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Grand Jury To Consider Ferrie Case Today

The new grand jury has been summoned to meet at one o'clock this afternoon to consider what charge shall be placed against Arthur Ferrie, arrested a week ago yesterday by the state police, the sheriff and his deputy, after Ferrie had presumably done away with his neighbor, Al Berg.

The body of Berg was found in South Slough last Thursday afternoon by the state police, after they had been dragging the waters of the inlet for hours, and was found to have a bullet hole in the head.

The last time Berg had been seen alive was on the afternoon before when Ferrie had compelled him, at the point of a gun, to accompany him in a boat on the inlet, leaving Mrs. Berg behind. Ferrie, of course, denies all knowledge of the crime or of having seen Berg.

Dr. Dixon, psychiatrist from Portland, was brought down to investigate Ferrie's mental condition, and after spending some time with him, alone in a cell in the jail, did not make his report to Sheriff Howell with technical terms, he simply said, "He's nuts."

The purpose in having the grand jury consider his case, with a probable indictment for murder, is so that if, at some future time, he should seek parole from the insane asylum, and secure parole, he can then be tried for the murder.

Another case which will be considered by the grand jury is that of Robert Arnold, who was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Allan H.H. at Marshfield, last Saturday, for larceny of an automobile.

Mayor Wood's Red Cross Proclamation

Whereas the men of our armed forces are fighting and dying on the far-flung battlefronts of the world—from the steaming jungles of New Guinea on the sea and in the air; and

Whereas the success of our forces in preserving a world where men and women may be free depends on the support and inspiration they get from the peoples back home; and

Whereas it is the privilege and duty of every man and woman and child to serve the cause of humanity in every manner possible and to as great extent as possible; and

Whereas it is the aim of peace-loving people of our nation to contribute in sweat and toil and sacrifice—sacrifice of luxuries and comforts—to the support of those men who are risking and giving their lives for us; and

Whereas at the same time our home front must be prepared to cope not only with possible attack on our shores but with natural disasters, such as earthquake, flood, hurricane, tornado, drought, fire, explosion or epidemic and

Whereas the American Red Cross is equipped and ready to carry on in our own and every community such indispensable welfare programs as public health nursing, home nursing, first aid, water safety and accident prevention, and through the Junior Red Cross in the schools, to act as the medium for service by our young people; and

Therefore I, O. L. Wood, Mayor of the City of Coquille, in accord with the President of the United States who has proclaimed March as Red Cross Month, do call on all public-spirited people of this community to make every effort to support the 1943 Red Cross War Fund. I urge every man, and woman, boy and girl to give their support by contributing through our local chapter to the Red Cross War Fund; and I further proclaim that it is the sense of all of us who are residents of Coquille and vicinity that our gifts must be larger than ever this year in order to enable this great national organization of ours to meet whatever demands are made upon it.

There were 4,477 names registered at the Washington building the fore part of last week for those desiring to secure the food ration book, No. 2. It kept the score of teachers and others busy most of the four and one-half hours or more that they were on duty each of the three days.

City Appeals To Dog Owners

E. A. Wimer was present at the council meeting Monday evening to ask the city fathers to have the dog nuisance eliminated. He said it was more difficult than it used to be to spade up a garden, that the government is asking everyone to help out the nation's food situation by planting gardens this spring, and that as soon as he had gotten his plot ready to plant the dogs were running all over it, scratching it up and putting down the over-turned earth.

The dog question has been a headache for many previous councils. The city ordinance provides a fine for the animals' owners if the complainant will file a charge and appear as a witness but there is no way to dispose of dogs that the police might capture. The humane society, some time ago, entered a protest against the shooting of dogs, the contention being that the city must provide a lethal death chamber.

The outcome of Monday night's discussion was that the city would issue an appeal to all dog owners to keep their dogs tied up or confined in a pen, as the first step in getting rid of the nuisances. If that fails more stringent means will be devised.

