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Service Station Fire Threatens Block

Was Smoldering In Attic Discovered At 1:30 A. M.

A fire which could easily have threatened the W. O. W. and other frame buildings in that section, proved one of the most stubborn the fire department has had to fight in years. It was in the attic of the Coquille Service Station and had spread over an area at least 15 feet in length and nearly as wide.

The alarm was turned in about 1:30 Sunday night and for two hours the boys pumped gas into the space between roof and ceiling. Water wouldn't phase it.

There being no draft in the attic the fire spread gradually and charred as it went, not breaking into much flame.

E. A. Walker says they had a hot fire in the stove that day and the heated chimney evidently caused the woodwork to begin to char.

There was no smoke in the room below but it was seeping out from one end to the other through the roof when seen by a passerby who notified Marshal English, who turned in the alarm.

Home After Seven Weeks' Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Alton H. Grimes returned last Friday evening from their seven weeks transcontinental trip. The unusual features were that nearly every place they visited the weather was unusual. Either it was hotter than it had been before for 40 years or they encountered the first rain in that section for months.

Among the stops on their journey were those at Chicago, Flint, Mich., Cleveland, New York City, Riverhead, Long Island, Washington, D. C., the Ozarks in Missouri, Independence, Kans., Cushing, Okla., Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam and San Francisco. They drove the Buick they picked up at Flint between six and seven thousand miles.

Father LeMiller Dies At North Bend

Funeral services conducted by Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Oregon, will be held at Portland tomorrow for Father L. A. LeMiller, who died at Mercy Hospital in North Bend, Monday morning, after a protracted illness.

Father LeMiller was born in Ohio in 1867 and had lived in Coos county for a quarter of a century. He organized the Catholic mission work in this section and was priest at Bandon until transferred to North Bend several years ago.

Mass and services were held in the church at North Bend at eight o'clock this morning.

Hallowe'en Vandalism

Aside from the silly, marking of windows with soap Hallowe'en evening there were some acts of vandalism. The new net on the tennis court in Athletic Park was cut to pieces and several of the metal street signs were torn off and taken away.

"Treat or trick," seemed to be the battery that night and the youngsters were fed in scores of homes.

At one residence a youngster rang the bell and asked for a drink of water. He said he had been fed so much he couldn't do more than drink.

Mrs. Harlocker Stricken

Mrs. Fannie Harlocker, widow of the former Coos county judge, L. Harlocker, suffered a severe paralytic stroke last Saturday, her whole side being affected. She is 20 years of age and her condition is quite serious. For nearly twenty years Mrs. Harlocker has lived in Corvallis and in Portland with her two daughters, Mrs. Emily McKenna and Miss Edna Harlocker. Of her sons, Charles lives in Portland, Hugh in southern California, Frank and Fred in the Hawaiian Islands.

Iron Encircles Willow

A curious specimen was that willow branch, nearly an inch through, which C. L. Gormley cut along the right-of-way near the Yoakam place yesterday. An iron nut, with a 1/2-inch center hole, encircled the branch and there was no bark inside the nut, the bare wood showing.

To Nominate C. of C. Officers

President Claterbos appointed a nominating committee at the Chamber of Commerce board of directors session in the hotel Tuesday noon, which will submit a list of proposed officers and directors for next year at next Tuesday's meeting. The date for election of officers will be set at that time. Members of the nominating committee are J. A. Lamb, D. E. Rackleff, H. A. Young, J. A. Fitzpatrick and Lafe Compton.

Assessor J. P. Beyers gave a report on his recent two weeks' trip to San Francisco, telling among other things of a talk he had with Assessor John Quinn, of Los Angeles county, California. Down there the deputies of the assessor's office total 1100 during the rush season and there are never less than 380 employed. The assessed valuation of the county is \$2,800,000,000.

Mr. Quinn told also of how the million dollar motion picture stars are taxed. He mentioned one by name, a very well known comedian, whose annual income is over a million dollars, who has just about \$184,000 left after paying all federal, state and county taxes. Of course, he won't starve on that, but neither do a lot of New Deal parasites!

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Oerding returned Saturday from a trip to Union and other places in eastern Oregon, where they have been visiting relatives and friends. They took Mrs. Oerding's sister to her home in Union after a visit here and in California. They returned by way of Portland, where Mr. Oerding stopped on business.

Junior Class Play Next Wednesday

The first big dramatic event of the year, the Junior Class Play, will take place in the high school gymnasium on Wednesday evening, November 8. The Juniors have selected for their offering a three-act comedy, "Spring Fever" by Glenn Hughes.

