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## Thousands Enjoy Fair, Rodeo And Saddle Horse Show

The Coos County Fair at Myrtle Point drew thousands each day of the three-day showing who were thrilled by the rodeo program staged by Christensen Bros., with its wild Brahma cattle and calves, and the expert riding of its cowboys.

No less interesting, however, to the throngs which filled the grandstand and bleachers, was the display of local saddle horses and their riders and J. L. Smith, who worked up this portion of the program and was manager of the show, had done a splendid job in arousing interest and there were 90 saddle horse entries from Coos and Curry counties.

One of the show features of the local entries were the two beautiful saddle horses, owned by Pat Cornell, with unbelievably handsome equipment of saddle, bridle and martingale. The equipment had been specially made for him. It was of black leather with gold inlay and in one of the 3-piece combinations there were 20 gold pieces studding the leather. This outfit stood Mr. Cornell a cool \$3500, while the other had cost him \$2700.

The saddle horse contests and races, interspersed between the professional rodeo numbers, showed splendid examples of horsemanship by the riders, especially in the "cattle cutting" contests, where the cow was roped, led across the field and back again and in which the horse must function perfectly with his rider and obey the slightest touch of the reins.

Winners in this new feature at the Fair were as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 4—Ladies Saddle Horse Race: 1. Velma Beebe, Fairview; 2. Charlotte Smith, Fairview; 3. Lorrell Smith, Fairview. Men's Saddle Horse Race: 1. Leonard Crawford, North Bend; 2. Phil Morrison, Fairview; 3. Elvin Hull, Powers.

Sunday, Sept. 5—Ladies Saddle Horse Race: 1. Velma Beebe, Fairview; 2. Marjorie Epps, Coquille. Men's Saddle Horse Race: 1. George Nelson, Fairview; 2. Alan King, Powers; 3. W. L. Anderson, Myrtle Point. Saddle Pony Race: 1. Clel Laird; 2. Jim Clark; 3. Dick Clark.

Monday, Sept. 6—Ladies Saddle Horse Race: 1. Pat Thomas, Coquille; 2. Marjorie Epps, Coquille; 3. Doris Knight, Grants Pass. Men's Saddle Horse Race: 1. Alan King, Powers; 2. C. L. Rainbeau, Myrtle Point; 3. Glen Gilbert, Coquille. Free-for-all Race: 1. Charlotte Smith, Fairview; 2. George Nelson, Fairview; 3. Velma Beebe, Coquille.

In the judging contests the following were awarded the honors:

Ladies Saddle Horse Judging Class—1. Mrs. Mac Johnson, Myrtle Point; 2. Marjorie Epps, Coquille, Fairview Rt.; 3. Pat Thomas, Coquille. Honorable mention, Fay Dement, M. P.; Diana Powers, Marshfield.

Men's Saddle Horse Judging Class—1. Ellis Dement, Myrtle Point; 2. Roy Jenkins, Bandon; 3. M. M. Hall, Fairview; 4. Wm. Watson, Myrtle Pt.; 5. Albert Powers, Marshfield.

Saddle Stallion Judging Class—1. Mrs. Mac Johnson, M. P.; 2. Maurice Ray, Coquille; 3. Pat Cornell, North Bend; 4. Phil Morrison, Fairview.

Saddle Pony Judging Class—1. Dick Clark; 2. Clel Laird; 3. Bobby Nelson. Honorable Mention, Bob Myers.

Matched Pair Judging Class—1. H. M. Hall, Fairview, Marjorie Epps, Coquille; 2. Maurice Ray, Coquille, Mrs. Mac Johnson, Myrtle Point; 3. Pat Cornell, North Bend. Honorable Mention, Dean Epperson, Myrtle Point, Fay Dement, Myrtle Point.

Cow Cutting Contest—1. Roy Jenkins, Bandon; 2. Wm. Watson, M. P.; 3. Melton Roth, M. P. Honorable Mention, Geo. King, Myrtle Point.

