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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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Community Building To Benefit \$6500 From The Fourth

A few weeks ago Dr. R. F. Milne brought up at a Chamber of Commerce directors meeting the need for re-organization of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce, and letters were sent to other C. of C.'s in the county asking what reaction there was to the suggestion in Myrtle Point, Bandon, North Bend and Marshfield.

At the local C. of C. directors meeting in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, a reply was read from the Marshfield Chamber suggesting that a Tri-County Chamber of Commerce be formed of the three Pacific coast "forgotten counties of Coos and Curry in Oregon and Del Norte in California."

At the present time it would be practically impossible for delegates from all three counties to get together, gas and travel conditions being what they are, and it was also feared that such an organization down here might detract from the interest in the Coast Highway Association, which has and still is doing such outstanding work for the entire Oregon coast country.

The directors took no action on the suggestion but Coquille will not refuse to join should a Tri-County C. of C. be organized.

After the reading of President Geo. Oerding's letter on the July 4th celebration—elsewhere printed in full—General Chairman O. L. Wood said it had been a pleasure to act in that capacity for the celebration, but followed with his thought that four evenings and three days made a longer drawn-out affair than is advisable.

Secretary C. G. Caughell, treasurer for the celebration, reported that all organizations had not yet turned in their reports and funds and that all expense items were not yet in his hands but, from funds on hand and expense claims as far as presented, he thought the Coquille celebration would benefit to the amount of nearly \$6500 as the result of Coquille's free celebration.

Lafe Compton, following the reading of the minutes on the "Myrtle Lane" recent meeting and program at the Coquille Valley Country Club, stated that the state official and Portland man of the Recreation and Resources committee up there, which originated the plan for the session, are all thoroughly sold on the matter of a myrtle-lined highway from Coquille, through Myrtle Point, to the Powers road junction, and that the State Highway commissioners believe a plan can be worked out for its accomplishment. Lafe said he had yet to hear of anyone who is not enthusiastic over the idea, and added that the selection of a myrtle park somewhere in the area would very probably become a reality in the not distant future.

Another matter brought up by Mr. Compton was the suggestion of Eyan Alborn, who was present and enlarged upon the theme, that Coquille valley duck hunting can be made a most effective means of advertising this section, as well as be the means of bringing in thousands upon thousands of dollars of outside money during the season.

The Coquille valley is the second largest duck migration section west of the Rocky mountains and the thought Mr. Alborn expressed was that suitable arrangements be made with the owners of all lands in the bottoms so that the hunting privilege could be extended to men from San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and elsewhere, who would not be stopped by "No Trespassing" signs on every ranch and farm.

At the time ducks are so numerous in the valley, and the season is open, much of the lowland is covered with water and cannot be used for dairy cattle feeding. The idea is that the free hunting would bring to the valley a greater volume of business than many of us realize.

Of course, there are many local hunters and land owners who want to keep the city hunter out but it was pointed out the immense amount of money that is poured into Klamath Falls and the Tulelake district during the duck and geese season would be duplicated in this valley to a large extent if such a plan was adopted here. Tulelake is the duck section to which the Coquille valley is second.

County Auditor Keith Leslie came in Wednesday night to be present at the Coos county budget hearing at ten o'clock Friday morning.

Pioneer Picnic Sunday, July 30

President Chas. Stauff has arrangements nearly completed for what promises to be the best gathering yet held by pioneer families and their friends at the annual Coos and Curry Pioneer picnic to be held in Myrtle grove here on Sunday, July 30.

Past presidents and wives will serve as reception committee and be at the grove at an early hour to welcome members and guests as they arrive.

J. P. Beyers, general chairman for the day, will have tables, benches, etc., ready for the picnic lunches. Coffee cream and sugar, as usual, is to be furnished by the Association. Cliff Yarbrough of the Cow Bell Dairy has promised his usual high-grade coffee.