The entire action takes place in the living-room of Mrs. Spangler's rooming-house at Brookfield college on the day before commencement. Mrs. Spangler (Geraldine Cole) has a hard time keeping track of all her roomers. Howard Brant, a senior, (Charles Mulkey) has had difficulties in his Zoology course and may not graduate. His aunt, Miss Maude Corey (Marvine McClellan) has traveled from California to the East Coast to see him graduate, and, of course, must not be disappointed. Ed Burns (Don Hurlbutt) and Vic Lewis

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Rodeheaver at North Bend

Homer Rodeheaver and his trombone, who has been heard by 70 million people in the United States, is being brought to North Bend by the Myrtle Union Christian Endeavor society, next Saturday, Nov. 4. He will speak and play in the North Bend Community Building at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Rodeheaver is considered the greatest living exponent of the real negro spirituals.

Lawrence Blum Severely Injured

Lawrence Blum, 27 years, son of Mrs. Lucy Blum who resides on North Heath street, was taken to the Coquille Hospital Monday night, suffering from injuries which will keep him there for some time. He was injured when the rip saw kicked back a piece of blind stock which struck him with great force across the upper portion of his legs. No bones were broken but he was badly lacerated and mangled.

Freight Bureau Meeting

The Oregon Coast Auto Freight Bureau members held a dinner meeting at Reedsport Monday evening, where freight tariffs were the principal matters of business discussed. But one change was made and that was one increasing the basic mileage scale to a higher limit.

Those from Coquille present were E. E. Benham, the Bureau president, and N. C. Kelley, agent. Others were E. R. Panter, of Bandon; Robert Ferguson and Jens Hansen, of Marshfield; Geo. Crain, of Florence; Carl Jacobson of Lakeside; Don Haggerty, of Reedsport, and M. H. Durbin, of Gardiner.

National Labor Relations Board Decision Is Favorable To Smith Wood-Products, Inc.

Of The 92 Involved In The Two C. I. O. Cases Filed With The Board A Couple Of Years Ago Only Two Men Are Ordered To Be Re-employed

The National Labor Relations Board last Saturday made known its decision in the Smith Wood-Products case in which 87 men and women of the C. I. O. Local, No. 117, had filed charges of "unfair practices" against the company. In its "proposed findings of fact" in August the NLRB ordered that all of them be reinstated and given back pay for the time they had been off the pay roll.

By its decision last week the board reversed that "proposed" decision and admits that the company's contention that the order could not be complied with was correct, and that case, C-405, is dismissed.

In the other case, C-875, which involved five men, the board now rules that only two of them, Mel Duncan and J. B. Cochran, must be reinstated in employment and that the loss of pay for the time since they left the company's employ must be made good.

The case as it involves Ernest Embree, E. M. Briner and Gary Allen Ellison was dismissed by the Board.

Following is a copy of the NLRB decision in regard to the so-called Sawmill case involving the 85 C. I. O. former employees of the company who went out on strike in September, 1937:

"In our Proposed Findings of Fact, Proposed Conclusions of Law, and Proposed Order, we found that the respondent's refusal to reinstate the 85 employees was discriminatory. The respondent excepts to that finding and argues that the offer to return was based upon a condition which the respondent was not bound to accept. We think there is merit in this contention.

"The offer to return was not unqualified. It was contingent upon the employees' right to maintain membership in Local 117 at least until the Board issued its decision in this case. The necessary inference to be drawn from this offer is that the respondent was to suspend its contract with Local 2770 pending the decision of the labor board. This it was not required to do. In a previous case where the striking employees' offer to return to work was conditioned upon the employer's recognition of and collective bargaining with the union, we said:

"So long as the employees were unwilling to return to work under the conditions existing at the time the strike was called, however just the grounds on which their position was based, it cannot be said that the respondent was refusing to reinstate them.

We take the same view in this case. In the absence of an unconditional offer to return to work under circumstances and conditions as they existed prior to the strike, it cannot be said that the respondent's rejection of the conditional offer to return to work was a refusal to reinstate.

"We find that the respondent did not discriminatorily refuse to reinstate the 85 employees named in the complaint in Case No. C-405."

Damage Case In Court

A damage case being tried before a jury, and which started Tuesday morning and will probably be finished today, is that of Lawrence McNaughton vs. Mill "B." Inc. The injuries for which he is asking \$50,000 damages were suffered in March, 1937.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris, formerly of Reedsport but now living at the Coquille Auto Park, a six pounds and ten ounces baby boy—Allan—at the Coquille Hospital last Monday.

