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## Substantial Concerns Showing Interest In Coos Co. Black Sands

With the interest being shown in the black sands of the lagoon district—that section extending several miles east from the coast and north of the Coquille river—one or more plants for the Coquille valley are practically a certainty, and there may be a small one located in Coquille.

Nor are any of the concerns showing an interest in the development of a chrome industry, using the black sands deposits, of the fly-by-night character, such as was the "Doc" Fitzgerald program of several years ago. They are, according to all reports, among the nation's most solid and substantial mineral concerns.

The K. A. Brassart Co. of New York is one which has been showing an interest for months. Another is the Humphreys Co., of Denver, Colo., and the Krome Corporation, which has broken ground for a plant at Sixes is still another.

Two gentlemen from Vancouver, Wash.—Frank L. Cooper and R. G. Lewis—who own land in that district, were here the first of this week and are expecting to return soon with an announcement of what their plans are. Mr. Lewis is an old Coos and Curry county man who logged considerable timber in southern Coos several years ago, has built roads in Coos and Curry counties, even as far south as Carpenterville on Highway 101 near the California line, and was quite active in commercial enterprises a quarter of a century ago.

Still another indication of probable development of the black sands deposits was the recent visit in this section of H. B. Johnson, representing the Ritter Products Co., of Rochester, N. Y. The Ritter company is the largest manufacturer of electrostatic mineral separation equipment in the U. S., and their product is what will be used if and when plants are built in the valley.

## Guerrilla Band Being Organized

The pledge for signing up as a member of the Coquille Guerrillas is open to local residents, who have firearms, at Greene & Jensen's Western Auto Supply store. Nearly a dozen have already subscribed to the oath, which reads: "As a member of the Coquille Guerrillas I hereby voluntarily promise and agree to defend my family and home from any and all invaders, even at the cost of my life." Signers also subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the United States.

A. N. Gould, who initiated this coast-wide organization in Coquille, heads the list. Others already signed are: W. E. Bosserman, Fred Jensen, Walter A. Moore, Herbert E. Wood, C. S. Osika, Fred D. Kunz, L. A. Greene, F. L. Greenough, J. P. Reddy. The purpose of the organization is not only to defend their own homes and families, but to be ready as a unit to protect all the property and people of this community in case of invasion until the army arrives to take over.

## Forty-Seven Members In Lions Club

Three cubs were admitted to the Lions den last Thursday noon, bringing the total membership of Coquille's oldest service club up to 47. Those admitted were Hank McCue and Jos. Sayre, of Smith Wood-Products, and Glen Jones of the Ko-Keel Shoe Shop. J. E. Norton made a splendid talk at the meeting, his subject dealing with what service clubs can do for the benefit of the United States during this national emergency.

## Les Child To Supervise Tremolite Plant Construction

Les Child left Tuesday for the Grants Pass section, where he was to meet Mr. Pettigrew, of Pettigrew, Stafford & Co., of San Francisco, in regard to a milling plant for tremolite and talc which is to be erected there on a property which Mr. Child recently leased for the San Francisco concern. Mr. Child is to supervise the building of the plant.

The tremolite is to be used in several defense production operations, while the talc is used for the water-proofing in paint as well as for making a product used to extinguish incendiary bombs.

## L. P. Branstetter Died Monday

Funeral services for a former Coquille resident, Louis P. Branstetter, are being held at Ferndale Calif., at two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Branstetter, who had never been well since his injuries in an accident some years ago, had been in the hospital at Ferndale for some time when he passed away at five o'clock Monday evening.

He was upwards of 80 years of age and was born at Petrolia, Calif., a few miles distant from the Branstetter ranch at Capetown, where he spent by far the greater part of his life.

He and Mrs. Branstetter came to Coquille about a quarter of a century ago, he as manager of the Russ properties across the river from Coquille. They returned to Capetown 18 or 20 years ago.

Besides his widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Constance Edwards, of San Francisco, and a son, Prescott, who has been with him on the ranch. Mrs. Prescott Branstetter is the daughter of Mrs. Marvin Lyons of Marshfield.

The deceased is also survived by four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He leaves a great many friends in southwestern Oregon who honored and respected him for his many sterling qualities and who regret to hear of his demise.

## Easter Sunrise Prayer Service

The regular annual Easter sunrise prayer service this year will be held at the Church of Christ. It was decided by the Ministerial Association of the city that on account of so much danger of interference by inclement weather that it was better to plan to hold this service in a church so there would be no interference and all would really enjoy the service so more.

They are planning a most helpful service promptly at 6:45 a.m. and they are asking all to refrain from any visiting of any kind within the auditorium of the church. It is the desire to make this a service that will long be remembered and as helpful spiritually as possible. Rev. Orval Kerr, of the Church of God will be the speaker at this service. We invite you to meet with us at the church at that early morning hour. Will you be there?—Coquille Ministerial Association.