At the same time an appeal was voiced to pedestrians not to walk across parking strips or lawns, to use the sidewalks. There is one parking strip, across the street west of the court house, where north and east-end residents have packed the parking almost to concrete hardness by cutting across, and there are other spots where the same disregard for private ownership and lawns is shown.

The council instructed City Attorney Greenough to prepare an appeal to the public on these matters and that appeal appears elsewhere as an advertisement in this issue. The city has also had handbills distributed all over town carrying the same appeal to dog owners and thoughtless cutters of corners.

Plan To Raise Money For Library Chairs

Mrs. Roy Boober touched off the Library project last Thursday when she gave the first of a series of bridge parties at her home. The plan is to collect the proceeds taken at these parties and use it toward the purchase of chairs for the new library. Mrs. Boober is Woman's Club chairman of the Library committee. It was through the efforts of this same committee that the money was raised to buy shades, making it possible to reopen the library at night.

Each guest at one of these parties gives twenty-five cents towards the project. The hostess serves tea and cookies and awards a simple prize. Every guest is then asked to give a similar benefit if possible and so on. In this rather painless way quite a sum should be realized and considerable sociability be aroused during the process. The chairs being used in the library at the present time are borrowed from the hotel.

At Mrs. Boober's party the following were guests: Mesdames Wm. Mansell, U. E. McClary, D. B. Kesner, Kennett Lawrence, J. A. Moore, Otto Zentner, Ed McKeown and Harold Ziegler. Mrs. Don McCune and Mrs. F. S. Emery, unable to attend, made their contribution. Mrs. Lawrence won high score. Mrs. U. E. McClary is entertaining a group at her home this afternoon. Several ladies have signified their intentions to proceed with follow-up affairs during the near future.

Red Cross Drive Has Been Thorough

The campaign for membership in and contributions to the American Red Cross, in Coquille this week, has been as thorough and complete a job as has ever been done here.

The 22 ladies, organized by Mrs. J. R. Bunch, has, or will have this week, called at every home in town. In the north end of the city Mrs. Fred Kunz was in charge, with 16 assistants. Mrs. C. M. Gray and one assistant covered Spurgeon Hill, Mrs. Don McCune, alone, had the Knowlton Heights section, while Mrs. Bunch and Mrs. W. H. Mansell worked the east and south portions of the city.

E. T. Stelle, Red Cross chairman for Coquille, and Rev. R. L. Greene made a store to store to office canvass of the business district.

Treasurer L. H. Hazard reports this morning that \$780 has been turned in and deposited.

Myrtle-Lined Hiway Coquille To Myrtle Point Suggested

Below is printed a letter from S. H. Boardman, Oregon state superintendent of Parks, which contains a suggestion on which Coquille and Myrtle Point chambers of commerce, civic groups and individuals should give considerable thought during the next few months in order that this section of the Coquille valley will be ready to take some definite action along the lines suggested when the war is over.

Lafe Compton, to whom the letter was addressed, brought it to the Chamber of Commerce directors' attention at their luncheon in the hotel Tuesday noon, and the directors were enthusiastic over the possibility of having a state myrtle-lined highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point, as Mr. Boardman suggests. Mr. Compton stated that there are 34 state-owned parks, varying from a few acres to over 1200 acres in size, along the Coast Highway, but there is none in Coos county south of Coos Bay.

Mr. Boardman's letter follows:

I wish to submit for your consideration and criticism a wayside Myrtle Park plan, said plan taking in both sides of the highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point. Here is a myrtle setting, waysides and distant hills unlike anything else to be found in the world from a myrtle standpoint. The people living in the area think nothing of it, know not what they have in a community value, because it is a part of their daily lives. Constancy breeds a sort of contempt through its contact. But as I said before, they have something to which a world would make a trail if they could be made conscious of its value and would care for that value.

