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Oregon Historical Society
Auditorium

TAYLOR STREET SIDEWALK IS PRACTICALLY SURE

Council Pays \$1000 To State Highway Department Which Shares Construction Cost

The differences between Stevens & Koon, the consulting engineers and the city of Coquille have been amicably settled, according to letters read at the session of the city council Monday evening. The city retains \$10, the estimated cost of having maps of the work performed by the engineers made on tracing linen and the \$560 balance has been paid them.

That the sidewalk from Fourth to Tenth street along the highway will be built by the state in the near future is now practically a certainty. Monday evening the council authorized the payment of \$1000 to the state highway department as the city's share of the cost, providing there is no expense connected with securing the necessary easements or rights of way from the property owners, all of whom should be willing to give the strip of land needed. It would cost each owner a considerable amount if the walk was built at the expense of the abutting property. The state engineering crew has already begun preparing the plans and specifications for the walk which will be on the east side of the highway and similar in construction to that laid by the state out to the Smith plant.

Dr. Milne announced the re-appointment of Mrs. C. A. Rietman on the library board and the appointment was confirmed.

An ordinance authorizing the purchase of a dry chemical feeder—a line feeder—for the water supply was adopted and a call for bids appears elsewhere in this issue.

The city recorder was instructed to pay all delinquent fire patrol taxes on city-owned property in the Rink creek watershed. Some of it was included in the tax collector's summons recently advertised as the first step in the sale of property on which taxes are delinquent.

E. C. Turner was granted a restaurant license for the Mill Inn, located south of Fitzgerald's Service Station, and a similar license was granted Mabel Rooney and Molly Nelson, who conduct the restaurant portion of the Riviera.

A representative of the General Insurance Co., of which Fred Bull is local agent, told the council that a blanket liability policy for the city, covering the Rink creek dam, the city's cars, docks, public buildings, sidewalks and streets, would cost the city \$568.10 a year with his company.

With such coverage the city would be protected against damages for personal injuries in the buildings, or on the walks and streets of the city, or should such an unexpected catastrophe arise as that of the Rink creek dam going out.

The council has been considering this kind of liability insurance and should the councilmen decide such a policy would be best for the city, a call for bids will be made.

Auditoriums Not Open To Groups

Coquille High School and Washington School auditoriums will not be available to groups and organizations outside of the school for any kind of money raising or publicity program sponsored by and for the benefit of such group or organization was the decision of the Coquille school district board at a meeting held in the Washington building Wednesday of last week.

The auditoriums will be available for meetings of educational and cultural nature which are of all community interest and to which the public is invited. In case these meetings are held in the evening a minimum charge of \$5.00 will be made to cover the cost of light and janitorial services.

These decisions came as the result of repeated requests to the board for use of these two school auditoriums. Mrs. Leona Bryant is chairman of the board and other members are Dr. J. R. Bunch, C. Weldon Kline, R. T. Slater, W. E. Bosserman and Keith Leslie, clerk.

Glenn Cox Dies At Bandon

Glenn Cox, an old-time resident of Bandon, nearly 70 years of age, will be buried down there on Friday. He passed away at his home yesterday.

Game Commission Pictures Shown

Elk, Antelope and Fish were the individual subjects of three films secured from the Oregon State Game Commission by A. N. Gould and shown at the Rotary Club luncheon at the hotel yesterday.

The elk pictures were taken near Wallowa lake in the northeast section of Oregon and showed some splendid shots of these big animals wandering around in herds. Taken with a telephoto lens some very interesting close-ups were given.

The antelope pictures were taken in the Hart mountain and Alford lake sections of southeastern Oregon and some of them taken from a rapidly moving automobile on the ancient lake bed illustrated the tremendous speed of these little animals when they really extended themselves, keeping ahead of the car with seeming ease when the speedometer reading stood at 50 miles per hour.

The reel also gave glimpses of wild horses, coyotes, sage hens and grouse.

