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Vote At High School Building Today

Vote On Finances, With Polls Open From 2 Until 7--Budget Discussion There This Evening

An important school meeting is scheduled for today and a vote will be taken on the question of increasing the tax levy for the coming year by more than the six per cent limit imposed by the state statute. The amount by which it is proposed to increase the levy is \$10,979.57, but the \$55,160 it is proposed to raise by taxation is only \$310 more than the proposed budget was a year ago. The polls will be open from two o'clock until seven this evening and all who wish the schools kept up to their present high standard of efficiency will go out to the high school auditorium and cast a "yes" ballot. Again at 8:00 o'clock tonight a school meeting will be held to discuss with the school directors the proposed budget as printed in the Sentinel a couple of weeks ago, but there is no vote on adoption of the budget, its final acceptance being left to the directors in first class districts.

Another change in procedure of handling school matters which followed as district No. 8 became a district of the first class is that the selection of directors is not made at the same meeting at which financial matters are discussed and voted upon, but the selection of two directors will be made on the third Monday in June—the 18th, with the polls open for voting from 2:00 until 7:00 p. m. The two directors whose terms expire this month are Mrs. Leona G. Bryant and Dr. J. R. Bunch. So far as has been talked there is no disposition to make any change in the personnel of the school board and if they can be persuaded to serve another term the voters can do no better than to re-elect them.

School affairs have been harmoniously conducted; they have been economically managed and the general idea is to continue to leave this very important part of our democratic system of government in the very capable hands which have conducted them so satisfactorily for the past few years.

The clerk is not selected by the voters but by the directors in a district of the first class.

Simple Decoration Day Observance

Decoration Day was observed in Coquille in a very quiet and simple way, it consisting of decorating the graves of old soldiers with wreaths and the firing of salutes at the bridge and at both the Masonic and Odd Fellows cemeteries.

Commander C. M. Gray of the Coquille Post, American Legion, called out a squad, color bearers, color guard and bugler, with Sergeant D. E. Rackleff in charge, and at 10:30 o'clock the squad marched to the bridge and then rode to the cemeteries.

There were good crowds at the two cemeteries and the simple observance of the day seemed to strike a popular chord. There were more people present at the gravesides of departed loved ones than have attended a 10:30 program in the theatre for years, and the change of observing the day is probably one that will be continued in the future.

Wm. Floten, O. S. C. Graduate

Mrs. Effie Miller and her father, C. G. Floten, drove out to Corvallis Monday to attend the O. S. C. commencement exercises at 10 a. m. Monday morning. Wm. Floten was one of the 690 members of the class which was graduated from the college, the largest class ever to receive diplomas. Bill did not return to Coquille with them; he went to Oregon City where a position awaited him.

A former Coquille girl, Ann Van Scoy, was one of the graduates and her mother, Mrs. Paul Van Scoy, was there for the exercises. Ann is to be married on the thirtieth of this month.

Are Visiting San Francisco Fair

H. N. Lorenz and Dr. C. A. Rietman left last Sunday morning for San Francisco, where they were to join Mrs. Lorenz and Mrs. Rietman, who have been visiting the former's sister, Mrs. B. Mahan, at Houston, Texas, for the past month. After a week's visit at the fair they will return to Coquille.

Claterbos Tells Of Alaskan Trip

Harry Claterbos gave some of the highlights of the delegates' trip to the district convention of Rotary at Juneau, Alaska, in an informal talk at the meeting at the hotel on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claterbos, Mrs. Geo. H. Chassey and President George R. Turney returned from their trip last Thursday afternoon and all report a wonderful welcome from the clubs and citizens in the Alaskan cities they visited.

Mr. Claterbos gave a detailed and very interesting description of their trip from the time they left Seattle and had just fairly gotten them into Alaska when the time limit was up, but he promised to continue the talk at a later date. He exhibited a number of pictures of cities, glaciers and other features visited and also exhibited Mr. Turney's program for the Governor's ball.

Guests at yesterday noon's luncheon were: T. P. Peterson, R. L. Childs and Lafe Compton, all of Coquille, and Rotarian Ed Loney, of Marshfield.

He Showed A Lot Of Nerve

Leroy Kolkhorst, nicknamed "Shorty," 23-year old son of C. A. Kolkhorst and a brother of Harold Kolkhorst of the Coquille police force, showed a lot of grit last Saturday morning when he crawled out of Rock creek, above the Houghtaling log house on the Roseburg highway, got into his car and drove the ten miles back to Bridge while suffering from a fractured skull, a broken nose and a broken right wrist.

He had gotten up about four o'clock that morning to go on a fishing trip alone, and walked out onto a suspension bridge built across a dam a mile or two above where Rock creek empties into the Middle Fork.