Following lunch, Mrs. J. P. Beyers, program chairman, has scheduled an interesting program including the address of the day by Judge Collier H. Buffington of Gold Beach.

During the business session two amendments are to be proposed; one, that the name of the organization include "Historical" and another changing annual dues to 50 cents each after paying the \$1.00 membership fee.

The charter list now numbers nearly 300, including active and associate members and it will remain open during the entire day.

The city library will be open part of the afternoon to accommodate those who wish to visit the beautiful building and also to see the collection of pioneer relics in charge of the Pioneer Association.

Listen to Emil Peterson as he broadcasts over KOOS on Monday at 7:30 a. m. and on Thursday at 8:30 p. m. for further information.

Past presidents of the Association are—James Walstrom, Elmore Drake, John Quick (deceased), Sam Nosler, Levi Bunch, James Watson, W. H. Schroeder, Clyde A. Gage, J. D. Clinton, J. W. Norton, Walter Laird and Mary Handelman.

The executive committee consists of J. Albert Matson, J. D. Clinton and W. H. Schroeder.

Those on the finance committee are L. H. Hazard, J. P. Beyers and J. Albert Matson.

The charter for the organization will be kept open until the time of the meeting. All persons who wish to help further the work of this group in preserving pioneer stories and in setting up a museum of pioneer articles may do so by joining the group. The membership fee of one dollar may be sent to Mrs. Inez Chase, the secretary of the organization.

Buy A Book For A Boy In The Service

The Red Cross has indicated a need for reading material for the boys in the service, the most acceptable type being a small twenty-five cent pocket type book.

The local Chevrolet dealer, in cooperation with the Red Cross, has started a campaign to collect the support of everyone in this community as it will be a personal gift from you to some boy in the service. Each book will carry a tag with your name and address on it and can be purchased at the following places: Barrow Drug Store, Bill's Place, Luckey Bonney, Fuhrman's Pharmacy, Rackleff Pharmacy and Southwestern Motors.

The Red Cross will also be happy to obtain any used pocket type book which you might have in your home.

Oregon War Chest Drive To Be Held In October

The Oregon War Chest, representing 19 national agencies as well as seven state-aided agencies is laying the groundwork for the annual drive for funds with which to carry on civilian activities relating to our armed forces, our allies and for home needs. This campaign will be inaugurated in Oregon in the month of October in conjunction with campaigns to meet needs of local agencies in each county. The average citizen recognizes the needs of these many agencies group together under the War Chest and is generous in his willingness to give. Everyone realizes that there are only too few ways in which he can attempt to measure up to the sacrifices required of the armed forces. His contributions to the Oregon War Chest represents one of the ways in which he can help.

Mrs. Eric Tucker spent Tuesday visiting Mrs. Wm. Barrow. Mrs. Tucker has been living in Portland, where her husband has been stationed.

Lions Top Rotary At Golf Sunday

The Coquille valley Lions, from Coquille and Myrtle Point, won the golf tournament on the Coquille Valley Country Club course at Norway last Sunday from the Coquille Rotary club, by the close score of 25½ for the Lions to 22½ for the Rotary.

There were 32 players who participated in the tournament who were competing for a generous assortment of prizes as well as for the honor of being civic club champion in the valley.

The Lions won the first nine holes by a lead of three points and held that advantage all the second round.

Bill Zentner held low score for the two rounds with a 78, and he also won two prizes, one for the longest and one for the best drive. "Dutch" Clinton clinched second spot with 79 for the 18 holes and also won the prize for best shot on the No. 1 green.

Other prize winners were: Burton Dunn, for second longest shot on No. 3; Bill Barrow for closest shot to pin on No. 1; Jim Clinton, closest drive to pin on No. 8, and Jim Clinton, booby prize for the highest score of the day.

Marshfield members of the Coos Country Club are scheduled to invade the valley next Sunday, July 23, for a tournament with the Valley Country Club members, and some hot matches are anticipated between top-flight players of the two clubs. On Sunday, July 30, the Valley club members will go over to the Bay for a return match with the Coos country club.