The annual Armistice Day dance by the Coquille Post of the American Legion will be held in the Community Building Saturday of next week, Nov. 11, Don & Spenny's orchestra furnishing the music. The public is especially invited to come and inspect the paraphernalia and equipment which the Legion will have displayed on the stage there on Armistice Day.

Wm. VanVleet, employed at the Plywood plant, suffered the loss of the last three fingers on his left hand Monday night when his hand came in contact with the clipping machine. His hand was dressed at the Coquille Hospital.

Grimes Tells Rotary About His Trip

Alton Grimes, chief clerk in the local post office, was a guest at the Rotary luncheon yesterday and gave an informal talk on some of the highlights of the eastern trip of seven weeks from which he and Mrs. Grimes returned last Friday. Mr. Grimes also passed around a lot of pictures and descriptive folders of the New York Fair, of Washington, D. C., Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam and other points visited on the trip of over 7,000 miles.

Senator Geo. H. Chaney, who arrived yesterday morning from Balboa, Calif., where the Chaney's are spending the winter, gave a brief description of their cruise south on the "Strumpet" in September and promised more details for next week.

Rotarians Lou Blanc and Fred Grant, of Marshfield were also guests.

Red Devils To Play At Marshfield Saturday

Coquille's Red Devils tangle for the second time this year with the Marshfield Pirates this coming Saturday. The game will be played at Coos Bay, starting at two o'clock. Their goal line still being virgin territory to any opponent, and having themselves scored 177 points in five games, here's hoping that the record will still be pure this week-end!

C. H. S. Education Week Program

The Coquille High School is planning an extensive home-room program next week to celebrate American Education Week at Armistice Day.

On Tuesday November 7, Mr. Osika has arranged for Chief Eaglewing to be present at nine o'clock. This program conforms to the suggested education topic for the day, "Education for Human Relationships." Chief Eaglewing is listed in "Who's Who in America," as one of the outstanding Indian educators of the present day. His wife is a direct descendant of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Both the Chief and his wife have been members of the faculty of the Museum of Art in Cleveland. They are authors of "Indian Peek-Wa Stories of Indian Lore."

During the program they will demonstrate dances from the many tribes of America. Each dance will be explained by Mrs. Eaglewing.

Other programs for the week in home-rooms will include "Pledge to the Flag" day, and also group singing of "America," "The Star Spangled Banner," and "God Bless America." A group-singing project has been worked out at the high school. One week freshmen and sophomores will practice together, then the next week juniors and seniors. On the third week the entire student body will meet to sing the practiced songs.

Legion Keno Set For Saturday, Nov. 18

Instead of holding two Turkey Kenos this year, one before Thanksgiving and one before Christmas, as has been the custom in the past, the Coquille American Legion post will have but one. It is set for Saturday evening, Nov. 18, and will be held in the Shelley building, corner of First and Hall streets.

Tuesday after school the Blue Bird group of Campfire girls held a taffy pull at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Wm. Earl, with Margaret Ann Wilson assisting Games and stories were enjoyed between times. Present were: Joyce Taylor, Judy Slack, Patty Brattain, Gloria Thorp, Beverly Davis, Helen Wilson and Colleen Ostrander.

The regular business meeting of the B. & B. W. club will be held in Guild Hall next Monday evening, Nov. 6, at eight o'clock.

Sentinel rural correspondents are reminded to have their notes in the Sentinel office by Wednesday morning. Wednesday evening is usually too late to have them put in type.

Proclaims An Early Thanksgiving

Following is the text of President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving proclamation issued Tuesday this week:

I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 23rd of November, 1939, as a day of general thanksgiving.

More than three centuries ago, at the season of the gathering in of the harvest, the Pilgrims humbly paused in the work and gave thanks to God for the preservation of their community and for the abundant yield of the soil.

A century and a half later after the new nation had been formed, and the charter of government, the constitution of the public, had received the assent of the states, President Washington and his successors invited the people of the nation to lay down their tasks one day in the year and give thanks for the blessings that had been granted them by divine providence.

It is fitting that we should continue this hallowed custom and select a day in 1939 to be dedicated to reverent thoughts of thanksgiving.

Our nation has gone steadily forward in the application of democratic processes to economic and social problems. We have faced the specters of business depression, of unemployment, and of widespread agricultural distress, and our positive efforts to alleviate these conditions have met with heartening results.

We have also been permitted to see the fruition of measures which we have undertaken in the realms of health, social welfare, and the conservation of resources.

As a nation, we are deeply grateful that in a world of turmoil we are at peace with all countries, and we especially rejoice in the strengthened bonds of our friendship with the other peoples of the western hemisphere.

Let us on the day set aside for this purpose, give thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for the strength which he has vouchsafed us to carry on our daily labors and for the hope that lives within us of coming of a day when peace and the productive activities of peace shall reign on every continent.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and sixty-fourth.

