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\$2.00 THE YEAR

First Barge Started Down River Tuesday

Without a hitch or bobble of any kind, the first barge load of lumber, using one of the new Port of Bandon barges, was moved from the Smith Wood-Products dock here at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by the company's tug, "Moon," and taken down below Riverton where it was tied up.

The second barge was brought up yesterday, is being loaded and will also be towed to the same spot where the port's tug, "Port of Bandon" will pick them up and take them to Bandon, where the cargo will be transferred to one of the Lawrence Phillips' boats this week-end, for shipment to southern California.

There were 281,000 feet of lumber on the first barge load, about half what the barges are capable of carrying.

The barges are 120 feet long and 40 feet wide.

To one who had not seen the new loading crane on the Smith dock in operation before it was quite an interesting sight as the last few loads were transferred to the barge.

The boom of the crane is 85 feet long, making a possible sweep of approximately 170 feet. It is capable of lifting five tons at the extreme end, and is a most solid and well built piece of equipment. Concrete piers, several feet square, were sunk to bed rock as anchors for the two long braces which support the center pole of the crane.

The ease with which the large sling loads of lumber were handled from the control room at the river end of the swinging boom made one think of earlier days when most of this sort of loading was done by manual labor.

More California Weather Saturday

That rain which finally ended as a sleet storm last Saturday between 12 and one o'clock, was just about as heavy a downpour as is ever experienced in the Coquille valley. For ten or fifteen minutes the lightning and thunder cannonading was a reminder of what less favored localities experience at any old time but which are so rare here as to be worthy of mention.

The flood in the streets could not all be carried off by the storm sewers and basements on First street flooded with four or five inches of water.

The barometer had dropped from 30 last Friday to 29:70 Saturday morning and Tuesday morning this week had dropped still further to a 29:50 figure.

Tom Wing To Return To U. S.

Everett Briner received a letter recently from Tommy Wing, written in Hong Kong, that he has papers all signed and ready for use which will permit him to return to the United States. He expects to leave there either this month or next.

Things have not been going so well for Tommy lately. The Jap embargo on food stuffs made it difficult to operate a restaurant and then to cap that he was practically cleaned out by bandits who took nearly everything he possessed.

Baseball League To Organize Sunday

W. H. Fortier, last year's president of the Southwestern Oregon Baseball League has called a meeting for next Sunday, here, of all those who may be interested in having clubs in the league this year.

Six towns have indicated their intention to attend the organization meeting—Coquille, North Bend, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Powers and Empire.

Coquille players who responded to the call for last Sunday's practice were: Monahan, Floyd Chase, Doc Krantz, Alan Bailey, Leroy Ochoa, Marvin Goodman, Lloyd Wood, Vern Heinzelman, George Durand, Ed Miles, Lawrence Hatcher and Jim Schaefer.

This is not a prediction but Bill Fortier will probably be re-elected as league prexy for 1941. He advocates a six club league.

March Turnover The Largest Ever

The largest payment of taxes in the history of Coos county, for a single month, was represented in the \$642,065.69 which Ray Vaughan of the tax collection department turned over to Treasurer Charles Stauff for March. A very large percentage of the amount was for current taxes, paid by those taking advantage of the rebate for spring payment.

The largest March tax receipts prior to this year was in 1939 when the total collection was \$650,123.47. In 1940 the total was \$630,181.24.

Road Warrants On Cash Basis

In making warrant calls for the county's general road fund and for the market road fund for next Monday, which appear elsewhere in this issue, County Treasurer Stauff says that all general road fund warrants issued this month will be marked "cash," there being sufficient funds in that account in his custody now to take care of what bills are allowed by the court.

The general road fund warrants are all now outstanding, totaling \$117,899.43 on which there is accrued interest of \$3,318, making a total of \$121,217.83 to be disbursed.

The market road call is for warrants issued in March, April, May, June and July in 1940. The face of the warrants called totals \$18,998.49, on which the estimated interest is \$750, or a total pay out of \$19,748.49.

Mr. Stauff also states that next week he will remember all ports, cities, school and drainage districts, all those which levy taxes, with remittances for their portion of this spring's tax payments.

Besides their special tax levy funds, the school districts will also receive the first half of 1941 of the county school fund and the elementary school fund payments.

Bill Head Fell For One

One of the best April fool stunts we have heard of was that pulled on Bill Head of the Mt. States Power Co. force, Tuesday afternoon. He was handed a hot water tank cut-in order for A. P. Rulfool, 675 North Heath.

