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'Myrtle Lane' Idea Heartily Approved At Fine Meeting

"Myrtle Lane," the proposed myrtle-lined highway between Coquille, Myrtle Point and the Powers junction, a 12-mile stretch, captured the imagination of the four score in attendance at the banquet meeting in the Coquille Valley Country Club house last Friday evening, and a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending to the state highway commission that the project be begun.

J. M. Devers, council for the commission, presented the plan as outlined to him by Sam Boardman, superintendent of state parks who was unable to come for the meeting, and satisfactorily answered all questions put to him by the property owners along the 12 miles of highway.

In return for the highway department's program to set out the trees and maintain in a parklike condition for a specified distance back from the right-of-way, the property owners must deed to the commission, not the land but the trees now on the land and those to be planted, and the commission will co-operate with the property owners in making this highway something different from that found anywhere else in the world.

Elton Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, acted as chairman of the meeting and appointed Lufe Compton as secretary. After those assembled had given their names and place of residence, he called upon Mayor Wood, Coquille; Mayor Clinton, Myrtle Point; Mayor Tedsen, Norway, and Mayor Clausen, Broadbent, all of whom responded in a few words approving the project.

Mr. Schroeder then called upon Alf A. Loeb, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce recreation and resources committee, which had sponsored the meeting originally in an effort to preserve the trees of Oregon, especially those along the highways and said his committee had the fullest co-operation of the highway commission.

Other members of the committee and officials from Salem included Thornton Mungler, Walter H. Gerks, K. Wolfe, David B. Charlton, R. T. (Continued on page two)

Coos Co. Has Bought Only 40 Per Cent Of E Bond Quota

The report of the Federal Reserve bank, as of July 1, is nothing for Coos county to be proud of, although it shows that the county's total purchase of bonds is \$1,029,405, which is \$43,405 over the combined quota for Coos county of \$1,072,810.

The corporations, mill, lumber and logging companies, banks and other large industrial concerns are responsible for the total showing, but it is in the E bond purchases that Coos county must hang its head in shame.

The county quota for individuals in the purchase of E bonds was set at \$720,000 and, according to the Reserve Bank report of last Friday, the total subscribed was only \$291,116 or just over 40 per cent.

Of the twelve counties in western Oregon, Coos ranks eighth and of the counties in the state, this county stood as 32nd in the list on July 1.

Bandon Mayor Buys Another Place Here

Mayor K. I. Franklin, of Bandon, who not long ago purchased the W. L. Kistner ranch just west of Coquille, has added to his Coquille property the past week by purchasing from Mrs. Callie Leach the apartment home and two lots, formerly known as the "Lyons Flat," at the west end of Second street, just west of Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries.

Mrs. Leach, who has been in quite poor health for some time, has moved to the home of her son, Jack, at his ranch four miles down the highway to Bandon.

Boy Scout Camp Visited By Hundreds Over The Fourth
The Boy Scout camp, in the myrtle grove at the rear of the Community Building, was visited by many of the July 4th visitors during the three-day celebration. Their camp was set up in regular Scout fashion, their equipments were open and on display, and the boys were glad to talk about their organization to all who visited the camp.

A Near Fatal Accident Injures Mrs. R. Carill

That was a terrible accident last evening, just beyond the Cunningham railroad crossing when Mrs. Richard Carill was hit by the skidding trailer of an Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight double header.

Whether she will lose the sight of an eye has not yet been determined. Her whole body was bruised and one limb badly mashed.

Mrs. Carill was walking along the highway between the curve beyond the railroad crossing and the Coquille Auto Park, off the pavement.

The freight truck had picked up speed across the Cunningham bottom to make the grade west of the track, and around the curve struck the Oldmobile coupe of Jim Ballah, who was just turning up the road to his home on the Creager place. The collision caused the truck to skid and resulted in Mrs. Carill being struck.

The Carills also live up on the point of the hill. They have two small children who were in LeRoy Rice's store buying candy at the time and the family was expecting an addition in another month.

