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## C. of C. Makes Good Start For Coming Year

Twenty-one members of the membership soliciting committees attended the eight o'clock breakfast in the hotel Tuesday morning when the chairman of the membership committee for the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. T. De La Rhue, assigned blocks to each of the teams.

At the noon sessions of the Chamber subscriptions reported by the various teams totalled \$1180 with many of last year's or prospective new members not yet contacted. Just how much this year's memberships will exceed last year's, both in funds raised and in individual members, cannot yet be told but that both will be larger in 1941 than in 1940 is certain.

The committees had taken with them printed sheets on which every person contacted had been asked to note what the Chamber of Commerce might do this coming year to help make Coquille a better place in which to live; or what could be done to advance it in a material way or make it a more prosperous and busy small city.

None of the blanks were returned at Tuesday's sessions but one committee member said the suggestion had been made to him that Coquille should have more "days," bargain days, dollar days, celebration days.

A letter from the West Coast Telephone company, in response to a letter asking better service here, was read by the secretary, in which the manager at Marshfield stated every effort was being made to improve the service at all times, but that three of the local operators had left the company's employ recently and that it took time to bring the new operators to the highest point of efficiency.

A letter from the Port Orford Rod & Gun club which expressed opposition to the effort at Gold Beach to have the Rogue opened to commercial fishing the first three months of the year, was referred to the fish and game committee, of which committee, President Stewart promptly appointed Don Gillespie as chairman.

## J. P. Beyers To Be County Land Agent

The county court could not have selected a better man to have charge of the new Coos county land department than was done at Monday's session of the court when J. P. Beyers was named for the post.

His knowledge of land values in the county, acquired during his 24 years in the assessor's office, his ability to cruise timber, and his judgment as to what lands are suitable for return to private ownership, all combine to make his an ideal appointment.

At the start his job will require a considerable amount of office work getting this department, which was arranged and budgeted for last fall, into shape to be most efficiently handled.

His appointment becomes effective February 1 and the salary set by the court is \$150 per month.

## County C. of C. To Meet Monday

The recently reorganized Coos County Chamber of Commerce will hold its first meeting at a 7 p. m. dinner session in the Chandler Hotel in Marshfield next Monday, Jan. 20.

One of the matters to be considered at that time will be what can be done to bring a part of the national defense program to Coos county, a survey of southwest Oregon's resources that can be made to fit into the preparedness preparations.

Coquille's delegates to the county chamber meetings are J. E. Norton and Lefe Compton.

## Sentinel Is Official County Paper

The Coquille Valley Sentinel and the Coos Bay Times were again named as the official papers of Coos county, by the county court yesterday. The law requires the two papers having the largest circulations to be so designated.

Miss Lorraine Sanders left last Friday for Portland where she was to enter business college.

## How State Shops Were Located In Coquille Told

Here is a hitherto untold account of how the state's highway shops happened to be located in Coquille, the only shop in southwestern Oregon.

One Sunday morning the officials who had been looking for a site for the shops here, unsuccessfully, were just getting into their cars when a local man who knew them all, came along. They told him what they were seeking.

"Have you seen our myrtle grove?" the Coquille man said and their reply being negative, he took them over there.

It was only a few steps farther to the site where the shops now stand. "Would that tract be satisfactory?" he asked. They said it would.

"Give me a few days and I believe I can secure it for you," was his rejoinder.

Next day he went to the owners of the two tracts laid his cards on the table and secured a price, giving a check to each to bind the bargain.

The highway department officials were completely satisfied and asked what they could do for him.

His reply was characteristic: "You will probably sometime want to move a piece of large machinery into the shop. What would you think of putting a gate in the fence between the myrtle grove park and the shop tract, keeping it locked, and gravel a road from Willard street through the park to the gate?" They agreed it was a splendid idea, and it was done.

That was Judge J. E. Norton's compensation for insuring the location of the shops here, with its good payroll, and also the establishment of the state police headquarters in Coquille—a municipal benefit from which he received no more than does every citizen of the community.

Many other instances could be mentioned of Judge Norton's community interest as a result of which the entire city has benefited.

## Valley Country Club Elects

The annual meeting of the Coquille Valley Country Club was held at the club house near Norway Monday evening and was followed by a splendid dinner served by Mrs. Maloney.

Directors elected for one year were George Linn, John Arnold, Jack McLarrin; for two years, "Spenny" Ross, C. M. Howard and Theo. L. Clinton; for three years, Harry DeWent, "Pete" Norton and J. D. Gillespie.

The directors chose Mr. Norton as president, Mr. Arnold as vice president, and Mr. McLarrin as secretary-treasurer.

Routine club business was discussed at some length before adjourning for the dinner.

## Want To Fly? Meet Sunday

Denton Clark, North Bend flying instructor, will attend a meeting of all those interested in learning to fly this coming Sunday evening at 7:30. The meeting will be held in Union Hall on Front street.

Mr. Clark will explain the program for organization of flying clubs and tell how the C. P. T. (Civil Pilot Training) program is carried out for non-college beginners, by which 50 hours training in flying is given a student at government expense.

