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July 4th Celebration To Follow Same Lines As In 1943

The first meeting to plan for Coquille's 4th of July celebration, on July 2, 3, 4, was held in the city hall last Thursday evening, with around 30 in attendance, representing 15 to 20 organizations or groups.

Geo. E. Oerding, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided, and the hour and a half session was devoted to a general discussion of what would be presented for this year's event. The plan is for each organization to have a representative on the general committee which will meet after the next Chamber of Commerce meeting, to begin making detailed plans for the celebration.

When the Coos County Fair Association directors met in Coquille a couple of weeks ago, the directors expressed the wish that Coquille's July 4th queen and retinue should also be featured at the county fair this fall, and expressed a willingness to help in the selection of a queen, the naming of whom is settled by the number of tickets sold, those tickets to be good for dances at the 4th three-day celebration.

The idea is this year to make the queen contest a county-wide affair, with candidates from all sections of the county, rather than between two Coquille girls, as it was last year, who were sponsored by local civic organizations. If the plan can be matured there will be 15 or 20 candidates in the county, the highest ticket seller to be queen and the six or eight next highest to be princesses.

Another contest for which prizes will be offered is for the most attractive windows displayed in the business section on the 4th. Mention was also made of prizes for the most beautifully decorated home.

While he has not yet been officially appointed, J. L. Smith is to be in charge again this year of the horse show at Athletic Park, and he was given assurance that there would not be the conflict this year between the horse show and downtown events as there was last.

Jack Moore, 1943 river sports chairman, stated he believed as interesting a program on the river could be arranged again this year, even though so many of the young men who participated last year are now in the armed services.

Another suggestion made by Mr. Moore will be taken up by the general committee. In a fishing country such as this is, a fly-casting contest should arouse a great deal of interest and that will also be on the sports calendar.

The concessions plan followed last year will be in force again this year, with the organizations handling the concessions, dividing the net profit between themselves and the general committee.

It has not been mentioned, but all funds resulting from this year's celebration are to be donated again to the Community Building, which is not yet completed in furnishings and equipment, nor is the city's debt for the building all paid.

Rev. R. L. Greene To Attend Provincial Synod In Reno

The Rev. Robert L. Greene, vicar of St. James' Church will leave Sunday evening for Reno, Nevada, where he will attend, as a delegate from Oregon, the Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church. In the absence of Mr. Greene, the Rev. J. Thomas Lewis, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Marshfield, will celebrate Holy Communion and preach at nine o'clock Sunday morning, May 7th. The Rev. Mr. Lewis is the successor to The Rev. George Turney, who for a number of years was vicar at St. James'.

St. James' Church School will meet as usual, during Mr. Greene's absence, the Jr. School meeting in the Parish House.

Red Cross Notes

Mrs. D. B. Kesner, who has been in Seattle on a visit with her son and daughter, is expected to return the last of this week. Her stay was somewhat extended beyond the plans which she made before leaving, due to a slight illness. In her absence Mrs. L. A. Lundquist and Mrs. W. E. Bosserman have been in charge of the Friday afternoon work from 1:45 to 4:30 o'clock. There are plenty of wool squares and yarn to crochet them and also sewing for anyone who comes to the rooms, as well as sewing to be taken out.

Queen Winifred, Who Will Be Crowned At May Festival Friday Night, And Princesses



MAXINE WHEREAT, GLENDA RICHARDSON, LOUISE BUTLER, WINIFRED VAN FLEET, JEANNE BOYLE, GWEN ROGERS, CLAUDIA VARNY

Everything Ready For May Festival

Great preparations have been going on at the Community Building to get everything in readiness for the May Day Festival on Friday night. Queen Winifred is to be crowned with a court numbering more than one hundred and sixty. The Medford Fuller orchestra will supply the music. Coffee and sandwiches will be on sale and also cold drinks.

Thrift Groceries To Close Soon

Attention is called to Ralph Thrift's announcement on page 2 of this issue. Ralph was accepted for service in the Navy at Portland last week but he does not know just how long he will be given to close up the business affairs of his store here and that of his brother Hamilton in Myrtle Point. It will be soon, however, and he is asking those who owe for accounts at either store to call and settle them promptly.