Dr. Rankin and an ambulance were called and Mrs. Carill was rushed to the hospital in Myrtle Point.

River Program On Sunday A Most Colorful Affair

The boat parade and river sports program on Sunday, as arranged by the co-chairmen, J. A. Moore and "Dutch" Clinton, and the committee, gave the throngs that lined every available foot of space—bridge, levee, docks and the river bank on both sides—was one of the best ever presented here and it kept the visitors entertained and interested for two hours and half.

The parade itself moved down the river on time and showed the result of much effort on the part of the boat owners.

Leading the parade was the Coast Guard boat from Bandon, the "Coquille River," with the natty-appearing guardsmen who moved rhythmically and with precision. Dr. Rankin's "Donna" was next with Queen Gwen and her court adding beauty and color to the scene.

Following this came the "Billy Moore," of Bandon, with the parade judges aboard; then the Smith Wood-Products tug "Moon," the "Active," "Star," the large barge accommodation of the C. H. S. band, the "Zetta G," the "Billy Dye" on which Mayor Wood and party rode, and they were followed by half a dozen smaller power boats, all decorated and helping make the entire spectacle one long to be remembered.

The last entry in the parade was the tug-drawn half log on which appeared the camp, tepee and equipment of "The Last of the Bigfoot Tribe." O. R. Ferris was the chief and his squaw was Mrs. Ula Brown.

First prize for the parade was awarded to the Coast Guard out-propelled vessel, and that for the best decorated boat to the "Star" and (Continued on page two)

Cars Collide Below Lampa Creek Sunday Evening

A very badly wrecked 1937 Chevrolet is at the Southwestern Motors garage here, but neither state police nor anyone else knows how the accident happened. The car belongs to Delbert S. Cotter, of Port Orford, and was involved in a collision with a 1933 Ford on the highway in front of the Danielson place, this side of Bear creek, Sunday afternoon. The Chevy had turned over on its side in the ditch, with its left front wheel torn off, while the Ford, still there a day or so ago, had run up the bank and crashed into a telephone pole. So far as known no was much hurt in the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerol Sutton, former proprietors of the Quelle cafe, were down here from Portland for the celebration.

Past Noble Grands Club of Mamie Rebekah lodge will not meet tomorrow (Friday), as previously planned. Announcement of place and time of meeting will be made later.

Gorgeous Parade Seen By Thousands Tuesday Morning

Parade Prize Winners
Grand Sweepstakes—Coquille High School Band—\$18.75.
Honorable Mention—Horses.
War Activity—Red Cross \$5, Nurse Group \$2.50.

Women's Organizations—Coquille Woman's Club \$10; B. P. W. Club \$5; Bachelor Girls \$2.50.

Men's Organizations—Lions Club \$10; Rotary Club \$3.75; Eagles Lodge \$3.75.

Pet Group—Ken and Jane Gould with Fawn \$3, Ray Schroeder's children with dog and cart \$2, Children with doll buggy \$1.

4-H Club—Roy District, \$5.
Farm Float—Pinto team, \$5.

Bicycle Group—\$1 each to Leverne Bellmoor, Darlene Cooper, Peggy Stewart, Barbara Davidson, Shirley Connors, Fey Hersey, Nancy Mernay, Monty Cooper, Carl Marney, Dick Cooper.

Best Decorated Auto—Sroptmist club \$3; Townsend Club No. 2, \$1.50
Business Houses—Cooper's Gardens \$5; Southwestern Motors Goodyear store, \$2.50.

Industrial Group—Geo. V. Burr \$5; Smith Wood-Products \$2.50; E. L. Perrott & Son \$1.

Marching Group—Roseburg Drum Corps \$5; Eagles Auxiliary \$2.50.
Most Comical Character—Fire Dept. Horse (LeRoy Swinney and Lonnie Clark), \$2.50.

Coquille was certainly favored with fine weather over its three-day celebration and the floats, cars, organizations, etc., which entered the parade Tuesday morning were able to be seen in all the gorgeous beauty which the effort put into their entries made possible, without any dampening effect.

