty and shoaled the Bandon harbor is another necessary improvement, and the engineers were given the complete needs of Bandon harbor by Mr. Norton at their noon session Monday.

After the engineers have made their survey and report, a public hearing will be called. Coquille valley residents and port officials will attend and endeavor to show the urgent need for river and harbor improvements.

The city is vitally interested in the harbor at the mouth of the river for freight rates are largely affected by the possibilities for water transportation of freight.

## To Re-deck Henry St. Bridge Soon

The Henry street bridge, whose decking is in such poor condition, is to be repaired this spring, the council setting Monday, April 3, as the date when the matter will be considered and decided upon.

J. N. Gearhart gave the council an estimate of about 45,000 feet of 4x12 planks as needed for the job, and the cost as around \$1500 if city employees do the work or around \$1800 if carpenters are employed.

In this connection the possibility of making a fill across the gulch on Henry street might be considered as the logical thing when the bridge has to be rebuilt. According to Engineer Gearhart there are only two or three stringers that will have to be replaced at this time, but before a complete rebuilding job is undertaken a few years hence, the cost of a fill and surfacing should be thoroughly considered. And the same applies to the Beach street bridge which is receiving increasing use as more homes are built on the Coquille Heights addition.

City Treasurer Sickels furnishes the Sentinel with figures showing what this last Henry street bridge has cost and there were at least two bridges which preceded this one.

The two bond issues for its construction, one in 1927 and the other in 1929, totaled \$11,000 and the interest paid on them was \$3,262.50, making a total of \$14,262.50 paid out when the bonds were fully retired.

To this would have to be added \$100 to \$200 a year for repair and maintenance the past few years, and now this possible \$2,000 for redecking.

Just how long a haul would be necessary to make a fill there half the height of the present bridge is problematical, but \$16,000 would go a long, long way toward making such a fill and surfacing the roadway.

Temporary improvements—wooden bridges, wooden water pipes or graveled streets—cost less at the moment than permanent improvements but in the long run the latter are cheapest.

## Mrs. M. D. Wilder Died Last Night

Mrs. Lettie Josephine Wilder, wife of Marvel D. Wilder who is employed at the plant, passed away at a local hospital at eleven o'clock last night. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

Funeral services will probably be held Saturday, at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuary, with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, they having been married a couple of months ago, her mother who lives in San Francisco and a sister, Mrs. Giffin, on Beach creek. She had lived here for the past two years.

## Dr. Chas. Barker To Speak Here Mar. 30



Dr. Barker

Four million adults, three million high school students, and probably a half million college students have been inspired by the address of Dr. Charles E. Barker, lecturer and teacher of the principles of health and right living, in the quarter century he has devoted to this work.

Dr. Barker is coming to Coquille next Thursday, March 30, under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Coquille and will speak three times here that day: at 10:20 a. m. to the high school; at 12:10 at the Rotary luncheon, and at 8:00 o'clock that evening in the Liberty theatre.

Millions of high-school students and their mothers and fathers have listened to Dr. Barker's addresses on the problems of youth and parenthood.

Since going on the lecture platform, he has delivered over 11,000 addresses.

One of the secrets of the success of Dr. Barker as a lecturer to high school youths is his understanding of young people and his direct appeal to the idealism of youth, shows an appreciation of their problems, and from lifetime of experience he speaks frankly without offending.

## Business Moves Still Taking Place

The H. S. Norton Music & Stationery store was this week moved into the hotel room next door south of the Mt. States Power Co. The room has been attractively decorated and the stock arranged for the convenience of the store's patrons and while there is no more floor space than in the former location, the new one gives the idea of more commodious quarters.

The V. R. Wilson jewelry store will be moved soon from the Grimes building, next to the First National Bank building to the room just vacated by H. S. Norton in the corner room of the Busy Corner.

The Earl Littell wholesale auto supply company, with headquarters at Marshfield, has taken a lease on the store room just vacated by Rackleff's Pharmacy and by Mr. Wilson.

## Local Car In Wreck At Hauser

The reckless driving charge filed by Wm. Manassan, of Portland, against Cliff Kern, of Coquille, in justice court at the Bay last Saturday, is being held in abeyance and may be settled out of court.

The accident occurred on the bridge just this side of Hauser last Friday afternoon when Mr. Kern, his daughter and one or two others were going out to the basketball game at Eugene.

According to Mr. Kern both cars were crowding the yellow line and his was struck just back of the left front wheel by the left front wheel of the other car.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Manassan, who were coming to Marshfield, nor the occupants of the Kern car were injured other than a shaking up, but both cars were badly damaged.