**More Oil, Gas Leases Recorded**

J. E. Axtell gave the county clerk's office crew a lot of work this morning when he filed for recording 18 oil and gas leases recently secured by the Phillips Petroleum Corporation. The leases were on small tracts, 5 1/2 and 10 acres, and are on the Westport arch where the corporation now has more than 20,000 acres under lease. Each lease is a four-page, legal-size-sheet affair.

J. S. Barton this week sold the Don McEniry house on South Maple street to Ray Barklow, who drives truck for a Curry county concern and who, with his family, will occupy it.

## No Way To Treat A Wife

Reading of the Portland three-year old who locked himself in a neighbor's chicken house and spent the night there while his family, their friends and the police were scouring the town for him, reminds us of a local story somewhat along the same lines and which actually happened here in Coquille last week. Only this time it was a grown-up.

A man and his wife went out to their chicken yard and after looking around the man got ready to leave and, not seeing his wife, supposed she had gone back into their house. He locked the hen house door, went in and shaved, took a bath and was ready for breakfast.

Hearing a commotion out in his yard, he went out to investigate and found a number of neighbors gathered around the chicken house and calls issuing from therein.

The Coquille Police Reserve captain could not convince his wife that he had not done it intentionally!

In case you do not know who the reserve captain is, his initials are Ilo H. H.

## One Of The Three Aggressors Now Out Of The War

Having been broadcast over the radio all day yesterday and further reported by the president in his talk last evening, opening the third War Bond drive, the "unconditional surrender" of Italy is not news today but should be chronicled in weekly newspapers for the benefit of the records in future years.

The armistice was signed on Friday of last week but to make sure the German Nazis did not get at the Italian Navy and other vessels, Gen. Eisenhower postponed broadcasting for five days the world-titling event. It is the beginning of the end for the Nazis and with the Mediterranean thus freed from Axis danger, the British fleet there can now be used in stepping up the campaign against the Japs in the Pacific. Not but that things have been going extremely well in that quarter of the globe but the English Navy can help increase the pressure on the rats.

This splendid news and the stupendous drive the Russians are making in their sector should enhance and increase the purchase of bonds this month, in the third War Loan campaign, rather than cause anyone to sit back with the complacent feeling that the war is won, so what's the use. The war is not yet won but the recent victories make doubly positive that it will be.

Buy bonds to the limit. It is only a loan to Uncle Sam and the defeat of the Nazis will help insure those bonds' redemption in the years to come.

## School Enrollment Up 14 This Year

The total first day enrollment in Coquille schools on Tuesday was 720, where it was 706 last year.

In the high school it was 239, with more expected; last year's enrollment day totalled 253.

In Lincoln school Junior High, the enrollment was 30 larger than ever before, with 197 entering. Last year's figure was 167.

In the Washington grade school where it was 286 last year, it was two less this year, or 284.

Supt. Dunn reports that the high school teaching staff is still one short but he is endeavoring to recruit a girls' physical education instructor by the first of next week.

## Californian Raves About Oregon

P. L. McKinney, brother of Mrs. Lyle Bishop, who was here from his home in Oakland, Calif., from Saturday until yesterday, was most enthusiastic about the southwestern Oregon country. Mr. Bishop took him down to Agnes for a couple of days and to his homestead and, so impressed was the visitor, that he said he was coming up here and buy a ranch. He declared, "The people down home won't believe me when I tell them about the timber and beautiful Oregon scenery."

Mr. and Mrs. George Ulett are in San Francisco this week.

## Claire Gray Presides Over Council Session Tuesday Evening

Claire M. Gray, president of the council, in the absence of Mayor Wood, presided at the regular session of that body, held Tuesday evening because of the Monday holiday, but he refused to occupy the mayor's chair and retained his position at one end of the table around which the aldermen sit.

A proposal by George Oerding, accompanied by a check for \$250, was read, offering the city \$1,000 for the old Train wooden building at the corner of Front and Hall streets. The proposition was contingent upon the council's granting him permission to make the many repairs needed to put it in condition for occupancy. His offer also stated that, if accepted, he would make three annual payments of \$250 plus interest. He was present and stated that it would probably require \$3500 to make the necessary repairs and alterations.

