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Monster Crowd Attends Coquille's Best 4th of July Celebration

Much Credit Due Mayor O. L. Wood And His Assistants

It is generally conceded that the enormous crowds which gathered in Coquille last Monday for the final day of the Fourth celebration was the largest ever to attend any special event in the city's history. It was a mightily well behaved crowd, too, and the police found it an easy assemblage to handle.

Too much cannot be said, either, for the splendid show Chairman O. L. Wood and his able corps of assistants had arranged for the city's guests. Every section and department of the one evening and two days of celebration events had been worked out to the last detail and it was as splendid a show as anyone could ask to see.

Mayor Wood deserves special mention for this completely successful celebration, for there were a thousand and one details referred to him for decision, yet he took it all with a smile, was never ruffled, and kept all committees working smoothly and efficiently. His was a big job and he accomplished it in a big way.

It was a celebration of which Coquille and those who made it possible can well be proud, and not a murmur of disapproval was heard from any visitor within our gates.

The Sentinel's report on the various features are all listed under separate headings and we will say it is a stupendous job, that of trying to give credit for the very successful presentation of the myriad events which crowded the two days to capacity. If any feature of the celebration is overlooked in these columns this week it is not because that feature was unworthy of mention, but only because there is a limit to a weekly paper's capacity.

Audience's Attention Held By Dr. Wright

Dr. O. C. Wright, the invited speaker for the celebration, told his audience which faced him from the court house sidewalk and lawn Sunday noon that the nations of earth are trying to save the world by warfare, a warfare of extinction, but that there is only way to prepare for perpetual peace on earth, as well as win the war and this will be accomplished when all peoples get back to the teachings of Jesus Christ and live in line with God and His principles.

Dr. Wright was introduced by Rev. M. D. Rempel of the Baptist church, after the opening prayer by Rev. M. M. Short and the singing of America and two hymns by the audience, led by Miss Eleanor Peterson.

Dr. Wright said the first of his several visits to Coquille was in 1912 and that he had lived in Oregon since 1909. He is now retired but said that the only difference he saw between his work and retirement is that he was formerly paid a salary for his efforts. He does just as much now, but without pay.

His subject, "Builders of Oregon," touched briefly on Dr. John McLoughlin, the father of Oregon, who, although he helped one and all in those pioneer days, was not appreciated because he was a Britisher. The doctor said that no greater heroism was ever displayed than that shown by the women as they marched down the Columbia after their long trek from Kansas City more than one hundred years ago.

He referred to Jason Lee and others of the pioneers who made the momentous decision at Champeog that the Oregon country—the great northwest—should be under the dominion of the Stars and Stripes.

The meeting was closed when Rev. Chas. G. Brown pronounced the benediction.

The E. M. Harbisons To Return To Coquille This Month

Their many friends here will be glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Harbison will return to Coquille soon after the middle of July. They have sold their home in the north and will again be in charge of Bergen's here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rost, who have been managing the store for the past few months, are leaving Coquille about July 24 to seek a different climate for the benefit of Mrs. Rost's health.

70 Fine Horses In The Monday Afternoon Show

That people are interested in horses and enjoy a horse show was amply demonstrated Monday afternoon at the ball park where Chairman J. L. Smith had secured the attendance of 70 horses and their riders. This made poor prophets out of those who said there would not be 200 who would go but to that event, which was one of the outstanding events of the celebration and was witnessed by a crowd of around 3,000.

There were a lot of good-looking horses out there Monday and there is every reason to believe that Coquille started something there, which can be successfully carried on year after year. It was not a rodeo with bucking and roping, but it was a most interesting show throughout.

Harry Lindgren, O. S. C. animal husbandman, was present to act as judge.

In the saddle pony and kid rider class, the winners and contestants were:

James Clark, Coquille, 1st; Bob Nelson, Fat Elk, 2nd; Vernon Beebe, Fairview; Albert George, Coquille; Bobby Geaney, Coquille; Deisa Cornell, North Bend; Cleli Laird, Sitkum.

Those participating in the saddle stallion and rider class, judged on points of the mounts, were:

Morris Ray, Coquille, on "Don Oregon," 1st; Phil Morrison, Fairview, on "Sonoma," 2nd; Bob Smith, Coalbedo; Pat Cornell, North Bend; Geo. Nelson, Charleston.