This myrtle setting and its value (Continued on page six)

25 Tons Old Papers Shipped

Mrs. Jack Dolan reports that the Salvage Shop, next door to the City Cleaners on Front street, was cleaned out last week, the junk dealer at Marshfield taking out 5 tons of paper and all the old rags and metal on hand. There was also sent out the 200 pounds of nylon and silk stockings which the J. C. Penney Co., Lorenz Department stores, Excel Dress Shoppe, Hallock's Dress Shop and Miss May's Shop had collected.

The high school boys who worked hard from before noon Saturday until evening, helping load the stuff onto trucks for hauling to the railroad car, were Leland Waterman, Jim Bunch, Earl Benham, Gene Johnson, Jack Axtell, George Folsom and Robert Simpson.

Mrs. Dolan also reports that fat and grease on hand now at the shops which had shipped out a few weeks ago, is as follows: Jim's Market 350 pounds, Peoples Market 180, Safeway 70, Thrift's 15.

It is requested that everyone keep in mind the need of greases and fats for the war effort and turn it in at once of the markets.

Two Plead Guilty In Circuit Court

R. C. Carter, indicted by the grand jury last October for threatening to commit a felony, pleaded guilty before Judge King in circuit court last Thursday and he is to be sentenced next Monday. The other indictment for "assault with a dangerous weapon" was dismissed at the suggestion of the district attorney.

J. C. Keller, against whom the grand jury last month returned an indictment for obtaining money under false pretenses—he passed a bogus check here—changed his plea on Monday to that of guilty. He was sentenced to a year in the county jail and then paroled for two years, and was ordered to report once a month to District Attorney Flaxel.

Lieut. Leonard Farr In The County A Few Days

Lieut. Leonard C. Farr, who was commissioned last week at Berkeley Field in Texas, after completing his training course there, was a Coquille visitor Tuesday. He is spending his several days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farr, in Marshfield, before proceeding to Camp Adair near Corvallis, where he has been assigned to duty.

C. H. Dondono Nearly Four Score Years

The funeral services were held at the Schroeder Chapel at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, with Rev. R. L. Greene officiating, for Chas. H. Dondono, who passed away at one o'clock Monday afternoon at his home here, after an illness of a month or more. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Charles Henry Dondono was born in Muskegon, Mich., June 5, 1863, and was eight months and 26 days past 79 years of age. He had lived in Coquille for the past 34 years and had followed the trade of a carpenter. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lenora Louise Dondono; a daughter by his first marriage, Mrs. Julia Sinclair, of Portland; a step daughter, Mrs. Lon Smith, of Coquille; three step sons, Frank, A. L. and John McNair, all of Coquille; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Van Bracklin and Mrs. Louise Mowery, and a brother, David Dondono, all three of whom reside in Michigan. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers yesterday were Jas. Brockman, W. W. Tilghman, E. A. Wimer, Roy Folsom, Archie Hatcher and Mr. Swindall.

Passes At Age Of 101 Years

Funeral services were held at Port Orford on Tuesday for Mrs. Alice White, 101 years of age, and most probably the oldest resident of south-western Oregon. She was a sister of Joe Bledsoe, whom those residing in Coquille a quarter of a century ago will remember.

Mrs. White was born in Missouri and had lived in Curry county for the past 63 years.

Annual Meet Of Farm Loan Assn.

Last week, the annual meeting of the Coos Bay and Coast National Farm Loan Association was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Coquille. After a delightful luncheon, served by the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge, George Jenkins, county agent, gave an instructive talk on "Agriculture and the War Effort," which was followed by an address delivered by Arnold Anderson, regional manager of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane. Mr. Anderson complimented the two associations on the splendid record of progress that they had made in loan delinquency, as well as their plugging up future payment funds to meet maturing installments during possible lean years. He reported that even after a substantial amount of new loans being closed during the past year, the decrease in the bank's loans outstanding was more than \$11,000,000.00, and more than 4,000,000 loans were paid in full before they were due. The past year also saw a steady demand for farms, and at the end of the year, the bank owned less than 5 per cent as many farms as it did five years ago. "A sound financial program for farms," Mr. Anderson said, "includes paying all current debts, all property taxes, putting the mortgage in safe condition, providing for living expenses, setting aside money for income tax, and investing the farm income in war bonds."

