

Cranberry Canning Plant Is Having A Successful Season

Following the lead set by the Rotary club last Wednesday noon, the Sentinel scribe accepted the invitation of M. S. Anderson, manager of the Coquille plant of Cranberry Canners, Inc., to see how their Ocean Spray cranberry sauce is made and packed, and Mr. Anderson extends a cordial invitation to anyone who is interested to come to the plant, across the S. P. tracks from the depot, and go on a personally conducted tour.

The cranberries are first emptied from their boxes on to a traveling, endless belt, two of them, where six people sort out the small from the large and pick out bad ones.

From the end of the belt roll they are dumped through a chute to the floor below where they are thoroughly washed. Thence to the slicing machine and from there to two large vats, each holding 300 pounds, into which 100 pounds of berries and 100 pounds of sugar are poured at a cooking. The berries remain in the vats for 12 minutes, at a temperature of 216 degrees, after which the slide in the bottom of the vat is pulled, permitting the sauce to run through tubes to the floor below where another crew sets No. 10 glass jars, holding just under a gallon, under the down pour, then puts a cap over the steam mass and the steam pressure hermetically seals the lids in place. It was to be noted that when the sauce is at its hottest the pressure bulges the lid but after the jar cools the lid resumes its flat, smooth condition.

At the tables where the sealing takes place a lady takes each bottle, splashes it with cold water and then places it on a traveling belt which carries the jar to the packing room above.

The ladies fill 365 of the glass jars an hour, and at this peak of the season, they are handling ten tons of berries a day. The larger berries are packed in boxes for sale as fresh fruit and this season the company will ship out between two and three thousand one-quarter barrel boxes, under the Mist Kist brand. Of the Ocean Spray sauce the company will ship 12,000 cases, each containing six jars, which will be shipped all up and down the Coast—Oregon, Washington and California—to wholesale dealers and to all Army and Navy Camps, also into Utah.

Ten thousand pounds of sugar is used daily in making the 1 1/2 tons of sauce a day, and the berries used by the Cranberry Canners represent a payment to the growers of this section of \$60,000 for this season.

Next year, Mr. Anderson states, the company intends trebling its output, which means the putting of 36,000 cases of the sauce, besides the fresh berries.

This season the plant has purchased 12,000 one-quarter barrels from the producers and the trebling is expected to be made possible by more bogs in Coos county coming into bearing and by shipping berries here from the Astoria, Ore., and Long Beach, Wash., bogs, just across the Columbia from Astoria.

To handle the output this season 18 ladies and five men have been employed at the plant.

Roxy Theatre Offers A Reward

The Roxy management offers a reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who is guilty of mutilating the leather seats in the theatre.

Last week-end 15 more seats were slashed, bringing the total to 25 or more which have been cut with a knife, presumably by boys whose upbringing has not taught them the necessity of observing the rights of others. Their acts are as much a reflection on their parents as on the boys themselves. It is as contemptible a piece of vandalism as we have seen in a long time and it is without the slightest excuse. No one but a pervert would so lower himself in his own esteem.

Miss Billie Rippey To Be A Deputy County Clerk

County Clerk L. W. Oddy has secured the services of Miss Billie M. Rippey, of Marshfield, as deputy county clerk to succeed Mrs. Frances Skyles, who will join her husband in Portland this week-end. Miss Rippey will enter on her duties next Monday.

Coos Republicans Hear Portland Speaker At Marshfield

About forty Republican Party members from different parts of the county attended the dinner last evening held at the Chandler Hotel to hear Mrs. John Y. Richardson, vice chairman of the State Central Committee. Mrs. Richardson is a municipal judge in Portland and maintains her own office as an attorney. She attended the two-day meet called by National Chairman Spangler and was the representative of Oregon in the western conference recently held in Montana. Nine western states were represented.