Officers of the Coos Bay Flying Club will also be in attendance.

## Class For National Defense Training

A unit of the Rural National Defense Educational program for out of service training in vocations for boys between the ages of 17 and 25 is to be established in Coquille in cooperation with the local schools.

Any young man between the ages of 17 and 25 who is not enrolled in school is eligible. The classes are set up for a period of two months. The first class will be in woodworking and elementary carpentry. Classes will be held from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. each night to conform to the 15 hour per week minimum.

All persons interested in this program should get in touch with Superintendent B. W. Dunn or principal Clarence Osika within the next week.

## Red Devils Win From Myrtle Point And Marsfield

The Coquille Red Devils went into high gear and won two games the past week, from the Myrtle Point Bobcats here last Friday evening, 43 to 37, and from the Marshfield Pirates at the Bay on Tuesday evening, 31 to 30.

To anyone who had not seen the local quintet in action this year, their game against Myrtle Point was a revelation. They showed the speediest offense any Coquille team has displayed in years; the players showed an uncanny ability in coming out of a mix-up with the ball, and their eyes and arms co-ordinated most satisfactorily in caging the ball.

They got the jump on the Bobcats, scoring two baskets before the visitors could get started and were never headed nor tied throughout the game. At one time in the last quarter, the locals were leading by ten points, but fine team work and sharp shooting by Coach Pat Rickard's boys cut the lead to six at the final whistle.

The box score below shows that the entire team was "on," and that

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## North Bend Plays Here Friday Night

Having two wins out of the three games played, the Coquille Red Devils will again tackle the North Bend Bulldogs, the only team to win from them so far, at the high school gym here tomorrow, Friday, evening.

The fast coming and speedy Red Devils will make a better showing this game than they did when Sammy Crowell et al defeated them 35 to 20 earlier this month.

There will be no Coos conference games on Tuesday of next week.

## Breaks Bone In Right Wrist

Postmaster and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins have been having more than their share of misfortune lately. The postmaster had not fully recovered from the effects of his recent operation when he suffered a severe attack of the flu, and is still able to be at the postoffice only part time.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Hawkins suffered a broken wrist when she fell. It is now in a cast and she will be unable to use that hand for several weeks.

## Mrs. Ida Clark Buried Monday

Mrs. Ida Clark, who had resided near Coquille for the past three years, passed away at her home on Sanford Heights last Saturday afternoon. She had suffered for the past few years from an incurable malady.

Funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at 2:00 p. m. on Monday Rev. H. L. Graybeal officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Very little of her personal history is known here, a brother in Los Angeles and another in Chicago being her only two surviving relatives. The date of her birth was May 24, 1881.

In her younger days, Mrs. Clark was a talented musician, having played pipe organ in a Los Angeles church and having been a member of a large symphony orchestra. She had a class for a time after coming here of violin students.

She was a member of the Pioneer Church, and after she had resided here for a time, Mr. Graybeal learned that he had known her in Everett, Wash., when she came there as a bride of a Nazarene church minister. Later her husband entered the Baptist church ministry and engaged in evangelistic work in which she assisted him.

## Highway To Have Three Lights At Bay

The state highway commission has recently approved the application of the Marshfield city council for permission to establish three stop and go lights on Broadway—at Central, Anderson and Curtis intersections with the highway. This is the Coos county metropolis taking another step upward to a place on a par with the state's other large towns.

## Junior Women Held Psychiatrist Talk

If the children of Junior Woman's club members do not develop into adults who are credit to their community it will not be the fault of Allan East, Portland psychiatrist, who read excerpts from a book on Child Psychology, at Monday evening's club meeting. Mr. East put aside his book on several occasions to tell incidents illustrative of the truth in that old saying: "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree." In summing up the essence of the material he had presented to club members, Mr. East stated that he believed children should receive all the love their parents could give them, but that love should be directed to temper the children for the hardships of adult life—it should not be wrapped around them like cotton wool to soften hard reality. Mr. East was introduced by Edna Sandall, program chairman.

During the business meeting conducted by Georgianna Vaughan, which followed Mr. East's appearance, committee reports were given by several chairmen. Carol Young, treasurer, announced that cash on hand amounted to \$54.54. According to Estel Sohler, seal sale chairman, \$530.99 has been received, although 400 people have not yet acknowledged receipt of their seals. Louise Schroeder reported on the gifts she had selected for Coquille patients at the T. B. sanitarium, and read notes of thanks acknowledging the receipt of the gifts by the patients. Catherine Maynard, general chairman of the Milk Fund card party scheduled for Jan. 27, named Mary Stevens chairman of the serving committee, Myrtle Clausen, chairman of tables, Emma Briggs, tally chairman and Gertrude Mehl ticket sales chairman.

Members of the club voted unanimously to sponsor Mrs. O. C. Sanford for president of the Oregon Federation of Woman's clubs. In line with federated club work, the group voted to subscribe to the district travel plan by contributing \$23 to the fund which will be used to send two delegates from this district to the national convention in May at Atlantic City. In order to insure that an Oregon delegate may appear in high style at the convention parade, \$1 was subscribed for the purchase of a roller chair to carry her down the boardwalk.

