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After-War Highway Plans Talked With Ore. Commissioners

The members of the Oregon state highway commission and other highway officials and newspaper men, who are on a tour of the Oregon Coast Highway this week, stopped for half an hour in the Coquille Community Building yesterday morning. All fourteen of the visitors expressed the utmost amazement at the size and beauty of Coquille's public building and were most enthusiastic in praising it. The plywood-on-edge flooring, the mahogany woodwork, the beautiful library and the full depth basement were all features which excited the admiration and comment of these men who are familiar with the outstanding buildings of the larger cities of Oregon.

Included in the party were:

T. H. Banfield, Portland, Chairman Highway Commission;

A. W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls, Commissioner;

M. R. Chessman, Astoria, Commissioner;

R. H. Baldock, Salem, State Highway Engineer;

J. M. Devers, Salem, Chief Counsel;

H. B. Glaisyer, Salem, Secretary;

H. G. Smith, Salem, Construction Engineer;

F. D. Eason, Salem, Division Engineer;

K. D. Lytle, Roseburg, Division Engineer;

S. H. Boardman, Salem, Park Superintendent;

T. M. Davis, Portland, Engineer, Public Roads Administration;

John W. Kelly, Salem, Exec. Director, Post War Readjustment and Development Committee;

Ralph Watson, Portland, Portland Journal;

Wayne Pettit, Salem, Morning Oregonian.

The above are the men who are making the tour of the coast road this week. They were met at Astoria on Monday by Arch B. Saunders, secretary-manager of the Coast Highway Association, and Clarence H. Coe, treasurer, both of Marshfield, who attended the first session in Astoria, staid with the party at Dorchester House Monday night and the whole group arrived in Marshfield Tuesday afternoon.

A dinner meeting had been arranged for them at the Chandler Hotel that evening when a score of Coos county citizens met with the visitors to talk over highway matters.

At the conclusion of the sea food dinner, which Commission Schaupp of Klamath Falls said he naturally expected on the coast, Mr. Saunders did a fine job of introducing the 33 in attendance and then acted as toastmaster. He said Oregon has a real highway commission, with all the human attributes necessary to do a completely satisfactory job.

Chairman Banfield was the first speaker called upon. He said the tour was for the purpose of getting acquainted with this section of the state and its highway needs. New construction is not possible now, but there is need for considerable maintenance. The commission is trying to build up a back log of funds with which to match federal funds anticipated after the war and Mr. Banfield.

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Several Talk At Rotary Yesterday

Fred Colvard, of the Coquille Studio, presented an interesting talk on the geological formation and mineral resources of Coos and Curry counties at the meeting of the Rotary Club at the hotel on Wednesday.

Mr. Colvard is a mineralogist and prospector of many years' experience and thoroughly enjoys talking on his pet hobby.

Master Staff Sergeant James Watson was also present as a guest and told a few details of his job in training new recruits.

Walter Laird gave a brief talk on pioneer days and the efforts made to get passable roads in this country.

Edgar McDaniel, editor of the North Bend Harbor, was also present as a guest.

Mrs. George Chaney and son, Alan, left Tuesday morning for southern California to see her sons, Patterson and Davis.

Mrs. Marc Shelley will leave Thursday for a few weeks' visit with her husband, who is stationed at Treasure Island, Calif.

\$394,728 Set As Coos Tax Levy By Budget Committee

The Coos county budget committee finished its work Tuesday and set the amount to be raised by county taxes for the July 1, 1943, - June 30, 1944, fiscal year at \$394,728.05. This amount is \$23.65 larger than last year's budget. The levy for the past year was 15 mills but due to the increased valuation of property in the county this year it is anticipated that the 1943-44 levy will be 14.7 or 14.8 mills.

