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## The League Of Oregon Cities Meeting With Coos County City Officials Here Last Evening Was Largely Attended

There were more than fifty in attendance at the dinner meeting, held in the I. O. O. F. dining room last evening, which had been called by the League of Oregon Cities for a conference with municipal officials of Coos county. This is an annual event of the League and this was the tenth district meeting held this fall.

Besides the League party the group was made up of Mayor Clinton of Myrtle Point, Mayor Franklin of Bandon, Mayor Ryan, of North Bend, Mayor Matson of Marshfield, many councilmen, city attorneys and employees, County Judge Felsheim, County Commissioners Peterson and Culver, Representative Stella Cutlip and practically all of Coquille's official family.

The League party was composed of George K. Aiken, publisher at Ontario, who is also state budget director and secretary of the governor's committee on Postwar Readjustment and Development; Oscar Cutler, assistant staff engineer, State Highway Commission; Mayor John Houston of Klamath Falls, League president; Orval Etter, League legal consultant, and Herman Kehrl, League executive secretary and director of the University's Bureau of Municipal Research and Service.

One of the most interesting talks made was that by Mayor Houston, of Klamath Falls, on the subject of juvenile delinquency. He said that they have a curfew ordinance there which is enforced—such a law or any other is no good unless it is enforced—and under its provisions, in the case of habitual youthful offenders, the parents were brought into court and fined, and the maximum of publicity which is given them has had a very marked effect in curbing juvenile delinquency. Mayor Houston said he did not know whether their ordinance would stand the acid test of a court review, but so far no one has questioned it, and it is proving effective.

The mayor said also that clubs and recreational facilities, to give the youngsters something to do, keep them busy and out of mischief.

This report caused Judge Felsheim, who has had a great deal of juvenile delinquency to consider during his six months in office, to urge Coos county cities to follow Klamath Falls lead. The cases coming before him frequently run into a considerable amount of money and if the cities could handle the problem in some such way as suggested, it would save the taxpayers a lot of money. He told of one girl who had been before the court and had disappeared when paroled to her parents. A request for her apprehension was sent out and she was finally located in San Francisco. Being a ward of the court she had to be brought back and the juvenile officer was necessarily accompanied by his wife as matron to go south for the culprit. The cost of apprehending and bringing this one girl back to Coos county was \$115.

Not all the time of the meeting was devoted to this subject, however; it came up just before the close. The major discussion and addresses were on the subject of post-war planning in order to take care of the unemployment which will result from the return of millions of young men after the war, to peace time living.

Mayor O. L. Wood, at whose request the guests had assembled, called for a self-introduction of those present, and then turned the meeting over to the League president, Mayor Houston.

The mayor is a very dynamic speaker and was listened to with the closest attention. He stated the League represents 140 communities in Oregon and that it has been very efficient in uniting all of them into a forward-looking co-operation, which has helped in the development of each.

He said the most efficient government in the world the past few years has been that conducted by one, Adolf Hitler, but that a government by force and fear is one we would not tolerate in the United States.

Combating the threat of inflation is the biggest job on the home front from now on, the speaker said, but we can handle it as effectively as have our forces on the battle front, or as have our plants on the industrial front in preparing for Hitler's and Tojo's end.

Getting back to a peace-time basis, with jobs for everyone is going to be a whale of a program, but it can

be safely done if the threatened tax-destruction of industry is not permitted to destroy a large part of our industrial life.

Mr. Aiken, who is a member of Gov. Snell's appointed post-war committee, gave the main address of the evening and, in his remarks on post-war employment and what the federal government, states, counties, cities, school districts and other municipalities should do to provide employment for the returning servicemen asserted that the failure of Germany and the Nazis to solve the labor problem is primarily what brought on this world holocaust. The whole world is now in revolution.

He cautioned, too, that the states must not permit the Washington authority to take charge of all post-war functions in return for the funds which the federal government will spend. Accept the funds but keep control of the projects in your own hands was his advice.

Mr. Aiken did not fear, as many do, that the nation's post-war debt will be an unsurmountable obstacle. He is not selling America short and, even though the national debt at the end of the war should reach 400 billions, the 145 billion dollars of national income for this year can be maintained by wise provisions for industrial expansion and employment of labor, and this great country can gradually wipe out that stupendous debt.

He called attention to the fact that immediately after the income tax-paying period this last fall, the people of the U. S. came through with the purchase of 18½ billion dollars' worth of bonds within 20 days.

He estimated the state of Oregon should be able to furnish employment to 216,000 returning men, that it is our responsibility to do so, and urged local communities to each furnish his committee a figure as to the number of men who can be employed on post-war jobs. "The men returning from this war are not going to sell apples on the street corner," was one of his remarks.