The fish picture gave some of the highlights of Talnook and eastern brook trout fishing at Paulina lake and of steelhead on the north fork of the Umpqua.

Guests present were Clarence Barton and F. S. Emery.

Five Mornings Below Freezing

A record was broken in Coos county the past week. "Three frosts and a rain" no longer holds good, for starting Saturday morning there were four heavy frosts on successive mornings and that of this morning could hardly be called a light one.

The thermometer registered 25 degrees on Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning, 24 1/2 Tuesday, 26 yesterday and 30 this morning.

Mrs. C. E. McCurdy Buried Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. C. E. McCurdy, who died last Thursday morning at her home north of Coquille, were held at Schroeder Bros' Chapel at two o'clock last Saturday afternoon. Rev. H. L. Graybeal officiating. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

Pall bearers were Robert Geaney, Guy M. Kelley, E. E. Nosler, R. W. Bishop, Clarence Cunningham and F. C. McNelly. Honorary pallbearers, old friends of the family, were Geo. T. Moulton, Ned C. Kelley, F. G. Leslie, J. L. Smith, O. C. Sanford and M. O. Hawkins.

Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

City Motors Now Chrysler Agency

As intimated in the Sentinel last week, when Oscar Larson, of City Motors, returned from Portland last Friday, he did have an important announcement to make. And he was one delighted automobile dealer when he told of having secured the franchise for Chrysler and Plymouth cars for Coquille and vicinity. He has handled Plymouths before but the Chrysler agency is something new for him.

There is a beautiful Chrysler sedan on display in the City Motors show room and the public is invited in to give it the once over.

Note the announcement adv. on another page of this issue.

American Legion District Conference Tomorrow

A district conference of the American Legion will be held in North Bend Friday, January 19. The meeting will be held in the Odd Fellows hall at 2:30 p. m. There will be a banquet at 7:00 p. m. in the evening, during which there will be talks by various officials. After the banquet, the evening will be continued by dancing and other forms of entertainment. All Legion and Ladies Auxiliary members are urged to attend.

Tax Data On Page 10

On page ten of this issue will be found the tax summary for Coos county as prepared by Assessor Beyers. It shows the valuations of all the municipal and school districts of the county, the tax levy for each and much other interesting information which makes it a record worth filing away for future reference.

Bulldogs Swamp Red Devils Over There Tuesday, 28-12

Local Team Wins From Roseburg Last Friday Evening By 23-22 Score

The fact that North Bend had its first string players available which they did not have when the Bulldogs lost to Coquille 26 to 12 several days ago, may have had a lot to do with the reversal in results in the game at North Bend Tuesday of this week, or it may be that the Red Devils have not entirely recovered from winning the county football championship, for they lost to the Bulldogs by a 28 to 12 score. The Red Devils could not convert fouls, they could not ring up baskets. Out of 48 shots at the hoop they rang the bell for four, a percentage of .93. Only three of their 12 free throws were converted.

The Bulldogs on the other hand were successful on 15 of their 31 shots at the hoop—42 per cent—and they converted three of their five attempts after fouls.

At the end of the half the Bulldogs were leading 16 to 3, and the result never in doubt after North Bend's first basket.

The same evening the Marshfield Pirates won from the Myrtle Point Bobcats, on the latter's floor, 28 to 26, leaving the Pirates in the top position in league standing and the Bobcats at the bottom.

Points made by the Red Devils were: Arnold 0, Smith 8, Goodman 0, Schaefer 1, Shambow 1, Krantz 0, McIntee 2, Trendell 0.

For the Bulldogs, Rountree went scoreless, Fox made 8, Yarbrough 8, Crowell 3, Henderson 2, Wigant 3, Miller, Hamlin, Ruppe, Emmett and Henry, none.

The Red Devils B squad named on the Bulldogs B team, 17 to 24.

Last Friday night, at Roseburg, the Red Devils defeated the Indians in a district conference tilt, 29-23, in which C. H. S. scored twelve baskets and converted eight foul shots.

Coquille and North Bend are now tied in the county race for second place with two wins and two losses apiece.