The bridge didn't look safe as he walked out on it and he turned to go back, but just then it gave way, causing him to plunge downward more than 20 feet to the boulders, rocks and logs in the creek.

As near as can be figured, he must have been unconscious for two hours for it was two o'clock when he arrived in Bridge from which point some one drove him to the Coquille Hospital.

There it was found that his wrist had been fractured, his nose broken across the bridge, and his skull fractured from the left eye back to the ear.

"Shorty" is employed by Smith Wood-Products but it will be several weeks before he can return to work for he will be in the hospital for at least a month.

He does not think he was unconscious at any time but he undoubtedly was, and you have to admire what is called in polite society the intestinal fortitude which he showed in starting and driving his car for ten miles.

Auctions At Schroeder Jewelry

On page five of this issue of the Sentinel will be found an announcement of the Schroeder Jewelry store which will be of interest to many. Starting at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon they announce a public auction of their stock of jewelry, watches, silverware, etc., twice a day—at 2:00 and at 7:30 p. m. A diamond ring will be given away each day and other gifts will be given free at each sale.

This is not a quitting business sale by this popular store but is done to reduce stock and turn a part of it into cash.

Culvers Enjoyed Eastern Trip

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. F. W. Culver returned last Saturday from their three weeks' trip to the Middle West, being gone just 23 days. They visited his brother in Michigan, stopped in Chicago and Cincinnati, where Pete saw a couple of big league ball games and then went down into the racing country section of Kentucky. Pete says he saw barns there that he would like to have for a home.

Mrs. Emily Hersey came down from her ranch home near Portland on Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Julius Rubie, and be here for Decoration Day. She returned home today.

Found What Causes The Taste

A representative of the state board of health, Mr. Cotta, was in Coquille last Thursday, having come at the request of Mayor R. F. Milne, who asked a determination of the cause in the taste of Coquille's water supply. Not only has the unpleasant taste been evident to those drinking it, but it has a deleterious effect on the selling price of butter from the local Swift plant, their Coquille product being penalized so that it does not command the regular market price. Water from the city system is used in working the butter.

Visiting the plant with S. V. Epperson, Mr. Cotta found a fungus growth at the end of all maple tree roots where the trees had been cut at the water edge in clearing for the lake reservoir back in the hills. This fungus growth smelled more like rotten garbage than anything else it could be compared with and a quantity brought down to the city hall soon drove every one out of the room.

Mr. Cotta's recommendation, which is to be carried out, is to have a crew work clear around the reservoir cutting off all the fungus and then paint the roots with hot tar.

This will not entirely eliminate the trouble for this summer, because some of the root ends are still under water, but when the reservoir is drained next December all the roots will be treated.

Mr. Cotter said the chlorination plant was working perfectly; that too much chlorine was not being used and when this fungus is eliminated that Coquille should have as good a water supply as can be found in the state.

A letter from the department of health since that time recommends the use of ammonia and carbon treatment to provide additional purification of the supply, and these possibilities will be presented by Mayor Milne to the council at its next session, June 5.

Coos Electric Co-operative

Coos county's R. E. A.—the new rural electrification district—is to be known as the Coos Electric Co-operative and J. Arthur Berg was authorized at a meeting of the directors last Friday night to attend to the incorporation of the non-profit co-op and other legal matters.

As soon as they can be secured the 250 members of the association will be given their certificates of membership.

The district to be served by the new association will extend from Brewster valley through McKinley, Lee, Fairview, Dora, Gravel Ford, Bridge and up to Remote on the Middle Fork, and will require the building of 90 miles of power line.

The temporary directors who will serve until permanent officers are chosen are: Ivan C. Laird, M. C. Miller, Elmer Wilson, Miss Julia Leatherman, D. V. Yeoman, L. B. Jennings, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Rex Brown, and Mrs. R. J. Holverstott.

Miss Pageler To Encircle The U. S. This Summer

Miss Anita Pageler, music director for the Coquille school, left this morning for Portland and next week will leave for Detroit where she will secure a Dodge coupe and start on a trip around the rim of the United States. She is going along the northern border to Maine, down the Atlantic coast, with a stop at the New York fair, through Washington and to Florida; thence across the south of the country to Los Angeles and north to Coquille, expecting to reach here the latter part of August.

Decoration Day At Dora

Observance of Decoration Day at the Dora cemetery on Tuesday brought a good crowd together for the occasion. Rev. F. H. Barr, of Myrtle Point, was the speaker.