The banks, too, now have greater deposits than ever before and his suggestion to those depositors was to put that money to work furnishing post-war employment.

The need for new homes after the war should keep the logging industry operating in Coos county for many years.

Mr. Aiken concluded with the statement that the response at each of the regional meetings the League has held was, "We'll take care of our own."

Judge Felsheim, called upon to tell what Coos county is doing in post-war planning, said the county court had been working along that line for three months. He called attention to the fact that the county has wiped out \$1,600,000 of its debt in the past ten years and that with surpluses on hand and provisions for bond retirement Coos county will be out of debt as rapidly as its bonded debt is callable. He added that the county will have \$80,000 on hand by the end of the year for its post-war construction program, which includes the improvement of many roads in the county and the construction of a fire-proof building in Coquille to replace the old firetrap portion of the court house.

Another statement by Mr. Aiken followed Judge Felsheim's talk, which was that the state rehabilitation committee was making no suggestions for financing post-war projects, that the committee was not a dictatorial bureau, but desired that each county and municipality work out its own program. The committee, however, did not approve of going into debt to carry out any program.

Councilman G. E. Stark injected a question into the discussion, in regard to federal government aid, whether if Oregon should refuse such aid and California should accept, would Oregon be taxed to help finance the California aid. The answer was that it would be, that Oregon cannot afford to reject federal aid, but should keep control of affairs, post-war and others, in its own hands and not be short-changed by the bureaus in Washington.

J. B. Bendingfield, city attorney of Marshfield, evoked a round of applause when he declared that this thing of cutting taxes year after year, in view of the six per cent limitation law, could work a serious hardship on counties or cities which cut taxes

## \$62,380.90 Received From United States

County Treasurer Chas. Stauff received a check from the federal government Wednesday morning for \$41,842.35 in settlement of Coos county's claims for timber sold from O. & C. lands, for the year ending June 30, 1943. This check goes to the county's general road fund.

A few days ago he had received another check from the O. & C. land fund, in lieu of taxes for the last part of 1937. This check, amounting to \$20,538.55, will be distributed among the levying districts of the county where the land is situated.

Still another check will be received soon from the government, the sum of \$17,380.44 having been certified for payment for timber cut, for the year 1942. It will also be distributed among the levying districts when received.

## J. E. Norton Able To Be Out Now

J. E. Norton has improved so much the past few weeks that he and Mrs. Norton were able to come in last Thursday and attend the Thanksgiving dinner party at the J. A. Lamb home. He was in again Saturday, found he had gotten back up to 157 pounds in weight and is feeling very well, although he hasn't his full strength back yet.

Other guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman of Sixes, who left that evening to attend the marriage of their son, Ralph, in Portland; Mrs. Marvin Lyons, of Marshfield; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Webb, of Gardiner, and Mrs. Jennie Williams, of Coquille.

## Thirteen Inches Rain In Three Months

Rainfall for the fiscal year, since September 1, now totals 13.15 inches. Since our last daily tabulation of precipitation on Nov. 11, the morning readings for the previous 24-hour periods were: .31 inch on the 19th, .47 on 20th, .04 on 21st, .83 on the 30th, .22 Wednesday morning, and .22 this morning at nine o'clock.

## Applications For Citizenship Being Filed Today

Victor S. Hemmen, naturalization examiner from Portland, is at the court house today receiving applications from those who wish to apply for U. S. citizenship papers. The hearings on these applications for naturalization will be at a circuit court session on Thursday, Jan. 13.

to the bone and then will not be able to tax for needed improvements, post-war projects, or any other item which could be of vital necessity to the people.

Oscar Cutler, of the State Highway engineering force, said he came along to answer questions but he did say that the law enacted by the last legislature, "authorizing that five per cent of the highway commission's revenue, whenever it has exceeded \$11,000,000 a year, be divided among the cities of the state, according to population, would mean roughly that the amount a city could receive is 1.34 times its population in dollars. That would mean Coquille could have for street improvement next year 1.34 times 3500, or approximately \$4600, from the state. It is only necessary for a city council, in making application for its share, to indicate what street improvements are to be made from the funds.

Herman Kehrl, the League's secretary, was Johnny-on-the-spot all through the discussions, answering questions and explaining different phases of the post-war program. Orval Etter, the League's legal consultant, also gave information on the legal formalities necessary and the legal means of financing sewage disposal plants, water and sewer extensions and many other improvement matters which may, or will, come up during the post-war rehabilitation.

This synopsis account of what was said and urged at the meeting last evening should not end without mention being made of the very tasty and appetizing dinner which was served by the ladies of Mamie Rebekah lodge. The menu consisted of tomato juice, cabbage salad, meat loaf, potatoes, beets, coffee in the greatest abundance, apple pie and cheese.

