

The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

VOL. XL NO. 12

COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1944.

\$2.00 THE YEAR

Oregon Historical Society
Auditorium

Clean-up Week Is Set For Week Of June 16-23

CLEAN-UP PROCLAMATION

Whereas, it has been the annual custom for Coquille to have a Clean-Up day or week, for many years past, and

Whereas, The City of Coquille should present a neat and clean appearance for the thousands of visitors who are expected to be in Coquille for the 8th of July Celebration, on July 2-3-4, and

Whereas, There is still urgent need for old papers, magazines and paste or card board, and tin cans in the United States production of containers and ammunition for the war effort;

Now Therefore, I, O. L. Wood, Mayor of the City of Coquille, Oregon, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor by the city's charter, do hereby proclaim the week of June 16-23, both inclusive, as Clean-Up Week for the city, and earnestly request each home owner or renter to collect all refuse and rubbish around their yards or lots and place it on the curb for collection that week; that yards and parking strips be mowed, with no unsightly weeds or high grass spoiling the desired appearance of cleanliness and neatness; and that paper and empty cans be also placed for collection, suitably tied or boxed, on the curbs where the salvage committee can pick them up during that week.

A general observance of this request will help make Coquille, the City Beautiful.

O. L. Wood, Mayor.

With the above proclamation, Mayor O. L. Wood announced the Coquille Victory Clean-up week.

This year the local clean-up week (Continued on page eight)

Country Club To Operate Again

A large group of members were present at the annual meeting of the Coquille Valley Country Club, held at the club house last Monday evening.

W. B. McLarrin, who has taken over the management of the course, assured the members that if good weather continues, the course would be playable this week end. Mr. Compton offered the Coquille Hotel lobby as a waiting place for those wishing to play golf. If you have no transportation, be at the Hotel and get a ride out to the course. If you are driving out to the golf course, stop at the Coquille Hotel and fill up your car.

The following officers were elected for 1944-1945: T. (Dutch) Clinton, president; John Arnold, vice-president; L. Claver, sec.-treas.; E. E. Leslie, J. Gaiser, L. Compton, O. Hendricks, L. Hollimon, H. Dement, directors.

The Coquille membership committee consists of L. Hollimon, chairman; F. W. Martin, O. L. Wood and Geo. P. Laird. The Myrtle Point committee consists of P. Roper, chairman, and R. Kring.

Everyone was pleased to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Pat McLarrin have charge of the course for under their management, we know it will kept in the best possible condition.

Anyone wishing to take out membership in the Golf Club should contact L. Hollimon at the City Cleaners or W. B. McLarrin, the new manager of the golf course.

Is Furb's Note About A Salmon Strike Correct?

In remitting for another year's subscription, F. S. Emery writes a note from Elgin, saying:

"I enjoy reading about the old friends and the gang in Coquille. There are times when I wish I were back there. I understand the salmon went on strike as soon as I left and that no one has made a real good catch this year. Regards to the Sentinel force."

Primary Election Cost Coos County \$4,112.57

Deputy County Clerk J. W. Leneve reports the total expense for holding last month's primary election at \$4,112.57. Segregated, the various items were: Judges and clerks, \$2,508.20; Rentals, etc., \$307; Ballots and stationery, \$1,044.75; Canvassing board, \$30; Registering voters, \$177.32; Postage and telephone, \$55.30.

This Is No Time For Less Effort

With radio reports telling all day long and more than half the night how the global war is progressing, and daily papers giving as full reports of all fighting as censorship will permit, it is not the province of a weekly paper to attempt even a summary of war news, because there is nothing new it can tell.

However, the Sentinel does wish to express satisfaction over the success of the invasion of Hitler's European fortress, which started Tuesday morning, June 6, when the Allies, in 12 hours, landed 170,000 men on the northwest French coast, established beachheads and have been consolidating those heads since, and pushing inland every hour, as more and more troops are taken across from England.