## Bishop Confirms Class of Five

The Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, D. D., Bishop of Oregon, finished his visitation of Coos county on Tuesday and departed for churches in the northern part of the state, returning to Portland this morning.

On Palm Sunday, Bishop Dagwell confirmed a class in Myrtle Point in the afternoon and came to Coquille in the evening.

At St. James' Church on Sunday evening, a large congregation witnessed the confirmation of a class of five persons: Marcus H. Shelley Jr., Glen E. Gosline, Sally Bonney, Anne Harbison, and Dorothy Cadman, of Langlois.

The Bishop each year gives confirmation classes a text. This year, his seventh year as Bishop of Oregon, his text was from St. Matthew 28, "With you Always." On this text he based his address and charge to the confirmands.

During his stay in Southwestern Oregon, Bishop Dagwell had luncheon meetings with the men of St. Mark's Myrtle Point, and St. James', Coquille.

## Massachusetts Cranberry Men Visit Coquille Valley Bogs

M. L. Urann and C. B. Urann, brothers, their publicity agent and secretary, Ellen Stillman, all of Hansen Mass., spent a couple of days in this section visiting E. D. Webb, A. T. Morrison and other cranberry growers in the Bandon vicinity. The eastern men are the largest cranberry canners in the United States and are also growers. They were registered at the Coquille Hotel.

## C. Hannan Injured At Smith Plant Yesterday

Cornelius Hannan was brought in to the Coquille Hospital yesterday suffering with three fractured ribs and a punctured lung, which he received when he fell on a lever at the Smith plant where he is employed.

## Not Yet Ready For Delivery At Stock Pile

Arnold E. Borel, who is to have charge of the minerals stock pile five miles above Coquille on the highway, came in this week from Eugene, where he has been with an engineering department for some years, coming here from Butte, Mont.

He is now with the Metals Reserve Co., a division of the R. F. C., and expects W. R. Brown, examining engineer, to be here from Grants Pass this afternoon for a final check-up on the Coquille stock pile.

Until the preparation of the ten-acre site, building of road, etc., is completed, he will not be ready to receive ore but hopes to have an announcement of time by next Thursday.

Where he did not have the specifications ready for publication he said that the ore, which is to be delivered in truck load lots, must be at least 40 per cent chromium. Each miner delivering ore will be given a separate spot, the ore will be assayed, and payment by the government will be made according to what those assays show.

## Two Candidates For Sheriff File

A renewal of the race between A. M. Willey and Wm. F. Howell for the position of sheriff of Coos county, was made certain Monday, the last day for filing, when the former filed for the republican nomination at the May primary and the latter for the democratic nomination. Neither will have opposition on May 15.

No one filed for the republican nomination for state representative for Coos county to oppose Geo. C. Huggins, democratic candidate, and the one nominated at the republican primary will have his name written in, whoever he may be.

Mrs. L. A. Cutlip, of North Bend, who had been suggested for representative from this county filed the last day for the republican nomination for joint representative from the Coos-Curry district. She will in the fall, oppose either Roy Carter or Dr. Baird, both of Gold Beach, who are seeking the democratic nomination.

## Two Teachers Not Coming Back

Two Coquille High school teachers this week handed contracts back to Supt. B. W. Dunn unsigned, which leaves at least two vacancies to be filled. The two teachers who are leaving are Miss Leah Bradley, commercial instructor, and Miss Kathryn Ferris, science instructor. Supt. Dunn has no knowledge of other vacancies which may occur but anticipates that there will be several before school term starts next fall.

## Everett Smith's Trophy On Display

That is a beautiful gold-overed trophy on display in the Stevens Hardware window which was received by Everett E. Smith of this city for participation in the Rose Bowl football game at Durham, North Carolina, on New Year's day. His name, the date and place of play, and the score—Oregon State College 20, Duke University 16—are engraved on the standard of the trophy.

Surmounting the upright is a gold-embossed football of regulation size, the trophy being 19 inches in height. It is a thing of beauty and something of which Coquille High's football star is justly proud.