"That's in my neighborhood," said Bill, "I'll attend to it when I go home." And he went up and down Heath street, finally discovering that his own home was 675.

Frank Thrift also fell for the gag next morning when Bill handed him the sheet to assign a meter number.

New Lessee Of Shell Service Station

With the giving up of his lease by Oscar Larson of the Shell Service Station on Front street here, the City Motors becomes passe, Clovis Church, who is now Pontiac distributor here, operates as the Church Pontiac Co.

The lease on the service station has been taken over by Ellis Carlsen, who has been employed there for some time. Fred Middendorf will continue to be associated with Mr. Carlsen in the department of the station.

Mr. Larson left Monday for Yakima and Ellensburg, Wash., where he has a cinnabar mining prospect which looks good to him. Before leaving, however, he said he expected to return in three or four months and carry out the program announced in the Sentinel a few weeks ago—that of putting a building on the lots just east of Bill's Place where the agency of the Packard and Chrysler cars will be located. He retains the dealership for those cars in Coquille.

Summers Buys Sutton's Half Interest In Quelle Cafe

Another First street business change which took place April 1—besides the sale of Nosler's Grocery to O. T. Gant—was the Quelle Cafe where Clarence Summers took over the half of the business heretofore owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jerrol Sutton. "Red" has not announced what he intends to do with the place.

Rev. Hale B. Eubanks spent from Sunday until Wednesday down here this week getting cranberry cuttings for his bog at Sutton Lake. Mrs. Eubanks was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hazard, on a trip to Portland.

Coquille Dollar Day Set For Saturday, April 12

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce, through the efforts of its merchants' committee of which David B. Biegger is chairman, is sponsoring a "Coquille Dollar Day" for Saturday, April 12. The action followed Mr. Biegger's report at the chamber meeting Tuesday noon.

"We believe Coquille merchants have a large assortment of merchandise which can be offered in a Dollar Day campaign and that the bargains will be such as to draw attention from all over the territory," Mr. Biegger said.

He also reported that the Woman's club would welcome chamber of commerce cooperation in their May Day festivities a month hence.

At the Tuesday session Mr. Strong reported on his recent trip to Seattle, where he went to try and interest the Civil Aeronautics Authority representatives in the proposed Arago airport project. He found the 40 million dollars appropriated by congress had all been allocated to 250 airports but learned that future funds are anticipated and was convinced that the Arago proposed site would be given consideration later.

Wild Strawberries Ripen At Fairview

Mrs. E. Clump, of Fairview, sent in to the Sentinel office last Saturday a cluster of wild strawberries, very tiny they were, but there were ripe as well as green berries on the stem.

Wild flowers in the valley out there are blossoming, some of them even beginning to drop their petals.

March was a very spring like month, but it is to be hoped that April does better by this section of the matter of rainfall than did March.

Floating Body Found In Bay

Royal Carter, over here from Marshfield this morning, reported that a body had been found floating in the bay this morning. The coroner had been summoned but he did not learn whether the body was identified before he left town.

Seven Answered Draft Call Monday

The seven Coquille valley men who reported to the local conscription board at Myrtle Point on Monday this week were: James Wilfred Caudle, Bill Peart, of Coquille; Kenneth Charles Thompson, Wallis Bernard Wardell, of Myrtle Point; Leander Allen Panter, of Bandon; William Earl Smith, of Catching Inlet, and Jack Birdell Warner, of Gaylord. They went to Portland for induction into the army and their year of training.

Injured When Young Horse Started A Run-away

Albert Gulstrom was brought to the Coquille Hospital Tuesday evening, where he will have to remain for a few days yet. He was bruised and shaken but suffered no broken bones when thrown from the wagon with which he was hauling lumber. One of the team was young and fractious and started the wagon on a wild trip.

State Officer T. C. Kessler was notified Tuesday that he will be transferred to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. W. A. Hoover Services To Be Here Saturday

Mrs. W. A. Hoover, of Bandon after a serious illness of three weeks during which she had been a hospital patient, passed away Tuesday. She had been in poor health for some time.

The funeral services will be held at the Coquille Assembly of God, of which she was at one time a member, at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday. The services will be conducted by Rev. L. C. Persing and Rev. Mr. Jensen. Interment will be in the Norway cemetery, Rev. Chas. H. Finley conducting the graveside services.