The saddle horse and lady rider brought out a large group of excellent lady riders. The results in that event were:

Mrs. Mac Johnson, Myrtle Point, on Polly, 1st; Mrs. Steven Epps, Fairview, on Tuffy, 2nd; Mrs. Tom Nelson, Fat Elk, on Pepper; Velma Beebe, Fairview, on Tuffy; Eileen Dement, Myrtle Point, on Buff; Mrs. Alice Lapping, Rt. 2, Marshfield, on Westy; Mrs. Charlotte Smith, Fairview, on Perry; Patricia Thomas, Fairview, on Sammy; Mrs. Cal Ray, Fairview.

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Queen Betty Crowned By Mayor

Preceded by the Coquille High School band Queen Betty and the six princesses, accompanied by a Coast Guard honor guard of seven men, rode on a fancifully decorated log truck of Ron Burr's in last Saturday evening's opening parade of the celebration.

The queen sat on a throne atop the huge log with the others standing on either side of the log.

At the entrance to the Community Building, the royal party descended and entered the building with measured tread to the slow music by the C. H. S. band which added a great deal of pleasure to the three-day event.

The huge hall, outside the dance floor, was crowded full of spectators who heard Mayor O. L. Wood, who was also general chairman for the celebration, express his pleasure at being able to place a crown "on the head of this beautiful young lady."

Grouped with the queen on the stage were the Coast Guard escort and the six Vivitory Girl princesses—Patricia Berg, Arlene Homenyck, Janet Lewis, Avis Ricketts, Jessie Sherwood and Mavis Tyrrel—who all were most lovely in their formal gowns.

Following the coronation the royal party led off in the dance which then became general with Bum Gartin's orchestra furnishing excellent music and which lasted till well after the midnight hour.

Water To Be Off Sunday Afternoon, 2 to 5 O'Clock

The city water will be shut off this coming Sunday, July 11, Water Superintendent Epperson announces, in order that the city mains may be given their semi-annual flushing. The hours during which the water will be off are from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Mrs. Hazel Sutton, who was called to North Bend from Portland this week by the death of her step-father, A. T. Andrews, was a Coquille visitor yesterday.

River Program Sunday Was A Real Treat

Sunday afternoon's July 4th program on the river surprised everyone by its extent and the very artistic appearance of the score of boats in the parade and the sports which followed.

J. A. Moore, chairman, and Theo L. Clinton spent a great deal of time and Smith Wood-Products a considerable amount of money, getting boats fitted up for the many events, the 115 foot timber erected, the 20-inch log on the bank, the boom sticks and other paraphernalia ready for the afternoon.

Prize for the best decorated boat went to O. L. Wood, who had as his passengers the dancing girls of the floor show. He divided the prize among the five girls.

The prize for the best-looking boat and crew was awarded to the Coast Guard contingent, which came up from Bandon. They also stood by during the program to make any rescues which might be necessary.

Fortunately there were none, but "Duffer" Dunham drew a lot of "ohs" and "ahs" from the throngs which lined both sides of the river when he fell off a boat, fully clothed, yet he came up with his sailor straw hat firmly set on his head. Whether the first time was an accident or not, he repeated the stunt at intervals and was awarded a special \$5.00 prize for his clown comedy act.

Dr. J. D. Rankin was skipper and R. L. Stewart was engineer of the doctor's boat, "Donna," on which Queen Betty and the princesses took part in the colorful parade.

E. L. Perrott & Son received the prizes for the best-looking homemade boat.

The crooked boom stick race was another which drew gasps from the

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Square Dances Most Interesting

As it was last year one of the main attractions of the celebration on Monday was the square dance contest in which four Grange teams entered. Going through the intricacies of the various movements, on the platform in first street, and with the sun beating down on them, our rural friends are to be heartily commended for their cooperation in making this year's Fourth of July celebration so very successful as it was.

Shady and His Shadows furnished the music for the contest and the callers kept the teams moving in a spirited way in the evolutions of the dance.

While the Coquille Grange did not win a prize the unit won a lot of very favorable comment on the natty appearance of its members and the way in which they kept stepping.

The Sixes Grange also made a favorable impression, with its caller, Mr. Slocum, and its entire performance.

The decision of the judges, which no one questions as being correct, was that the Fairview Grange won first prize and Sumner Grange second. Harold Potts, of Sumner, received the \$10 defense prize for calling and Paul Bales, of Fairview, the \$5 second prize.

Carlton Smith, Coquille, was also entitled to honorable mention for the rhythmic way in which he kept his Grange moving.