Wallace Appears Out Of It—Sen. Truman To Be Named

News reports this morning indicate that F. D. R. has consented to the shelving of Henry A. Wallace, in compliance with the demands of southern and conservative southern Democrats and has suggested a candidate for vice president. Senator's senator, Harry S. Truman, has apparently been named as the new vice president. Wallace has apparently realized that the not-so-New Dealish delegates to the convention are determined to wipe Wallace out of the picture and he is said to have consented to another change in his running mate companion.

Now it's up to the not-New Dealish voters of the country to see that Sen. Truman does not have to give up his seat in the upper house of congress.

New High School Principal And Family Arrive

E. R. James, who is to be Coquille High School principal this year, came in this week, accompanied by Mrs. James and their children, and is seeking to find a house in which to live. Mr. James was superintendent of schools at Oakland in Douglas county and impresses one as a very capable man.

James Hersey Has Finished Boot Camp At San Diego

James Hersey, formerly of Coquille, has finished his boot camp Navy training at San Diego, after passing all the tests, and has now been assigned to the Navy's radio school there. This means he will not have a leave until after Christmas, so Mrs. Hersey and their two children, who have been staying with Mrs. Julius Ruble here, will, after going to Portland next Monday to visit her mother, go down to San Diego to spend some time near James.

Butter and Cheese Man Wants To Buy Home Here

A. A. Beck, who has been at the Coquille Hotel for the past ten days, is representative for Oregon of the Superior Cheese Co. of Green Bay, Wis., which is seeking to buy butter and cheese in this area.

Mr. Beck wants to move the rest of his family of four—Mrs. Beck, two daughters and a son—to Coquille from San Mateo, Calif., and elsewhere is advertising that he wants to rent or buy a house in Coquille.

Mrs. E. L. Perrott On Duty For Two Weeks In Sheriff's Office

Mrs. Edna Danielson, clerk in Sheriff Howell's office, is taking a two weeks' vacation and Mrs. E. L. Perrott, who has had many years of experience in the office, is again on the job for the two weeks.

Mrs. Danielson and her mother, Mrs. Alma Halter, left Tuesday evening for Port Townsend and Seattle, where they will visit Mrs. Halter's son and daughter.

Julius Ruble Has Fine New Position

Julius Ruble, after 12 years with the Smith Wood-Products cedar mill here, the last six of them as foreman of the mill, left about a month ago and has been with the Hallmark-Comfort cedar mill near Roseburg since that time. Julius was home last week-end and reported that he had been made general superintendent of the mill over there, at a salary commensurate with the duties at a plant which cuts a little more per day than does the local cedar mill.

Sid-Comfort handles the logging end of the company's operations up the Umpqua and Mr. Hallmark is one of Roseburg's leading attorneys. They expect to move the finishing portion of the mill into Roseburg before very long.

Mrs. Ruble and daughter, Laura Emily, will remain here for the present and will not join Julius out there until the latter has finished Coquille High next May.

The Sentinel joins Mr. Ruble's friends here in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for a growing success in his new position.

79 Is Tops For Heat This Year

The warmest day so far this year in Coquille was Monday when the thermometer registered 79 in the shade. On Tuesday, when Portland reported a reading of 102 degrees in the weather observation station, the mercury only reached the 74 mark here. It was quite a warm day Monday for the coast country but could hardly be termed "hot" as compared with other sections.

Coos County Budget Hearing Friday A.M.

Friday morning at 10 a. m., in the county court room, the public hearing on the proposed Coos county 1944-45 budget will be held. The budget as prepared by the six members of the county budget committee was recently published in the Sentinel for two issues and anyone objecting to any of the items included in the printed copy, or who wishes provision made for funds for some item not so included, will have a chance to be heard before the county court gives its O. K. to the document.

