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## Five Hundred Present For Pioneer Picnic Here Sunday—A. H. Bender, Of Myrtle Point, The New President

There were approximately 500 people in attendance at the Pioneers' picnic in Myrtle Grove park here Sunday, notwithstanding the gas restrictions, and there were those in attendance from all over Coos county, from Curry county and from as far north as Tillamook and Portland. The earlier settlers had a glorious time swapping stories of early Coos county days and those stories were as much enjoyed by those of more recent arrival.

While only 231 names were entered on the attendance book by the registrar, Ruth Mason, there were at least 500 in the park for the program.

This was the eleventh annual gathering of the Coos & Curry Pioneers Association, and past presidents and their wives, and the registrar were on hand at ten o'clock to greet the earlier as well as later arrivals.

The picnic dinner, in the shade of those beautiful old myrtle trees, was a happy and satisfying affair, to which everyone seemed to do full justice.

During the day the association's very efficient secretary, Mrs. Inez Chase, was kept busy issuing membership cards and writing receipts for yearly dues, and nearly 100 new names were added, bringing the charter membership enrollment up to 400. The records and books were audited by Fred C. True, who certified the correctness of all figures.

After the dinner and dishes had been cleared away, Pres. Chas. Stauff called the association to order for a short business session, which opened with an invocation by Rev. W. S. Smith. Mayor O. L. Wood extended a hearty welcome to the Pioneers and their friends.

The secretary-treasurer's report showed there was \$252.14 in the treasury, prior to the day's receipts.

The proposed amendment to the constitution to include the word, "Historical," was adopted, making the name of the organization "The Coos and Curry Pioneer and Historical Association," and the annual dues were set at 50 cents per year per person.

Mrs. Ruth Beyers, as program chairman, then took charge of the meeting, and led the assemblage in community singing.

C. H. Buffington, the scheduled speaker for the afternoon, was not able to attend because of illness, and A. G. Beals, of Tillamook, who called himself only "an imitator of the real thing," consented to substitute for Mr. Buffington and for an hour entertained the audience most delightfully. He is a fluent and able speaker and is keenly alive to the valuable contributions made to the settlement of Oregon by the early pioneers.

Before he closed he presented a resolution, addressed to Gov. Snell, which was adopted by the association. It asks the government to recommend to the next legislative assembly that a Museum Fund be established by the state of Oregon, not only to support the State Museum but any other museums which may be in existence in the state or started hereafter.

Mayor J. Albert Matson, of Marshfield, was next introduced and delighted his hearers with pioneer stories and reminiscences of early days on Coos Bay.

The report of the nominating committee for officers of the Association for the coming year, was unanimously approved, the following being those elected:

President—A. H. Bender of Myrtle Point.

Vice President—W. H. Schroeder, Coquille.

Sec.-Treas.—Inez R. Chase, Coquille.

Board of Directors—J. Albert Matson, Marshfield; H. G. Kern, North Bend; L. H. Hazard, Coquille; Dai M. King, Myrtle Point; Chas. E. Schroeder, Bandon; Collier H. Buffington, Gold Beach; Lex Eope, Langlois.

Following the election, Emil Peterson, who has done much broadcasting for the association over KOOB, was called upon and his impromptu talk was greatly appreciated by his listeners.

The program closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again," led by Mrs. Beyers.

Many of the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to visit Coquille's most handsome library in the Community Building, which was kept open for the occasion by the assistant librarian, Leah Royer, while others lingered in the park for while additional visiting with friends not often seen, and everyone was loath to call it a day, which had been so happy an occasion, and leave for home.

Thanks for this very successful Pi-

## Short Special Session City Council Monday Evening

A short special meeting of the city council was held Monday evening to discuss the straightening out of the road to the city reservoir east of town, which at present runs near Marc Shelley's house on the ranch and through his barnyard, necessitating the opening of three gates by the water department crew when they go to the city's source of supply.

Mayor Wood and City Attorney Berg were authorized to meet with Mr. Shelley and make arrangements for a new right-of-way.

The only other business done was to order pipe and fittings for installation of a fire protection system inside the Community Building.

