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Old Time Coquille Firemen Honored At Banquet Given In I.O.O.F. Hall Tuesday

W. H. Mansell, Henry Lorenz, Dr. Richmond, A. T. Morrison, J. E. Perrott, A. N. Gould, C. W. Gardner, Piper Johnson, Clyde Gage, Tracy Leach, All Served Their Time In Keeping Down The Fire Losses In Coquille

The Coquille Fire Department's banquet in the Odd Fellows' dining room Tuesday evening in honor of the members of earlier day Coquille fire departments was one of those affairs which has to be attended to be appreciated. The story in type cannot be as interesting as it was to watch the expressions and hear the stories of the vicissitudes of fire fighters in Coquille, before streets were paved and even before the city had a hose cart. From the olden days when everyone turned out with a bucket, before there was an alarm installed, down through the days when a bell sounded the fire signal and the volunteers had a cart, the growth to what it is stated is now the peer of any volunteer department in the state, made a good continued story.

Former Chief Frank Schram acted as toastmaster and did a good job of it. After introducing Mayor R. F. Milne, Jack Hayes, deputy fire marshal, and Ed Campbell, a deputy fire marshal who is inspecting rural schools in Coos county this week, he called on one of the old time firemen after another and when the time they had served was totalled it ran to upwards of one hundred years.

Before the speaking started the 32 present enjoyed a splendid dinner, exceedingly well served, which had been prepared by the ladies of the Rebekah lodge.

W. H. Mansell refused to make a talk but referred to Jno. Perrott, of Bandon, who was present, as the granddaddy of the present department. True in more ways than one, for he is the father of the present chief, Harry Perrott, and a grandson, Craig Perrott, is a member now.

Mr. Perrott said that he and "Billy" Mansell were the only men present who were in the original department, organized 35 years ago.

The toastmaster told of the department winning a dinner bet with the city council while John was chief. The fire boys made a run from the fire hall on Second street, with the hose cart, strung hose and had water turned on in 57 seconds. The council had agreed to furnish a dinner for the fire men if they could do it in two minutes.

Henry Lorenz, next introduced, said that was faster than one run he and the others made up Second street when the old Washington building caught on fire. No pavement then and the cart was hauled on the wooden sidewalk. When crossing the bridge just east of the court house, the cart became stuck between the railings on opposite sides of the bridge and in pulling it loose, it tumbled over into the gulley below.

Arthur T. Morrison, the second Coquille fire chief, was up from Bandon for the occasion. He remarked that volunteer firemen are always looking for excitement; that is the reason they so joyously rush to a fire and possibly suffer the ruination of all their clothes.

He said, notwithstanding his previous experiences, his baptism of fire was on that September day in 1936 when he and others saved his property at the cranberry bog from destruction, the same day that Bandon burned.

Dr. Jas. Richmond who came to Coquille, December 12, 1906, did not talk of his earlier day fire-fighting but commented on economic conditions. At that time there was but one family which annually needed and asked for relief charity. Nearly everyone owned his own home.

Referring to Mr. Mansell he said that neither he nor anyone else present would ever go to Billy's funeral. "He has the toughest hide I ever carved," the doctor said and mentioned Billy's mother who at 100 years of age is still doing her own work.

Bert Gould, who joined the department early in the century, told of old hose fights the department would have with neighboring town departments. They provided lots of fun and excitement.

He said Coquille business men are to be congratulated on having so very efficient a fire department and expressed the hope that the day was not far distant when suitable quarters, with hall above could be provided here.

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Leach were others called upon who responded more or less briefly, as did the present chief and also Councilman Geo. W. Bryant.

Jack Hayes was not like some of the previous speakers who said they came to the meeting to eat. He came "both to eat and talk." Mr. Hayes added his testimonial to the efficiency of the present Coquille department by saying that it is recognized as being as good as any in the state, and stated that in many smaller towns the cart is the sole piece of fire fighting equipment.

Referring to the contests between well drilled fire departments, he said that one year there were 14 departments present in Portland to show with what celerity and accuracy they could handle their equipment.

He recommended not only recreation quarters for the firemen but that sleeping quarters above the fire hall would soon pay for themselves in reduced fire insurance premiums. For every additional man staying at headquarters day and night, a reduction is made in the rates.

Geo. E. Oerding, an active member of the Coquille department for 15 years, has the longest continuous record of any of the sixteen men who now comprise the Coquille Fire department.

Many more interesting facts at this banquet, which is promised will become an annual affair, were given Tuesday evening but lack of space prevents any more than a few of the highlights being mentioned.