Mrs. H. A. Young and daughter, Carol, left Saturday for Portland to visit with their son and brother, Allen Young, Jr., and family. Carol returned Tuesday but Mrs. Young remained in the north for the rest of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton returned last night from a hurried trip they made to Mrs. Norton's former home in Idaho.

Eastern Oregon Cattlemen Enjoy Coos' Scenery

The registration at Myrtle Point on the last day of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Breeders convention showed 250 names, not as large an attendance as had been anticipated, but one that was worth while and enjoyed by those attending.

One thing that took the eyes of the eastern Oregon delegates present and which caused more than a little comment was the verdure and greenery of Coos county. To see sheep nearly hidden in the tall lush grass on the bottoms out near China Camp bridge was something that those who had never been to the coast before were enthusiastic about.

Pendleton was selected as the location for the 1940 convention and this year's officers were re-elected: W. B. Snider, Paisley, president; Wayne Stewart, Dayville, first vice-president; Jack Tippet, Enterprise, second vice-president, and C. L. Jamison, secretary-treasurer.

There were between 250 and 300 who attended the seafood banquet, tendered by the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, in the mess hall at the Charleston CCC camp last Friday evening. A huge bowl of clam chowder, barbecued salmon and a plentiful supply of crab meat on each plate made it a real seafood meal. The committee, Albert Matson, Lou Blanc and Walt Asplund, which spent the day bringing the salmon to just the highest point of perfection, are entitled to a lot of credit. The meal was something to remember.

Also the closing banquet in the Myrtle Point high school auditorium last Saturday evening was a splendid meal, barbecued beef being the meat item on the menu. One man who has had years of experience in serving food to the public says that the banquet was the best cooked and most appetizing meal he had ever tasted at a public banquet such as this was.

The banquet, program and talks, with O. M. Plummer, of Portland, as toastmaster, was a happy ending to the two days convention, although the entertainment did not end until the early Sunday morning hours when the dance at Oaks Pavilion ended.

Peeping Tom Caught Here Sunday

Rex Livingston, 28, a young man from the SERA camp at Reedsport, pleaded guilty in Justice Barton's court Wednesday morning on a disorderly conduct charge and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, serving of the sentence being suspended during good behavior.

He was arrested Saturday night by Marshal English after a complaint had come in that he was peeping in a window in the north part of town.

A good description was given the office and when he found the fellow in the south part of town he began questioning him. At first he denied vehemently that he was guilty but when the marshal called attention to the damp condition of his shoes and the weed particles sticking to his trousers he broke down and confessed.

Scalp Slashed By Pole

Bob Barrett, a man of 50 years, went to the Coquille Hospital Sunday evening to have a scalp wound sewed up. He was engaged in a friendly scuffle on Front street and before it was ended he fell down a couple of steps and across the sidewalk, striking his head against a telephone pole. The resulting cut, from over his eye and up over the upper side of his head, as far back as the crown, was as clean as though it had been carved with a knife.

Julius Broadbeck, of Fort Smith, Ark., is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Mamie Matney. It was the first time they had seen one another for 30 years. Mr. Broadbeck, who is a conductor on the Frisco railroad in the middle west, stopped in Portland and brought another sister, Mrs. J. W. Meadows, down to Coquille.

Miss Marianne Axtell came down from Portland last Sunday for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Axtell, and to investigate a possible teaching position in Curry county. She returned to Portland Tuesday.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Boat House Waits Tennant Assurance

About half of the 48 spaces to be provided in the Coquille river boat house at the dock here have already been engaged and the committee is anxious to rent the balance of the space so that construction work can begin.

The first year's charge is \$18, all of which will go into construction. Next year the rental can be substantially reduced if the building goes up this summer.

Anyone interested should see O. L. Wood or R. L. Stewart at once and notify them of their intention to keep a boat under cover, where it will be protected by a caretaker. The rental fee includes locker as well as storage space for the boat.

The committee does not intend to proceed with the building until the funds are in hand from the rentals, in order that there may be no debt hanging over the job.

With ten months of fishing during the year in the Coquille river it is possible to build up a resort or sportsman's industry here which will make good returns year after year.

Royal Neighbors' County Convention

The nineteenth annual county convention of the Royal Neighbors of America was held in Coquille yesterday, the sessions being held in I.O.O.F. hall. Lenora Broili, state R.N.A. supervisor, from Ashland, and Ann Montgomery, district deputy from Marshfield, were special guests of the convention. The latter was presented with a beautiful lodge ring by the convention delegates in recognition of her faithful services to the lodge.

The officers presiding at the sessions were: oracle, Jane Burch; Mary Kibler, vice oracle; Pearl Aubin, past oracle; Rose Gregg, chancellor.

A school of instruction was conducted by the state supervisor and scrap books from the various camps were presented to her. Flowers were also presented to the special guests and county officers.