Chamber of Commerce To Meet Next Tuesday

Because of the celebration, the Chamber of Commerce meeting was not held on the regular first Tuesday of the month date this week but it will be held in the hotel dining room at noon next Tuesday, July 13.

When J. W. Garrett returned recently from Hawaii he was accompanied by his son David, and daughter Barbara. The former has one more semester to take at Stanford University, and the latter will return to the Islands to spend the next year with her mother and go to school there. Mr. Garrett expects to get their farm in shape during the year and have it ready when the two ladies return to the U. S. next summer.

City Levies Tax Of \$27,696.40 For Present Fiscal Year

Not one citizen taxpayer was present at the city council session on Tuesday evening this week, the date for a public hearing on the Coquille city budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944. The entire city council was present and levying \$27,696.40 in taxes was unanimously adopted by the council.

The city fathers also expressed to the Coquille Chamber of Commerce and to those who helped make Coquille's 1943 July 4th celebration one of the most outstanding and successful ever held, a vote of thanks and appreciation. The motion was made by Dr. Stark and enthusiastically adopted.

Another ordinance adopted was that setting the salaries of city employees effective July 1. The following is the new annual salary schedule:

City Recorder, \$800 from the general fund, \$1340 from the water fund.
City Treasurer, \$1200 general, \$940 water fund.
Marshal, \$2160, general fund.
Street Supt., \$1940, general fund.
First Chief, \$425; Assistant Fire Chief, \$180; general fund.

Health Officer, \$120, general fund.
F. F. Dungey, Mike Broad, D. E. Cruckshank, street and water departments, \$2022 each.
M. E. Pearce, street sweeper, \$580, general fund.
Frank Miller, reservoir guard, \$1200, general fund.

The application for improvements and alterations in the Pastime Tavern building, was approved subject to the O. K. of the building inspector and fire chief.

City Surveyor Gearhart reported that the city county owned 22.186 acres in the vicinity of the reservoir above Coquille Heights, which the council voted at the last meeting to purchase for protection of the reservoir and as a site for a possible settling basin. The county asks \$10 an acre.

Mr. Gearhart also reported that the bulldozing of the fire trail east of town had been done but that there were 600 or 700 feet more which must be done by hand and he was instructed to get some one to do it—if such a man could be found.

The water committee was asked to accompany D. E. Cruckshank to Sanford Heights and endeavor to get the property owners there, some of whom are now using city water, to adopt a uniform method of setting meters where they would be accessible to the one who reads them and to confer with the property owners in regard to payment of the agreed charges for meters, etc. At the present time only 18 properties have been hooked up to the city line while the original agreement was that there would be 40.

Approximately half the huge crowd here for the celebration on Monday missed the Fire Department water fight but from the way the streets around the court house were jammed no one would have guessed that there were from three to four thousand people out at the ball park for the horse show.

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Art Pulford, who is stationed at the field near Sacramento, Calif., came in last Thursday evening on a few days' furlough to visit his father, S. D. Pulford.

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Monday Parade Was One Of Best Ever Seen In Coquille

Coquille, in fact all of Coos county, has become so accustomed to exceptionally fine parades arranged by J. L. Smith, that last Monday's outstanding and more than a mile long caravan was no surprise, notwithstanding Mr. Smith's protest when appointed to the job that he could not live up to past records this year.

With entries from Roseburg, Myrtle Point, Marshfield, Fairview and the Bridge districts, besides those from Coquille and the 70 horses, it evidenced the hearty co-operation extended to Coquille in its July 4th celebration.

The floats were artistic and showed much effort on the part of the various organizations, business houses and individuals, and the judges often had a difficult job selecting the winners in the same class.

Preceded by the Coquille Post American Legion, the Coquille High School band, directed by Wally Moore, gave another of its excellent performances and demonstrated to the thousands which witnessed the parade that Harold Withnell has done a splendid job in making it a musical unit.

Sweepstakes prize of \$25 was awarded by the judges to the Coquille Woman's Club whose entry was a horse-drawn covered wagon, bearing the Oregon Trail date of 1843. Riding in the wagon were Mrs. Elbert Schroeder and children.

Honorable mention was awarded the Oregon Women's Ambulance Corps and the float of the Oregon State Nurses Association, District 17, and it's a safe guess that the accident victim on whom those lovely nurses devoted so much effort during the half hour of the parade never had so much attention at female hands before in his life.

The Coquille Bachelor Girls won second place to the Woman's Club for ladies' civic clubs.

In the Men's division the Coquille Eagles were awarded first place and the Coquille Rotary second.