Ready for Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Coquille Eagles, will take place in the Patterson Grove park at 2:00 p. m. Sunday, and only grammar school pupils will be eligible to take part in the hunt. More than that the park has been divided into two sections with one for children over seven and the other for youngsters under seven years.

There will be adequate policing to insure the safety of all children who participate, and an Eagles committee has cleaned out the small brush and blackberry vines.

The 120 dozen eggs which have been colored by the ladies of the Eagles Auxiliary were donated by the following firms: Busy Corner, Coos Feed & Seed, Cow Bell Dairy, Dillard Market, Eaton's Feed Store, Folsom Grocery, Henninger's Market, Noster Grocery, Safeway, Steve's Grocery, Towne Cafe, Thrift's Grocery, Jess Williams' Grocery.

There will be 200 eggs hidden on which the cash prizes offered by Eagles and Auxiliary will be paid at one cent each, no child to be paid for more than 10. There will be 100 eggs on which the prize offered is 2 cents each with not more than 10 to one youngster.

Fourteen eggs will have a 25 cent cash award, five the limit to one child, and two eggs will be worth 50 cents each to the finder, but one youngster will not be paid for both of them.

If it's as nice a day as those so far this week there will be a large crowd in Patterson's Grove Sunday at two o'clock.

Tractor Equipped For Night Work

J. A. Lamb Co. on Tuesday delivered one of the larger Farmall tractors to Lee Peterson of the Russ ranch. Its equipment reminds one of George Agnew Chamberlain's story of "The Lantern on the Flow" as it is outfitted with lights for night work, self-starter and all the latest gadgets. It was being demonstrated on the streets here this week.

F. E. Poulton Files For Constable Re-Nomination Here

F. E. Poulton this morning filed papers with the county clerk which insure that his name will go on the democratic ballot at the May primary as a candidate for re-nomination for the office of constable in Coquille J. P. and Constable District No. 3.

Mrs. C. M. Gray and children left Monday morning on a few days' trip to Portland.

Union Pre Easter Services Friday

12:00 - 3:00 P. M.

In the Pioneer Methodist Church Building

11:15 Organ Prelude - Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard
12:00 Speaker, C. Adria Sias. Subject, "Father Forgive Them"
Solo—Mrs. Woodyard
12:30 Speaker, D. D. Anderson. Subject, "Today Thou Shalt Be With Me in Paradise"
1:00 Speaker, E. C. Swanson. Subject, "Woman, Behold Thy Son"
1:30 Speaker, G. A. Gray. Subject, "Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?" and "I Thirst."
Solo—Eloa Wilson
2:00 Speaker, Howard Graybeal. Subject, "It Is Finished."
Choir Special, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"—Adams
2:30 Speaker, R. D. E. Smith. Subject, "Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit"
3:00 Benediction
Hymn Singing by the congregation, prayers and responsive readings will be interspersed throughout.
Each business house is asked to arrange to allow its employees to attend one of the periods. It is expected that this year's attendance will be the largest ever attending this annual service in Coquille.

Union Easter Sunrise Service

5:55 a. m. - Call to Worship
Instrumental, "The Church in Wildwood"
6:00 a. m. - Hymn by Congregation,
Led by volunteer choir and band instruments, Mr. Sias directing
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Scripture - E. C. Swanson
Prayer - R. D. E. Smith
Easter Message Rev. Chas. M. Guilbert
Congregation - "Low in the Grave He Lay"
Benediction - Howard Graybeal
6:35 a. m. - Dismissal
Easter Breakfast at Church of Christ 8:45 A. M.

The young folks of the Church of Christ and its various organizations will have a breakfast, immediately following the sunrise service. For information, phone Ruth Towne, 183L.

\$300,000 For Highway In Coos County This Year

Lafe Compton was appointed a committee at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon to send a bouquet of flowers to one of the chamber's directors, J. A. Lamb, who has been confined to his home the past ten days with flu and complications. The committee was instructed to omit the "love and kisses" portion of the message which he sent a few weeks ago to Geo. Ulett with the flowers.

The directors instructed the secretary to file nomination papers and pay the \$5 fee required in order that E. L. Detlefsen's name be placed on the republican ballot at the primary for commissioner of the Port of Bandon. The office pays no salary, the commissioners pay their own expenses to attend meetings and the Coquille chamber has always paid the filing fee for candidates in the upper valley. Two are elected biennially and the territory is divided so that two are on the commission from Bandon, two from Coquille and one from midway of the two towns, Archie Rosa of Bandon, is the other commissioner whose term expires next January.