The Powers camp presented the Coquille camp with the chain and a bouquet, and followed with a fancy drill.

A very fine banquet was served in Pioneer Hall at 6:30 o'clock, with nearly one hundred present.

The evening session which was open to the public was confined to a program of stunts and features by the several camps in the county and refreshments were served at a late hour.

Miss Julia Bennett, home economics leader for Coos county, gave an interesting talk on vitamins.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Bell Belloni, of Coquille, with the response by Mabel Perrin, of North Bend.

The county queen, Ruby Johnson, was crowned by the district deputy, Mrs. Montgomery. The queen was attended by the following princesses: Annie Hansen, of Marshfield; Ruby Medford, of Powers; Margaret Spores, of Myrtle Point.

Officers chosen for the coming year were: Mary G. Kibler, of North Bend, oracle; Beatrice Osborne, of Marshfield, vice oracle; Faye Hall, of Powers, chancellor; Katherine Arland, of North Bend, recorder-receiver.

Poulton Fined At Myrtle Point

Frank E. Poulton, of this city, was fined \$25 in justice court at Myrtle Point Saturday on a disorderly charge. The story that he struck a woman, while it is true, does not reflect a disrespect for womanhood that the reader would gather from daily press accounts. According to reports in Coquille, Mr. Poulton swung at a man who dodged and the blow, with only the open hand, accidentally found its mark on the lady. This information was not given the Sentinel by the defendant in the case.

Mrs. H. S. Norton, who fell and broke a blood vessel in her knee a couple of weeks ago, was able to be up for the first time on Tuesday. It has been a painful period and required that she lie perfectly still for that time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barton returned Tuesday from Diamond Lake, where they spent the week-end and holiday.

We have a splendid assortment of fine potted plants—call Bergen's.

ITALY ON THE MARCH

Mrs. T. R. Jackman Writes To The Sentinel Of Impressions Made In Land Of Mussolini

The following letter was received this week from Mrs. T. R. Jackman, former Coquille resident who with Mr. Jackman, is travelling in Europe:

Rome, April 3
The beating of drums—the blowing of bugles—the steady, monotonous march of thousands of troops—all these are the things one sees and hears everywhere in Italy.

Once tourists came to Rome to ponder over her ancient glory and power. Today, they find only time to gaze upon wonders of the present, for Rome is revived in all her military pomp. Concealed within great art galleries are magnificent paintings by Michael Angelo and other masters that are today forgotten. Milan and Florence, once famous for collections of art, are noted now for their military air-dromes and war camps.

No longer can the visitor wander idly down some avenue and dream of yester-years when Caesars ruled the world. Instead you automatically discover yourself falling into step to the martial air of a military band as a group of soldiers pass. No longer do the Italians dream dreams of the past, they portray visions of the future, an exalted one, when Rome (Continued on Page Two)

Killed Huge Female Cougar

Tom Flood brought in to the court house last Saturday a female cougar which measured six feet three inches from tip to tip. He killed it the evening before on Dement creek mountain. His dogs had treed it and the first shot from his .22 rifle struck the animal back of its fore leg. He kept shooting until the animal fell from the tree, hitting it five times in the head.

He could not collect the \$20 bounty on varmints of this kind here but had to send the hide to the state game commission office in Portland to claim the reward.

First Highway Unit Started

Work on the first unit of the rebuilding of the Coquille-Marshfield highway was started in Bunker Hill last week when the removal of buildings from the new right-of-way started, and grading along the hillside began.

That sharp curve just west of the Coos River bridge is to be a long sweeping one when the new highway is built and all those sharp turns in the Bunker Hill section will be eliminated.

It is not anticipated that the Coal Bank slough bridge will be built before next year, although that is the worst piece of road on the whole Coast Highway between Brookings near the California line, and Otis where the Salmon river cut-off road turns east to Portland.

Wants To Start Weekly Auction

W. L. Albright, of Lorraine near Eugene, has been here this week seeking a suitable barn location around the outskirts of Coquille with the idea of establishing a business here. His plan is to have a weekly auction sale, on either Wednesday or Saturday, where anything can be brought for sale—farm machinery, stock, household goods, anything that can be sold.

So far he has been unable to find a location that would be satisfactory but he is still looking.

What gave him the idea that this might be a good spot for a weekly auction was the fact that so many people haul their calves, cattle, sheep, etc., out to Eugene to find a market.

Caught His First Bass

Dr. C. G. Stem and family spent three days—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—of this week at Tabkenitch lake, where the doctor caught his first bass, using a fly rod. One of his catch was a 17-inch specimen which is news when a novice does it.