The speaker discussed several angles of "How to win the election." Sixty per cent of the vote will be cast by women at the coming election. The need for strong organization work here in Coos county was stressed. Mrs. Richardson is a fearless speaker and talked for an hour and a quarter, holding the interest to a high point the entire time. She stated Neil Allen is the best state chairman in the country.

Mrs. Richardson is fired with an enthusiasm and understanding of party needs and talks easily and brilliantly. She is a handsome brunette type, born and reared in the south, educated at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and with the years spent in this northwest has gained a comprehensive national viewpoint. The speaker stated she will return to Coos county this winter and will then visit the Coquille valley to meet party workers.

Gas and rubber shortage prevented many from attending who would otherwise have been present. State Representative Ralph Moore and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Louis Felsheim, of Bandon, attended; also Mrs. R. A. Wernich state committee woman from Coos County Central Committee.

Stella Cutlip was in charge of the gathering, introduced the speaker and presented Mr. Moore, Senator Wm. Walsh and others. A musical treat was included in the program. Elsie Eyre, talented Marshfield soprano, and the young Coast Guard George Goodall sang their duets from the Desert Song and an encore, "Sweet hearts," from May Time.

Rainfall Nearly 8 Inches In October

A total of 7.77 inches of precipitation had been recorded at the weather observation station at the court house yesterday morning which, added to the .05 of an inch in September, makes the total for this weather fiscal year 7.82 inches.

The recording is made at nine o'clock each morning for the previous 24 hours and the heaviest fall the past week was Saturday and that night when 2.02 inches fell. Other "damp" days were for the day and night of Saturday, Oct. 16th, one inch; Wednesday and night, the 20th, 1.26 inches; Saturday morning's reading was 1.06 inches for Friday and that night.

There were 11 days in October during which no rain fell.

Two Taken To The Penitentiary

Clarence Edmund Bland, arrested last Friday at North Bend on the charge of rape, waived grand jury examination and when taken before Judge King this week he pleaded guilty and was immediately sentenced to 20 years in the pen.

Sheriff Howell took him out to Salem yesterday. He also took Mason Ray, Jr., who pleaded guilty on Monday to larceny of an auto at the Bay and was sentenced to four years in the pen.

In the other criminal case coming before Judge King on Monday Hershey Arnold Loyal McBroom pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail with credit being given for the 58 days he had already been incarcerated.

The Eagles Auxiliary will initiate a class of candidates Friday, Oct. 29, and also will celebrate the birthdays of the month. Refreshments will be served.

In the Raymond Pepper "For Rent" adv. on page nine, the address was incorrectly printed. It should be 547 North Carter, Coquille.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Hillah Temple Stages A Most Successful Shrine Ceremonial Here Last Saturday



Shriners pictured above who helped the novices "hang on to the rope," from left to right are W. P. Laws, M. F. Pettit, Geo. A. Ulett, K. P. Lawrence and R. A. Jeub. The rest of the paint-daubed squad look like a bunch of Indians just off the war path.

Coquille was invaded last Saturday by a horde of nearly 200 Shriners from all over southwestern Oregon, with some coming from the Willamette valley and Portland.

It was a most satisfactory event and the ceremonial, conducted by Hillah Temple at Ashland admitted 31 novices to the secrets and mysteries of the Shrine.

Many were the commendations given K. P. Lawrence, general chairman in charge of all arrangements for the affair, and one Past Potentate, Jerry Jerome, said it was the finest event Hillah had ever enjoyed away from the home temple.

The Community Buildings was highly praised for its beauty and it was proved that Coquille can now accommodate conventions or large-sized state and district meetings of almost any kind.

One of the outstanding items of interest in connection with the affair

Chest Fund, Please, Help!

Only three days remaining for you to help get the Coquille quota of \$5350.00. It's a big quota but it is needed. The committee, according to George E. Oerding, city chairman, is working hard and getting results because the loyal people are responding to the call of the combined charities. "May the help each of and give, sometime come back to you and yours a hundred fold," says Mr. Oerding.