## Certificates Issued In March For Tires And Tubes

Following is the report of the Coos county Tire Rationing Board, showing the number of tires and tubes granted and to whom certificates were issued during the month of March:

Those who received certificates for Truck Tires and Tubes: U. J. Albee, Myrtle Point, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Willis Bryant, Bridge, 4 tires, 2 tubes; Marlon B. Thomas, Remote, 2 tires, 3 tubes; Ed Capps, Bandon, 2 tires, 2 tubes; L. B. & L. Logging Co., Sitkum, 7 tires, 7 tubes; Francis McCrary, Coquille, 1 tire, 1 tube; Vernon Estelle, Myrtle Point, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Coos County, 5 tires, 1 tube; Virgil Edwin McKinney, Coquille, 6 tires, 6 tubes; Kent Landers, Coquille, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Randall Johnson, Riverton, 4 tires, 4 tubes; A. L. Powrie, Myrtle Point, 6 tires, 4 tubes; G. W. Laird, Coquille, 3 tires, 2 tubes; City Transfer Line, Myrtle Point, 3 tires, 3 tubes; C. D. Ray Logging Co., Coquille, 6 tires; George W. Brewer, Coquille, 2 tires, 2 tubes; John H. Cox, Bandon, 3 tires, 2 tubes; Howard

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## Mrs. Ellis To Be Buried Saturday

Funeral services will be held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at ten o'clock Saturday for Mrs. Lela Anne Ellis, who passed away at a local hospital Monday evening. Rev. Neil Barnes of the Marshfield Baptist Church will officiate and interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

She was born in Kentucky April 8, 1873, being seven months and 22 days past 68 years of age. Her husband, Robert Ellis, died seven years ago at Eastside, where they had made their home since coming to Coos county 16 years ago.

For the past few months she had made her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. Chas. Walker, here.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by two sons, Harvey A. and Ralph B. Ellis, of Spokane; a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Leach, of Portland; three brothers, Jos. and Philbert Tilley, of Hinton, Okla., and Pelly Tilley in Colorado; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Arlene Dunham To Sing April 14

Interest is quickening as the time draws near for the concert in April. Especially is this so now that it has become settled that Coquille is to hear Arlene Dunham, artist pupils of Miss Elsie Eyre of Marshfield. Miss Dunham is a young coloratura soprano who has already delighted Coquille people who have heard her sing in Marshfield but it is believed this will be her first appearance here. The Bell song from the opera, "Lakme," by Delibes, a number often sung by Lily Pons and the popular, "Tales from Vienna Woods," are numbers Miss Dunham has promised to bring to the concert on April 14, at the high school gym.

H. E. Liebhart of Coquille, veteran of World War 1, is one of the many proud fathers in this city. He has two sons, James and Elmer Earl, who are now with Uncle Sam's forces overseas. One of them is in Iceland and the other in Australia.

Recorder F. G. Leslie has been ill at his home for the past ten days, and unable to attend to his duties at the city hall.

## Forty-one Selectees Left Yesterday

Forty-one young men who had registered with the Selective Service board at Myrtle Point entrained yesterday for Portland but where they will be sent for their training period will not be announced. Those going yesterday were:

William S. Brown, Myrtle Point; Donald C. Chapman, Coquille; James G. Hatcher, Bridge; Wayne J. DeWolf, Myrtle Point; Jack H. Dunn, Myrtle Point; James K. Miller, Lebanon; Byron B. Stalcup, Portland; Warren E. Gilbert, Reedsport; Lloyd A. Cole, Roseburg; William H. Smith Myrtle Point; Robert R. Schertz, Los Angeles; Chester M. Nichols, Coquille; George H. Strader, Myrtle Point; Ellis E. Carlson, Coquille; Elmer A. Rowan, Bridge; Charles O. Newton, Coquille; Paul Celestano, Denver Colo.; Stephen C. Lyublanovits, Myrtle Point; Stanley Tucker Marshfield; Leonard R. Comer, Castle Rock, Wn.; Calvin V. Napier, Bandon; Warren H. LaBranch, Reedsport; Clarence H. Arnett, Coquille; Orval A. Sicksel, Leland Ore.; Howard C. Mecum, Remote; Karl A. Bethel, Bandon; Clarence R. Spiva, Marshfield; Harry H. Simpson, Coquille; Leonard A. Day, Bandon; Clyde R. Schroeder, Myrtle Point; Loren E. Hoover, Myrtle Point; John C. Carman, Gaylor; Erwin A. Murray Coquille; Harold L. Williams, Coquille; Edwin B. Johnson, Bandon; John P. Peterson, Coquille; Roy Lund, Coquille; Jeff D. Frye Powers; David T. Smith, Riverton; Robert James Dean, Coquille; Cecil Myrl Batten, Fisk, Missouri.

## A Bill Worthy Of Consideration

B. W. Dunn, at the chamber of commerce meeting Tuesday noon, explained in part the initiative measure which is to be on the ballot at the November election.

This bill which is sponsored by the State Teachers Association, provides that all state income tax payments above seven and three-quarter million dollars, which is figured as necessary for state expenses, debt payments etc., shall be pro-rated among the school districts of the state, figured on an attendance record in each district, and used as an offset to reduce the property tax in the districts.