Good Response To C. of C. Drive

Nine of the chamber of commerce committee members who were to solicit memberships in the chamber for 1940 that day met at the hotel for a 7:30 breakfast Tuesday. R. L. Stewart, acting as general chairman for the drive in place of Harry Clasterbos who was called to White Salmon, Wash., on Monday, designated the blocks which each committee should canvass and the work was begun that morning.

At the noon session of the directors, the committee reported a subscription of \$684 which it is thought is half what the total will be when the solicitation is completed.

Heretofore the Coquille Chamber of Commerce has contributed \$300 a year to the Coast Highway Association but this year it is expected to increase that amount by \$100. The reason for this is the expanding program of the Coast association, its increased budget for 1940 and the fact that its program calls for the soliciting of individual memberships all along the coast. Coquille business men prefer not to be solicited for memberships and the increased payment to the association by the C. of C. will eliminate such solicitation.

"Borrowed" Car Quickly Recovered

Paul Harold Jones, 16-year old boy who had been living with his brother here a month or more, escaped rather easily from what might have been a federal offense, taking a car into another state. He had been working for "Red" Denzer and Tuesday evening "borrowed" the latter's car, after telling D. E. Cruckshank that he was going to California. Within 30 minutes from the time Denzer had reported to Officer McCrary that his car was gone, the officer had stopped young Jones in the car. Denzer would not file a complaint and the boy was turned over to the juvenile court and later released. His parents were expected here yesterday from California to take him home.

Coroner's Jury Finds It An Unavoidable Accident

Gilbert Weston Killed By Keith Leslie Car Sunday Was Walking Within Foot of Center

The coroner's jury, summoned for an inquest and to consider the death of Gilbert Weston, killed when hit by a car Sunday evening, returned a verdict of death being due to an unavoidable accident.

The inquest was conducted by Dr. F. E. Lucas, of Bandon, acting coroner, and the jury was composed of Z. C. Smith, of Riverton; R. E. Nosler, S. F. Stevens, A. B. Collier, Harry Perrott and Leo Bartsch, all of Coquille.

Witnesses giving testimony were members of the state police, Fred Mehl and Mack Fogel, occupants of the car which Keith Leslie was passing when the unfortunate man was hit, James Blankenship, 14-year old boy who lived near the scene, Lynn Osburn, who testified as to the habits of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Weston.

A brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Weston, Alfred C. Weston, of eastern Oregon, and Mrs. J. F. Stone, of Klamath Falls, also talked before the jury but not as witnesses.

Messrs. Mehl and Fogel heard a noise when the Leslie car started to pass but they had not seen Weston on the highway and when Keith got out of his car they drove on.

The accident happened between 8:30 and six o'clock Sunday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Leslie and two sons were returning from Laurel Lake. About two miles south of Bandon Keith speeded up to go around a Dodge car when about 20 feet in front loomed a man in dark clothes, walking on his correct side of the highway but only about a foot from the center yellow line. Keith could not stop his car in that distance and the victim was thrown up against the windshield, being instantly killed.

The state police and an undertaker were immediately summoned.

Mr. Weston, who was a logger, 44 years and five months of age, was born in Missouri. He is survived by his widow, Edna Weston, and five children, Zoa Mae, Ella, Betty Jean, Gilbert and Robert, ranging from 17 to eight years of age.

That the coroner's jury verdict was the only just one which could have been rendered is the unanimous opinion of every one who had learned the particulars of the case. At that hour the car lights are not effective and being so near the center of the highway, Mr. Leslie could not possibly see Weston until he was almost alongside the Dodge he had started to pass.

Coquille Bowling Teams Win Two

The Quella Cafe bowling team, of Coquille, handed the Dick Bourns team at Marshfield, in the Inter-city ABC bowling League a 2906 to 2880 defeat on the Bush alleys over there last evening. They defeated them by 140 pins but the locals' handicap for the three games was 228 to Marshfield's 344.