The total delinquent city, county and improvement taxes against the property are around \$2200, all of which is due the city and, in the absence of the mayor, the council secured Mr. Oerding's consent to hold the matter over until the next meeting, Sept. 20.

It was brought out during the discussion, and conversation with Fire Chief Snyder, that unless it is repaired within the next year or two, it will have to be torn down, although it has not yet been condemned by the council.

The application of Mr. Hendricks to make \$125 worth of repairs to the Coney Island building, was granted. The proposal had been approved by the building inspector and fire chief.

Restaurant licenses approved by the council were for the Roxy Confectionery, the Town Cafe, Coquille Hotel, Coney Island and the White Cottage.

A license was granted Blanche Webster for the rooming house she has just taken over at 369 Front street. It has been renamed "The Westhill Rooms."

Upon the recommendation of John Purkey, chairman of the street committee, it was ordered that three loads of gravel be spread near the east end of Sixth street, where Messrs. Russell and Reed would otherwise not be able to get their cars in or out after it begins to rain.

The salary of Mr. Miller, watchman at the reservoir, who also performs many other services there, cutting down trees and furnishing wood for the city hall, and other care-taking jobs, was increased from \$100 to \$110 per month.

City Attorney Berg, who was asked three weeks ago to give a report on what the Oregon statutes provided in the matter of raising funds for construction of a sewage disposal plant, stated that three methods are provided by Oregon laws. One permits the levy of not to exceed five mills each year to create a sinking fund for such a building purpose. The council has authority to do that without a vote of the taxpayer.

Another method, which would require an approval vote, was a taxation plan which would be more than a five mills levy per year. It also provides for the issuance of bonds to be paid off out of the tax payments.

The third method authorized is for a small charge to be made all water users, to be included in the monthly water bills.

After some discussion as to which method would win the greatest approval from the people of Coquille for an improvement which is necessary under state law and which the state sanitary board is going to require installed before many years, that matter was also left for another session when all members of the administration are present.

## Circus To Be In Coquille Sunday

The Arthur Bros. Circus, which will give two performances here next Sunday, Sept. 12—at 2:15 and 8:00 p. m.—will be located across the bridge alongside the road to Arago, opposite the Smith plant.

Under the big top will be shown at each performance the acts of a celebrated collection of artists and its menagerie includes a great variety of wild animals.

Altogether it will be a glamorous fiesta, not often seen in Coquille.

## Senator Walsh Talks To Co. of C. About Coos Development

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce meeting held in the hotel Tuesday noon was attended by Harry Slack, who talked about a federal building for Coquille and Senator Wm. E. Walsh, whose remarks on prospective Coos county development were very interesting.

The directors voted to contribute \$100 to Coast Highway Association expenses for this year and then heard Treasurer Caughell's report on the 4th of July celebration finances.

The total profit from the celebration, for the Community Building fund was \$4,590.26, of which \$326.32 was in the form of permanent improvements to the building equipment and \$4,263.94 was in cash which has been turned over to the city for the building fund. The total receipts were \$7,396.51 and total disbursements, \$3,122.57.

Mr. Slack told of what had been done a few years ago when Coquille stood high on the list of Oregon cities contemplated for new federal buildings, at the time Medford was selected as being most in need of enlargement and remodeling of its federal building, and stated that no new buildings will be considered until after the war.

In order to be ready when the proper time comes, President Oerding named Mr. Slack as chairman of a committee to work for a federal appropriation and heads of the various civic organizations in Coquille to work with him. Senators McNary and Congressman Ellsworth have been contacted to keep the matter in official minds, and Mr. Walsh promised to do all he could to assist.

Senator Walsh decried the provincialism which causes one portion of a section to oppose any matter which could help another portion of the same district and said, what everyone should know, that anything which benefits one section is good for all.