The League party went over to Marshfield this morning for a luncheon there at noon and this evening will hold another session at Roseburg.

## Fire At No-D-Lay Does \$800 Damage

The fire, of an as yet undetermined origin, at the No-D-Lay Cleaners plant on Front street, about nine o'clock Wednesday evening, is estimated to have done about \$800 damage.

The building which suffered the greater damage and is owned by Drue Cunningham, is covered by insurance, but the equipment of the plant, owned by Clifford Bissett, was not insured.

The fire started at the rear, in the boiler room, and the fire department, which answered promptly, was able to pour enough water on the blaze to confine it to the rear of the building.

## Hole More Than 2200 Feet Down

The drill over on Davis Slough was biting into the earth and rock something over 2200 feet below the surface the first of this week.

The crew is not allowed to put out any information as to what they have encountered but it is known that some indications of gas and oil have shown up but nothing yet to indicate the tenth of what John F. Ewel said here Saturday: "There is more oil in Oregon than there is in California."

## Knife Apartment House Is Sold

A real estate transfer of considerable size was completed on Tuesday this week when Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Knife sold the Knife Apartment House, on North Coulter street, to Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hollingsted. The new owners are recent arrivals from Vallejo, Calif., and will occupy one of the apartments and manage the property.

## Two Coos Co. Men Meet In South Pacific

Austin Bryant, brother of Edell Bryant of the Coos Electric Co-operative office here and who has been in the Army for three years and now stationed in the South Pacific, sends word that he is well, has had none of the jungle fever and has been in two combat engagements.

He was more than happy recently to encounter Capt. Hale B. Eubanks, troop transport chaplain, and after hearing the chaplain deliver his sermon, spent several hours with him, talking about Oregon and Coos county.

## Malaria Was Topic At Rotary Meeting

"Malaria" was the topic at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club at the hotel on Wednesday.

Dr. G. E. Stark gave an extemporaneous talk on the subject and Jimmy Bunch showed a Walt Disney film, demonstrating how the anopheles mosquito operates and also methods of control and extermination of the insect.

Dr. Stark also spoke of the Marine Hospital to be constructed at Klamath Falls to take care of the malarial patients evacuated from the South Seas and other sections.

Rotarians Jno. D. Carl, of Myrtle Point, and Ed Hughes, of Grants Pass, and other guests, Mark W. Seely, of San Francisco; Wayne Smith and Ned Kelley, together with a nearly 100 per cent attendance of members crowded the hotel banquet room practically to capacity.

President Lundquist read a letter from Gordon Neal from somewhere in the South Pacific, addressed to George Burr, in which he stated that at one place where he was stationed Bill Pook came along driving a jeep. Neal also wrote quite a number of other interesting features of his experiences in that part of the world but said he would be glad to get back to Coos county.

## Deputy Internal Revenue Collectors In Coos Next Week

Deputy collectors will assist farmers in filing their declarations of estimated income for the calendar year 1943, Form 1040 ES, which must be filed on or before December 15, 1943.

Deputies will be in Coquille at the city hall, on Thursday, December 9, in Gold Beach on December 10, in North Bend Dec. 11 and in Marshfield, Dec. 13-15.

## End Comes Suddenly To J. W. Van Fleet

John William Van Fleet passed away at his home on the Fairview road Friday, Nov. 26, from a heart attack. Apparently in the best of health, he enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with his family. Raymond Cooper, a grandson, was shocked the next day to find he had passed away as he sat in a chair by the fire.

Mr. Van Fleet was born August 24, 1861, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Van Fleet, in Linn county, Kansas, and was three months past eighty-two years of age.

The following children survive him: Mrs. Dan Beougher, of Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Bessie Cooper and Wm. Van Fleet, of Coquille; three grandsons, Claude Van Fleet, who lived with his grandfather, Raymond and John Cooper; five grand-daughters, Mrs. Richard Daugherty, Mrs. Arthur Hensley, Mrs. Paul Pinkston, Winifred and Shirley Van Fleet, all of Coquille, and also seven other grandchildren in distant states survive. He is also survived by seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. on Monday at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here, Rev. L. C. Persing officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

## Krome Corporation Contract Canceled

The Krome Corporation, which has moved a world of black sand from the Seven Devils section along the coast to the chrome plant at Beaver Hill Junction, was shut down last Saturday evening and its employees dismissed.

According to S. W. Norton, president of Krome Corporation, the contract the corporation had with the Metals Reserve company which operates the plant, was canceled because the anticipated deficiency in chrome sand did not come to pass and there is a great plenty of the mineral now in stockpiles. The action by the Metals Reserve company was directed by the War Production Board and the War Manpower Commission.