W. Ingram was high man in a single game with 236, and a total of 597 for the three games. Others on the Quella five were E. Terhune 569, T. Myers 483, B. Briner 502, B. Chard 537.

Bill's Place also won two out of three games at Marshfield last evening, winning from Ekblad's by a score of 2771 to 2762. Grandpa Bill himself rolled 454, Andy Richards 508, H. S. Norton 520, Geo. Durand 606, and Harry Oerding 555.

Oldest Trapshooter Honored

Trapshooters from all over the county gathered at the grounds of the Coos County Gun club Sunday to honor the oldest shooter in the county, Irs Johnson of Coquille.

Johnson was the first out of about thirty shooters to make a perfect score of 25, which held the record until in the last squad of the afternoon Cal Ray shot another 25.

Nearby Mr. Johnson shooters participating from Coquille were F. C. Hudson, C. W. Kline, Nick Lorenz, Harry Slack, Morris Ray, Tallant Greenough and F. L. Greenough.

Western Condensing Plant On Fire

The fire at the Western Condensing Co. plant at ten o'clock last Friday night did about \$250 worth of damage, but had it not been discovered in time it could easily have been a hundred thousand dollar fire.

No watchman is maintained there at night and when a light was seen in the upper part of the building, near the bridge, and the alarm turned in, the department did good work in stopping the threat before much damage was done.

The fire was caused in a strange manner. The vats or tanks in which the whey is processed for production as chicken feed base have been located in the upper part of the building and it was desired to move the tanks down stairs. Torches were used to cut the supports under the tanks and the sparks from the cuttings had nestled in the dust which accumulates from the processing. They did not blaze at once but smoldered for some time, breaking into a blaze several hours later.

When the fire department left, with all evidence of fire extinguished, George Holbrook, manager of the plant, was not satisfied to leave the building and hunted up Firie Chief Perrott. Together they used a garden hose and doused water into scores of holes into which the dust had settled and where a spark had melted the stuff into a live coal.

The holes were of the kind found in an old building, between flooring, between joist and upright, along the walls, and practically everyone had the start of another fire glowing at the bottom.

Three Sentenced In Court Tuesday

Frank Albro, of Bandon, who pleaded guilty to causing his daughter to set fire to their house there in December, was sentenced by Judge Brand to four years in the penitentiary at the circuit court session here Tuesday.

The two North Bend boys who were arrested last week for contributing to the delinquency of a minor—the girl in the case having been taken to the reform school—pleaded guilty to the charge on Tuesday. Both were sentenced to three years in the pen, with stays of execution, Centers for 60 days and Gartin for 90, after which they will be placed on parole and released.

Bonneville Talk Set For Jan. 30

Morton Tompkins, one of the 29 mentioned in John W. Kelley's letter on another page as being in the planning section of the huge Bonneville personnel (the 29 are those looking for markets for power and who were listed on the payroll Oct. 1, as receiving \$79,800), was in Coquille the first of the week contacting Mayor Milne, Don Gillespie, president of the C. of C., and others in regard to a meeting with business men, city officials, grange members and others, in the near future.

The Bonneville administration will send a speaker in and pictures can be shown of the dam but, in according the representative an opportunity to talk, the Chamber directors made it clear that they did not want the pictures shown.

The date set was Tuesday noon, Jan. 30, at a dinner meeting of the Chamber in the hotel, to which all business men of Coquille, city officials and others are invited.

Week's Schedule Of B. B. Games

Tomorrow, Friday, night the Myrtle Point Bobcats invade the Red Devils hot spot in the gym here for the second meeting of the teams this year.

Besides the two games—A and B. squads—a feature of the evening will be the calling of three \$10 bonds which were issued for the purpose of grading and turfing Athletic Park. The ones whose names are called must be in the building in order to receive \$10 in cash in exchange for the bonds.