The defense organizations winner was the above-mentioned Ambulance Corps with the Nurses' float second. Ron Burr's entry in the industrial section was a load of logs bearing the placard that a \$50 bond would be given the one guessing closest to its actual weight. A Marshfield boy came within 50 pounds in his guess, the weight being about two and an eighth tons.

Smith Wood-Products with its four lumber carriers and hoists placed second.

The Coquille Lions won first place for the best Victory plan, their placard saying they had given up everything to buy bonds. E. L. Perrott & Sons' rubberless, gasless entry was second.

The Coquille American Legion were first in the Patriotic group, while the young people carrying garden implements were second.

The newly organized Sororist club's decorated auto with a trailer carrying a sailboat on a sea of blue was first and the Coquille Rebekah lodge car was second in the best decorated auto class.

Billie Brown with his home-made boy and Judy Slack were first and second in the bug-jalopy section.

Two children on a horse and the boy with a dog in the basket on his bicycle took the pets' prizes.

The Granges, Sumner first, and Fairview, second, took the honors in the old-time character group.

The K. P. Ladies Drum Corps, from Roseburg, nifty in their bright uniforms, and who helped give the parade a martial air, took first place in the marching group, closely followed by the Coquille Eagles Auxiliary drill team, of which Mrs. Ernie Johnson is captain.

The Coquille Grange took first prize in the horse-drawn vehicle class.

Other prominent entries in the parade were the Navy Shore Patrol, here from the Bay, the Coquille Police and car, the Marshfield Eagles and Auxiliary drill team, seven bicycles and scooters, a Townsend club decorated car, a mammoth steer from Lampa creek on which three children were seated, Walter Laird and his

Prowler At Plant Shot At Twice Monday Night

A prowler around the Smith Wood-Products plant Monday night can consider himself very lucky that he was able to escape in the darkness for the Military Police who guard the plant every night have instructions to shoot after they have called "Halt" twice as Chas. Blanchard and Wm. Keller did that night.

These instructions are not given by the plant management but are given by the Army officers under whose orders they are. Officers have been here giving the 17 local Military Police their instructions and the plant management has nothing to say about their duties, except that F. S. Emery, who is also an M. P., may dismiss anyone not satisfactory.

The prowler Monday night was first seen near the cedar mill and when ordered to halt started running. "He couldn't have been drunk," one of the M. P. said, "he ran too fast."

No one has any business on the plant property at night, except workmen but should anyone hear himself ordered to halt it would be the part of wisdom to do so for the officers are ordered to shoot to hit, not just scare, the trespasser.

\$5,000 For The Community Building Now The Estimate

Although all concessions' reports are not yet in, Treasurer Caughell of the 4th of July celebration committee, estimates that the amount to be turned over by the committee to the Community Building fund will be quite close to \$5,000. Last year, including \$398.13 for permanent improvements, the net profit from the celebration was \$1292.94.

Without any of the concessions figured in, the total receipts stood as follows:

- Contributions, with about \$200 yet to be collected, \$1,063.00.
- Victory Girls ticket sales, \$3,039.
- Dance \$2,295 less the \$805 worth of the V Girls tickets turned in at the door, \$1,490.

This makes a total, without the concessions, of \$5,592, without any deduction for expenses.

The Lions and Rotary clubs, which have turned in their concessions' report, show a net of around \$1200, half of which belongs to the clubs and the other half to go to the Community Building fund.

It is impossible to figure yet what the expenses, including prizes will amount to, but Mr. Caughell places his estimate of what the net will be at \$5,000.

Incident Drill At 7:30 Tonight

Everyone connected with the Coquille Civilian Defense is expected to be present at the city hall at 7:30 o'clock this (Thursday) evening, when another of the bi-weekly incident drills will be held. Those who took part and the interested crowd of spectators saw a very efficient practice three weeks ago this evening, and it is hoped everyone connected with the organization will be present tonight.

No Arrests Here Over The Fourth

It was a remarkably well-behaved crowd which attended Coquille's July 4th celebration, the police not making a single arrest, although one transient was sent on his way before the celebration really started.

The only trouble reported, and that not to the police, was one fellow who tried to enforce his demands for a beer at the point of a gun. He was quickly overpowered, however, and no damage resulted.

iron-wheeled, two-horse wagon, the Eagles float with "the largest eagle in captivity" caged, more Townsend Club cars, the Coquille Bakery, Folsom's Grocery, Ideal Bakery and Cooper's Gardens trucks.