Born Artha Catherine Royer, Jan. 16, 1873, near Kansas City in Kansas, she came with her parents to Oregon when a small child. She was married to Mr. Hoover on May 13, 1890, and for many years lived in Myrtle Point, more recently in Bandon.

Of the eleven children born to them, five sons and one daughter preceded their mother in death. Besides her husband she is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Wayne Carlson, Marshfield; Mrs. Carl Carlson, Reedsport; Mrs. Walter Hood, Langlois; Mrs. Phebe Carlson, Winchester Bay, and Mrs. C. W. Mulkey, Coquille.

Two sisters, Mrs. John Lamson, of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Mollie Barklow, of Salem, eighteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, also survive as do a host of other relatives. At the golden wedding anniversary of herself and Mr. Hoover there were over 100 relatives present for its observance.

Mrs. Hoover was a life long Christian and had been active in church work all her life; she was one of God's noblewomen, and her passing is mourned by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Floyd Bracelin Funeral Today

Funeral services are being held at two o'clock this afternoon, at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries, for Floyd Bracelin, who died last Sunday at a local hospital as the result of injuries he received the Sunday before when he fell from the North Fork bridge. The accident happened about 100 feet from this end of the highway bridge and he dropped about 20 feet, suffering concussions and fractured bones.

According to the reported story he was endeavoring to free the front end of the car from the bridge railing in which it was hooked and his two men companions did not know he had fallen until a passing motorist got out a flashlight and saw him underneath the bridge.

Floyd James Bracelin was born at Beatty, Kansas, May 24, 1894. He came to Coquille in April, 1940, and was employed at the Smith Wood-Products plant.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Julia Bracelin, and four children—Mrs. Hazel Bash, Coquille; Mrs. Bertha Kite, Oberlin, Kans.; Lawrence Bracelin, Coquille; Dale Bracelin, Yakima, Wash.; also by three stepchildren—Donald Styles, of San Diego, Jack and Lois Styles, of Coquille; and three grandchildren. A brother, Roy Bracelin, resides in Coquille, as does a sister, Mrs. Norma Hubbard. Another sister, Mrs. Irma Dunn, lives in Kansas.

Interment is to be in the Masonic cemetery. The regular meeting of the Coquille Woman's club will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 9, in Guild Hall at 2:15 p. m.

Weldon Kline was a week-end visitor in Portland.

Many Did Not Ask For Card

"If Coquille merchants would live up to the agreement they sign when becoming members of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce they would have saved themselves many dollars a year."

This was the gist of a statement by President R. L. Stewart at the C. of C. session Tuesday noon in the hotel. His reference was to the proviso that out-of-town advertising solicitors must show an approval card from the chamber's secret committee before any consideration would be shown said solicitors.

Mr. Stewart then went on to tell of a woman who canvassed the town recently for advs. in a song book which she said would be furnished free to the school at Fairview. He said between \$50 and \$75 had been collected by the woman, and in only one instance had she given a receipt.

The woman had gone first to the teacher at Fairview who turned her proposition down. A member of the school board had also refused to approve the scheme, so the woman had picked up a couple of Fairview girls who accompanied her on her solicitation calls.

Of course there is a possibility that the song books will be forthcoming; it is too early yet to know; but the same scheme was worked on Marshfield merchants last year for books for the Delmar school—and they are still waiting for their books.

Any legitimate solicitation plan C. committee approval and the merchant can know positively that if the solicitor has a C. of C. card that he, the merchant, is not going to be grafted.

Ask to see the card.

There Was No Car In River

The fire department was called to the Smith plant about 10:30 last evening where fire had started in one of the fuel bins. It was extinguished without any damage being done.

A little later the department boys answered a call from half way between here and Arago, the person calling having reported that tracks indicated a car had gone in the river. After investigating and finding no indications they returned to town and another call came in from that section saying the one reporting had found it to be a mistake—there was no car plunge.

A wreck which caused a lot of rumor spreading occurred this side of the J. E. Norton place on the highway to Bandon early yesterday morning. The report was that a car had gone in the river there. State police investigation ascertained that a California car had gone off the highway, down into the brush, but not into the river. The driver claimed the lights of an oncoming car had blinded him. No one was injured.

M. M. Young Buried At Dora

Funeral services were held at Dora, Monday afternoon, for an old-time Coquille resident, M. M. Young, who has been in the Masonic Home at Forest Grove for the past 13 years and passed away there last Friday.

