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Quake Felt Here At 1:45 A. M. Sunday Morning

The earthquake which was recorded on the seismograph at Berkeley at 1:45 Sunday morning and apparently had its centre in the Grants Pass section was a minor tremor but it was felt in Coquille by at least five people who have reported to the Sentinel. F. G. Leslie who had just gotten in from his trip to Eugene, said his whole house shook. Miss Carol Young said it felt as though some one was shaking her bed, and Mrs. H. A. Young said her bed had an east to west movement, quite noticeable. The last time she felt an earthquake here, some 15 to 20 years ago, the quake rocked the bed sideways instead of lengthwise as it did this time and the oscillation affected her like a blow in the pit of the stomach. She says there was a deathly stillness and calm when the quake came Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wood, who were just getting to sleep, were brought fully awake by the slow movement and the more rapid jerk of the tremor.

Pole Crashes At Court House

The storm which struck here early last Sunday morning, some hours after the earthquake, did one piece of damage, in blowing over the 98-foot flagpole at the southwest corner of the court house block. The pole fell to the northeast, badly splitting a myrtle tree near the corner, with the end of the pole breaking limbs on another tree near the walk leading to the south door of the court house.

The pole which was originally set in a concrete block 25 years ago and seven or eight years ago additional concrete was poured around the base and it was at the top of this latest poured block that the rotten pole broke.

To most people the wind attained as great a velocity as has been felt here for a great many years.

Perhaps It's Already Here

Ed Gillespie, who was in from his ranch yesterday morning, said that when he got home from lodge the night before, the hoot owl was screeching. According to Ed, when he hoots at night a change in the weather is due inside of three days and Ed figures any change would have to be for the better, insuring our usual nice weather for a part of February.

Alien Registration Evader Being Held For Investigation

A transient, picked up by the local police, who talks very brokenly, admitted he had not registered in the alien registration last year. He thought at first that Officer Kolkhorst was talking about the draft registration, claiming that he was 40 years of age and did not have to register. He also expressed the hope that "the right country would win the war," but was too cagey to specify which country he meant.

After his finger prints were taken they were sent in to Portland by Alton Grimes to ascertain whether or not he had registered. He is still being held in jail.

His name is Peter Harigin and he is being held on a vagrancy and "mooching" charge.

City Buys Street Equipment

At a special session of the city council last Wednesday evening, the only business done was authorizing the purchase of street black-topping piece of equipment. The \$518 purchase price will be paid on a monthly rental basis of \$95.

With it the street department will be able to repair street paving or put in new street work similar to the sidewalk on the east side of the highway out to the high school.

This year's tax rolls were turned over to the tax department on Monday by Assessor Chas. W. Forrest. The tax department was ready to receive them at an earlier than usual time.

C. of C. To Help Arago Airport

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce at its Tuesday noon session pledged co-operation to the Coquille Flying Club and will make application to the federal Aeronautics Administration for governmental development of the field at Arago and ask that it take over the lease which the flying club has on the proposed airport which lies just north of Arago and is ideally situated for the purpose.

Three members of the club, Woodie Conley, Wm. Strong and W. H. Eydland, were present at the luncheon, with a sketch of how the field could be laid out. The plot lies about 20 miles from the North Bend airport, is 20 miles from the proposed new one at Port Orford and 20 miles from a possible one at Illaha, thus fitting in to the government's desire to have emergency landing fields every 20 miles.

As long as it is a private enterprise, the club will be satisfied with one 1000-foot runway, but the members said it was entirely feasible to lay out two, which would cross one another, each one over 2000 feet long. They said the deepest fill needed would not be more than three feet and that most of the ground was practically level.

The directors voted to do this year as the chamber did last year, buy milk for a month for the undernourished children in the schools who would not otherwise have milk for their noon lunch. The amount to be spent is \$30.

J. E. Norton reported on the trip to Salem which he and Mrs. Norton made the first of the week. He went out to appear before the legislature committee which held a hearing on the proposed measure which would repeal the reforestation act of 1929. He found that the Coos and Curry senate and house members had lined up as sponsors of the law's repeal, but after the hearing meeting Monday evening, Mr. Norton thought that the bill introduced at this session would probably be killed.

Opposition to the reforestation law centered in a county in the north where an attempt had been made to reforest land which was more suitable for grazing or agriculture than it was for timber development.

\$1980 Interest Saved By City

By calling in \$4,903.72 worth of street improvement bonds before they were due, a couple of weeks ago, the city will save \$1980.43 which the attached coupons would have meant in interest if the eleven bonds had been allowed to run to maturity. The funds used were a surplus in the general fund and instead of allowing the funds to lie idle they were put to work by Mayor Milne and the council to save nearly \$2,000.