That Coos county has more irons in the fire, in the way of development, than ever before, was another statement by the Coos county senator. He talked of the coal survey now in progress and said that the two things which were interfering with the development of that county resource were the discriminating freight rate against Coos' coal and the fact that the federal commission on coal matters, composed of eastern anthracite coal owners, will not allow a ceiling price on the west's anthracite coal, which would make the investment in Coos county's bituminous coal an attractive one for capital. He had hopes that these obstacles could eventually be removed.

The possibility of striking oil and gas in Coos county, with the Phillips Petroleum Corporation and the British-North American Oil Co., both active in southwestern Oregon, is another matter of tremendous possibilities.

The Phillips company expects to have its equipment here and start drilling its first "wild-cat" well in the next few weeks and if oil is found it will create the biggest boom Coos county has ever known.

Mr. Walsh stated that a geologist friend of his, who has made a careful survey of southwestern Oregon, told him that the geological conditions in Coos county are perfect for oil. That did not mean that oil would positively be found, but that without those geological formations and conditions it could not be hoped to strike oil, but in Coos county the conditions are "right."

He also touched on the Krome Corporation operations and the securing of valuable metals from the black sands. At the present time the federal government is financing the operation in order to secure the metals necessary for prosecution of the war but unless some industry, like the Stainless Steel company, can be induced to set up a plant in this section after the war, the black sand development will probably drop back to the inactive status of former years.

In touching on the timber industry, Senator Walsh said the largest stand of timber in southwestern Oregon is up toward the summit of the Coast range, above Coos river, and that the important thing for Coos county to do is to try and make sure that when it is cut that it will be brought out this way, toward tide water.

In conclusion, Mr. Walsh said that there is a possibility that that monument on Broadway in Marshfield

## Spar Recruiter To Be Here Saturday

A recruiting officer for the Spars, women's auxiliary of the Coast Guard, will be at the Coquille city hall this coming Saturday, Sept. 11, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., to interview ladies between the age of 20 and 36 years, who may be interested in becoming Spars.

She is Cherokee Sellar, whose home is in Medford, an O. S. C. student, who is the first Oregon young lady to be returned to her native state after completing her spar training.

The lowest salary paid to Spars is \$132.50 per month. They receive their training at Palm Beach, Florida, and after completing their education at the Biltmore Hotel there, they are assigned to duty at some seaboard town, where they may reside at hotels or apartments of their own choosing.

Besides the age qualifications an applicant for enlistment as a Spar must be an American citizen, in good health and have had at least two years of high school work.

Every girl who enlists as a Spar releases a fighting man for sea duty.

## 24 School Districts In Coos Co. Make No Tax Levy This Year

The final hearing on the Coos county budget having been held, the county court this week made its order fixing the amount at \$394,728.05. This amount is \$23.05 more than last year's budget of \$394,704.40 but the tax levy for this fall is two tenths of a mill less than the 15 mills it was last year, or 14.8 mills. This was due to the approximately \$480,000 increase in valuation in the county over what it was last year.

Included in the budget is \$160,000 for bond redemption, which added to the sinking fund already on hand means that in August, 1944, the county will call and retire \$372,000 worth of outstanding bonds, which is all there are except the \$92,000 worth of non-callable serial bonds the last of which are callable in 1949.

It is very probable that payments of delinquent taxes, which the county can now consider under a recent law and budget for a portion of the delinquencies, may provide enough funds to retire that \$92,000 in bonds, as they become due, without any further special levy for their retirement.

Another interesting matter in connection with taxes can be gleaned from the records in Assessor Forrest's office.

Of the 59 school districts in Coos county—exclusive of the first class districts of Coquille, North Bend and Marshfield—there are 24 which will levy no school tax at all this year, and that in the face of the fact that teachers' salaries have been universally increased this year.

This was made possible by the new technique in budgeting, under the recent law in regard to delinquent taxes, and the further allotment of excess state income tax payments to the districts as authorized by the teachers' referendum measure at the 1942 fall election.