## Pro-America To Hear W. H. Wann Next Monday

The Pro America meeting scheduled for last Monday was unavoidably postponed because of W. H. Wann's absence from the city. The new date on which he will talk to the organization and anyone interested is set for next Monday, March 27, 2:00 p. m., at the Coquille city hall.

## C.H.S. To Debate Grants Pass Here

The negative debate team from Grants Pass will be here on Friday, March 31, to meet Coquille's negative team, composed of Jack Martin and Leonard Farr, in the quarter finals of the state tournament. It will really be the semi-finals for the C. H. S. team for there will be only three teams left in the western Oregon district and Coquille drew a bye for the semi-finals, so if the boys can win from Grants Pass, they are sure of getting into the state finals.

## Sea Scouts Organized Here

Eleven young men have registered for membership in the Coquille Sea Scouts and a charter night is planned to be held within the next month. The following, all of whom are First Class Boy Scout — a requirement for Sea Scouts membership — have signed up for the crew of the S. S. Coquille as charter members: Leonard Farr, Darrell Finley, Rolf Holmstrom, Emerick Hultin, Donald Hurlbutt, Kenneth Lawrence, Charles Mulkey, Raymond J. Rowland, Wayne Schroeder, Donald Wheaton and Richard Avery.

Robert S. Nelson is skipper for the Coquille and Melvin L. Wheaton its first mate.

The Sea Scouts are sponsored by the local American Legion post, the following being members of the ship committee: R. L. Stewart, commodore; Keith Leslie, Dr. J. D. Rankin, R. E. Jeub and D. E. Rackleff.

## Good Friday Closing Not Yet Settled

The request of the Coquille Ministerial Association, made to the Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday noon, that all stores and places of business in Coquille be closed from 12 m. to 3 p. m. on Good Friday, April 7, was referred to the chamber's merchants committee. There has been objection in the past three years on the part of some merchants and the chamber felt that the merchants should be contacted and their consent secured before endorsing the plan again this year. Merchants feel that they might as well close for the entire afternoon as there is never any business to stay open for after being closed for three hours in the middle of the day.

## Mrs. K. P. Lawrence Called to California

Mrs. K. P. Lawrence is expected home the coming week-end from Oakland, Calif., where she was called last Thursday by the death of her father, John Rankin, 80, who passed away there that day, after a two months' illness. Funeral services were held on Saturday. Mrs. Lawrence was accompanied by her younger son, Gordon.

## Will Serve Ninety Days

Judge Brand pronounced sentence on Lawrence Hatcher last Monday morning naming a year in the county jail as the penalty for the offense for which he was convicted by jury in circuit court. He further stated that Lawrence would be paroled after 90 days.

## Wearing Unsullied Coveralls

Dave Rackleff was the busiest man in town the first of the week. After purchasing a suit of pretty coveralls, he fluctuated back and forth between the new location where Mrs. Rackleff and her sisters were painting shelves, and the old location where Jack Jarvis and Francis Arrell were getting things ready to move. The transfer to the former Slater room was made last night.

## Mail Late Again Today--Wreck At Noti Early This Morning

The second wreck within a week on the Willamette Pacific division of the S. P. occurred last night and this morning's mail will not reach here before late afternoon. Last night's wreck was at Noti, the one early last Saturday morning was at Cushman. Details of what happened are not available here this morning, but the wrecking train left Eugene for Noti at 9 a. m.

## Thermometer at 79 Last Friday

Last Friday was probably as warm a day as will be seen here all summer, the thermometer going up to 79 degrees. This writer remembers one March day years ago when the temperature was higher than on any other day in the year.

There will probably be more storm periods this spring, but the advent of spring last Monday, according to the calendar, was beaten by several days in southwestern Oregon.

## Looked Over Their Property Here

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Russ, from Humboldt county, Calif., came in last Thursday morning and returned home Saturday morning. Two other gentlemen, Mr. Beale and Mr. Petersons, sons-in-law of Mrs. Coombe, who with Jos. Russ, is an owner of the 1300 acres of Russ lands north of the river, were here for a few hours on Friday.

They all came up to look over the land which Jos. Russ and Mr. Coombe have just taken over in the division of the Russ properties, and to check up on the stock which went with the land. They were satisfied with conditions as they found them and decided to leave Mr. Smith in charge of the property.

## Sues For \$15,000 For Her Injuries

Mrs. Lena Ronning this week filed suit in the county clerk's office against Jno. E. Quick for \$15,000 damages, costs and disbursements, for the injuries she received on May 20 last year when the porch on which she was sitting collapsed, hurling herself and son to the ground below. She alleges carelessness in not properly providing underpinning while the rebuilding was in progress, and enumerates a complete list of the many serious injuries she received.