Two Southwestern Men Get Checks

All but one of the Southwestern Motors sales force were in Portland Monday to attend a Chevrolet meeting conducted by representatives from the factory at Detroit. While there Iris Elrod and Cince Finley were awarded their 100 car pins and a nice check for their 1940 sales.

They were the only ones eligible to membership in the "100 Car Club" from Southwestern, although Charley Briggs sold that many cars but many of them were Buicks which do not count in the Chev. club. Others than the three mentioned who were up to the meeting and returned Tuesday evening were Cliff Gulseth, Stan Sherwood, V. C. Richardson, Fred Christiansen and Frank Bethel.

New Citizens Program, Feb. 18

Final plans for the Banquet and program to be tendered the new citizens created by the Naturalization Court next Tuesday were the order of business at the Rotary club luncheon yesterday at the hotel.

The dinner will be held in the banquet room of the hotel at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening and will be followed by about an hour's program in the high school auditorium in the gym, where Judge Brand will give a short address, the Boy and Girl Scouts will go through the ceremony of presenting the flag, and Mrs. Maud Woodyard will sing a solo.

Eighty-Nine Per Cent Favor Saturday Evening Opening--Many Suggestions Made For Improvement of Coquille

The survey being conducted by a committee of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce to ascertain the feeling of the people within the Coquille trading area as to the Saturday evening closing of the retail stores, shows results favorable to those stores remaining open.

Seven hundred cards were mailed out last week and 180 of them had been returned by Tuesday noon of this week, with only 20 replies indicating that it was a matter of indifference whether the stores were open here Saturday evening or not.

This means that 89 per cent of those who signed and mailed the return card signified that it would be more convenient for them if the stores here were open later than six p. m. on Saturday.

To supplement this a chamber committee has been contacting the local merchants to learn whether they were agreeable to the proposal. Most of the business men expressed themselves as in favor of giving the plan a try, with very few expressing unalterable opposition to it.

The plan as submitted by the committee was that the retail stores not open until 8:30 Saturday morning and remain open for business until 8:00 p. m.

A report on the survey will be made to the Chamber of Commerce directors on Feb. 25, at which time many more cards from outside of town are expected to be in hand.

A large percentage of those replying to the Saturday night opening question also replied to the two questions—1. "Would you like to see Coquille have an annual celebration?"

Banquet For Troop No. 14

There were about 75 present for the annual banquet of Scout Troop No. 14, held in the Odd Fellows hall dining room last evening and an excellent banquet was enjoyed by the group.

Burton W. Dunn acted as toastmaster and kept things moving rapidly and smoothly, with humor and remarks pertinent to scouting.

One of the interesting features was a Tenderfoot initiation presented by troop. H. C. Morley, scoutmaster of the N. C. Kelley, first Coquille scoutmaster, made a very interesting talk and told of one of the first Scout hikes made from here when he and his scouts hiked to Bullards, thence to the ocean and on the beach. One of the scouts at that time was Kenneth Kistner.

The troop fourteen committee is composed of J. L. Stevens, N. C. Kelley and A. O. Hooton.

Following is the program which was splendidly carried out:

"God Bless America" - All
Vocal Solo - Jack Carroll
Violin Solo - Ronald Williams
"History of Scouting" - Ned Kelley
"Be Prepared" - Kenneth Hooton
"Life Scout" - George Holbrook
Violin -
Ronald and Maurice Williams
"A Good Scout" Mrs. Marjorie Child
"The Camporee" - Gerald Ulett
Camp Songs -
Carroll, Ulett, Hooton, Eldridge
"Badges of Merit" - Joe Axtell
Trumpet Trio -
Gray, McCracken, Holbrook
Investiture Ceremony -
Scoutmaster Morley

Bay Gets The County Insurance

The county court this week cancelled all existing insurance policies on the two court houses and the county's road equipment and awarded the issuance of new policies to three Marshfield agencies—the Huggins, Kaufman and Nasburg.

Those agencies, according to the order, had submitted a plan for \$32,000 worth more of insurance than had been previously carried, at a reduction in premium payments.

The W. C. T. U. rummage sale will be held in the bank building store room and continue for a week, according to announcement made by Mrs. C. C. Farr, president of the local union.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sohler spent the week-end at Toledo.

and 2. "What can Coquille do to make the town more attractive to you?"

Some suggested a resumption of the annual Corn Show; another a celebration in honor of the city's leading industry.

Very few failed to reply to the last inquiry. Oiling of the Coquille-Arago road, the Coquille-Fairview road, the North Bank road, and north Henry street from the end of the paving to the county road were mentioned on many cards.

The need of public rest rooms, cleaner streets and lots both down town and in the suburbs were mentioned, a swimming pool, improvement of the town's wooden buildings, were other Coquille needs mentioned.

One man wrote, "Close up your saloons," and another, "Keep the Sabbath day holy," while another who did not have the nerve to sign his name, wrote: "Burn the jail," and "I'll still buy from Montgomery Ward."

Double parking and entirely inadequate parking facilities were mentioned by many as things they objected to in Coquille and some wanted to see barber shop prices the same as they are everywhere else in the state. Co-operation on the part of Coquille "with rural folks" was another suggestion and that, of course, is just what the chamber's survey is attempting to bring about.

One suggestion was that trucks be kept in the alleys when delivering. That is a splendid suggestion or would be if those who laid out the original town had had the foresight to provide the alleys which are so needed now.

Another card, or letter it was suggested that "the prominent people of Coquille stop dumping cans and garbage on Fairview mountain."

Summing up the suggestions on the 180 cards, the one most frequently mentioned was that of parking, the lack of rest rooms and a place where visitors in Coquille can sit down and rest, and the need for a sprucing up of the frame buildings with paint.

All these improvements cannot be made at once, nor the faults corrected overnight, but the ideas suggested have given the Chamber of Commerce a lot of ideas of what to shoot at to make Coquille a better and more attractive city for visitors and strangers within our gates.

Mayor Milne On Sat. Night Closing

The location and situation of Coquille makes it a natural hub for business and trading for a large portion of Coos county. Geographically its situation is ideal, being centrally located with roads radiating in all directions to rural and semi-urban districts. It is the most convenient shopping center for people living in these districts.

For most of the rural and semi-urban residents the week's labor does not end until late Saturday afternoon. It is not until Saturday evening that these people have time to do their buying and transact their business for the coming week. It is then also that they can relax and seek recreation and pleasure. For obvious reasons they go to a town or city where both of these purposes can be accomplished. They cannot be expected to go one place for business and then drive to another for diversion.

The closing of the stores on Saturday night has naturally caused many people who previously traded in Coquille to go elsewhere. While some businesses have not suffered as a result of this, the city in general has.

It would seem that in this commercial age, where competition is so keen, we should take advantage of every opportunity to increase, either directly or indirectly, the business in this district, and consequently—its Prosperity. More wide awake towns and mail order houses are waiting for this business if we turn it down.

It is respectfully submitted that Coquille should, by keeping the stores open on Saturday night, be able to serve the twofold purpose of accommodating its neighbors, the rural residents of the surrounding districts, and at the same time increasing its own business and prosperity.

Ralph F. Milne, Mayor of Coquille.

"Doc" Shull Crushed By Rock

Ross John "Doc" Shull, 40-year old engine operator for the Kline Logging Co. at Fairview, was instantly killed on the Myrtle Point-Coquille highway, a fifth of a mile from the end of the North Fork bridge, about 6:30 o'clock last Sunday morning, when a 3,000 pound rock, loosened by the rains, plunged 150 feet downward, its last jump landing squarely on top of the cab of the truck the victim was driving, and crushing the truck as well as the driver.

Mr. Shull was starting for Langlois, where he was to have signed up a logging contract. His brother, Ray, had expected to accompany him but at the last moment decided not to.

The body and wreck was first discovered by Earl Adams, on his way to Coquille to pick up Portland dailies for Myrtle Point distribution. He at once returned to that town, where the unfortunate man lived, and reported the accident.

Funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries in Myrtle Point at 2:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Interment was in the Norway cemetery.

Mr. Shull is survived by his widow, Mrs. Madge Shull, and their four-year old daughter, Olla May, both of whom are in the hospital at Myrtle Point. He is also survived by three sisters, Miss Ada Shull, of Medford; Mrs. Elizabeth Hillyer, of San Diego; and Mrs. Jane Dement, of Myrtle Point, and two brothers, Ray and Ellis, of Myrtle Point. His mother passed away four weeks ago.

Officers who went to the scene of the accident state that Mr. Shull most probably did not see the huge boulder as it made its last jump to strike the car. It broke into a thousand pieces as it crashed through the truck to the pavement.

Jurors Called For Next Week

Following is the jury list drawn for the February term of court which opens next Monday:

Etjie Johnson, C. T. Selbig, John A. Barrett, Emma M. Pierce, Mary Esther Kash, Chas. Oerding, Lloyd Gregg, E. D. McCune, Iva C. Farr, of Coquille; Frank True, Richard L. Hall, Virginia Hillstrom, Elsie A. Elwood, Chester R. Hanning, Henry L. Beckley, Horace Byler, Harold Lanway, Noble R. Brundage, of Marshfield; Arthur R. Bennett, of Norway; E. R. Hayworth, Mildred M. Anderson, Paul V. McElwain, August Anderson, Leo S. Robertson, Frank Muscus, Ivan Basel, James E. Bird, of North Bend; Aaron Wilson, Kay W. Cutler, of Myrtle Point; Dora Schroeder, of Lee; Wm. G. Robertson, of Empire.

Final Home Game Friday

With nothing left to fight for except maintaining their position in second place in the Coos county high school conference, the Red Devils play their last home game of the season tomorrow evening, with the Marshfield Pirates furnishing the opposition. They have previously won three games from the Pirates.

On Friday next week they play their last game, with the Bobcats at Myrtle Point.

At the request of numerous students, Pat Hayes will give a dance in Dreamland after the game here Friday evening. All high school students are urged to attend and make it a big affair.

Marcus Shelley Enlarges Frozen Foods Locker Plant

Since Orville Haga has moved out of the Shelley building, corner First and Hall, to open a frozen foods locker business in Myrtle Point, Marcus Shelley is expanding his locker system in the building and will soon have 500 in operation, utilizing all but the front 15 feet across the First street end of the room. Note his advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Fred Bull Has Given Up Real Estate Business

Fred R. Bull has given up the real estate business and will devote all his time to his expanding insurance business and did not renew his dealer's license from the state. He did not have the time to devote to real estate and says there were features of it which he did not like anyway.

10,000 Leased Acres Will Insure Drilling

Les Child, who is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's mineral resources committee, made a statement at the Monday noon session of the chamber as to possible drilling for oil and gas, and stated that a more active attempt to develop what resources may lie under the ground in Coos county will depend upon the attitude taken by the land owners whose properties must be leased if drilling is to be started.

He and W. E. Marion have about 1300 acres on the Westport arch under lease, and before the company with whom he signed a contract on Monday will begin operations there must be around 10,000 acres more under lease to be included in the pool.

This company, a subsidiary of one of the large oil companies, is desirous of developing a gas field in this section, whether by reason of government insistence or for what other reason, Mr. Child did not know.

The program is not a promotional one; no one in this section will be asked to put up a cent, and the very fair lease forms, Mr. Child said, allow the usual one-eighth of all oil pumped from the land if and when production starts.

Without going into a long description of the terms of the lease regarding gas, he said that the holdings of the entire 20,000 to 25,000 acres would participate in revenue from the gas and the owners' participation would be about as follows:

If a 2,000,000 cubic feet a day gas well was struck, and it was marketed as used at 17 cents a thousand cubic feet, a man who owned 300 acres, and it was under lease, would receive 50 cents a day, no matter whether the well was on his land or not.

But Mr. Child stated that the whole thing could be knocked out cold if any one got the idea that leases at a higher figure could be had and stood out, waiting for development to boost lease figures.

A geologist, here last year, went over a large part of the Westport arch with Mr. Child and the two agreed as to the most likely sites for the location of drilling outfits.

According to Mr. Child's statements, the Westport arch extends from near Empire, past the head of Central avenue in Marshfield, in a southerly direction, along the hills west of Coquille, down past River-ton and somewhere near Bear creek hill this side of Bandon.

Wm. Chandler Dies At Portland

Word has been received of the passing of William Chandler, at a Portland hospital at the ripe age of 88 years.

He was for years a stock rancher in the mountains of southern Coos, and during late years, resided on his ranch on Dement creek.

His daughter, Mrs. Rose Garrett of Myrtle Point, was at his bedside at the time of his passing.

According to the Dodge history Mr. Chandler was born in Crawford county, Mo., June 28, 1853, and came to Coos county in 1874, and settled near Myrtle Point. Mr. Chandler was the father of 13 children. His wife was Margaret R. Bird, born in Tennessee. They were married Nov. 3, 1870. He was also active as an early day logger in Coos county.

Two Indictments Returned Tuesday

Two indictments were returned by the grand jury Tuesday, before adjournment for the Lincoln day holiday.

One of them charged William Perry Christianson with driving while intoxicated in North Bend on Dec. 15. Bail was set at \$100.

The other indictment was against J. D. Woolms, of Powers, for passing a worthless check for \$5 at Myrtle Point last December.

\$15 For Forty Pound Bass

Jack Arnold has just received word that he has been awarded third prize of \$15.00 in the National Sportsman Hunting and Fishing annual contest for striped bass. Jack's catch weighed 40 lbs., 8 ounces.