Good as this news is, and reason for great satisfaction, it should not cause the American people to abate one jot in their war effort, and should stimulate the purchase of millions of dollars' worth of more bonds than possibly was originally intended.

There is a terrific fight, or series of battles yet to be waged before Hitler and his Nazis are defeated and we must expect thousands upon thousands of casualties, in the European conflict as well as in that with the unhuman Japs, before the complete victory is won.

Trying to visualize what 11,000 planes over the Coquille valley would look like—that is the number reported over the invasion coast Tuesday morning—a guess is that one, standing in Coquille, would hardly be able to see the sky in any direction and that the heavens would be completely darkened by such masses of planes. And the roar!

Nor was the sea's surface between England and France any less obscured. Four thousand large vessels, besides thousands of smaller ones, made the mightiest amphibian fleet of all time.

Looks Like Big Day On River July 2

The committee for the river sports has released a program for Sunday, July 2, which should prove to be exciting and entertaining for everyone attending. These plans include a mammoth parade on the river followed by boom-stick riding races, high climbing contest, log bucking, log rolling, and a "battle-royal" from the deck of a barge in which the river crews of the lower river will pit their muscle and brawn against those of the upper river. It is also hoped that the life-saving crews of the Coast Guard Station at Bandon will be able to attend with some of their equipment for the further entertainment of the crowds.

Due to what is expected to become keen rivalry between the river men of the upper and lower river, judges of the various contests have been chosen with a great deal of care. They are to be Dave Miller of Bandon, George Ulett of Coquille and as a member at large to promote harmony there will be Ed Detlefsen.

The lower river is represented by Harold Morris and Wayne Hancock of the Moore Mill Crew, while the honor of the upper river is in the capable hands of C. R. Baumgartner, Frenchy Morrott and Denton Ellingson.

The general committee is issuing a special invitation and appeal to all owners of small boats to get them in the parade on that day. A boat is not hard to decorate and the more they can have out there the better. The river program is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, July 2.

B. P. W. Selects Virginia Lindsay For Candidate

The members of the B. P. W. Club met last Monday evening at seven o'clock for potluck dinner, after which the regular business meeting was conducted. Mrs. Florence Hallock presided. The serious illness of Mrs. Inez Chase and the illness also of Mrs. Edith Wallon were reported and cards and flowers arranged for.

Virginia Lindsay was announced as selected by the committee to represent the club as their candidate for the 4th of July celebration.

Reports on the Klamath Falls state convention were given by the delegates, Eva Stevens, Florence Hallock, Florence Barton and Hattie Lee Hollimon.

Recorder F. G. Leslie left Wednesday on his two weeks' vacation. He has gone to San Francisco to visit his sister.

Many City Matters Considered In 3-Hour Session of Council

The city council in its regular session Monday evening set May 17 to Sept. 17 as irrigation dates—the period during which, for sprinkling purposes, the charge is only five cents per thousand gallons, in addition to the regular monthly charge.

Two lots on Knowlton Heights, owned by the city, were ordered sold to Mrs. Dee Richardson at her offer of \$50 for each.

The county offer of two lots in the north part of town to the city at the prices which have been bid by private parties was referred to the finance committee.

One was a 200x135 foot tract in the northeast section against which the city has liens totalling \$582.42. The offer to sell by the county was for \$125.

Another lot in the Academy addition, corner of Tenth and Holly, was offered to the city for \$75. The city had \$36.98 in liens against the lot and the finance committee was given power to act which means the city will buy it for the \$75 if the committee finds that it will be an advantageous deal for the city.

E. A. Walker's offer to pay the city's lien against Lots 7 and 8, Block 32, Elliott's Addition for street improvement assessments was accepted.

The city marshal was instructed to confer with property owners in regard to the complaint of Edna T. Seelye, who wrote the city that she had sprained her ankle by stepping on a loose stone on the walk on First street, between Hall and Henry streets.