The stockholders of the associations approved the forming of a common board of directors and elected A. O. Rogers and Mrs. Ellen M. Young to represent the Coos Bay Association. J. P. Johnson, H. W. Mast, and A. W. Cope were elected to represent the Coast Association. After the stockholder's meeting, the new board met to elect the officers to serve the two associations for the coming year. J. P. Johnson was elected president, H. W. Mast vice-president of the Coast Association.

Coquille Couple Wed In Florida

Miss Gretchen Clinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. L. Clinton, who left Portland by plane last Friday evening, arrived in Pensacola, Florida, Saturday evening. Her marriage to Jack Laird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Laird, was solemnized in Pensacola at eight o'clock Wednesday evening.

Walter Calvin Smith on Sunday, and Weldon Frost Biddle on Monday, were arrested for being intoxicated. The former was at home in the city bastille for five days and the latter forfeited the \$10 cash bail he posted.

Another Group Of Selectees Called

The following men will be inducted soon from Coos County Local Board, No. 2, located in Coquille:

Thomas F. Hayes, Powers.
John J. Cooper, Myrtle Point.
Claude A. Thomas, Remote.
James Lee Bryon, Portland.
Frank Robert Phelps, North Bend.
Harold O. Yost, Marshfield.
Everett K. Ward, Powers.
Oscar E. Shields, Coquille.
David E. Schrader, Coquille.
Clell Harry Holteen, Portland.
William I. Thomas, Broadbent.
Raymond E. Folda, Lebanon.
Glenn Shields, Bridge.
Ralph A. Brown, Remote.
Bernard Lee Jackson, Coquille.
Howard F. Knight, Coquille.
Robert W. Adams, Coquille.
Earl Floyd Wilson, Roseburg.
Charles L. Scoggin, Coquille.
Vernon W. Konrad, Coquille.
Leo G. Paulsen, Corvallis.
Sterling V. Gruenewald, Coquille.
Harry David Smith, Coquille.
Marvin J. Floyd, Myrtle Point.
Melvin W. Floyd, Myrtle Point.
Charles V. Barrows, Bandon.
Lester C. Train, Coquille.
Laurence A. Ryan, Coquille.
Frederick A. Griswold, Powers.
Russell P. Staten, Coquille.
Keith A. Northup, Myrtle Point.
Clarence Matthews, Powers.
Robert A. Giorgis, Coquille.

Three Brush Fires The Past Week

The fire alarm last Friday afternoon called the department to the bottom land, west of Elliott street and between Seventh and Eighth where a brush fire had gotten away from Mr. Davey and was threatening the house belonging to Miss Myrtle DeLong in which it had burned a small hole in the wall.

The fire alarm Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons were also brush fires, resulting in no damage to near-by property. That on Tuesday was at the Walter Thompson place on Heath, south of First street. Yesterday's was on a vacant lot back of the Pearl Service Station on North Taylor.

With no rain for the past three weeks the grass and brush is becoming quite dry and once a fire gets started it runs rapidly.

Keith Young, Coos county fire warden, has ordered no more fires started without a permit after Feb. 27, and the Coquille Fire Department now orders that brush fire may not be started inside the city limits, as of today, without a permit.

Damage Case On All Week

The damage case of Frank Porter vs. J. E. Paulson and Dr. James Richmond started in circuit court here Monday and is expected to go to the jury today. Judge Carl Wimberly, of Roseburg, is presiding at the trial. Judge King having had some connection with the case before he was appointed circuit judge.

The claim is that the defendants, or the logging operator, cut across the plaintiff's line and took timber belonging to him.