State Funds Received By Coos County The Past Week

County Treasurer Chas. Stauff reports that Coos county received \$19,272.73 this week from the state treasurer for its share of the state motor vehicle license funds, and will receive \$28,909.09 in December. This is less than the 1943 remittances when it was \$21,373.20 in July and \$32,059.80 in December. The money goes into the country's general road fund.

Treasurer Stauff also received the county's share, amounting to \$791.20, of the tax on alcoholic beverages, for the second quarter of this year, ending June 30.

The cities' share of this tax, as reported to Mr. Stauff, shows that Coquille is to receive \$104.38, Bandon \$49.60, Eastside \$31.53, Empire \$32.85, Myrtle Point \$64.03, North Bend \$210.56 and Marshfield \$259.81.

Lorin Schroeder Is In Normandy

On the picture page of today's Oregon Journal is shown the picture of Lorin C. Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schroeder of this city, who is with the Seabees which have landed on the Normandy beachhead in France. He and three other Oregon boys are holding a pow-wow in the wireless transmitted picture.

No Damage At Last Thursday Evening Fire

The fire department was called last Thursday evening to the Prince Auto Wreckers lot, across the highway from the Consolidated freight depot, where a blaze had started in the oil and among the old junked cars. It was quickly extinguished without doing any damage.

Henry A. Schroeder, Wallace Deмент and Wm. Gurney, of Myrtle Point, were business visitors in Coquille on Wednesday and were guests at the regular luncheon meeting of the Rotary club at the hotel.

Mrs. Miller Passes At 83 Years Of Age

Funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros.' Mortuaries at 11 a. m. Wednesday morning for Mrs. Clara Jane Miller, who had been a resident of Oregon, most of the time in Coquille and vicinity, for the past 73 years. She passed away Monday night at the Keizer Hospital in North Bend, where she had been for several weeks.

Rev. G. A. Gray officiated at the services and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born June 2, 1861, at Fort Jones, Siskiyou county, Calif., and came to Oregon with her parents when she was ten years of age. She was one month and 15 days past 83 years of age.

For several years, about a quarter of a century ago, she and her husband conducted a confectionery business on Taylor street, opposite what is now the hotel entrance, in a frame building which stood several feet above the street level. When the Richmond-Barker brick building was built they conducted the business in one of its store rooms for some time.

She had been an invalid at her home on Henry street, just south of Mrs. Birdie Skeel's home, for many years. She and her surviving daughter, Leila G. Miller, had been company for one another and had suffered their afflictions without complaint.

Geo. A. Gilman of this city is a nephew and two surviving nieces are Mary F. Foltz of Hawthorne, Calif., and Georgia K. Robison of Portland.

Until prevented by advancing years and her physical disabilities, Mrs. Miller was an industrious, hard-working lady. She was a kind, generous and understanding woman and the tribute paid by her daughter is that "no one ever had a more devoted mother."

Body of S. A. Smith Shipped to Minn.

Seth A. Smith passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mike Broad, here last Saturday at 4 p. m. after an illness of three weeks.

He was born at Angelo, Wis., March 10, 1861, being 83 years, three months and five days at passing. He had resided in Coquille for the past seven years.

His wife, whose maiden name was Eva C. Daniels, preceded him in death by four years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Fern Schroeder and Mrs. Blanche Broad, of Coquille; one son, Russell, of Bevida, Minn.; two half sisters, Mrs. May Danielson, Minnesota, and Mrs. Olive Howe, residing in Washington. There are also five grandchildren. A daughter, Helen, died in infancy. Wayne Schroeder of this city is a grandson.

Services were conducted at the Gano Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. L. C. Persing officiating.

The body was shipped to Bemidji, Minn., and the interment will be in the family plot at Bevida, Minn., where the he will be laid to rest beside the bodies of his wife and daughter.

Former Fairview Man, Ed Cook, Dies At Cooston

A former Fairview resident, Elvin Edwin Cook, who had resided at Cooston on the Bay for several months, passed away at his home on Sunday after a week's illness.