It was around a quarter of a century ago that Mr. Young conducted the Baxter Hotel here which was on the site of the present hotel building but on higher ground. Before that he had operated a sawmill at Dora, and subsequent to his period in Coquille was located in Bandon for many years.

He was 80 years, one month and two days of age, having been born in New York state, Feb. 26, 1861.

Mrs. Young preceded him in death by 14 years.

He is survived by four sons, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren; two daughters having preceded him in death. Ellis Kelley, of this city, is a son-in-law. The sons are Frank, of Myrtle Point; Smith, Lloyd and William, whose whereabouts were unknown to our informant, Mr. Kelley.

Fees Received in March

Fees received in County Clerk Oddy's office during March totalled \$1,013.30—recording \$460.35; circuit court—\$302; probate and county court \$15.50; marriage licenses \$39; miscellaneous \$91.45.

Arch Sanders Tells How Coast Ass'n. Money Is Spent

Arch B. Sanders, manager of the Coast Highway Association, attended the Coquille Chamber of Commerce session Tuesday noon and gave a most interesting talk on what the association has done and what it expects to do.

One of the indications of how popular Highway 101 is to be next month was his statement that 24,000 soldiers and equipment are to be moved from California to Washington next month for maneuvers. They will travel on 99 and 97 which will result in north and south travelers seeking some other route than the Pacific and The Dalles-California highways.

He said a new project this year is to be a color film of Oregon coast wild flowers and scenic beauty spots, with sound track accompaniment, which will be shown in large centers of the United States.

The successful snapshot contest held last year cost the association \$219.50, and is being copied this year by five other highway associations.

He frankly said his salary and expense account was the largest item in the 1940 and the 1941 budgets—he traveled 20,000 miles last year on association business and said the handsome 100,000 publicity folders was the next largest item in the budget, the cost of cuts, art work, stock, around \$3400 last year. The budget for this year is the same as it was last year—\$12,500—and he said the year closed with its funds in the black.

He said there were five large highway signs between Crescent City and Garberville in California but that due to an agreement with the city of Grants Pass there are no signs for either the Coast or the Redwoods highways at the junction of those two routes this side of Crescent City.

Mr. Sanders could have gone on for some time longer telling what is done, to the coast's advantage, with the money contributed to the association. The Coquille chamber contributes \$400, but local interests are thereby free from solicitation for individual membership.

Myrtle Point Rotary Club Gets Charter

Theo. L. (Dutch) Clinton, president of the Coquille Rotary Club, presided as toastmaster at the Country Club Monday evening when District Governor Vincent Borleske, of Walla Walla, Wash., presented the newly formed Rotary Club of Myrtle Point with their charter.

Over one hundred Rotarians and Rotarywives from Myrtle Point, Marshfield, North Bend, Eugene, Portland and Coquille were present at the banquet by the host clubs of Marshfield-North Bend and Coquille and heard the splendid talk given by the district governor as well as several other talks by the mayors of Myrtle Point and Marshfield as well as the officers of the Myrtle Point Chamber of Commerce and Lions club.

Dal King, president of the newly formed club, presented his officers and club members.

The club was the recipient of numerous gifts from the other clubs among which were a gold bell from the Marsh-Bend club, a portfolio from Coquille, a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses from Eugene and a flag with staff and standard from the Portland club.

Music was furnished by Fred Dallas, of the Myrtle Point schools, assisted by Ted Haberly at the piano.

The club starts off with 17 charter members and three more who have joined since charter application was made.

Will Be Easier To Pay Fine

The city's police department has adopted a new ruling—those who do not pay the fines assessed will be compelled to work at clearing up blackberry vines on city owned lots, put on a bread and water diet.

Jas. R. Roberts, arrested last Wednesday night, paid the \$5 fine the recorder assessed him.

John Darling is serving five days, having been fined \$10 for the usual on March 29.

DANGER SIGNALS THAT MAY MEAN CANCER AND SHOULD ALWAYS MEAN A Visit to a Physician

1. Any Persistent lump or thickening, especially of the breast.
2. Any irregular bleeding or discharge from any of the body openings.
3. Any sore or ulcer, especially on the tongue, mouth or lips.
4. Persistent indigestion, especially when accompanied by distaste for meat.
5. Sudden changes in the form or rate of growth of a mole or wart.

April has been designated as Cancer Control Month by Governor Sprague and President Roosevelt.