It was one of the most beautiful parades ever held in this city and the thousands who lined the ways to view its half-mile length were enthusiastic in their praise.

The procession was headed by a state police car in which Mayor Wood was riding and which was followed by the newly organized Cub Pack, No. 314. There were 24 cubs and the escorting Scouts in the group.

The Coquille High Band, which won the sweepstakes prize added to its already-won laurels.

Queen Gwen and her royal court followed the band on a flower-banked (Continued on page two)

Loud Speaker Helps The Show

Again this year, as he has for the past two fourths and at other times when called upon, Austin Dodge, Myrtle Point movie house operator, has been an indispensable adjunct of the celebration. His loud speaking system was in use every day and evening, enabling everyone to hear what the events, and who the winners were as the program progressed. And Austin is a very classy announcer, too.

Mrs. Marvel Obersteuffer, who stopped a couple of days in Portland to visit her brother, Marvin, on her way here from New York City to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Birdie Skeels, arrived last evening by bus. She will probably visit in the old home town for a couple of months.

Community Building Is One Of Coquille's Outstanding Features

One of the interesting items in connection with the celebration was the statement, or rather short history of the Community Building, as given by Ray Jeub just before the crowning of Queen Gwen Saturday evening.

Mr. Jeub said that the idea of a new building for this city originated with Lloyd Claver when he entered upon his term as president of the Lions club. Casting about for some project for his service club to concentrate upon, he realized the need for a community building to replace the old, small and decrepit building.

The Lions enthusiastically endorsed the idea and a building committee, consisting of George A. Ulett, Lufe Compton and Mr. Claver was named. As other clubs, organizations and the city council became interested and enthused, the solicitations committee was able to raise thousands of dollars from individual and group subscriptions, the city bonded itself for \$6,000 and things began to hum.

Over 130 Horses At Tuesday Afternoon Show

There were close to five thousand people out in Athletic Park Tuesday afternoon for the 4th of July Horse Show, on which Chairman J. L. Smith had spent days and weeks lining up a program of unusual interest and attending to the multitudinous details in connection with it. While there were more than 130 horses and ponies in the park, none of the Curry county horsemen who had been expected to attend were able to be here, primarily due to the fact that it looked like rain and they had to get their hay in.

There were many amusing features, one of which was the apprehension of a horse thief during the program. When the horse was reported stolen the Horse Thief posse left the park in a body and soon returned with the thief strapped to the animal's back and with a rope around his neck by which he was hung in front of the grandstand. But the most amusing incident was not seen by the crowd. The horse bucked so hard when the dummy was placed upon him that it continually fell off and had to be strapped to the animal's back and did not appear as an upright rider.

The double rider (man and woman) race brought forth many a laugh. The rules for the race were that the couple had to ride across the park, let the lady dismount and then the male rode back to the starting point. Both man and woman had to disrobe and then the men rode back to the women, and the women rode to the starting point, and at both ends of the line they had to robe themselves in the others' clothing, and the first one back to the announcer stand was the winner.

Ed Hughes and his daughter, Margaret, won first and Darrell Anderson and Miss? Glenn Gilbert were second.

The surprise package race was another laughable and comic affair. (Continued on Page Two)

Horses Judged By Prof. R. G. Johnson
R. G. Johnson, from the Animal Husbandry Department at O. S. S., gave an instructive talk at the close of the Horse Show program Tuesday afternoon telling how horses should be judged in the several lines and then proceeded to judge the animals on the lot, the following being the winners in the six different classes:

Shetland Pony Class—Six Entries
1. Clel Laird.
2. Betty Clark.

Ladies' Saddle Horse—11 Entries
1. Mernice Steok.
2. Margaret Hughes.

Matched Pair Class
1. H. M. Hall and Pat Thomas.
2. Clel Laird & Betty Clark (Shetlands).

Stallion Class
1. Morris Ray.
2. H. L. Hatfield, McKinley.

Men's Saddle Horse Class—21 Entries
1. George King, Myrtle Point.
2. Milton Roth, Coquille.
3. Wm. Watson, Coquille.