The bonded debt of the county is now \$464,000, of which it is hoped that \$372,000 can be paid the coming year. The remaining \$92,000 is not yet callable but can be paid in installments on Aug. 15 each year—\$50,000 in 1945, \$18,000 in 1946; \$12,000 in 1947; \$9,000 in 1948 and \$3,000 in 1949.

The county has a sinking fund of \$240,597.12 to apply on the coming year's bond payments of \$372,000. In that sinking fund are \$97,000 worth of its own bonds, \$132,000 worth of defense bonds and \$11,597.12 in cash.

In this year's budget, the committee included an item of \$160,000 for bond payments which will make, when the taxes are collected, the amount of \$400,597.12 including the sinking fund, to meet the \$372,000, which it is hoped to pay off during the coming year and leave \$28,597.12 to apply on the \$50,000 worth of bonds which can be called in 1945.

Careful management by this and previous county courts has been gradually cutting down Coos county's debt from the high point of indebtedness many years ago.

Mrs. Boyle Tells Of Eastern Trip

Mrs. Irene Boyle, buyer for the Lorenz store here, and her daughter, Jeanne, returned Sunday morning from their six weeks' trip to the eastern coast on which they expected to be gone only four or possibly five weeks.

The ran into the same flying difficulties coming west as they did going east, and were grounded at Chicago, coming on from there by train. Mrs. Boyle says that approximately 98 per cent of the travel is in the priorities class—service men and officials.

They had no trouble securing food in New York but west of Chicago, returning, there was some difficulty and one cop of coffee a day was all that could be secured on the diner.

At Mrs. Boyle's old home in Philadelphia the thermometer stood at 98 degrees the day they left but that was the official reading at the top of a tall building. On the street it was 110 or higher.

She says her trip was most satisfactory and enjoyable, notwithstanding the inconveniences, and that she was able to secure much needed merchandise for shipment now as well as for the Christmas trade.

Manufacturers will not consider new accounts but because she has been familiar with the New York market in the past, she was able to buy considerable. She says she had an optimistic feeling after seeing how the manufacturers are meeting the situation. They are working on an allotment basis and will apparently be able to furnish retailers with sufficient merchandise to meet consumer necessities.

"They are concentrating on classic styling and are making good use of new fabrics," says Mrs. Boyle. Most manufacturers are taking orders on a three months basis due to fabrics being allotted to them. There may be times when retailers' stocks will not be as extensive as in the past, but I am of the opinion we will have enough to cover necessary needs."

Lieut. Graydon Crews On Active Duty—Family To Reside Here

Lieutenant and Mrs. Graydon Crews and their six months old baby, came in last Thursday evening from Annapolis, Md., where he has been in naval training for the past year. He has been ordered on active sea duty and Mrs. Crews has rented an apartment and will remain here. Lieut. Crews was principal of Junior High at the Lincoln building before he entered the Navy.

Mrs. Chas. H. Oerding returned home last Thursday after visiting Mr. Oerding in Seattle for three weeks.

Wm. Peart, Native Coquillian, Succumbs In Jap Prison Camp

Wm. Peart, son of Mrs. Wm. Peart, Sr., a boy born and raised in Coquille, passed away at a Japanese concentration camp on Bataan, date unknown, according to a telegram received by his mother yesterday, from Washington, D. C., which read:

"Report received from the Japanese government, through International Red Cross, that your son, Private Bill Peart, who was previously reported a prisoner of war, died in the Philippine Islands. The Secretary of War shares your grief and extends his deep sympathy. Letter follows."

Bill was born March 31, 1914, attended the Coquille schools and graduated from high school in 1932. He enlisted in the service April 1, 1941, before Pearl Harbor and was sent to the Philippines in September of that year as a mechanic in a Tank Corps. He was taken a prisoner when the Japs took the Philippines in April and May last year.

Besides his mother here he is survived by three sisters—Mrs. Rosalie Church, of Coquille; Mrs. Catherine Stonecypher, of Malin, Ore.; Mrs. Patricia Peterson, of Long Beach, Calif.—and one brother, Neil Peart, who is receiving Naval Seabees training in Virginia.