So far as learned the cancellation of the Krome Corporation contract has not affected the operation of the Humphrey's company which operates over in the Whiskey Run district, but it will not be surprising to hear at any time that the Beaver Hill Junction plant has been shut down.

## November Fees In County Clerk's Office Are High

Total fees collected in County Clerk Oddy's office during November totaled \$1496.70. Of this amount \$544.40 was for recording, \$586 for circuit court cases, \$75 for probate court cases, \$72 for marriage licenses, and \$219.30 miscellaneous.

As showing how business in the clerk's office has increased the past few years, the total in November, 1942, was \$935.70; in 1941, \$1033.80; in 1940, \$873.55, and in 1939, \$1,037.40.

Circuit court cases, which include fees for divorces cases filed has made the largest jump. In November this year the total was \$586; in November, 1942, \$296; in 1941, \$352; in 1940, \$257; in 1939, \$362.

There were 33 divorce cases filed last month which were nine more than the 24 marriage licenses obtained.

## Baptist Church Was Crowded For Thanksgiving Service

The Union Thanksgiving service, held at the Baptist church last Wednesday evening had a capacity turnout. The program was in charge of the Baptist church with the help of Rev. Lloyd Persing of the Assembly church offering the thanksgiving prayer, and Rev. Robt. E. Greene of the Episcopal church reading the scripture. Rev. Liston Parrish of the Church of Christ brought a challenging message. The offering of the evening went to the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis.

## Not As Harmonious As Was Reported

A Marshfield man commented last Friday, "The meeting to start change of its name from Marshfield to Coos Bay was reported in the press as practically unanimous, but the best talks were made by those who opposed the change."

Hal R. Clark, Los Angeles attorney who is interested in the drilling operations now going on over on Davis Slough, was a Coquille visitor last Saturday.

## Ration Board To Be Clearing House For "Share A Ride"

A "Share the Ride" program has been inaugurated by the Coquille American Legion Post, Dr. C. G. Stem, commander, and if every car owner will co-operate a great saving in gas and tires in Coquille can be effected.

Dr. Stem first contacted the local ration board and ascertained that the ladies in the office, although they have plenty to do at all times, would accept calls and list the names of all those calling up, saying they are going to Myrtle Point, Bandon, Coos Bay or wherever it may be.

They will also record the names of those who call and ask if there is any private car on the list scheduled to go to his or her destination. The crew in the office will make reports to anyone calling, either one with a car or one seeking a ride.

Dr. Stem says, too, the Legion hopes to expand the program still more by making arrangements for men, or women, employed in the same plant, to "share a ride" daily and leave one or more cars at home every day.

## Coquille Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet on Friday, Dec. 3, at Guild hall between 1:15 and 4:15 p. m. "We are now in receipt of unbleached muslin for hospital shirts," says Mrs. D. B. Kesner, "and we also received more gray yarn for thigh and stump socks. Mrs. Phil Albion reports that the long overdue Navy yarn will soon be forthcoming."

"We need more colored yarn for the afghans and more wash cloths, either cut from old Turkish towels in 10, 11 or 12 in. squares, or new ones."

"Recent contributions of wool materials and yarn were received from Mesdames R. T. Slater, Wm. Brown, Emily Hersey, Bert Folsom and Frank Jameson, and a collection of felt hats, suitable for slipper making from May Barton."

"We are most anxious for a good attendance this week as it is important that we start work on our quota of hospital shirts at once. We also need a great many wool squares cut and pressed and we can use the services of several women for that work," says Mrs. Kesner, chairman of production.

## C. H. S. Junior Play Friday Evening

The Junior class play, "Almost Summer," is to be presented in the high school gymnasium tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8:00 o'clock. The cast has been thoroughly coached by Mrs. Ruth Beyers, director, and it promises to be one of the best entertainment features of the school year.

Admission is to be 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for students, including tax.

## County Firemen Nominate Schram

Frank F. Schram, assistant fire chief for Coquille and president of the Coquille Firemen's Association, was the only nominee for the office of president of the Coos County Firemen's Association at the meeting held in Marshfield last Friday evening. The election is to be held this month but the nomination is tantamount to election. Other nominees were Ellsworth Morten, North Bend, vice-president, and Ted Fisher, Empire, secretary.

The meeting was largely attended, with several from the Coquille Department present. The group enjoyed a motion picture showing how prevention of school fires can be accomplished and how to fight school fires.

## V. F. W. Meeting Set For 2:00 P. M. Next Sunday

The second meeting for forming a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Coquille will be held in Union hall Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2:00 p. m.

Enough signatures have already been obtained to assure that a charter will be granted, probably before Jan. 1. A name will have to be selected before a charter will be granted. Any interested ex-service man will be welcome.