## Met Former City Engineer On Recent Trip North

Henry Ellis who was in Tacoma recently on a business trip was accented in the bus depot there by Coquille's former city engineer, J. Loy Stacer, who is with the Tacoma water department. Mr. Stacer asked to be remembered to all his old friends in and around Coquille.

Oneer picnic are due the past president, Charles Stauff; the general chairman for the day, J. P. Beyers; the program chairman, Ruth Beyers; the registrar, Ruth Mason; the secretary and assistant secretary, Mrs. Chase and Fred True; and to Cliff Yarbrough of the Cow Bell Dairy who made and served gallon after gallon of coffee. Also to the speakers, the past president and their wives.

Following is a copy of the resolution presented by Mr. Beals, and which was approved, in regard to state support of museums:

Whereas, It has been brought to our attention that the State of Oregon is contemplating the establishment of a State Museum, (presumably to be located in Portland), with the idea of consolidating the present State supported Museums, and with the further idea of encouraging other Museums throughout the State by co-operating with them in furnishing advice and loaning exhibits on the plan of a traveling library; and

Whereas, It is the plan of this Museum Committee, heretofore appointed by the Governor of the State of Oregon, to recommend to the State Legislature that a Museum Fund to accomplish said purpose be set up and established to provide an adequate maintenance fund, not only to support the State Museum, but any other Museums throughout the State of Oregon that could qualify; and,

Whereas, The Coos and Curry County Pioneer Association, with a membership of approximately 300, has accumulated a quantity of invaluable relics and pioneer history which is at present inadequately housed; and,

Whereas, We could find and supply adequate quarters for a Museum, but the burden of financing the operation of a Museum and keeping it open to the public with a caretaker would be too heavy a financial burden for our Association; now,

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Coos and Curry County Pioneer Association, in annual session assembled, at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, this 30th day of July, 1944, that said Association favors the plan proposed by the State Museum Committee, appointed by the Governor of the State of Oregon, and we request that said Committee take the necessary steps to recommend to the Governor and Legislature of the State of Oregon that a law be passed at the next session of the Legislature providing for the operation and maintenance, by taxation or direct appropriation, of such a State Museum, and such other County Museums as may be able to qualify thereunder; and,

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Association, and that copies thereof be sent to the Hon. Earl Snell, Governor of the State of Oregon, and to said State Museum Committee.

## Cranberry Cannery's President Here On Inspection Trip

M. L. Urann, president of Cranberry Cannery, Inc., who arrived here the first of the week from Hanson, Mass., predicts that there is a wonderful future here for cranberry growers. As evidence of his faith in the area, Mr. Urann has purchased an 800-acre tract near Langlois, where he will put in at least 100 acres of cranberries. Joe Stankovich, who is handling Mr. Urann's interests in this district, already has between 15 and 20 acres of bog ready to plant. All possible effort is being made to get the rest of the acreage cleared and planted as soon as possible.

According to Mr. Urann, it is possible to have a minimum of 400 acres in production here. At present approximately 100 acres have been developed. To encourage further development, Cranberry Cannery is loaning money to its growers for expansion of their bogs.

Net profit for the grower in this region, according to analyses made by Cranberry Cannery, Inc., is about double that of growers in other parts of the country. Mr. Urann said this was due partially to the bountiful crops of large berries and further to the lack of weeds in this district as compared with the other growing areas.

This year West Coast crops promise to be especially good, and should command premium prices due to the poor showing expected from the eastern bogs, where an early frost followed by a severe drought has ruined most of the berries. Cranberry Cannery is counting on its West Coast growers to help it meet the government demand for dehydrated berries.

Mr. Urann says the dehydrated cranberry is a "natural." Like the prune, the cranberry is improved in flavor and texture by drying. Dehydration of cranberries was developed by Cranberry Cannery. Last year the co-operative sales amounted to more than \$3,000,000; 53.5 per cent of which was realized from the sale of cranberry sauce and 37.5 from the sale of dehydrated berries.

Cranberry Cannery believes that experimentation will prove that all of the cranberry can be used. Seeds from the strained sauce are being saved so that the laboratory can work out palatable ways for utilizing the valuable vitamins they contain. Besides sauce and dehydrated berries, the company also has started to make cranberry cocktail and cranberry-orange marmalade.

