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City Should Have Two Police Officers On Duty At Night

It is the policy of the Juvenile Court and its officer, J. H. Leonard, not to give any publicity to young people who may be before the court for their first offenses. The Sentinel has no quarrel with this policy and, if the failure to receive notoriety or publicity helps the young people to overcome evil tendencies and make a cleaner start in life, we are all for it.

But the hush policy may cause some people—and we are speaking of Coquille only in this remark—to think that the local police are not doing anything to stop juvenile crime. Such is far from the truth.

Chief of Police Creager, talking here in the office last week, mentioned many of the offenses which have been committed in Coquille the past few months for the perpetration of which he and the other officers have picked up youngsters and turned them over to the Juvenile court, and no publicity has been given.

While on the subject of crime and the police, it is a good time to call attention to the fact that one police officer cannot cover the business district and patrol the residential districts, alone.

Coquille has but three police officers—Chief Creager, Hugh McMahon and Adrian Werth, each working an eight-hour shift.

If there are three or four in the gang, which has been committing the burglaries and breaking into offices and stores in recent months, it is a very simple matter for one of the crooks to keep tab on where the officer is while the others watch closer to the "job," in which probably only one actually enters the room where the burglary takes place.

The city council is trying to keep municipal expenses down, a very commendable effort, but with this small gang or pair, which is operating here now, being able to avoid detection, it would seem to be desirable to put another officer on at night so that the crime perpetrators cannot know where the one they have to watch is at all times.

L. D. Felsheim Files For County Judge

Judge L. D. Felsheim, serving as county judge of Coos county under appointment by Gov. Earl Snell, after Erwin L. Petersour resigned the office last year to head the state's agricultural department, has filed as a candidate for the nomination, on the Republican ticket, at the May primaries.

Judge Felsheim has been making a mighty fine record for himself as a member of the Coos County Court, and it gives the Sentinel great pleasure to pledge him its support in the coming primary and election campaigns.

Following is Judge Felsheim's statement which will appear on the ballot as his platform in May:

"If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, continue along the same general policy that I have pursued since taking office by appointment on May 7, 1943. First concern is to get the county on a firm financial footing by paying off indebtedness; second is to maintain necessary current activities at lowest possible cost consistent with efficient performance; third is to get the county's 'house in order' for a progressive post-war construction program. The latter includes prompt collection of taxes and the establishment of cash reserve funds for immediate use when wartime restrictions are removed and manpower is available."

Elbert Schroeder Buys Krantz Home And Three Acres

Elbert Schroeder has purchased of Mrs. D. C. Krantz the house and three acres of land, most of it in the bottom on Willard street and extending as far west as the rear of the state's highway shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder expect to move from their present apartments to their newly purchased home some time this summer or early fall.

Job's Daughters Have Bummage Sale In Tip Top This Week

A Bummage Sale is being conducted by the Coquille Bethel of Job's Daughters, in the Tip Top corner, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The proceeds of the sale will be placed in the Ambulance Fund of the Bethel.

Postoffice Entered Sunday Evening

Probably the person, man or boy, who broke into the Coquille postoffice Sunday evening does not realize that Uncle Sam's postal department detectives and officers never give up until they get their man.

Whether anything was taken could not be immediately ascertained. All moneys, stamps, money order blanks, etc., are locked up in the safe when the office closes, and if any mail was taken, neither Postmaster Hawkins nor members of the force could tell.

About nine o'clock Sunday evening, in making his rounds trying doors in the business section, Officer Adrian Werth looked into the front door of the postoffice and saw two men getting their mail. If the intruder was in the back at the time, he may have seen the officer and beat it. Werth went right on around the block and found the back door of the postoffice slightly ajar, sufficiently wide enough for him to reach in and raise the bar which is set in brackets across the double door when the last man leaves.

Some force had been used to break the iron brackets which hold the bar, but there was no sign, on the woodwork of a crow or pinch bar having been used. Mr. Werth went inside and investigated before he called Mr. Hawkins but there was no one in the room.

C. V. Smith, who worked the Sunday mail, said he looked twice at the lock before he left, beside putting the bar in place, and says that the door was locked.

What power could have been used to break the brackets is a mystery for there is a 12x12 timber on the driveway to the back door which would have had to be vaulted had a car been used in the operation and that let's the car idea out.

E. R. James To Be H. S. Principal

The directors of Coquille School District, No. 2, met last evening and elected E. R. James, who has been superintendent of schools at Oakland, Ore., as high school principal here for the next school year, beginning in September. Mr. James, who is 34 years of age, is married and has two children, three and five years of age.