No word has been received from him since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in the spring of 1942, but a letter, written in February that year and received here last August, which had been picked up at sea, said he was well at that time.

Those Inducted Last Week

Following is the list of those men sent by the Coquille Selective Service Board to Portland last Wednesday and who were inducted into the service on Thursday:

Army:
Glenn I. Woodward
Kenneth Rolfe
Lester W. Barber
Cyrus L. Moon
Jerry Paul
Richard Inger
Clarence Hull
George A. Hannon
Earl E. Adams
Donald L. Duey
John L. Kusba, Jr.
James L. FitzHenry, Jr.
Willard L. Berry
Lawrence L. Sinnott
Lloyd J. Crump
Frederick V. Reimann
Phillip D. Crew
Forest J. LaPlamme
Harold L. Walton
John F. DeNoma
Elmer E. Whobrey
Richard O. Haga
Robert McCarthy
Fred Finley
Billy L. Bennett
Jean W. Snyder
Bruce A. Bishop
Billy R. Armstrong
Cortland M. Smith
Wilton L. Willey
Leslie P. Linn
Kenneth W. Ice
Harold R. Bemetz
George T. Folsom
Orland Russell
Navy:
Harold J. Lawrence
Clifford Payton, Jr.
William K. Strong
John L. Bushnell
Jim G. Riley
Elmer W. Goodwin, Jr.
Gerald Frazer
John H. Barnes
Bruce Sullivan
Jimmie A. King
Coast Guard:
Vernon Brockmann
Melvin Steward

J. E. Norton Undergoes Operation In Portland Tuesday

Word from Mrs. J. E. Norton, who with Mr. Norton went to Portland last Friday, is that he entered the Coffey Hospital there this week and on Tuesday underwent an operation for sliding hernia.

A note from Mrs. Norton this morning says that he is getting along very nicely and that they are pleased with the treatment they are receiving. She is permitted to stay at the hospital with him.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Currie were down from Eugene last week-end and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNelly.

"Every Coquille Woman A Red Cross Worker"

Mrs. J. A. Berg, general chairman of the Coquille Red Cross, and Mrs. D. B. Kesner, production chairman, announce a meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 20, at 2:00 p. m. at the American Legion Hall. Every woman in Coquille and vicinity, interested in Red Cross work, is invited to attend, and Mrs. Kesner stresses the fact that nothing is now more important than doing some particular type of Red Cross work and it is her especial aim to make the slogan, "Every Coquille Woman a Red Cross Worker," come true as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Phil Alborn, in charge of the knitting, will have on hand yarn for distribution and will display samples of work that is now being done. She will also arrange to instruct new beginners.

Mrs. L. A. Lundquist, in charge of cutting, will have ready for machine sewing various articles, all of which can be simply and quickly made. Completed sample articles will be provided.

Arrangements are now under way to secure two or three sewing machines to be used at regular meetings. Women who are now knitting are invited to bring their work along with them.

Small donations of needle and safety pins are asked as it is necessary that two fairly large pins and one medium and one large-eyed needle be provided for each service sewing kit at completion.

Those who prefer making surgical dressings instead of sewing or knitting are asked to contact Mrs. J. R. Bunch, South Hoover street, phone 130M.

Women who are unable to attend the meetings are urged to get in touch with Mrs. D. B. Kesner, 139 W. 2nd, phone 163M, where they may also obtain sewing to be done at home, or Mrs. Phil Alborn, 312 So. Heath, phone 94-J, if yarn for knitting is wanted.

Cecil Finley Has Seen Active Service

Cecil Finley, Pharmacist Mate in the Navy for the past year, and with four months of sea duty during which he has been in three engagements, arrived in Coquille yesterday afternoon for a short stay. Mrs. Gladys Gano meeting him at Roseburg. His wife, the former Evelyn Gano who is employed in an air base office at San Diego, met him in San Francisco but there was only room for one on the plane to Medford. He came on it and Mrs. Finley arrived here by bus at 7:10 last evening.