## Rackleff Pharmacy Opens Friday

The Rackleff Pharmacy in its new location next to the J. C. Penney Co. store will not be open today, giving the crew a chance to get the stock arranged on the shelves, but will be open tomorrow, Friday.

## Hotel Dining Room Enlarged

The dining room in the Coquille Hotel was enlarged last week by removing the north partition wall and eliminating the alleyway which extended from the Norton Music & Stationery store to the west. This enlarges the room and permits the seating of at least 20 more at the tables. Another improvement which the larger room accomplishes is the better acoustics, there being less reverberation in the new set-up.

## Lions Bid Farewell To Newdall And Hornecker

The Coquille Lions met Monday this week, with a farewell party for two of their popular members, M. M. Newdall and Ted Hornecker, who have been transferred to Marshfield and Medford respectively, with a nice promotion for each. It was the regular meeting which otherwise would have been held at noon today. There were 40 members and guests present and a very enjoyable two-hour session was held.

The farewell talk was made by R. E. Jeub and each of the departing Lions spoke sincerely of the pleasure their association in Liondom in Coquille had given them, and humorously on other subjects.

The meeting was presided over by Lafe Compton, president, and it is to his credit that Talltwater Lloyd Claver did not have to fine him for losing control of the meeting, although a goodly bunch of fines were collected.

Besides the singing of the club, with Mr. Hartman of Marshfield at the piano, the program for the evening was presented by Mr. Grogan, who conducts a school of dancing at the Bay, and one of his star pupils, little Phyllis Belisle, ten years, whose singing and tap dancing captivated all those present. Whether alone or teamed with her instructor she gave a splendid performance in the tap and her singing was equally good. Mr. Grogan also gave an exhibition of dancing seldom seen in Coquille.

## \$112,000 Of Coos County Warrants Called Today

### Interest Payment On Them Will Be \$5800 -- General Fund Call Is Up To July 1, 1938

In issuing warrant calls on three county funds—the general, the general road bridge, and the Non High—before the actual turnover of cash from the tax collection department, County Treasurer Stauff figures the county is saved approximately \$312 in interest for the 20 days by which the call precedes the time it would ordinarily be called.

The call, made as of today, when interest stops, totals \$112,137.77 and on which about \$5800 in interest will be paid.

The general fund call is for the first six months of 1938, Jan. 1 to July 1, and it is interesting to note that in the past year, previous to this call, the county treasurer had called three full years of outstanding warrants. The total on the warrant principal called in the general fund is \$75,989.63 on which there is an estimated \$4,500 in interest due.

The warrants of the general road bridge fund called total \$18,148.14 on which the estimated interest is \$400. It covers warrants issued in November and December, 1938.

The Non-High school district call is for warrants issued in December, 1937, and January, 1938, all prior to Feb. 1 last year and the total is \$18,000, with an estimated additional amount for interest of \$900.

## H. W. Kelley Sells To Wm. Christian

H. W. Kelley, who has operated the Kelley Sand & Gravel Co. here for the past four years, made a deal the first of the week with Wm. Christian, of Portland, for the business which was turned over to him yesterday. The new owner, who went up to Portland Tuesday to bring Mrs. Christian to Coquille, came back yesterday.

He has changed the name to the Christian Sand & Gravel Co., but will continue to keep his office in the Roxy building on Second street and will retain Mrs. Walter Barnes in the office.

Mr. Kelley intends getting into the logging business to the extent of yarding logs in Brewster valley with his caterpillar equipment.

## Soft Ball Meeting Set For Tuesday

Soft ball enthusiasts are beginning to feel the call of spring and an itch to get out on the diamond. To help get things started Stan Stevens has called a meeting to be held at the hardware store next Tuesday evening, March 28, at 7:30 and anyone interested in putting a team in the league, or in playing, is invited to be present.

## Capt. Hall To Give Recital At Baptist Church Friday Eve.

Capt. G. Hall, who is to present an evening of Riley poems Friday night at the Baptist church, is a well known Bible man. Very frequently there are those who wish to procure some special edition of the Bible or one with a better type. This may be easily be done by contacting him Friday night, or calling 254L.

## Spring Frolic To Introduce Queen

The junior class of Coquille high school plan to present their annual spring dance, known as the "Spring Frolic," on Friday evening, April 14. At a special class meeting the juniors decided to have an informal dance this year, eliminating corsages, formal invitations, programs, and formal dress for girls. The May Queen and her court will be introduced, according to custom, as a special surprise feature of the dance.

Mrs. A. J. Sherwood, who had been visiting her two daughters in Portland, returned last Friday night, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bonney, who went out for the two basketball ball games last week-end and drove to Portland for her on Friday.