His plans for "after the war" indicate that he contemplates a very fine grocery store for Coquille when the "unconditional surrender of the enemies of the United States allows him to return to private life.

There probably has been no one called to service in Coos county who will suffer as severe a financial loss as Ralph may.

Red Cross Workers Receive Awards

Mrs. J. R. Bunch announces that Mesdames Marjorie Eubanks, Eula McClary, Tada Sage and Blanche Smith have been awarded the Red Cross emblem for having put in 50 hours on Red Cross work and that Mrs. Helen Howe received the pin award for 100 hours.

Due to the fact that the local unit had a large quantity of surgical dressings to make this month, the production of other items was cut to 3619 for April.

John Miles And Australian Bride To Visit In Coquille

John A. Miles, brother of Mrs. Marion R. Clayton of Coquille, and who attended school for years here and more recently lived in Bandon, is expected in this evening, accompanied by his bride, a Brisbane, Australia, young lady. He is a chief petty officer in the Navy and has been in the South Pacific for the past two years.

Coquille Grange To Have Potluck Supper Friday

Coquille Grange, No. 296 will have a potluck supper at the Grange Hall Friday evening, April 28, at 7:00 p. m. Members are requested to bring sandwiches for families and a covered dish.

A Correction In Thornton Tire Service Adv. Today

In the Thornton Tire Service adv. on page 7 of this issue there appears a line, "No Certificate Needed," which should have been eliminated but was not, as certificates are needed.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

Class Play Was Well Presented

With practically all available seating space taken, the Senior Play, "Pride and Prejudice," was presented last Thursday evening in the high school gymnasium. Based on Jane Austen's novel with its clean-cut, logical plot, the scene is laid in an English village and portrayed in the play largely within the limits of the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Bennet, an easy-going husband, and his flighty wife, done by DeWayne Mitchell and Virginia Lindsay.

The play takes its title from the two leading characters—Dr. Darcy (Jim Bunch), who is proud of his birth, fortunes and attainments, and Elizabeth Bennet (Winifred Van Fleet) who resents his apparent condescension and, not understanding his true character, become unjustly prejudiced against him.

The play was pervaded with comedy almost approaching farce in the characterization of Mrs. Bennet, the matchmaking mother of six daughters, and the Rev. Mr. Collins (Kenneth Houston) who desired to marry Elizabeth in order to promote his own happiness at the expense of hers. In the end Jane, the eldest daughter (Jeanne Boyle) is married to Mr. Bingley (Jim Young); Elizabeth to Mr. Darcy; while a younger sister, (Continued on page two)

1.18 Inches Rain The Past Week

April has been more prolific in precipitation than was March, but the 38.74 total, this morning, since last Sept. 1, is far short of the quota for May 1. Perhaps the weather is also being rationed without any previous publicity.

Monday's 9 a. m. measurement for 24 hours was the largest for the past week, .53 of an inch. There was .30 on the 21st, .23 on the 23rd, .17 on the 25th, .04 on the 26th and .02 for this morning's reading.

Water To Be Off Three Hours Sunday

Water Superintendent S. V. Epperson announces that the water will be off in Coquille next Sunday, April 30, between 2 and 5 p. m., to allow the flushing of the mains before the summer season starts when flushing is not attempted.

It hardly feels like summer yet, with the thermometer down to the 32 degree freezing point Tuesday morning, but spring is just around the corner.

Dr. J. L. Knight Visits In Coos County

Dr. J. L. Knight of Willamette University faculty spoke to a large gathering of Methodist Youth from the Coos Bay area, at Pioneer Methodist church on Sunday afternoon. He brought the evening message at Pioneer church the same evening. Dr. Knight plans to speak at the North Bend, Myrtle Point and Bandon high school graduating exercises in the near future.

Rev. Mr. Weir, from Powers, will speak at the Church of God this coming Sunday morning, April 30.

C. H. S. Places Second In Three-School Meet

A three-way track and field meet was held at Coquille's Athletic Park last Saturday, the Myrtle Point, Marshfield and Coquille high schools the North Bend squad did not show up.

Myrtle Point won the meet with 39 points, Coquille was second with 31 and Marshfield's score was 28.