Best Reined Steek Horse
Entries—Wm. Watson, Wayne Watson, H. M. Hall, Darrell Anderson, Pat Thomas, Milton Roth, Joe Nilsen, Ray Waterman.
1. Milton Roth

Miss Betty Emery, last year's Fourth of July queen who had been visiting at Denver, Colo., and stopped at her home in Elgin, Ore., for a few days, came in Saturday evening for the celebration and will probably remain here for several weeks. She is house guest at the O. L. Wood home.

Mrs. Hale B. Eubanks and daughter, Adrienne, left Monday evening to join Capt. Eubanks, who has been transferred from the troop transfer service on the Pacific, to Vancouver Barracks, north of Portland, where he is to be stationed for a time.

Lieut. and Mrs. Cecil Laws came down from Portland last Thursday evening for a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Laws, Mr. and Mrs. Lufe Compton, and their many friends here. Cecil is being sent to a dental school in Portland by the Army.

Nellie Whereat, a Coquille resident of a dozen years ago, was over here from North Bend for the three-day celebration.

Calling cards, 5c for 10c.

Crowning Of Queen Gwen Saturday Opened Celebration

A bevy of loveliness was presented on the stage of the Community Building last Saturday evening when Queen Gwen, surrounded by Princesses Roberts, Gloria, Maxine, Phyllis, Gwen (Rogers), Marybell, Virginia and Waneta, was crowned to rule over Coquille's Fourth of July celebration.

The crown was placed upon Queen Gwen's brow by Geo. A. Ulett, with a very few words, after Mayor O. L. Wood had given a welcoming address to the throng which filled all the available space.

The queen's entourage had proceeded from the city hall at 8:30, led by the Coquille High School band, with a throne carried by six huskies; then the princesses, linked together; members of service clubs following, and with the Eagles Auxiliary, in uniform, bringing up the rear.

Following the crowning ceremony, dancing was enjoyed by the throngs here that evening and was continued on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, with splendid music furnished by the Medford Fuller Orchestra.

The high school band, under the direction of Wayne Smith, had a prominent part in all programs during the celebration and right royally did they do their part in keeping the thousands interested and entertained. The C. H. S. band will rank with any high school band in the state.

Bond Rally Saturday Evening
A Bond Rally is scheduled to be held Saturday evening, according to Geo. P. Laird, Coquille chairman of the 5th War Bond drive, and he has arranged an interesting program of entertaining features which will alone be worth seeing, even though the bonds did not enter into the story.

The rally will be held in the Community Building and one of its very attractive features will be the drawing which Mr. Laird has been publicizing for the past few weeks.

The women's service organization young ladies who were here in the interest of the bond drive during the celebration sold 72 of the tickets on Monday and Mr. Laird reports many others as sold.

The rally will be held at eight o'clock this coming Saturday evening.

Novel Fire Dept. Demonstration

Sunday afternoon's demonstration by the Coquille Fire Department was shown before a crowd that lined both sides of Second street and credit for the ideas of the demonstration goes to Chief Craig Perrott.

The fire boys all got plenty wet in subduing the blaze set off by bombs in the "Chick Sales" house.

When it came to opening the box (locked) to get the emblem to set on the upright pipe in the middle of the street, Leroy Swinney and Ray Schroeder took plenty of punishment. It was a tank battle, the muzzles of the guns shooting water instead of bullets and as the two men wrestled, each striving to use his key to open the box, the full force of the city water system played on them from the guns' barrels.

Swinney was the eventual winner although Schroeder gave him a great battle.

Coal Development In Coos Is Nearer An Actuality
A. T. Toon, who has been taking a leading part in the effort to develop the coal resources of Coos county, was in town Monday. "Came down to take in your celebration," he said. He added that things were moving right along and that before long the story of what has been accomplished and what is expected will be done will be ready to break and that it will be a good story.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Collier came over from Roseburg Monday evening. "Pats" had a few odds and ends of business to finish up here and they timed their trip to take in the final day of the celebration.

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