The soldier, who has returned and has seen the horrors, knows the truth and the urgent need for help—ask him and you wouldn't hesitate to do your part. Don't wait for the committee to call, they cannot see everyone; make a voluntary donation for the cause at the office of George E. Oerding, to Hode Coughlin, secretary, or to Don Farr, the treasurer.

Give according to your ability to pay—figure it out yourself and be proud you and are an American and have the privilege and ability to give to this worthy cause, to promote happiness, relieve suffering and perhaps save a life.

Help Woman's Club Buy A Bomber

The Coquille Woman's Club is participating in the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs program to "Buy a Bomber," during the month of November. The plan is for the Federated clubs to sell \$350,000 worth of bonds next month, for the purchase of a bomber, and Mrs. Eunice Barrow, chairman of the local club's bond sale committee, asks anyone buying bonds, not credited to any other organization, to make the purchase through her committee, or at least give that committee credit for the sale.

HOW LONG, O LORD, HOW LONG?

The Sentinel urges its readers to read and digest Ralph T. Moore's Timely Topics. This week, even more so than usual, it points most clearly what the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration of professional politicians is doing to each and every one of us. It points out clearly what the bureaucrats and their henchmen are doing to undermine the foundations on which the United States was founded. We can approve F. D. R.'s conduct of our participation in the war, but his economic, internal policies and regimentation smell to high heaven!

Will Start Drilling Soon

Drilling for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation by the Bell & Loughlin firm of contractors from Los Angeles, Calif., is expected to start Saturday, or early next week. The site of the drilling is two miles up Davis Slough from the Marshfield highway. The derrick is practically finished and the powerful rotary drill, with which the crew will punch down to 6,000 feet or more if necessary, is in place and ready to being boring.

The Coquille Gas & Power Co. is furnishing the butane gas for operating the machinery and lighting the location at night, it being a 24 hours to the day operation.

The well Roy Rhodes had drilled in that neighborhood two years ago struck a 50-pound gas pressure at some level of the 1450 foot hole drilled at that time.

This "wild-cat" drilling is attracting attention of many of the major oil companies and many of them are securing leases as near to the Westport Arch as they can.

Mrs. Osmundson Wins Her Suit

After the jury, which heard the case of Ella Reed Osmundson vs. the New York Life Insurance Co., from Monday morning until just before noon Wednesday, had listened to the testimony the defense suddenly asked that a directed verdict be rendered by the judge and the plaintiff attorney then made the same request.

Accordingly Judge King gave his verdict which was for an additional \$2,000 to be paid to the plaintiff and for \$500 attorney fees.

The case grew out of the accidental death of the plaintiff's husband, Nels Osmundson, who disappeared some years ago while fishing off the rocks below Bandon. His body was never recovered. His policy for \$2,000 with the insurance company carried a double indemnity in case of accidental death. The company had paid the \$2,000 for his death, claiming that the double indemnity feature did not hold as it was not known whether his disappearance was due to an accident or not, and also claiming that he had ventured into a dangerous place, unnecessarily placing himself subject to drowning.

It was for the double indemnity feature of \$2,000 that Judge King awarded the verdict to the plaintiff.

Sam Malehorn On Official Visit Here

Sam A. Malehorn, for many years a Coos county deputy sheriff, came in Tuesday in connection with his duties as chief of the Arson Squad of the Oregon State Police. He was accompanied by H. H. Pomeroy—both men from Portland—who is an investigator for the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

They did not state what fire and its inception they were investigating here but, after consultation here with those who may know something about it, expect to go over to Marshfield this evening and back to Portland tomorrow.

Both these men worked on an arson case here several years ago and after Mr. Pomeroy had grilled their chief suspect for some days the suspect went to the sheriff's office and said, "I'm the man you want."

"Why didn't you tell Pomeroy so before?" Mr. Malehorn then asked.

"He didn't ask me," was the comeback.

Since then Mr. Pomeroy says he always asks a suspect if he did it.