They both intend leaving Sunday for San Francisco, where he will be stationed for a time and she will remain with him while he is ashore.

Cecil's mother, Mrs. E. C. Finley, is here now from Vancouver, and his father and sister, Mrs. Edward Haunschild, came in this morning.

Aircraft Warning Week, Aug. 1-7

Fred Bull, chief of the Aircraft Warning Service in Coquille, attended the meeting in North Bend Tuesday evening at which time Major Wm. K. Morgan, regional ground observer in Portland, was present.

The meeting was to honor the aircraft observers who attended the recent aircraft recognition school in Eugene, and to outline the program for Aircraft Warning Service week which has been set for the first week in August—1 to 7. This week is to more thoroughly acquaint the people of the Pacific coast with aircraft warning work of 150,000 observers who voluntarily give their time to this important observation program. These observers stand by at all times to give warning of the possible approach of unfriendly airplanes and during the next three months there is probably a greater need for this service than during the rainy season.

Phil Alborn went up to Myrtle Point Tuesday noon and entered the hospital there for an appendectomy, performed by Dr. J. D. Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Laird enjoyed a visit from their son, Phillip, who is stationed at Fort Stevens in Washington. He came in Saturday and left again Monday evening.

Rebekahs Have Fine District Convention Here On Tuesday

On Tuesday Mamie Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, of Coquille was hostess lodge to the thirty-third annual convention of District 13 of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon. The afternoon session opened in the I. O. O. F. Hall at one o'clock as a special session of the hostess lodge with Noble Grand Bernice Clark presiding. The session was turned over to Chaparral Lodge, No. 231, which provided a drill, seating convention officers.

Officers present were Chairman Myrtle Benham, Mamie No. 20; Secretary Ruth Beyers, Mamie No. 20; Harriet Schaefer, Mamie No. 20; Warden Ethel McCulloch, Chaparral No. 231; Conductor Mabel Barklow, Una No. 120; R. S. C. Bertha McCollum, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon; R. S. V. C. May Harris, Western Star No. 27; I. G. Marian Wilson, Ocean No. 126; O. G. Clara Lapp, Chaparral No. 231, and Chaplain Helen Kimble, Ocean No. 126. Absentees were replaced by substitutes as follows: Gertrude Niles of Western Star as Vice Chairman to substitute for Emma Ely; Lois Stevens of Mamie, for Bertha Holbrook as L. S. C.; Gertie Hillstrom of Western Star, for Flora Walker as L. S. V. C., and Birdie Skeels of Mamie, as Musician for Evelyn Oerding of North Bend.

The visiting Assembly officers were introduced by North Bend Lodge No. 143. These included Bertha McCollum, of Portland, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon; Marian Wilson, of Bandon, Assembly Warden, and four District Deputy Presidents. Visitors from other jurisdictions were introduced by a team of three members from Mamie No. 20, who presented Sisters Helen Parent of Ferndale, California, and Christine DeSpain, of Longview, Washington.

The address of welcome was most graciously given by Florabel Boober, of Coquille, and responded to by May Harris, of Marshfield. The minutes of the last regular meeting of the convention were read and approved. Then at the request of the chairman, the secretary read the minutes of the first convention held by this district in 1907. That meeting, too, was held in Coquille. Annual reports of the various lodges followed, all of them showing many interesting activities and results.

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Pioneer Picnic A Week From Sunday

W. H. Schroeder announced this week that the annual Schroeder picnic, embracing descendants of the original Schroeder, Volkmer and Hartmann families, who came in the Baltimore Colony in 1859 and the Benders who came a little later, will combine their picnic with the Coos-Curry Pioneer Association picnic to be held in Myrtle Grove here on Sunday, July 25.