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

T. J. King To Be Buried Tomorrow

Thomas J. King, formerly of Coos county, who passed away at Salem last Sunday, will be buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, No. 2, Friday afternoon. Services will be held at the Gano Funeral Home at two p. m. Rev. R. D. E. Smith officiating.

Mr. King, formerly construction foreman for the Coos Bay Lumber Co., had been in the state blind school for 18 months. He was born at Yoncalla, Ore., Sept. 1, 1873, being two months past 66 years of age.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Mabel King who resides in California and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Stevens, of Coquille.

City Debt Cut \$22,250 This Year

City Treasurer Sickels' monthly report to the council next Monday night will show that the city's indebtedness has been cut \$22,249.27 during the first ten months of 1939. Of that amount \$13,864.10 is for warrant retirement and \$8,385.17 for bond payments. The total city bonded debt is now \$134,646.52 and the warrant \$4,683.47.

Open House at Newton's

Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Newton, who purchased the Tilghman Grocery at Tenth and Coulter streets some months ago, are advertising an open house for all day next Saturday, Nov. 4, and all old friends, as well as those they hope to become friends with, are invited to call during the day.

Wafers, cheese, cookies and coffee will be served and there will be gifts for the children. Note their advertisement on another page of this issue.

Red Devils Still Unscored On

North Bend Bulldogs Given A 19 To 0 Drubbing At Local Park Last Saturday

Coos High Standing	W	L	T	PC
Coquille	3	0	0	1.000
Myrtle Point	2	1	2	.667
North Bend	1	1	1	.500
Marshfield	1	2	1	.333
Bandon	0	3	0	.000

Last Saturday's football results: Coquille 19, North Bend 0. Myrtle Point 7, Marshfield 0. Bandon 27, Florence 0.

Although the North Bend Bulldogs held the Coquille Red Devils scoreless for the first quarter in last Saturday's game here, the locals would not be denied and early in the second quarter Smith broke through the line and side-stepped tacklers for a twelve-yard plunge to pay dirt. He also kicked the goal.

In the third quarter Dee Krantz "carried the mail" on another of those nearly perfect plays in which every opponent is taken out and he ran 62 yards for the six-point score. Dee also scored the final quarter six points after the ball had been worked down to the Bulldogs' three-yard line.

The statistics of the game show that Coquille made 14 first downs to North Bend's six. Coquille completed five out of 12 pass attempts, North Bend four out of 10. Each team intercepted one pass. Penalties were fairly even, Coquille losing 70 yards and N. B. 65. Coquille recovered one of North Bend's two fumbles and the visitors recovered the Red Devils' one.

The following account of the game was written by Willie Smith for the Coquille Hi Times, issued this week:

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Iris Blooming On Nov. 1

Again the Sentinel must report that nature is getting mixed up on her dates in Coos county. Monday morning Mrs. Clara Wheeler brought in to the Sentinel office two stalks of iris which is only a spring blooming flower in this section. There were two blossoms on one stalk, one on the other and several buds on each. They were growing in outdoor flower bed.

Riley Readings Friday

Response to the ticket sale for Capt. Hall's Riley program Friday night has been so great that it was necessary to engage the Pioneer church auditorium instead of the basement as previously planned.

Those who have heard Capt. Hall's delightful characterizations before were the first to order tickets and the many others who have not had the opportunity will be on hand Friday at eight o'clock. Capt. Hall, who has for years made the works of James Whitcomb Riley his hobby, has appeared on radio networks in eastern states as well as in the northwest and he is a real artist. Those who appreciate humor, sentiment, whimsy and patriotism of a truly American brand will delight in an evening of reading and music such as this.

Tickets are 25c for adults and 15c for students. All profits for the evening will go to Kodiak, Alaska, for the reconstruction of an orphanage, which was destroyed by fire, leaving 160 children in temporary homes.

A fifteen-minute organ recital of old-fashioned music by Miss Margaret Purvance will precede the program.

BELLE KNIFE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fern Mulkey, of Rink creek, underwent a major operation on Monday.

R. L. Miller, employed at the Smith plant was brought in that morning for treatment. He had gashed his toe while at work.

Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Cornelius, underwent an appendectomy last Thursday, and Earl Stuart, of Coquille, the same kind of operation on Tuesday this week. Glenda, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Clinton, was operated on for appendicitis, on Monday.

LeRoy Richards, nephew of Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant, submitted to a major operation on Tuesday.

Dismissals the past week were Dan Auer and L. B. Dodge yesterday and E. E. Watkins today.