Ralph Nosler's request for a parking time limit on Taylor street between Second and Third, was granted by the council which set a two-hour limit for the block, on either side of the street. Mr. Nosler said he did (Continued on page three)

City Water Will Be Off Sunday, June 12, 2 to 5 P. M.

Not having been able to blow out the city's water mains when it was recently announced they would be, the city's water department now announces that the water will be off this coming Sunday, from 2 to 5 p. m., while the mains are being flushed. S. V. Epperson, Supt.

Mrs. Chase Is Improving Steadily Now

Mrs. Inez Chase is now very much improved, following her operation for goitre last Thursday. Conditions were so much worse than anticipated that her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Harvey of Palo Alto, Calif., was sent for. She arrived Friday but by that time Mrs. Chase had begun to improve and her daughter, Genevieve, in the east was not sent for.

Total Rainfall Since Last September Is Now 42.15 Inches

Since the last precipitation report on May 11 the rainfall measured in Coquille has been 3.14 inches, bringing the total for the weather fiscal year, since last Sept. 1, to 42.15 inches. The rainfall measured last Thursday was .54 inch, .13 on June 2nd; .72 of an inch on the third, and .01 on Sunday.

Second Granddaughter Of The Paul Van Scoys

Congratulations are being extended to Pvt. and Mrs. Richard B. Pierce, (nee Anne Van Scoy), on the birth of a daughter at the Emanuel Hospital in Salem, May 29. This is their second child. Pvt. Pierce is in the service and is stationed at Camp Tamm, Texas. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Scoy, who were residents of Coquille for many years but are now living at La Grande, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Pierce, of Salem, Ort.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dineen From Bandon Buy Town Cafe

Tim and Dorothy Dineen, who have been operating Lloyd's Cafe at Bandon and recently sold it, have moved to Coquille and last week purchased the Town Cafe, on Hall street, from Mrs. Fairy Gregory. According to Bandon people the Dineens served excellent meals down there and Tim said this week that they hoped and expected to receive the same commendation from Coquille people that the lower river community gave them.

Fourth War Bond Quota Met By One Town Already

It may be too much to suggest or expect, but the action of a town in Washington, as announced on the radio this week, is worthy of emulation by Coquille or any other community.

That Wisconsin town has already subscribed its quota for the 5th War Bond drive, although the bonds do not go on sale until next Monday, June 12. The Coquille quota has not yet been announced by the county chairman, but the Coquille War Bond chairman, George P. Laird, states that there will be no auction this time as there was for the 3rd and 4th Bond drives. He does, however, have a plan in mind which, he believes, will stimulate interest but which he is not yet ready to release for publication.

The purchase of the E bonds by individuals has been largely increased for this drive, both in Coquille and in all towns and cities, and no one should stop short of their limit in the purchase of bonds and stamps for their share of the war effort. Banks are permitted this time to participate in the purchase of bonds, something which was forbidden in the last drive.

Window Decoration Prizes Offered

The Chamber of Commerce 4th of July committee has authorized prizes, in the amount of \$70.00 in War Bonds and Stamps, to be awarded for the best decorated windows and building fronts in the downtown section, during the celebration. This is your opportunity to dress up store front or show windows for the benefit of the several thousand of your customers who will be in town for the celebration and at the same time be in line for one of the prizes.

There will be awarded four prizes, a first prize of a \$25.00 bond for the best building front and \$10.00 in defense stamps for second prize. Also a \$25.00 bond and \$10.00 in stamps for the two best individual windows are offered.

How he trims his windows or decorates his building is entirely up to the individual, but the committee, consisting of Evan Albion, Frank Martin and Andy Anderson, have been suggesting that, inasmuch, as we will be in the heart of the 5th War Bond drive, windows promoting the sale of bonds would be appropriate.

Any organization or individuals not having suitable window space and who would like to try for one of these prizes, may apply to the committee, who will endeavor to locate vacant windows for them. Let's all work together to really dress up the town for our guests on the Fourth.