J. E. Norton reported that the Coast Highway Association manager, has received word from the state highway department that \$300,000 has been allocated for new construction between North Bend and Coquille on Highway 101 for this year. Of this amount \$80,000 is to be asked of the federal bureau of roads to straighten and re-align certain sections and further appropriations will be asked from the government from time to time.

There has been no decision yet as to what sections of the 21-mile distance will be under construction this year.

Rotary Golfers Meet Marshfield Saturday

Arch Bernard, an insurance man of Portland, gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the Rotary Club at their luncheon yesterday.

The Marsh-Bend club has invited the Coquille club for a golf contest at the Coos County Club grounds on Saturday afternoon and Dutch Clinton called for volunteers to meet the challenge.

Other guests present were Joe Milligan, of Portland, and Wm. Bettys, of Coquille.

Farr-Mulkey Wedding Sunday

The Church of Christ was the scene of the marriage Sunday afternoon of Miss Emma Frances Mulkey, daughter of Mrs. Martha Mulkey, to Mr. Donald H. Farr, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farr. C. Adria Sias performed the ceremony before a graduated lattice covered with huckleberry. On either side of the lattice were potted plants and tall baskets of white lilies, peach blossoms, spires and greenery.

Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard sang, "I Love You Truly" and "Because" before the ceremony. She was accompanied by Miss Edythe Farr, sister of the groom. Miss Farr also played the wedding marches.

The bride looked lovely in a floor length gown of white net over white tulle, square neck, colonial style, puff sleeves and full skirt. Her finger tip veil was of net with a crown of forget-me-nots and pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of mixed flowers on a foundation of pink frilled net.

Her only attendant was Miss Anna-mae Holverstott, who wore a floor (Continued on Page Three)

Young Republicans Met Tuesday

A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Coos County Young Republicans club was held in the Coquille Hotel dining room Tuesday evening, with the president, Andy Newhouse, in the chair.

There is a movement on foot to organize an Oregon federation of Young Republican clubs and the local club may join.

J. P. Beyers made the principal talk at the meeting, outlining what so apparently lies before this state and nation and the need for concerted effort in curbing the communistic tendency that has been in the ascendancy for the past several years.

Other speakers were Allan A. Hall, candidate for district attorney, and Ervin L. Peterson, one of four republican candidates for county judge.

Others spoke briefly, including a goodly number of ladies, and the session closed with the serving of a lunch.

Wind Baffled Shooters At Bay Sunday

Coquille turned in a "70" in the telegraphic shoot at the Bay on Sunday. The terrific wind that was blowing over there all day was responsible for the low score as it sent the birds diving in every direction like a jackknife.

The club has purchased the grounds next to the golf course and last week a graveled road leading directly to the shooting grounds was completed.

Mrs. Thomas, House Mother At O. S. C., A Visitor Here

Mrs. Eva Thomas arrived here Saturday evening to spend a few days visiting old friends. She is now "house mother" for the Sigma Chi fraternity on the campus at O. S. C., and is visiting here and at Westport on the Columbia river during the week of spring vacation. House mothers for fraternities is a new thing in Oregon, and Sigma Chi is the first to adopt the idea at Corvallis but it has become general at eastern colleges. Mrs. Thomas says she likes the work and does not find the job of mothering 31 young men at all difficult. She left yesterday for Westport.

County To Pay \$163,000 On Warrant Call

With only about \$400,000 of the March tax collections entered and tabulated, C. G. Caughell, of the tax department, estimates that the mall remittances not yet entered will bring the total collected to date to around \$650,000 or possibly \$700,000.

To save the county an interest charge of about \$20 a day on the five funds mentioned below, County Treasurer Stauff has made a warrant call, dated March 25, to enable him to disburse some \$163,000 of the funds and still have enough cash on hand to meet the April 1 bond commitment of \$33,000 plus \$1,162.50 interest, and for the first half of the \$21,140.32 elementary school fund. The state's portion of the Coos county taxes, amounting to \$7,082.21 for 1940, has already been sent to Salem.

There will be another warrant call early in April.

The warrant calls on all the below mentioned funds are for next Monday, March 25:

General fund warrants called, \$85,018.15; estimated interest \$2,000. Previously called warrants not yet presented \$11,967.41.

General road warrants: called, \$14,268.50; estimated interest \$1,100. Previously called and not yet presented, \$3,513.39.

Budget fund: Called \$15,814.62; estimated interest, \$300. Not yet presented from former calls, \$2,215.

Market roads: Called \$17,571.58; estimated interest, \$700. This is the first call on new market road issues which started in February last year.

Non Hi School fund: Called \$25,703.34; estimated interest, \$1,000. Not presented \$1231.48.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice by the treasurer giving the dates to which these several funds are called.