Dim-Out Ends Next Monday

All dim-out regulations for the Pacific coast end next Monday, Nov. 1, according to a promulgation by Lieut.-Gen. Delos C. Emmons, head of the Western Defense Command at San Francisco, who states that the need is past for the present but that the rules would be reinstated at any time the need arose.

Margaret Stewart Sworn In As A WAVE At Bay Yesterday

The First National Bank has lost another employee and the WAVES have secured another Coquille girl for their ranks. Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart, who leaves the last of this week for her preliminary training at Hunter College in New York.

Champion U. S. Hitch Hiker Visits Coquille

Oscar O. Klatt, the champion hitchhiker of the United States, 43 years of age, and a veteran of World War I, arrived in Coquille last Thursday and stopped here until Monday, visiting his friend, Velorous Call, with whom he became acquainted a few years ago by correspondence. He had hitch-hiked from his home in Sheboygan, Wis., in eight days, coming by way of Denver, Salt Lake City and the desert, and Sacramento, coming from the California capital to Coquille in three days.

Klatt is a taxi driver in his home town in the winter and hitch hikes in the summer, using the money saved while at work to pay living expenses on his trips, but never spending anything for transportation. This past summer he devoted his time to war work and was employed in Wisconsin shipyards.

He has been hitch-hiking 24 summers, has been in every capitol building of the 48 states of the nation, in some states five times, and has twice made 10,000 mile trips, once in 1932 when he passed through Coquille and attended the national Legion convention in Portland, and again in 1940.

Klatt was in the Medical Corps with a cavalry unit in the first World War and his captain then, who is now in charge of a hospital in Australia, is Lieut.-Col. Harry Heiden. Klatt was in the National Guard for four years after serving eight months in the last war.

He has fought forest fires in California five times, has worked in Yellowstone Park which he has visited five times. He has crossed the Salt Lake desert twice.

He made his first hitch hike in 1918, and since then has traveled 150,000 miles. In 1930 he met President Roosevelt who was then governor of New York. Klatt never walks, seldom is delayed while seeking a ride, and carries an American flag and a four-leaf clover.

In 1930 he traveled 5,000 miles through 18 eastern states in two and one-half months, and once went from Sheboygan, 1500 miles to Augusta, Maine, in less than two weeks, and again 2500 miles from his home town to Florida in ten days.

Klatt has correspondence all over the world and says people are generally hospitable and agreeable and mentions Coquille as one of the places where they are very much so. He says he occasionally gets some hard knocks, too.

He left Monday for Marshfield and Portland, but left this original four-line poem in the Sentinel office telling his opinion of Oregonians:

Here's to Oregon and the West,
Pioneer people who pass the test,
Here's to Oregon and the West,
Where Life and People are the best.

Training Course Test At H. S., Nov. 9

The second nationwide test for candidates who wish to be considered for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program (A-12 & V-12) will be held on November 9 at the Coquille High School under the direction of Principal Osika. The test will start promptly at nine o'clock and end at 11. No late candidates will be admitted. Any high school graduate is entitled to take the test if he will have attained his 17th birthday but not his 20th birthday by March 1, 1944. (Date of birth between March 2, 1924, and March 1, 1927, inclusive.)

Students who have attained their 20th but not their 22nd birthday by March 1, 1944, may apply for the Army test, but not the Navy College Program. (Date of birth between March 2, 1922, and March 1, 1924.)

For further qualifications see Mr. Osika. All candidates should have an application blank for admittance. The test starts at nine o'clock, November 9, in room 15 at the high school.

New Assistant For Local Bank Comes From Portland

John Oscar Berglund came in Tuesday morning from First National Bank in Portland to take a position in its Coquille branch. He succeeds Jack Buchanan, who expects to enter the service of Uncle Sam soon. Mr. Berglund has been with the bank's branches at Klamath Falls and Hood River previously. He will be joined here by his wife and their three children as soon as he can locate a house.