First Grandson For Dr. And Mrs. C. G. Stem

Grandpa and Grandma C. G. Stem were greatly delighted upon receiving word this week that their first grandson was born to their daughter, Amanda, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Sutton, at Eureka last Monday night. The young man, who weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces, has been named Joseph Harry. Their other two children are girls.

Riverton Merchants Go To Molalla To Attend A Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bean, of the Riverton store, left by Monday evening's bus for Molalla, Ore., in response to a wire from their daughter Dorothy—Mrs. Harold Ridings—that Mr. Ridings' father, Thos. O. Ridings, had passed away suddenly on his farm there on Tuesday. He was 70 years of age and was stricken with a sudden fatal heart attack. Harold also operates a farm in the Molalla district.

Sentinel Was Not Trying To Change Bank Officials

The Sentinel writer was thanked Monday morning for reassigning the staff of the bank here. In the item about the burning of J. O. Berglund's car last Wednesday evening, the type made it read that he was manager of the local bank here, although "assistant manager" is what was written. The manager, E. T. Stelle, informs us that there is no assistant manager here, that Mr. Berglund's official title is chief clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. U. E. McClary are spending a week in Portland.

Petition Filed For Mrs. Jeub As Director

Annual school meetings in Oregon are set for the third Monday in June each year, which means June 19, 1944.

In Coquille, for School District No. 8, the meeting will be held in the high school building, the polls opening at 2:00 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a director for a five-year term and the transaction of such other business as may come up. The budget for the 1944-45 school year has not been prepared nor published, as required by law, and a special meeting for its consideration and adoption will be held at a later date.

Dr. J. R. Bunch, this year's board chairman, who has served on the board for the past five years, was greatly pleased yesterday morning when informed by Clerk C. G. Caughell that a petition had been filed asking that the name of Mrs. Maxine Jeub be placed on the ballot as a candidate for school director at the coming election. Dr. Bunch was not intending to refuse the election, if there was no other candidate, considering it the duty of everyone to serve in some capacity during these war days, but with as efficient and well-qualified a candidate as Mrs. Jeub for the next five-year term, at the June 19 election, he states positively that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself.

Defendant Wins \$10,000 Damage Case

The jury, which heard the \$10,000 damage suit of Eva Mae Dyer vs. Marguerite Chaney, in circuit court starting Monday this week, brought in a unanimous verdict at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon in favor of the defendant.

The jurors who heard the case were Juanita H. Jenkins, Virginia Hillstrom, John C. Merchant, Myrtle M. Newland, John P. Dillon, Gladys M. Keener, M. L. Daniels, E. M. Wilson, Jess Williams, Ruth Wade, Harry Oeding and E. Handshoff, and their verdict indicated that the plaintiff had smelled the gas, in the washing room of the defendant's building, where she (the plaintiff), had an apartment, and that her act in trying to light the gas stove, was that of contributory negligence which caused the explosion and her injuries.

Harry A. Slack was attorney for Mrs. Chaney and Harold Olsen, of North Bend, prosecuted the case for Mrs. Dyer.

Following the conclusion of that case the jury was dismissed until next Monday when the case of Bryant vs. Kash, caused by the collision of two logging trucks, will be tried.

Two other cases are set for June 26.

War Production Film Shown At Rotary Luncheon Yesterday

Through the courtesy of George Burr, Earl Benham showed a film produced by the International Harvester Company at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday.

The film depicted the rapid transition of the various plants of the company from peace time production to full, high speed turning out of war material and also showed some of the machines on the assembly line and in action.

Geo. Burr, who heads the local clean-up and salvage campaign, told of the plans for clean-up week, details of which may be found in another column.

Stan Sherwood, of the Lions Club, was present and asked the co-operation of the club in the Fourth of July parade to be held on Saturday evening.

The Rotary candidate for Victory Girl, Gwen Elrod, was a guest and was introduced by President Lundquist.

John D. Carl, of Myrtle Point, was the only Rotarian guest present. Other guests were Richard Weyler, auditor of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., of Kansas City; Harry Walbridge, of Eugene, and Bob McKeever and Wes Travis, of the Geo. Burr Motor Co.