The same evening Roseburg plays at Marshfield.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 23, Coquille High plays at Marshfield and North Bend at Myrtle Point.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

ODD FELLOWS, REBEKAHS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Mrs. Bertha Holbrook And Hal Harless To Head Organizations This Year

Last Wednesday evening an impressive joint installation was held by the Coquille I. O. O. F., No. 53, and Mammie Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, at the local lodge hall. The Rebekahs wore formal dresses for the installation.

Installing officers for the Rebekahs were: Mrs. E. M. Kay, deputy grand president; Mrs. Willard Bosserman, grand marshal; Mrs. A. N. Gould, deputy grand warden; Mrs. Jesse Beyers, deputy grand secretary; Iva Bates, deputy grand treasurer; Mrs. Inez Chase, grand chaplain; Edna Bates, inside guardian.

The new officers installed were: Bertha Holbrook, noble grand; Edith Gruenewald, vice grand; Florabel Boober, secretary; Harriet Schaefer, treasurer; Cathryn Erickson, warden; Helen Larson, conductor; Iola Moore, inside guardian; Estelle Dunn, outside guardian; Mildred Schaefer, chaplain; Myrtle Benham, R. S. N. G.; Maude Greene, L. S. N. G.; Effie Johnson, R. S. V. G.; Gladys Gano, L. S. V. G.; Frances Brown, musician; Ruth Clayton, R. S. S.; Ruby Tuel, L. S. S.

The Odd Fellows installing officers were: E. C. Briner, acting deputy grand master; Walter Oerding, grand marshal; A. N. Gould, deputy grand warden; Harold Dey, deputy grand secretary; Jesse Beyers, deputy grand treasurer; H. C. Getz, grand chaplain; E. M. Kay, inside guardian.

The I. O. O. F. officers installed were: Val Harless, noble grand; Sherman Morris, vice grand; Harry Ross, secretary; M. Clinton, treasurer; Clyde Clark, warden; Clarence Shomaker, conductor; Eddie Terhune, inside guardian; Fred Schaefer, outside guardian; E. C. Briner, R. S. N. G.; Ed Gillespie, L. S. N. G.; John Stockdahl, R. S. V. G.; Rex Smith, L. S. V. G.; Al Kellenberger, R. S. S.; Norman Clinton, L. S. S.; Donald Ross, chaplain; Elton Schroeder, musician.

Eight flower girls, dressed in green and pink formals and carrying long-stemmed pink carnations tied with bows of pink and green, formed an archway through which the officers were escorted to their respective station. The flower girls were: Wilda Mae Van Meter, Dora Kendall, Merle Kellenberger, Marian Lawrence, Louise Brown, Ethel Roop, Evelyn Brisbin, Lillian Clark.

At the close of the ceremonies a bouquet was presented to Bertha Holbrook, newly-installed noble grand, and Ena Harless, past noble grand.

A most interesting program followed, consisting of piano solos of popular music by Jack Stevens, a trumpet and saxophone duet by Harvey Cole and George Holbrook, accompanied at the piano by Patsy Holverstott; a reading by Mrs. Roy Boober; accordion number by Miss Inez Rover, Leah Rover, Doris Ann Wood and George Folsom. Manning Nelson sang three delightful numbers, accompanied by Miss Rose Naef.

Refreshments were served to about 150 people.

Pro America Hears Good Talk

The Coquille Chapter of Pro America, national organization of Republican Women, met in the council chambers of the city hall at 2:00 p. m. on Monday, with Ervin L. Peterson, Coos Pomona Grange master, of North Bayside, as speaker for the meeting. His subject was, "Achievements of American Women." It was a well-prepared, thoughtful discourse and would have benefited every hearer had the council chamber been filled, which it was not.

M. O. Hawkins Reappointed P. M.

Postmaster M. O. Hawkins received a letter from Congressman Mott Tugaday stating that he (Mott) had approved Mr. Hawkins' re-appointment as postmaster and the same day the senate approved the appointment. Coming under the civil service, as postmaster appointments are now, the appointment is for as long as Mr. Hawkins cares to serve, or until some future congress removes the office of postmaster from under civil service regulations.