## Two Residence Properties Sold

One of the oldest houses in the city of Coquille changed hands this week when Fred Bull purchased from Mrs. Howe the lot and frame building between his residence, the former E. D. Webb house on Hall street, and the Roxy Theatre.

Another transfer was that of the John W. Miller house on Elliott street, west of the court house, which was purchased by J. E. Axtell. There is a fine house on the 75-foot lot, which is being rented by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shaw.

## Another Incident Drill Next Week

Another surprise incident drill is to be held again next week by the Coquille Civilian Defense organization. The call will be at the blasts of siren. Frank Martin says the drills are more successful when held without preliminary notice as to hour and date.

might be sold and finished. If that is done, the building will probably be made into an apartment hotel rather than a commercial hostelry.

## Invasion Bond Loan Campaign Has Now Started

In 1941 it was Defense Bonds, last year it was War Bonds, now Oregonians are urged to buy INVASION bonds.

Indeed, this newest name for the same gilt edge investment is appropriate. This is the year of AT-TACK!

Today, with Allied forces on the forward move on all major world fronts, it is the foe who now must "bleed and burn." It is his turn to feel the crushing force of flaming meteors from the skies. It is for him to feel the searing slash of cold steel.

War today is costly. Perhaps it is not nice to count the cost of human lives in terms of dollars, but this is not a "nice" war and we might just as well face the facts.

These grim figures tell in no uncertain terms the need of money—more and more of it—to carry the attack to the enemy:

In the time of Julius Caesar it cost 75 cents to kill a man.

During the Thirty Years War in the 17th century, \$50.

During the Civil War, \$5,000.

During World War I, \$25,000.

In the present war, \$125,000.

The Battle of Britain was not won by the R. A. F. alone. It was won by the thousands of civilians who as fire fighters three times saved London from complete destruction. It was won by the courage, sweat and toil of men and women who bend over lathes and drill presses in Manchester and Sheffield, in Coventry and Birmingham. It was won by their money, too. This is a people's war, and only unceasing work, frugality and sacrifice will win it.

The wave of optimism sweeping the country as a result of recent victories is likely to increase the task of meeting the quota of this third War Loan. The public must be made to understand that these victories are but the first steps along the bitter bloody road to eventual triumph. The foe is firmly entrenched in Allied soil, we have not started to fight him on his home field except from the air, and in the invasion of Italy.

The people must realize, too, that war costs increase as the tempo of war mounts and invasion begins. During the fiscal year 1942 America's daily war cost was 71 million dollars. In the 1943 fiscal year this was boosted to 198 million dollars each day. For the current fiscal year the daily war bill will be 265 million dollars, or 10 million dollars an hour.

Wars are won by battle, but the money must be raised to fight them. Wars can be won on the battlefields and lost by financial blunders.

Thus, it is up to every American to make added financial sacrifices, so that Freedom may be safeguarded, if saving may be called a "sacrifice." There is greater personal satisfaction in such a manner of raising war funds, and these bonds become a helpful backlog for future personal security. They are a certain brake on inflation, too—a peril that can cause us to lose the war or—winning the war—lose the peace.

In the Third War Loan drive, Oregon's non-banking quota will be 104 million dollars. This means that every Oregonian, whose name is on a payroll, must invest in an average of \$150 worth of these "Invasion" bonds.

Coos county has been given a quota of \$2,103,900 to raise, which means nearly \$200,000 in Coquille.

## Warmest Day This Year Last Sunday

Last Sunday was tops for the 1943 summer temperature, the thermometer reaching a maximum of 80 degrees that day. On Monday the mercury climbed to 76 and since then the 70 degree mark has been the limit. The minimum at night for the past week has ranged between 45 and 50.

## Frank Thrift Says San Diego A Very Busy Place

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thrift returned last Thursday evening from their vacation trip to Los Angeles, where they visited Tom Thrift and family.

Frank says you can see where some of the billions for war effort have gone down there. Block after block had been purchased by the government, the buildings torn down and thousands of landing barges are parked along the beach where the buildings formerly stood. They enjoyed the trip to the limit.