Dayne Hudson Here Monday After 20 Years' Absence

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dayne Hudson surprised friends here on Monday by dropping in for a call. This was the first time Dayne had been back in the old home town for 20 years but Mrs. Hudson had been here oftener. They were on their way from Portland to Curry county where Dayne has recently bought an interest in a ranch. They will stay there for haying and then Dayne will return to Portland for a time while Mrs. Hudson will visit at the home of her father, J. E. Norton.

Lions Club Adds Novelty To Rotary Dance Saturday

The dance given Saturday night by the Rotary Club was enlivened by a group of beautiful girls travelling under the auspices of the local Lions. At ten-thirty the Lions Club burlesqued the crowning of their Fourth of July Victory girl as queen. The first intimation of any diversion was when Ray Jeub as master of ceremonies, and Evan Albion impersonating the mayor, took the platform and cleared the way for the queens procession.

As the band played the coronation (?) march, Wayne Smith entered as trumpeter. Next came two standard bearers dressed as little boys in short pants, Ray Detlefsen and Jack Moore, carrying a banner reading, "Lions Beat Rotarians Again." Following the banner was Little Lord Fauntleroy Hank McCue carrying the golden crown on a bed pillow.

Two flower girls dressed in daintily brief wisps of cheese cloth, Dave Rackleff and Stan Sherwood, strewed rose petals for the tender feet of Queen Oscar (Berglund) to walk upon. The stately queen demurely marched up the aisle with Lafa Compton and Lloyd Claver dressed in little girl paper dresses carrying her ten-foot train. These pastel shaded cherubs were coyly indiscreet and with every movement of their spacious backbones exposed great expanses of unfettered nature in the room.

Attending flower girls were Melvin Giles, Phil Albion, Lee Stonypher, Bob Harblson, George Oeding, Burton Dunn and Alva Perkins. These girls, after valiantly fighting off passionate attacks from Coast Guardsmen, drunks and rotund Rotarians, finally gained the safety of the stage where they were protected from every-thing but Ray Jeub's cane which seemed to take an unholy delight in approaching them from the most undisciplined angles.

After a brief introduction, Mr. Jeub turned the ceremony over to the Mayor (Evan Albion), who gave the following address:

Friends and Fellow Citizens—As Mayor of the City of Coquille, I have again been called upon to deliver the coronation address tonight. As a servant of the public and, inasmuch as the time for the election of a man to fill the mayor's office for another term draws daily nearer, I appreciate every opportunity to make such public appearances. I trust I shall be uncontested in the election.

You know, this is not exactly the time or place to make a political speech but a fellow's got to take advantage.

Employers Organize Safety Council

Seventeen mill, plant and logging operators, from all over Coos county met here last Wednesday to organize a Safety Council for the Coos area. Clarence Osika, personnel officer for the Smith Wood-Products plant here, was named as chairman.

As its name implies, the employers participating in the safety program plan to do everything possible to eliminate any hazard which can be so eliminated from the operation of plants, trucking or logging operations.

Every other month the whole group will meet together at either Coquille or Marshfield, and in the months between those of the general meetings, the Coos Bay employers will meet as a group in Marshfield, and those in the southern end of the county will hold their meetings in Coquille.

Mrs. W. H. Wimer Sells Home and Leaves Coquille

Mrs. W. H. Wimer, after 15 years of operating her home on Sherwood Heights as a rooming house, left Tuesday of this week for Tacoma, Wash., accompanying her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Dean, to the latter's home. She has sold her home to Mrs. Jane Collier.

Besides Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Wimer's other daughters, Mrs. L. H. Gregory from Seaside, and Mrs. Edna Darrow from Portland, came to Coquille last week to help their mother pack up and move out all her household possessions. Her son, Lyle, and his two sons, Gerald and Donald, were also here Sunday.

Mrs. Wimer expects to spend her time for the next year or more visiting at the homes of her several daughters.