March Came In Like A Lamb

Today starts the fourth week of the finest weather to be found anywhere on earth, no locality excepted. The present prolonged spell rather puts the ground hog on the spot as a weather predictor, but it is safe to say that March will not go out in the lamb-like way it came in.

Coffee Stamp No. 25 To Be Good Through March 21

Here's news for coffee drinking families. This rationed beverage may be obtained with War Ration Book One, belonging to anyone whose age was 14 or over at the time the book was issued. Formerly the age restriction under coffee rationing was 15 years or older. Incidentally coffee stamp number 25 which will be valid through March 21st is good for one pound of coffee.

L. H. Hazard Is Local Red Cross Treasurer

L. H. Hazard has been named as treasurer of the local American Red Cross membership drive and all contributions by the soliciting committees are turned over to him.

Council Session-- State To Resurface Willard Street

With Mayor Wood and all councilmen, except Dr. G. E. Stark, present Monday evening the city council held an hour and a half session.

Fred Bull, F. O. E. secretary, reported that the Eagles now have on hand \$900 for the first-aid equipped car, which that lodge is going to present to the city, and expect that sum to be increased.

The committee in charge has met with difficulties, however, in securing a suitable truck to equip and Mr. Bull asked if the city and police department would be willing to use a sedan for the police car and permit the Eagles to equip the present police panel truck as the first-aid car; the Eagles, of course, to provide the sedan. The council took the matter under advisement, the only comment being by one councilman who asked if it would be as easy to land a drunk in a sedan as it is in the truck!

Authority was given for the mayor and recorder to sign an agreement with the State Highway Department by the terms of which the state crew would resurface Willard street, between Front and Second. This has been the state's policy for some years, to repair a block or two of streets which feed into the state highway on Taylor and Front.

The offer of Bill Foote, who had made a similar offer to the county, of \$20, for a lot in the gulch, between Fourth and Fifth and Coulter and Heath, was referred to the finance committee. The county has taken the lot over for delinquent taxes, but the city has \$33.88 invested in the lot for street improvements.

The fire department report showed that there had been two alarms in February, with no resulting loss to the property owner.

It was decided to raise the pay of Mr. Miller, watchman at the reservoir, from \$80 to \$100 a month. He is also to cut wood there for use at the city hall, and the council felt that he could provide enough fuel to save the amount of the increase in salary at least.

Lee Stonecypher was given permission to clear the brush and brambles from a city-owned lot on Coulter street, south of the Knife Apartments—and to put in a garden there.

Those desiring to plant gardens in parking strips need not apply to the council, Recorder Leslie having heretofore been given authority to pass on such requests.

Larry Estes asked if something could not be done to stop cars and trucks whizzing off Sixth street, at the Consolidated Freightways corner, between the building and the telephone pole, on to the highway. He said that at the speed some drivers made the turn there was bound to be an accident there sooner or later. No action was taken but the city engineer stated that the building was within a foot and a half of the Sixth street-line. It is probable that some kind of a warning sign will be posted there.

It Is A Poem Of A Tree

One of the show spots in Coquille this week—and its splendor does not last much more than a week—is that acacia tree on the Jess O. Williams place, at the end of Division street, east of Fourth. The tree is in full bloom now and it is a gorgeous spectacle. It has been topped so that it is only about 30 feet tall but it has a spread of 40 feet. A somewhat smaller tree of the same variety is in the corner of his yard.

Mrs. Woodyard's Property Sold To The A. E. Kesters

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kester, of the Igloo Market, who came here from Junction City three months ago, this week purchased the Mrs. Maud Woodyard house and lot on Henry street, northeast of the court house. The sale was made through the J. S. Barton agency. The Kesters will occupy their new home as soon as the Chas. Butler family can find a new location.

Guild To Hold Rummage Sale

The Guild will hold a rummage sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in the Shelley building. Donations are being solicited. Contact Mrs. J. A. Moore, president of the Guild.