Coquille High won first place in the Shuttle Relay, the Sprint Medley and the Shot Put Relay. It stood second in the one-half mile Relay, the High Jump Relay, the Broad Jump Relay and the Javelin Relay, and stood third in four events.

Myrtle Point captured six firsts, two seconds and two thirds, while Marshfield won two first places, five seconds and four thirds.

Roundtree, McGriff, Rucker and Weaver won first for Marshfield in the 1 3/8 mile relay in 7 minutes, 8 2/10 seconds, and Hoffins, Roundtree, Knowlton and Bjorkquist for this school won the distance medley in 9 minutes, 8 3/10 seconds.

In the shuttle relay (75 yards for each four men), Kline, Albom, Meek and Anderson won for C. H. S. in 35 1/4 seconds.

Anderson, Kline, Meek and Albom also won the sprint medley in 58 seconds for Coquille.

The other Coquille first was in the shot-put relay in which Anderson, Repass and Hurst totalled 104 ft. 10 (Continued on page eight)

Myrtle Point May Dance To Be May 6

The Myrtle Point Junior Women's Club will give their May Dance in Oaks Pavilion up there Saturday evening, May 6, with Bum Gartin's orchestra furnishing the music. A feature of the dance will be the crowning of Queen Ann, who will be accompanied by her court. Tickets for dancers, including tax, will be 70 cents; spectators and service men each 35 cents, children 20 cents.

Eagles To Observe Mothers' Day With A Program

The Eagles Lodge is making its final arrangements for a Mothers' Day Program on May 14. There will be an outstanding speaker, with both vocal and instrumental talent; a full resume of which will be announced in this paper next week. The public is invited.

ETERNAL THOUGHT

God is the wing we know
Guiding the way we go.
Child of the earth.
God is the beacon light
Showing the way tonight,
Quick as a thought in flight,
Child of the earth.
God is the life we see,
Spirit in you and me
Giving rebirth,
Making us strong and free,
Child of the earth.
—Velorous Call

Safety Campaign At Plant Is Producing Results

The management and the employees at the Smith Wood-Products plant are actively engaged in a safety campaign with a Safety committee of the employees meeting once a month at the Coffee Shop to discuss what can be done to prevent accidents of all kinds at the plant.

The Army is greatly interested in the saving of manpower, and it has sent out the following to all large employers of labor:

"The question is often raised by Management as to why the Army is so vitally interested. Probably the best answer that can be given to that question is to point out that since World War I, there have been far more accidents to industrial workers than there have been casualties on the fighting fronts. Manpower is precious these days, and every possible effort must be made to utilize it to its best advantage. It certainly is not being best used if the production time is being spent in a hospital."

The number of accident injuries at the plant was lower in March than it was in February, there being only four last month.

Members of the Employees Safety committee are: Charles Butler, Cliff Tyrrell, Ted Snyder, Howard Taylor, Clara Pierce, Russell Wilson, Henry Ellis, Bert Taylor, Anton Schroeder, Julius Ruble, Ted Buck, Noble Chowning, S. A. Harmon, Dennis Waggoner, George Maag, D. W. Robinson, Rudy Johnson.

Oregon Army Camps Agree To Use Coos County Coal

T. O. Toop, who was here a few weeks ago when the Coos county coal development was at a higher pitch locally than it has been since, was in town and at Marshfield on Wednesday.

He and John W. Kelly have this week visited both Camp White and Camp Adair and secured the cooperation of officials at both camps with the assurance that Coos county coal would be used at the camps, if and when it is produced.

In his meeting yesterday with the Marshfield men who had agreed to actively engage in financing and developing the coal resources of the county, Mr. Toop told them that if local—Coos county—capital did not get busy and start producing coal from the county's extensive fields that he knew of men and companies which are just waiting the right moment to come in and start the development of this county resource.

What Sentinel Advertisements Do

Last Thursday the J. C. Penney Co. store announced through the Sentinel that a stock of eleven dozen newly-arrived sheets would go on sale at nine o'clock Monday morning. At that hour the entrance to the store was crowded with lady shoppers and by 10 o'clock only two of the 132 remained on the table.