Ed Cook, who was born at Gaylord, Kansas, 49 years ago, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Cook; their two sons, Leo and Donald, both of Cooston; two grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Earl Strain, of Salem, and Mrs. Cora Lufebarrow, of Gaylord, Kansas.

The Former Elizabeth Pierce And Baby Here For Visit

Mrs. Hal Pierce, who had taken a two weeks' vacation from duty in the tax department office, returned Saturday from a trip to Oakland, Calif., to visit her daughter, Elizabeth and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gallagher. Mrs. Gallagher and her young daughter, Jean Maury, accompanied her north for a month's visit with Grandpa and Grandma Pierce, and friends here.

WAC Sergeant Florence Oerding, who has been here on a two weeks' furlough, visiting her husband, Harry H. Oerding, and meeting old friends again, will leave the first of next week in order to report back to her office in Seattle Aug. 26th.

Short Session Of City Council Monday Evening

A short city council session Monday evening, with Mayor Wood and five councilmen present, was over in considerably less than an hour.

The council voted to pay the \$53.75 indebtedness contracted by Geo. F. Burr, chairman of the city's recent clean-up drive, instead of having the bills referred to the local salvage committee for payment. It was felt that an unusually fine job was done this year.

The council instructed Mr. Burr to order, and bring down from Portland on one of the logging trucks he will bring in, the drag-saw for use of the caretaker at the city's water supply, back in the hills east of town, where the large supply of cut timber will be saved into furnace length for coty hall use. No priority was necessary in getting the saw.

City Engineer Gearhart reported that it would be about a month before Lee Peterson's bulldozer would be available to clear out the fire trail east of town.

It was ordered that a "no parking" sign be painted on the pavement in front of the Eaton Feed Store on Front street. That curve in the highway there makes it a dangerous corner for traffic if the street is used for parking purposes clear to the corner.

Permission was also given the Eaton store to make a hole in the west wall of the building and install a platform there for incoming freight and outgoing merchandise.

Glen W. Brannon, who resides on the Randleman place down the river, and also drives a logging truck, told the council that he had a deal with S. H. Donsted for the purchase of the Pastime Tavern, if the council would grant him a card room license for the place and approve his application to the liquor commission for a beer license. The council informed him that there would be no question about the renewal of the license.

Mr. Brannon also said he would run a clean, orderly place and hoped soon to have the eating place next door in operation.

Chris Gunter, New City Police Officer

Chris Gunter, who has been driving a truck for the Moore Mill & Lumber Co., entered on his duties as a Coquille police officer Monday evening, he having been given the appointment by Chief Creager to succeed J. B. Sherrydan, ex-railroad detective and life-long police officer, whose experience has always been with a tougher class of citizens than is found in the Coquille or small cities of this size.

George E. Oerding Makes Three Deals

Burton W. Dunn, former superintendent of schools in Coquille, has purchased through George E. Oerding, a Coquille realtor, the apartment house located at 256 N. Elliott St. Mr. Dunn has taken possession and will remodel and redecorate the apartment house and will have it ready for tenants soon.

Two other deals completed by Mr. Oerding were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett purchased from Wesley and Elsie Travis their home at 519 Bush street, Mr. Travis is employed at the Geo. Burr Garage and Mr. Bennett is a local carpenter. The Bennetts have moved into their new home.

The house, located at 582 Carter Avenue and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Church, was sold to A. R. Roberts. Glen Church left today for Santa Barbara, Calif., to join his wife. He will enter defense work there. Mr. Roberts is a sawmill owner.

Potluck Dinner At Valley Country Club House Tonight

There will be a Potluck and Improvement Party at the golf course tonight, (Thursday), starting at 8:00 p. m. The men plan to work on the course, while the ladies prepare the dinner. It is hoped to have the course in fine shape for the Marshfield visitors on Sunday.

All members and interested golfers are urged to come out and help make the party a success. If it is difficult to bring food, come anyway. There will be enough for all.—Committee.