Mr. Urann was accompanied here by Albert Hedler, a director of the company, who lives in Minneapolis and owns a 100-acre bog in Wisconsin. W. S. Jacobson, manager of the Cranberry Cannery plants at Grayland and Markham, Washington, and George O. Lillegaard, newly appointed manager of the local plant, are here too. The four visitors met with Coos and Curry members of the co-operative at a picnic held Wednesday at the L. M. Kranick bog south of Bandon. More than 30 growers were present.

## New Manager Coming Soon

George O. Lillegaard has been here this week with M. L. Urann, visiting cranberry growers in the district and looking over the local Cranberry Cannery plant which he will manage soon.

Mr. Lillegaard was slated for the management of the local plant when it was first established, but had to surrender his job in favor of a berth in the U. S. Coast Guard. According to present schedule, Mr. Lillegaard will be here to take charge of the plant in a week or ten days. Mrs. Lillegaard, who has been taking care of their cranberry bog at Graylands, will arrive here as soon as satisfactory disposition of the bog has been made.

Mr. Lillegaard is enthusiastic over the prospects offered here. He hopes to put in a bog soon and is looking forward to some good duck hunting in the fall.

## Capt. Fred E. Lorenz Home For a Week

Looking fit and in the pink of condition, Capt. Fred E. Lorenz arrived home last evening on a furlough, which will permit him to spend a week in Coquille. He came from the Dugway Proving Grounds, near Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has charge of the Army supply store.

## Coos County's Bonded Debt Now Down To \$92,000

County Treasurer Stauff has been busy since Tuesday paying off Coos county bonds and the rush may continue for some little time yet. There are \$52,000 of the matured bonds.

In the other class—callable bonds on which interest stopped Aug. 1—they are being paid as presented. This \$305,000 worth, now callable, were issued in 1937 to fund outstanding General Road Fund warrants which drew six per cent, and the bonds then bore four per cent.

In 1939, however, due to the foresight of Judge Hugh McLain, those four per cent bonds were refunded with bonds bearing 2½ and 2½ per cent, with a provision that the \$305,000 worth would be callable in five years, with a final payment date of 1955.

It has been figured that the refunding in 1939 with the lower rate of interest has saved Coos county around \$65,000 in interest.

There are yet remaining to be paid of those 1939 refunding bonds a total of \$92,000 which are not yet callable, but will be Aug. 1 of the next five years, according to the following schedule:

In 1945 \$50,000; \$18,000 in 1946, \$12,000 in 1947, \$9,000 in 1948, and \$3,000 in 1949, which will wipe out the last of Coos county's bonded indebtedness—unless more bonds should be issued in the future.

## Truck Forces Car Off Road

Mrs. R. V. Britton and son, Raymond, were brought to the Belle Knife Hospital last Thursday night after their car in which were also Mr. Britton and their three other children riding, was hit by a truck near the Lampa coal mine. The car, forced off the road, ran down the 30-foot embankment and turned over on its side.

The truck was driven by a young man named Bryant from Myrtle Point, who claimed the headlight on the Britton car was out on the side toward the middle of the road, but Mr. Britton found by turning the lights on that it was the other which was out.

There were two others in the truck. The Brittons live at Greenacres.

## Handkerchief Shower For Mrs. Bunch

A surprise shower of beautiful handkerchiefs was tendered Mrs. J. R. Bunch on the occasion of her birthday, which was on Tuesday. The shower, however, was held Wednesday during the surgical dressing session by members of the group which had found out about the birthday. The work is done in the Playhouse on the Bunch property. At noon time sandwiches and coffee are enjoyed before the outside fireplace. Extra days have been put in this week and last to enable Mrs. Bunch to be away for two weeks while she takes her mother to her sister's home to spend the coming months.

Attending Wednesday were: Mesdames Gertrude Lorenz, Maxine Jeub, Ida K. Owen, Florence Berg, Lena Bell Harmon, Mary Williams, Ada Moore, Helen Howe, Lella Zentner, Zettie Hawkins, Cleda A. Leonard, Harriet T. Greenough, Virginia Lamb, Eula McClary, Nora Rosa and Nelta Oddy.