Two projects previously contemplated as milk fund money raising schemes were abandoned. The Junior Woman's club will not sponsor the Oregon State R. O. T. C. band for a concert and dance here because the town does not have a suitable place for the performance. Though Helen Keller has lowered her honorarium from \$500 to \$250 the club has abandoned plans to sponsor her appearance.

Estel Sohler, Gertrude Mehl and Dorothy Fish served refreshments after the business meeting. The three members of the refreshments committee decorated the hall with attractively arranged sprays of Japanese quince. While refreshments were being served Emma Briggs displayed a number of tapestries painted by Mr. Briggs' mother, Mrs. Pearl E. Briggs, of Santa Monica. Mrs. Briggs, who is an instructor of tapestry painting, had sent a few samples of her exquisite work here at the request of several local people who had previously purchased tapestries from her. Club members appreciated the privilege of seeing the unusual and lovely works of art.

Attending the meeting were Mabel Tucker, Evelyn Elliott, Eunice Barrow, Hazel Sutton, Emma Briggs, Florence Berg, Myrtle Clausen, Josephine Purkey, Leah Rover, Evelyn Mattoon, Inez Rover, Louise Schroeder, Ora Horning, Vesta Miley, Marjorie Knight, Carol Young, Donna Dean Bosserman, Edna Sandall, Jean Laird, Georgianna Vaughan, Lorraine Perrott, Mary Stevens, Helen Ayers, Grace Greenough, Catherine Maynard, Mabel Gould, Genevieve Preston and Jeannette Wheeler.

## Ralph Smith To Visit Local Plant

George A. Ulett left Tuesday noon for San Francisco and Los Angeles, Mrs. Ulett accompanied him to Eugene, from which point she went north of Portland. On his return the first of the week he will come home by way of Portland to bring Mrs. Ulett with him. He will also be accompanied by Ralph Smith, who is flying from Kansas City to join Mr. Ulett at Los Angeles.

## Mrs. Sarah Jayes' Services Held Last Saturday

Funeral services were held at the Gano Funeral Home at 2:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Sarah Jayes, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bertha J. Smith, on Beach street last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

Rev. G. A. Gray officiated at the services and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Jayes was born Sarah Ann Otter, August 9, 1864, at Milbank, Ontario, in Canada and was united in marriage there to James S. Jayes, Aug. 22, 1883. He passed away many years ago.

They came to California in 1898 and to Coos county in 1902. Their first home was on the present highway near Ranch Point where they owned a ranch, now part of the Russ holdings. In 1906 they moved to Salem, and Mrs. Jayes returned to Coquille in 1916 to make her home with her daughter. She was a member of the M. E. Church, the Order of the Eastern Star and the W. C. T. U.

Two children preceded her in death, her surviving children being W. S. Jayes, of Salem, John J. Jayes and Mrs. Smith, of Coquille, and Mrs. Mildred Myers, of Portland. She is also survived by a half sister, Mrs. Daniel Wilson, of Lamont, Alberta, Canada, nieces, nephews and grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Although Mrs. Jayes had been a semi-invalid the greater part of her life, she had been in a more serious condition for the past 13 years.

She was a splendid type of womanhood, respected by all and admired for many fine traits and qualities.

## Victim Of A Sad Accident Saturday

Many Coquille people were saddened when they heard of the death of Mrs. W. E. Beaumont, of Marshfield, which occurred at ten o'clock Saturday evening at the McAuley Hospital.

Death was due to injuries she received at 3:30 that afternoon when the car in which she was riding overturned between Elkton and Scottsburg on the Umpqua highway. She suffered a fractured skull.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont, who have conducted a myrtlewood novelty shop in Marshfield for some time, had just recently returned from Los Angeles where they had opened a similar shop before Christmas. They had gone to Eugene to bring their daughter, Jeanne, home for a short stay and the latter was driving when the car went out of control and rolled over the embankment.

Miss Jeanne suffered a fractured skull and pelvis but it is thought she will recover. Mr. Beaumont also suffered fractured ribs.

Funeral services for Mrs. Beaumont who was 48 years last October 1, were held at the Thuerwacher Home in Marshfield at two o'clock yesterday. Interment is to be in Los Angeles.

## Plywood Men To Get Compensation

The State Unemployment Compensation Commission has overruled the decision of one of its deputies and has granted the petition of about 400 men employed in the plywood plant at Smith Wood-Products, that they were entitled to unemployment compensation during the time the Lumber and Sawmill, Local No. 2770, employees were out on strike and the boiler room at the plant was necessarily closed down. The claim made by the attorney for Local No. 2691, that the plywood plant being closed last fall was not due to dispute between the management and the plywood employees as to wage, hours or working condition, was approved by the commission.

## Jesse L. James Of Coaledo To Be Buried Today

Funeral services for Jesse L. James, 75-year old resident of Coaledo who died at a local hospital last Saturday night, are being held at the Campbell Funeral Home in Marshfield at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. Spanish war veterans are in charge of the services. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery.