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Wm. E. Cleghorn Was A Resident Here For 40 Years

After an illness of seven years, during the last four of which he had been unable to leave his home at the corner of Second and Coulter streets, William E. Cleghorn passed away Tuesday morning at the ripe old age of 82 years, seven months and twenty days.

The funeral services are being held at the Asesmbly of God church here at two o'clock this afternoon, under the direction of the Gano Funeral Home. Rev. Lloyd C. Persing will be ficiate at the service and interment will be in the Masonic cemtery.

William Everment Cleghorn was born at Elston, Missouri, August 5, 1858, and was married to Leona Adaline Lane on May 9, 1880.

They came to Coquille forty years ago and have made their home here the greater part of that time. Mr. Cleghorn was a bookkeeper and until advancing years rendered him less active also served as assistant in a grocery store here.

Besides his widow he is survived by four sisters, Mesdames Anna Steeley, Ida McKemeny, Addie Hitch and Emma Dee Ligart, all of his home town, Elston, Mo.

R. Lane. of Coquille, was a brother-in-law of the deceased, and the following four who reside here are cousins—Mrs. John Hickam, George Robison, James Robison and Mrs. R. B. Knife.

Mr. Cleghorn was a charter member of the Coquille Assembly of God church.

Good Friday Services April 11

At a meeting of the Coquille Ministerial Association Monday morning, plans were made for the union Good Friday services to be held from 12 to 3 p. m. April 11. As in former years, the services will be held in Pioneer Church and will be divided into six periods. The Seven Last Words on the Cross will be used as the basis of the meditation given by the various pastors. Special music will be provided by each of the local churches.

The Ministerial Association is also making plans for another Sunrise Easter Service similar to the very successful service conducted last year on the courthouse lawn. The Rev. L. C. Persing, pastor of the Assembly of God church. will be the speaker at this service and the other local pastors will also be on the program.

The County Preaching Mission, being conducted this week. was also discussed at some length and a unifying program adopted.

Camp Fire Girls 28th Anniversary

To celebrate the 29th Birthday of the national organization of Camp Fire Girls, Coquille's five troups will join forces in a Council Fire Friday, March 28, at 8 p. m., at the high school auditorium, Miss Cherie Mae Hartwell, member of the Guardian Council, announced.

Awards will be made to the following Camp Fire Girls:

Fire Maker Rank—Phyllis Litzenberger, Shirley Snyder, Gyendolyn Elrod and Waneta Wardrip. Wood Gatherers Rank——Donna Rankin, Ardella Shelley, Dorothy Wood, Marianne Rackleff. Trail Seekers Rank—Vera Bishop, Jean Lee Griggs, Shirley Slater, Pat Yarbrough, Pat Farrell and Betty Preston.

All the girls have been working hard to fulfill their requirements and expect to have earned their ranks by Friday evening. Beads and other honors will also be awarded.

Everyone is invited to attend the Council Fire.

Two Liebhart Boys Have Enlisted in U. S. Army

H. E. Liebhart is in receipt of a letter from his son, Elmer E., in which he stated that he had enlisted in the field artillery branch of the U. S. army and was stationed at Camp Lewis. He was 17 on the 9th of this month. His brother, Jim, who enlisted some time ago is also at Camp Lewis, being in the infantry. The father of the boys is a veteran of World War I and is the proud posessor of a distinguished service medal.

New Pastor At Assembly of God

Rev. L. S. Persing, the new pastor of the Coquille Assembly of God, arrived here recently, accompanied by Mrs. Persing and their eleven-year old son Norman, from his previous pastorate in Yuba City, Calif., where he was located for five years. This is his first experience outside of California and he says he likes the Oregon brand of weather.

A reception for the pastor and family was held in the church parlors the next evening after their arrival here.

R.E.A. Contract For "B" Project

Low bidder on the "B" project of the Coos Electric Co-op was found to be Hagen & McClintic, of Pueblo, Colo., when bids were opened in the office here Tuesday morning. Their offer was to do the 96 miles of line construction, which will serve 210 new customer members, was $69,-909.86. Their bid was for the construction and the Line Material company, hardware and gap-type transformers; McFarland poles and Porcelain Products' insulators.

Homer G. Johnson, of Portland, who built the "A" project of 92 miles which now serves 300 members, was next low his bid being $75,381.95. The third bid was by Fritz Liebarth, of Long Beach, Calif., with a figure of $94,213.45.

It is expected the staking for the new lines will be completed by the middle of April. The contract awarded specifies that work must start within ten days after that completion, and the contractor is allowed 70 days in which to finish his job.

May Enroll For Pilot Training

Young men between 19 and 26 may now enroll in the civilian pilots' training program at the North Bend Chamber of Commerce,Secretary Harold J. Hickerson phoned the Sentinel yesterday. He is at the chamber office from 9 until 5 during the day and between 6 and 7 in the evening.

As many youths as want to may register for the ground school course, Hickerson stated. There is no limit on the number, although there must be at least 25 enrolled and qualified before the instruction can begin. Lional Wright of Hauser and Denton Clark of the Clark Flying Service will instruct the ground school class. Wright will handle civil air regulations and meterology while Clark will teach navigation.

The ground school course will continue for approximately three months. For those who qualify there will be a three months flight training program. Top ten out of every 50 in ground school competition will receive flight training scholarships. In addition. for every scholarship sponsored by the community the government will match it with one.

None of These Five Wrecks Were Serious

[illegible] or collisions, between Coquille and Marshfield last Saturday night, none of them were very serious, according to the reports made at the sheriff's office. One of them easily could have been, however, for a car stuck its nose through the guard rail on the China Camp bridge, but did not go over.

B.P.W. Style Show Presented Last Evening

Negilgees, morning dresses, sportswear, afternoon frocks, suits and evening gowns were paraded before an audience of 300 men and women on Wednesday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. The Excel Dress Shoppe costumed 27 girls and women in the season's newest outfits for every occasion. The show, sponsored by the Business and Professional Woman's club, was directed by Miss Muriel Dae who trained the models and planned the specialty numbers.

Donna Dunn and Alice Howard, attired as French maids, in simple gray dresses with small white aprons and perky caps sang a sprightly song of promises about the lovely costumes to be presented. While singing they expressed their happiness over the show to come with a gay little dance. To the surprise of the audience, the first costume was not an Excel Shoppe model. Rather it was a sad and dreary example of how a women might look if she let too long a period elapse between her visits to the Excel. For those members of the audience that wondered who was masquerading in the drooopy, dis-

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Winners In Valley Golf Tourney

The second round of the annual spring handicap tournament was played at the Coquille Valley Country Club course at Norway last Saturday and Sunday. There are 53 entries for the tournament. the course is in splendid shape and a great deal of interest is being shown.

Last week-end's play resulted in the following: C. M. Howard, 2 up over Ray Jeub. Roland Bowers default from Geo. Gratke. Louis Holiman 6 up over Chas. Selbig. H. Holmes by default from Paul Nelson. Dick Arnold one up over Lloyd Wilson. George Linn, one up over Dr. Beadner. Al Haines by default from Pat Rickard. Clayton Mast 6 and 4 from Ralph Kring. Os. Adams by default from Elton Schroeder. Jack McLarrin, one up over Irving Larson. Bob McLarrin, one up over E. Watkins. John Arnold by default from H. Chapman. Don Gilelspie, 2 up over Fred Hudson. Bob Foster 2 up over Dr. L. L. Summerlin. John Geider, one up over Dutch Clinton. L. Compton, by 5 and 4 from Geo. Ulett. B. Barrow. one up over Geo. McClellan. Spike Leslie, one up over Dr. Rietman. Dee Richardson by 2 and 1 over Pete Norton.

Sixth Column To Buy Respirator

In a short time Wednesday morning the Sixth Column organization had secured donations of $43 around town toward the purchase price of a respirator which they decided at their Monday evening session to purchase for the fire department. The instrument which they hope to have here for the fire department early in May will cost between $150 and $200. They expect to hold bazaars and have other functions to add to the donations which have been so freely given.

The Sixth Column also expresses a vote of thanks to the city council for permitting the use of the Community Building shed as a rifle range.

George Witters To Move To Roseburg

George R. Witters, the capable and efficient manager of the Safeway store here since October 17, 1936—just after the Bandon fire—has been notified of his transfer to the company's store at Roseburg. He will leave after Saturday's closing to take over the Douglas county capital Safeway store. Mrs. Witters and their daughter will remain here for a month or more longer.

A Coquille boy who has been with Safeway at Roseburg for some time will be the new manager of the store here, Lin Swain. He has been a clerk in a Safeway organization since he started to work in the local store and this is his first appointment as manager.

Welcome home, Lin.

Mrs. Gladys Gano was called to Yakima Saturday by the death of her father, M. B. Stone. She is expected home late this week.

S. M. Nosler Sells Grocery To O. T. Gant

S. M. Nosler, dean of Coquille business men, after 39 years of almost continuous activity in Coquille, is going to retire.

Orvin T. Gant, who was associated with Mr. Nosler in the grocery store which the latter has operated since November, 1932, will take over the operation of the store next Monday. A deal for his purchase of the stock and business was recently made and after an invoice of the stock is taken on Sunday Mr. Gant will be the proprietor of Nosler's Grocery. For the past two years he has been bookkeeper and assistant to Ed Walker in the Coquille Service Station.

Mr. Nosler's first business venture was in the creamery business which he began in December, 1902, and he was butter maker as well as manager of the business.

Selling that business he started the Coquille Laundry in 1904 and later sold it to Arthur T. Morrison.

In 1912 he and J. E. Norton started a wholesale grocery business from which Mr. Nosler retired to enter the retail grocery business, which line has been his sole business activity for the past 26 years except for a short time when he engaged in the insurance business.

The present Nosler's Grocery was opened eight years ago last November, in the ground floor of the concrete building he had erected in 1924.

After a month during which he will get his affairs in shape for a three months' absence, he and Mrs. Nosler, accompanied by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gulseth, will leave on a trip which will take them into 37 states of the Union and during which they will be in every state around the perimeter of the United States.

They will travel in their 1941 Buick sedan, going first to Spokane, then to Minnesota, where Lawrence's parents reside, then to Iowa, where both Mr. and Mrs. Nosler's parents formerly resided. From there they will go to Maine where his forefathers lived. thence to Boston, where they will visit a nephew, George Hartley then on to New York where Marvel Oberteuffer, a niece. has lived for many years.

Then they will hit for a warmer section, going to Florida, across to New Orleans and on west to San Diego, Calif., where several of his brothers are in business.

They will make quite a visit there before heading for home sometime in late summer.

Circuit Court Cases This Week

The State Industrial Accident Commission has not been doing so well in the Circuit court cases here in which the injured were forced to sue for a just settlement. One case was nonsuited last week and another was decided against the S. I. A. C.

The third case was heard last Thursday and resulted in a verdist for George Clark, Jr., the jury giving him 40 per cent of the allowance for loss of an arm.

On Friday the jury awarded W. E. Miller 20 per cent of the loss of arm schedule.

On Monday this week the case of Rose K.Williams, administratrix of the estate of Arthur Burns, vs. Coos Bay Dredge Co., resulted in a verdict for $3500 for the plaintif. Burns, a W. P. A. worker, was killed when a bulldozer tipped over and crushed an outbuilding on the Marshfield high school grounds in which Burns happened to be.

The case of the state vs two Rasers, Ravito and Pierce, for manipulating a punch board to their profit at Empire. was started yesterday and probably will not be ended until tomorrow.

The only other case expected to be tried this term is that of Chester and Elsie E. Isacson vs. L. W. and Dorothy Rippey.

Greek War Relief Show At the Roxy Saturday Night

A special feature picture will be shown immediately after the last show Saturday night at the Roxy.

No regular admission will be charged but a collection will be taken, the entire amount to be given for Greek War Relief.

The film companies are furnishing the film at no charge to the theatre. The theatre and its employees are donating their services to the cause.

An Early Age For Demonstrating

"Like father, like son," which is to say that Chas. Briggs' three and one-half year old youngster, Cliff, is emulating his father as an A1 automobile driver. Why?

A week ago last Sunday young Cliff went to the family garage on Heath street, opened the big garage doors, then the front door of the car, climbed in, started the motor put it in reverse and backed the car out the ten feet to the street and then across the drive on the parking into the street.

About that time a neighbor boy, Morris Ray's son saw him and shoved the car back into the garage.

But Cliff had been cheated of his joy ride so he did it a second time, getting the car out without scratching a fender. This time young Ray told Mrs. Briggs and Cliff was the recipient of a good paddling.

Mr. Briggs now says that he feels he must padlock the garage, lock the car's doors and then jack up the hind wheels so that he will feel safe.

Plywood Strike Is Called Off

The threatened strike at the plywood plant has been averted and the strike decision voted on each of the last two Sundays, has been revoked by the union committee to whom such authority was delegated.

The reason made public for the threatened strike was that the management had dispensed with the services of a foreman, who it was claimed appeared on the job in a drunken condition after being warned twice before as to what would happen.

Both management and union agreed to abide by the decision of a federal conciliation agent who has been asked to come here for investigation, and Mr. Ulett says that if it is proved to this investigation's satisfaction that the man was not intoxicated that the discharged man will be given a job in the plant.

Seriously Injured In 20-Foot Fall From Bridge

Floyd Bracelin, 46, is in the Coquille Hospital, unconscious and in a very serious condition as the result of a fall from the long North Fork bridge this side of Myrtle Point, at two o'clock last Sunday morning. He fell 20 feet fractured his left wrist and suffered concussion. He is an employee at the Smith plant.

Evergreen Players Next Tuesday

Theatre fans are awaiting the presentation of "The Scientific Romeo," by the Evergreen Players of Seattle, who will appear here Tuesday, April 1, under the sponsorship of the Woman's club and the Camp Fire Girls. Two shows, one at 7:30 p. m. and the other at 9:15 p. m., will be given so that everyone may take advantage of the opportunity to see a play presented by the well known troup of itinerant players.

The Woman's club share of the proceeds will be turned into the public library fund, while funds belonging to the Camp Fire Girls will be used to purchase supplies for the various town groups.

Earl A. Nosler Here On Visit From Juneau

Earl B. Nosler of Juneau, Alaska, a former Coquille boy, arrived here Saturday to visit his sister, Mary Alice Nosler, and other relatives. During the past two and a half years, Mr. Nosler has been a member of the Coast Guard. Recently he was awarded a medal for bravery, an honor conferred upon him after he had saved a life. He also has a medal for expert marksmanship. Just before taking his present leave, he finished a course in deep sea diving.

Mr. Nosler's visit here is brief. He is now serving on the Coast Guard cutter "Haida," which has been berthed at Seattle for repairs. On Monday he must report for duty at Seattle.

Proof that the botanical residents of Coos county are as amazed by this season's weather as the rest of the citizenry may be found in the J. Arthur Berg garden, where sweetpeas are in bloom. The sweetpeas survey a bed of tulips not yet in bud. According to Mrs. Berg, the sweetpeas were planted in November for late May maturity.

C of C Hears Talk of Busy Times Ahead

The most interesting statement made at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the hotel Tuesday noon was that by Clarence H. Coe, of Marshfield, who said that within six months all of Coos county would be seeing things hum as they never have before. Of course, the national defense program and the aid to Great Britain are the factors which will produce these results.

Boat building at the Bay and on the lower river, the development of the airport near North Bend and the need for lumber of all kinds will bring so heavy a demand for labor that unemployment should be unnkown.

Another matter which is being talked but as yet has no official confirmation, is that Coos Head will become an army training headquarters, with possibly 30,000 men stationed there.

Another matter of interest to Coquille was the reommendation of David B. Biegger that the city hold a "Dollar Day" festival on Saturday, April 12, with many other features besides the dollar offerings by the merchants.

Mr. Biegger who is chairman of the chamber's merchants committee, was asked to contact all merchants and secure their co-operation in making this dollar day a great success.

Mr. Biegger also said his committee was recommending co-operation with the Coquille Woman's Club on their annual May Day dance and suggested that a parade and other features be planned for the day, to be followed by the dance in the evening.

J. L. Smith, while asking to be relieved of the chairmanship which he has held for several years past, said it was time Coquille planned on its annual clean-up, paint-up campaign.

O. L. Wood, of the boathouse committee stated that it was planned to charge $10 for a stall in the boat house for the coming year instead of the $18 charged last year to help pay for construction. Last year's renters are to be given first chance, but should additional space be required to accommodate all who may desire it, the charge for new renters would probably be $18 again tnis year.

President R. L. Stewart stated that many local merchants disagree with the statement that the volume of business done in Coquille is less than it was a few years ago. The The Sentinel last week did not state the smaller estimate as a fact, but was simply quoting remarks made by one or two members at the noon luncheon.

Mrs. J. E. Norton, secretary, read a letter from the state fish commission in which it was stated that a hatchery in southwestern Oregon is under consideration by the commission and will be located somewhere down here as soon as possible.

She also read a letter inviting attendance at a bridge dedication near Smith River, Calif.. in Del Norte county tomorrow—Friday.

Junior C. of C. Met Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday this week. A short business meeting was held during which the matter of assisting the city in renovation of the Community Building was discussed. The matter of the dance to be held in the near future was also discussed and committees were appointed to make necessary arrangements.

These matters being taken care of, the meeting was adjourned and Principal Clarence Osika was introduced to the group and favored the organization with an excellent talk on "Americansm and American Ideals."

Baseball Practice Here Sunday

Coquille players are planning on a team to become affiliated with the Southwest Oregon baseball league and [illegible] for all who wish to play this year to be at Athletic Park Sunday afternoon where a practice and organization meet will be held. There are six other teams already signed up for the league and Coquille fans are anxious to see a team here this summer.