Bare Quorum at City Council

District Attorney Flaxel's letter to the city council asking for a resolution pledging co-operation in wiping out gambling and punch boards in Coquille, was read at the council session Monday evening but action thereon was postponed until the April 1 session. Only three councilmen were present.

Mr. Flaxel has written to all the cities in the county asking for such resolutions but so far Myrtle Point is the only town which has complied with the request which the district attorney states was inspired by a threat from Salem that if the local authorities, city and county, did not clean up the communities, as regards gambling, that special agents would be sent down to do it.

The council did not jump at the chance to buy a street flusher and sweeper from the city of Corvallis for \$300, which was the offer in a letter read. No action was taken.

The councilmen voted that the city should pay the expenses of Mayor Milne to attend the national convention of mayors which is to be held in Portland April 8.

The petition of Dr. M. Earl Wilson for vacation of a portion of Sumner avenue, adjoining his property south of Knowlton heights, was presented and a hearing on the matter was set for April 15. Remonstrances signed by four property owners against the vacation were also read.

Lack of the required vote of five councilmen to pass an ordinance with emergency clause, postponed until April 5 the adoption of the Willard street improvement assessment ordinance.

Frank Schram made application for a renewal of the American Legion's lease on the building used as a Legion Home—the old Set-a-spell. The Legion pays \$1 a year rental and the present lease will expire July 31.

North Coulter street residents were present to request the scraping and re-gravelling of their street from Tenth to the ball park. It is now so full of holes that passage over it is almost impossible. The street department will scrape it as soon as the county scraper can be secured and additional rock will be spread there as soon as funds for its purchase are deposited with the city recorder by the owners whose property fronts on the street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Compton returned Monday evening from a trip to Eugene on which they left Saturday.

Bear Creek Oil Well Expected To Come In Today

After Two Years of Waiting Pacific Petroleum Corp. Well Will Be Shot This Afternoon

It is expected the Bear creek well of the Pacific Petroleum Corporation will be brought in some time this afternoon, and from the amount of oil there is in the hole before the final operation opens up the oil strata, it should be a good producer.

Because of conditions in the bottom of the well which is over 1625 feet deep, it was impossible to bring it in yesterday but the operator who came up from California to put the final touch to it is sure that all the preliminaries will be finished today.

That well was sunk about two years ago, and the workmen who have stuck around there since, drawing only board money for wages, are entitled to a lot of credit, as is Jno. F. Ewell and the other stockholders who have put into the drilling all the funds they could get together, knowing that there is petroleum there.

When this well comes in, the Oregon board of mines and geology will have to reverse its previously published reports that there is no oil in Oregon. And it is no secret that these reports have seriously hampered the drilling of wells by operators who have no connection with the big oil companies and which do not want any new fields opened up.

Coquille Detractor Is Canned

Mapes Davidson, the National Labor Relations Board investigator who wrote to his superior in Washington such an insulting statement about Coquille, the Smith Wood-Products company and Thos. Boehm, after being here a couple of years ago to investigate the C. I. O. strike and resulting trouble, is no longer with the N. L. R. B. He was canned, fired, dismissed this week. His resignation had been presented to the board which, had it been accepted, would have enabled him to take his vacation on pay, but the board stopped any more easy money for him by ousting him from its service.

That the vigorous protest against Davidson, sent by the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, and the nation-wide publicity given to that protest, had a lot to do with his dismissal goes without saying, but the unfitness he showed for the position would have lost him his job sooner or later had not the local chamber taken the matter up.

In his letter of resignation Davidson charged that the N. L. R. B. is "red" or communistic in its personnel, which is also probably true, but their attitude along that line only reflects the "more abundant life" program of giving relief jobs to thousands upon thousands—and the taxpayers pay these relief salaries.

Roselle Case Set For April 15

Judge Brand ordered that the jury for the February term of court be summoned to return for duty on Friday, April 12. Cases set for trial at that time are Watkins vs. Christenson, Roberts vs. Dockery, and Keene vs. Donovan.

The state vs. L. T. Roselle was set for trial as soon as the above were concluded, or on April 15.

Statement In Bay Paper Not Correct

As will be noted from the signed statement by Messrs. Claver & Wood which appears in an adv. on page ten of this issue, "Gone With the Wind" will be shown in the Roxy Theatre at an early date—April 28. The local theatre men have a contract for it to make a week's showing here.

Coquille To Have New Bakery In Shelley Bldg.

The city council Monday evening granted permission to Lloyd Hickam and Andrew Houghtaling to alter and remodel the room in the Shelley building formerly occupied by Silver's Variety Store. These young men plan on installing a large oven there and operating a bakery.