Mr. Schroeder says the first Schroeder picnic was held 48 years ago at Arago and that he still has pictures of that 1895 event.

The reception committee for the association will be present to greet arrivals in the grove at 10:00 a. m. on the 25th.

So that there may be more time for greeting old friends and reminiscing, the afternoon program is to be shorter this year, both in musical numbers and in the length of the main address.

Railroad Line Built Fifty Years Ago

Fred Von Fegert dropped in at the Sentinel office Monday to remark that 50 years ago this summer he was working on the steam shovel which was part of the equipment used in building the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Co. railroad line through Coquille, which was built between Marshfield and Myrtle Point and is now a part of the Southern Pacific system.

The depot for that pioneer line was on the lot where the Gregg Hardware store now stands, a small frame shack.

Mayor O. L. Wood and L. W. Claver returned yesterday from Portland, where they went Monday on theatre business.

Net Profit For The Building Will Be About \$4500

Secretary "Hode" Caughell made a financial report on the 4th of July celebration at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held in the hotel Tuesday noon. The report was not complete as all the donations to the celebration fund had not yet been turned in nor had the concession reports of the B. P. W. and the Carpenters Union yet been made.

The total receipts, with the exceptions noted above, stand as follows:

Victory Girls	\$3,039.00
Donations	1,063.00
Dance	2,040.80
Basement Floor Show	254.25
Bunting sold	84.07
Cash, over at dance	3.80
Concessions	
Ambulance Corps	124.49
American Legion	56.70
Police Reserves	26.75
Local, 2691	55.00
Woman's Club	104.12
Lions	297.50
Eagles	199.58
Rotary	362.16
Local, 2770	23.26
Eagles Auxillary	107.31

Total \$7,841.69
Included in the \$3,373.92 expenses is the item of \$805 for tickets sold by the Victory Girls which were turned in for dance tickets, which means that 2234 of their \$1.00 ticket sales were not turned in.

The main items of expense were the federal dance tax, \$204.06; Victory Girls' commissions and prizes, \$411.76; Music, \$552.50; Labor, \$336.25; Entertainment, \$250; Advertising \$226.95; Special Police, \$60; Prizes, \$521.57; Bunting, \$141.60 and miscellaneous items.

This leaves a net, so far as the reports are in, of \$4,467.77, which it is expected will be increased to over \$4500.

President Oerding expressed to Chairman Wood and all those who assisted in making the celebration the success that it was, the sincere appreciation of the Chamber of Commerce.

The only other business transacted by the C. of C. directors was the allowing of three bills.

Appreciation For Successful Fourth

On behalf of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce I wish to express thanks to Chairman O. L. Wood and of his associate committee members for the efficient and capable manner in which our Fourth of July celebration was conducted, and to all the organizations and individuals who so ably and willingly assisted therein.

I also wish to extend thanks to each and every group and person who participated in the different programs and events, to those who helped in caring for our guests and to the public, as a whole, for its extensive and orderly patronage, all of which blended in making our pageant a very successful event.

I assure you that each and every effort was appreciated and the Coquille Chamber of Commerce thanks you for your kind co-operation.

June Tax Turn-Over \$62,430.36

Following the June turnover to County Treasurer Stauff last Friday of \$62,430.36, the treasurer this week remitted to cities in the county the sum of \$18,191.43 and to port districts \$4,807.06. Remittance to school districts is delayed until the district clerks, chosen at last month's school elections, have filed their bonds.

The county treasurer also reports the receipts of \$8,835.42 from the state irreducible school fund and states that he will this month receive the county's semi-annual portion of the motor vehicle license fees.

Heating Plant For Building The Next Improvement

The Community Building committee—George A. Ulett, Lafe Compton and L. W. Claver—and a committee from the council to be named by Mayor Wood, are planning to use the funds from the 4th of July celebration at once in securing and installing a heating plant for the building, something vitally needed before another winter.