Mr. James, who is highly recommended as an educator, was one of those interviewed by Chairman J. R. Bunch and Supt. Carl E. Morrison when they drove out to Roseburg last Saturday afternoon.

The only business done at the previous meeting of the board, last Thursday evening, was the authorizing of contracts to be mailed to those members of the school's faculties who have not definitely announced that they would not be here next year.

Jr. Woman Club Dance To Be Friday

The Junior Women's Club dance which has been advertised for Saturday evening has been advanced a day and will be held in the Coquille Community Building on Friday evening, March 17. The only recently learned fact that the orchestra engaged, the Coos Bay Coast Guard band, could not be here Saturday evening made the change of dates necessary.

The ladies have been busy planning features for the evening and it promises to be a very interesting occasion.

Admission, including tax, will be 55 cents per person.

Baby Boy Born Tuesday To Mr. and Mrs. Foss

Ted K. Foss, of the Smith Wood-Products office force, was receiving the congratulations of friends yesterday on the birth of a son to himself and Mrs. Foss at the Myrtle Point hospital Tuesday evening. The young man, who weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, has not yet been named. This is their first son, their older child being a girl.

Ko-Keel Auto Court Under New Management

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klingbeil, who came here from Madison, Wis., last month and purchased the Ko-Keel Auto Court east of the depot, are advertising that they specialize in clean and immaculate cabins. Since leaving here Mr. Kent, the former owner, has purchased a 16-cabin court at Seaside on the northern Oregon coast.

Report On Coos Co. Coal Resources At Court House Tonight

Judge L. D. Felsheim and the Coos County Court have called two meetings in the county to hear the report on the coal survey, which has been submitted to Earl K. Nixon, director of the state geological department, by M. D. Curran.

The first of these meetings is to be held in the court house here at eight o'clock this (Thursday) evening and the second in the Marshfield city hall at eight o'clock Friday evening.

The coal exploration project, which was sponsored by Coos county and the state of Oregon, was conducted by Mr. Curran, who is recognized as the leading carbonizing engineer in the United States. He is president of a large carbonizing company in St. Louis.

His report entitled, "Development of Coal Production in Coos County," will be read at the meetings and the crew which did the actual work of the survey will also be present to make reports.

Judge Felsheim points out that this survey was largely made to prepare for a post-war development of Coos county's extensive coal deposits. Briquetting is one of the possibilities for us of the coal and the state geological department and the county expect to have a complete lay-out of the county's possibilities along that line to show manufacturers who may be interested in developing plants in Coos county after the war.

When Mr. Curran was here some time ago he stated to Judge Felsheim that Coos county does not have mountains of coal, such as there are in Pennsylvania, but that the coal deposits are scattered so generally over the county that it would permit scores of smaller operations to be conducted by companies with less capital resources than is the case in the eastern coal sections.

The meetings are open to everyone interested and as coal mining may be the county's chief industry when eventually the timber is all cut, there is no one in the county who is not vitally interested in what this post-war coal development may produce.

Eight o'clock this (Thursday) evening in the court house.

Phillips Has Not Quit This Section

H. R. Clark, the Coos county land agent, has been temporarily napped by the county court as Oil and Gas Inspector for the county. The appointment is to enable the county to comply with the state law which requires an inspector's certificate when a well is abandoned.

The hole on Davis Slough, which was drilled to a depth of nearly 7,000 feet for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation, is being abandoned as a possible oil or gas well, but that does not necessarily mean that the Phillips people will not drill another test well for they have recently been paying their lease rental fees.

The 7,000 feet of drill pipe is to be shipped to Berkeley, Calif., for the reconditioning process which is called "stretching" the pipe, but other equipment used at the hole remains here, for the present at least, and while no definite assurance has been made that another well will be sunk for the Phillips Corporation, there is every reason to believe that at least one more will be drilled.

April 4 Last Day Candidate Filing

Attention of all candidates and especially those who may file for committee women and men positions on both the Republican and Democratic tickets—members of the County Central Committees—are reminded that April 4 is the final day for filing their petitions with the county clerk.

It would save an endless amount of work, both on the part of the elections officials on primary election day, as well as in the county clerk's office later, if names of precinct committeemen were printed on the ballots so that scores of different names would not be written in.

Two candidates for Republican nominations filed with County Clerk Oddy last Friday. They were Las P. Peterson for county commissioner and Allan A. Hall for justice of the peace in Marshfield district, No. 2.

State Training School Principal Addresses Woman's Club Tues.

A gathering of more than two hundred persons was present Tuesday evening in the Washington School auditorium for the evening meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club. It was an open meeting and the public had been invited.

Illness prevented the appearance of M. D. Woolley, superintendent of the Oregon State Training School, who was scheduled to make the address. The subject, "Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Prevention," was discussed by L. Proebstl, head of the school department at the Training School.