On the face of it, if the state income tax rate is not to be reduced, it looks like a good measure, one which would tend to reduce, in districts like those in Coos county, the tax for school purposes. Whether Portland would benefit with a tax reduction, if the law should be enacted by the voters, is not so certain.

## Interesting Talk At Rotary Club Meeting

Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, of Portland, and Mrs. Geo. Moorhead, former of Coquille and now of Salem, were guests of the Rotary Club at their noon luncheon meeting at the hotel yesterday and both gave brief talks on what is being done to prevent the spread of venereal diseases. They gave some interesting and rather startling figures. A movie reel, in connection with their talk, was also shown by Geo. Folsom, but whether due to the date (April 1) or some other cause, Dr. Weinzirl stated that the wrong film got in the box.

June Rovang and Laverne Barrette, accompanied by Verene Bailey at the piano, presented a clarinet duet in a very creditable manner.

Other guests present were Austin Dodge, of the Myrtle Points Lions Club, and Clarence Barton, of Coquille.

## Is A Sergeant In The Air Corps

Writing to his father and grandmother, Tracy A. Leach and Mrs. Callie Leach, Tracy Leach, who is now a sergeant in the army flying corps and who is located at Felt's Field in Washington, told of an experience he had just had flying some officers to Salt Lake City. Stormy and bumpy weather made it quite a job to get through safely. While doing some flying his chief duties, with the squad in his command, is to keep the planes in flying condition, servicing and checking each one as it comes in from a flight. The sergeant says even the ads in the Sentinel look good to him, which might be a suggestion for others who have boys in the service and who sometimes feel a pang of homesickness.

## City Officials Have Many Problems Now

A lady stopped the Sentinel scribe on the street Monday and wanted to know why this paper did not say something about the dirt blowing around the streets, filling eyes and soiling clothing.

It has been raining so much the past few months that the dirt did not get up in the air as it did on Tuesday, following a short dry period, but a hosing would be a good thing for all the paved streets.

This is but one of many things which are causing headaches for the city administration.

Another is how to finance a sewage disposal plant which the state Board of Health is beginning to demand. There is really no need for such a plant here because the river, with the tide ebb and flow, would not be suitable for drinking purposes anyway, but the state board does not take that into consideration.

Another point, one which cannot be called a "headache" but which has caused unjust criticism to be directed at the administration, is that the army has practically taken charge of municipal affairs. The police are directed what to do by the army headquarters in San Francisco, and the council's orders to the library board to vacate the room over the fire hall, that it might be used by the firemen whom Civilian Defense orders require to be on duty (some of them) 24 hours a day, were the result of instructions from higher up, and were not the result of the former desire of the firemen to have a club room adjacent to the fire hall.

The critics of the administration should know these things, although the city officials followed the expected custom of not giving information as to the why and wherefore of unexpected actions.

## Stock Pile Site Near Norway

R. L. Stewart reported at the Coquille Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon that he and President O. L. Wood spent more than a half day last Saturday scouting all over the county within a radius of six miles of Coquille, trying to secure a suitable ten-acre tract as a stock-pile site.

Two federal minerals men were here with Mr. Taylor of the Southern Pacific last Thursday, the two stating that they would remain until the matter was settled.

A site down the river was selected and one of those interested in the tract agreed to lease it to the government but it later developed that the land was so tied up in litigation that it could not be leased.

Last Saturday morning the federal men were told of the dilemma and replied that if a site was not secured by that evening the stockpile would be moved to some other locality.

The two Coquille men got busy again and before night had secured a promise of lease for ten acres across the Myrtle Point highway from Mile Daniels' shop, a little over five miles from Coquille. The lease terms were \$15 an acre which the government man O. K'd by phone, with a promise to come in and look at it.

A wire was received yesterday from Chicago, stating that a lease contract was being mailed to Mr. Daniels, at \$15 per acre. Mr. Borel, who will be in charge of the stock pile, is here now and is expecting another minerals official, Mr. Browne, in today.

## Standard Oil Co. of California Not Connected With The Trouble

Attention is called to the Standard Oil Co. of California advertisement on page four of this issue and their statement that the company had no connection with the matters in regard to synthetic rubber manufacture which were hooked up by a deputy of the national attorney-general's office in Washington, D. D., with a concern in Nazi Germany and the eastern oil company.

## Bleachers Are Not To Move To Their Permanent Location

Under the direction of their instructor, "Spike" Leslie, the boys of the physical education class of Coquille High this week moved the bleachers off the track in Athletic Park, where the track meet is to be held, and set them on the concrete blocks for their permanent location.

**Sailors "Licensed" to Hunt Japs**

**Jap Hunting License**

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Coquille has so many of its sons in the U. S. Navy that the Sentinel will not issue the above license to any one of them individually but herewith dedicates it to each and everyone of them.