Other merchants might take a tip from this as to the pulling power of Sentinel ads.

Girls Glee Club Entertains Rotarians

A sextette of girls from the glee club of the Coquille High School, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Watson, sang a half dozen numbers at the noon meeting of the Rotary club at the hotel on Wednesday in a very pleasing manner and were most enthusiastically encored. The girls were Jennie Griggs, Ariel Crook, Mary Anne Walker, Laura Emily Ruble, Pat Yarbrough and Geraldine Oerding. They showed the results of very careful training under the tutelage of Mrs. Watson, who took over when Harold Withnell left.

Miss Griggs sang the solo part in one of the numbers has a very nice voice.

Some comment was made of the dinner dance held last Saturday and President Lundquist expressed appreciation of the work done by the various committees.

Rotarian John D. Carl, of Myrtle Point, was a guest as was also Guy Mauney, of Coquille.

Former Coquille Lady, Mrs. Newton To Be Buried Here

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed for a former Coquille lady, Mrs. Mary Newton, who passed away Wednesday morning at the Eugene Hospital. Elbert Schroeder drove out yesterday and brought the body to Coquille but until several of her children arrive this noon from Eugene, the date of the service cannot be set.

Mrs. Newton was a wonderfully fine woman, one who devoted herself to her home and her family and she was a true Christian character.

She was born in Wisconsin, Oct. 20, 1864, and would have been 80 years of age next fall. Her maiden name was Mary Alice Genter. She was united in marriage to W. D. Newton, at Storm Lake, Iowa. He passed away at Millington on the Bay in 1936.

Thirteen children were born to this union of whom twelve survive, one having died in infancy. The twelve are Mrs. Maude Drane, Bullards route; R. T. Newton, Coquille; Mrs. Addie Gouthier and Miss Faye Newton, Eugene; Chas. W. Newton, Coquille; Archie J. Newton, McKinley route; Geo. H. Newton, Eugene; Orville L. Newton, Coquille; Mrs. Myrtle Haskins, Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Dorothy Bokers, Marshfield; Misses Hazel G. and Alice M. Newton, of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton moved from Storm Lake to Washington in 1885 and from there to Grants Pass in 1894. In 1903 they drove their horses and wagon and cattle from Grants Pass to Coquille, the trip requiring three weeks, and settled on a ranch near here until 1922 when they moved to Millington, where he was superintendent of a mill until his death.

Last October she went to Eugene, where she and her children who reside there, bought a nice place in which they have since made their home.

Mrs. Newton became a member of the United Brethren church in her girlhood and was faithful in her beliefs while life lasted.

Former Coquille Boy Buried Monday

The many friends here of Capt. and Mrs. Thos. D. White of Marshfield, were shocked last Friday to learn that their younger son, Hugh Blake White, had passed away on Wednesday in San Francisco, where he had resided for the past five years.

He had suffered a heart attack and a stroke during the night and, after being found semi-conscious in the morning by his landlady, he was rushed to the hospital but nothing could be done to save his life.

His sister, Mrs. Margaret Ruffner, arrived there the day of his death. She had gone down from Marshfield to see her husband, Roy Ruffner, who told her Hugh had not been well for some little time.

Funeral services were held at the Episcopal church in Marshfield Monday morning at 11 o'clock and interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Hugh was born in Bandon, Dec. 13, 1912, and was four months and six days past 31 years of age. He attended Coquille school for the ten years the family lived here and graduated from the North Bend high school in 1931. He was a radio technician and for some time had operated a shop of his own in San Francisco.

Hugh was a most likeable boy and young man, one whom everyone who knew him spoke well of, and his passing is a severe blow to all his family and friends and especially to his mother.

Besides his parents and sister, he is survived by a brother, Thos. C. White, of North Bend.

Former Coquille Business Man Died In Prineville Tuesday

Mrs. R. L. Medley received word yesterday from Mrs. Chas. Collins that Mr. Collins passed away at Prineville Tuesday evening. He operated a shop on Front street and left Coquille in 1937. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters.

W. J. Baines has reopened the Coquille Cafe on Front street and elsewhere announces that the cafe will be open to serve patrons after the May Day Dance Friday evening.