Using a blackboard, on which he made a diagram of his subject, Mr. Proebstl gave a scientific analysis of why people get into trouble. Delinquent parents beget delinquents, he stated, and spoke of unhappy morons who are feeble minded children, also happy morons who could not be made to feel badly. The term "pathological stealing," he applied to those who choose to do wrong. Children are up against situations he said that adults can't understand. The speaker mentioned the problem of part breed Indians who leave the reservation and are unable to cope with society.

The solution at the training school, the speaker said, is not a club. Twenty-four hours a day supervision is maintained; the boys go to bed at

Pioneer Coquille Woman Passes

Mrs. Rachel Velinda Ames, an Oregon pioneer of 92 years residence in the state, passed away at the hospital here last Thursday at the age of 92 years, seven months and eight days.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church, of which she was the oldest member, last Saturday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. Liston Parrish, officiating. The services were under the auspices of Schroeder Bros. and interment was in the old cemetery at Bandon.

Mrs. Ames was born Sept. 1, 1848, in Taney county, Missouri, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Cooper. In 1852 she accompanied her parents on the western trek to Oregon, Capt. Cooper being in charge of the wagon train, which halted on the banks of the Santiam river in Linn county, where her parents settled. She came to Coos county in 1915.

Mrs. Ames is survived by six children: Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, of Coquille; Mrs. Florence Arrasmith, of Edmonds, Wash.; Mrs. May Ghilchrist, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Albert Ames of Coquille, Wilbur Ames, of Willamina, and Thomas Ames, of Chilcoot, Calif. Six children preceded her in death. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren.

Coos To Have County Health Officer May 1

Coos county is to have a full time county health officer, beginning May 1 according to the action taken by the county court in session here Monday. He is Dr. Byers, at present conducting a two-county health department program in Tennessee, who has expressed a desire to come to Oregon.

In a letter received from Dr. Harold M. Erickson, assistant state health officer for Oregon, to Coos County Health Nurse, Mrs. Lela Elrod, the many excellent qualifications possessed by Dr. Byers are mentioned and he is most highly recommended. He is 35 years of age.

Thermometer Hit 25 Monday A. M.

Starting with a new minimum temperature for the winter on Monday morning, when the thermometer showed 25 degrees at eight o'clock, the freezing point has been reached each morning since. Tuesday morning it stood at 26, Wednesday at 28, this morning at 32.

The 31.48 inches of rainfall reported last week has been increased by only .02 of an inch, which was measured Friday morning. There was just a trace in the container for measuring Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lafe Compton left Wednesday for Portland. She expected to return the last of the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Ulett.

Boy Scout Troop 14 On Week-End Trip

Twenty-one boys of Troop No. 14, Coquille Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Phil Alborn and Assistant Scoutmaster Connie Phillips, spent Saturday and Sunday of last week out in the hills. The boys camped by patrols and each patrol did its own cooking.

The program was as follows: They left Coquille at 11 a. m. Saturday and arrived at campsite on Lamp creek at 12. The flag was raised at 12:10 and the boys spent three hours setting up camp. Potluck feed at 3:00 o'clock. From three until six, the boys arranged individual patrol camps and the colors were lowered at 6:10, after which the Scouts prepared and ate their evening meal, followed by a camporee around the fire until 8:30, with singing, story-telling, etc.

At 8:30 a. m. an arrest was made by camp officer of a culprit, one Mortimer J. Brown, accused of hijacking a number of home-made benches. The culprit was brought to trial at 8:45 in the large tent and the complaint was signed by Kenneth Hooton, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Attorneys for the defendant were the famous Swanson, Kelley and Bellmore, Kelley, Harris, Tracy and Dokes of this city, noted criminal attorneys.

Prosecuting attorney was Scout-

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More Than \$3,000 In Red Cross Drive

Rev. Robert L. Greene, Coquille chairman for the Red Cross drive which continues through the month of March, reports this morning that over half the local quota, has been raised, the amount this morning being in excess of \$3,000.

Many of the local organizations have responded liberally and all will be contacted. The 15th being pay day, it is expected that contributions from the logging camps will be received soon. The local unions have not completed their subscriptions but they are also responding well. The outlying districts are also making good progress in filling their quotas.

Mr. Greene states that if the same response continues next week as has been the case the past two weeks, the Coquille district will be well along toward securing its quota and fulfilling the obligation which all of us owe to the boys who are at the front overseas.

The following are assisting in the fund-raising campaign: Mesdames Robt. L. Stewart, Phil Alborn, Frank Pook, K. P. Lawrence, E. L. Greenough, J. A. Lamb, Chas Selbig, J. L. Smith, Fred McNelly, E. D. McCune, J. A. Berg, Geo. M. Griggs, B. L. Barkwell, R. Candlin, L. W. Oddy, Iris Elrod, Ida Owen, John Martin, D. B. Kesner, Jack Arnold, Sam Harmon, J. A. Hannon, Theo Clinton, W. P. Laws and Messrs. L. W. Claver, W. H. Fortier and J. P. Beyers.

Riverton Ranch House Destroyed

The Coquille Fire Department was called at one o'clock Tuesday noon and the pumper truck was taken down to the Nilsen ranch just this side of Riverton.

The fire, which destroyed the house and about two-thirds of its contents, was occupied by Wesley Lloyd, one of the employees on the ranch.

The fire was first discovered on the roof but when ranch employees got up there they found the entire attic was ablaze, and the flames were beyond control when the fire department arrived.

The house destroyed was the one above the barn, about 200 yards off the highway and nearer Riverton than the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Nilsen. His brother, Sig Nilsen, is now operating the properties there.

White Leghorn Was No Slacker

When the Ronda Johnson family, on the E. L. Detlefsen ranch above town, decided to have a chicken for dinner this week, a white Leghorn hen was chosen and decapitated. When she was opened for cleaning, ten full size eggs, some with shells and some only partially covered with shell, were found in her. Whether this is one for Ripley or not, it is so unusual as to merit comment. There

Foreclosure Suit Against United States Filed Here Monday

An unusual entry on the county clerk's records of suits filed is that one entered on Monday this week. It is entered as "Dennis McCarthy vs. The United States of America. A suit for strict foreclosure." In the complaint the following is alleged:

On Nov. 26, 1938, David Levison and wife gave Mr. McCarthy a note for \$2,000, when he loaned them that amount, and a mortgage on Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 of Block 21 in Brown's Addition to Myrtle Point. On Feb. 10, 1941, only a \$25 partial interest payment having been received by Mr. McCarthy, he filed suit against the Levisons, asking foreclosure of the mortgage. On Sept. 12 of that year the case was heard and they were adjudged in default of payment of principal, interest and taxes, and the property ordered sold. When put up at sheriff's sale, Mr. McCarthy bid it in for \$3,166.50, which sum included the above and all court costs up to that time. The sale was confirmed on Nov. 26, 1941, and after the redemption period had passed the sheriff delivered a deed to Mr. McCarthy for the property.

Mr. McCarthy's complaint then goes on to allege that after he had received and had the deed recorded, the defendant in this new suit, the United States, caused to be filed in the county clerk's office here, under the head of "Records of U. S. Liens in Coos County," a lien on all property which had been owned by the Levisons. The complaint does not say why or for what reason this action by the United States was taken, but as the U. S. filing was subsequent to the recording of the deed by Mr. McCarthy he is asking that all U. S. claims on his property be foreclosed in order that he may have a clear title to the property for which he has paid \$3,166.50.

Bishop Dagwell Confirms Class of 7

Rev. Robert L. Greene presented a class of seven for confirmation, at the St. James Episcopal church here last evening to Bishop Benj. D. Dagwell, who came down from Portland this week.

A well-attended reception for the Bishop was held in Guild Hall after the service.

Today Mr. Greene accompanied Bishop Dagwell to Bandon to visit that parish and Friday evening another class for confirmation will be presented to the Bishop at Port Orford.

Tree Shuts Off Juice Five Hours

Last Friday's shortage of electricity for five hours, from 4:30 till 9:20 p. m., was caused by a fire tree, 100 feet tall, which toppled across the wires at the old Libbey mine, this side of Marshfield. The right-of-way there is 100 feet wide and this tree was off the power company's strip of land. A peculiar thing was that it fell after the wind had stopped blowing.

Although Mt. States Power Co. crews from the Bay and Coquille were immediately sent to the scene, the tangle of wires could not be touched until the Copco office at Roseburg had been notified to shut off its power and that company's transmission and telephone line were mixed up in the mess. One of the crew had to drive to Fairview to call the Copco headquarters.

Scout Cub Pack To Be Organized Friday Evening

Boys interested in becoming charter members of the Cub Pack, to be organized tomorrow (Friday) evening, should remember that if they wish to be charter members at least one of their parents must accompany them to the meeting which will be held in Guild Hall at 8 o'clock p. m., March 17.

The Cub Pack is being sponsored by St. James' Episcopal church, and the Assistant Scout Executive of the Oregon Trail Council of Boy Scouts, Ralph E. Kalaher, will be here from Eugene to discuss the organization with parents of boys from 9 to 12 years of age.

were besides scores of smaller eggs, some just beginning to form.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.