## Lt. Byron Davis Leaves After 15 Days At Home

First Lieut. Byron Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Davis, returned to duty in the Army Finance Branch at Newark, N. J., last Monday after spending most of his 15-day furlough here visiting his parents; his sister, Mrs. Graydon Anderson, and other friends.

## Notice

The Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical Association is holding a special business meeting at the call of the new president, A. H. Bender.

All interested in the association are welcome to be present at the city hall in Coquille at one o'clock on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Purpose of the meeting is to appoint committees, pay bills, and attend to any other business that may arise.

—Inez R. Chase, Sec.

(Old papers be a bunch)

## Service For Two Lammey Brothers Friday Afternoon

A double funeral—for the two Lammey brothers who passed away on Tuesday and Wednesday this week—will be held at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at two o'clock Friday afternoon with Rev. Chas. G. Brown officiating. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Only once before in the past 30 years has such an unusual and sad event occurred, that being in May, 1942, when the Johnson brothers of Fairview passed away, their deaths being two days apart.

Both of the Lammey brothers had been ill for some time and the younger, William Elwood Lammey, had gone to the hospital just the evening before, complaining of terrible pains in his head.

Arkes Monroe Lammey was born in Danville, Illinois, May 9, 1868, and was two months and 22 days past 76 years of age.

W. E. Lammey was also born at Danville, Jan. 4, 1873, and he was 71 years, six months and 28 days of age.

They were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Lammey, and both the sons came to Coquille 30 years ago. The elder was a photographer and conducted a gallery here for 15 years.

W. E. Lammey was a laborer and had never married. A. M. Lammey was married in Galena, Kans., in 1891, to Lucinda Morton, who passed away here Dec. 4, 1934. He was a member of the Pioneer Methodist church here.

A. M. Lammey is also survived by his daughter, Mrs. Nota Finley, and his grandson, Freddie Finley, of Coquille.

Funeral services at the service and interment will be Cipee and Zed Finley, J. Waltermier, Henry Bogard, Jas. Brockman, Walter Doolittle, W. J. Ferbrache, W. F. Howell, Wm. Shook and John McNeil.

The two men, who had lived here for nearly a third of a century, were good and respected citizens, and they leave many friends who sincerely mourn their passing.

## Lt. Linus Seeley Right Up Front

The following about a Coquille boy, Lieut. Linus Seeley, who was with the Marine outfit which cleaned out the Japs on Saipan Island in the Marianas, was written by a Marine sergeant and sent out from a Marine headquarters in the U. S.:

"Saddle up!" came the command and it passed from marine to marine.

The demolition men strapped their TNT-loaded packs on their backs. Weapons were given a last check. The battalion was ready for its final push in the campaign for Saipan.

Marine 1st Lt. William L. Seeley, Coquille, Ore., and the company commander, said: "These men of mine are wonderful. Everyone is a fighter."

"We pushed down the slope all day yesterday and dug in after dark. We had a mad scramble all night, with Japs making 'banzal' attacks around and among us. And my men were ready to go again."

Our job was to clear the caves and wooded area fringing the shore. On 800-foot Marpi point we could see marines outlined against the sky. "I hope this does it for us," Lt. Seeley said.

Riflemen and demolition crews moved toward the caves over the low ridge to our right. They received enemy fire immediately. No one was hit.

Lt. Seeley's commands came crisp and clear. He stood erect, cautioning his boys to stay low, spread out, be careful.

A marine said, "He's some officer! Look at him... like that all the time. He gets too close to that Jap fire. He shouldn't do that." Admiration and concern were in his voice. "Fire in that hole," came the word from up forward. There was an explosion. In a few minutes a marine came through the brush with a Jap light machine gun in his hand. We continued to move ahead.

Behind us amphibian tractors were shelling and machine-gunning the caves from the water side. Two tanks, the "Amok" and "Angel," paced our advance, guns pointing beachward.

As we met pockets of Jap resistance the advance riflemen sprayed the area, the tanks covered, and the fearless demolition men moved in to blow

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## Much Surplus War Equipment, Supplies To Be On Sale

At the Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, Secretary Hode Caughell read a letter from the national Defense Plant Corporation which listed hundreds of items which the corporation now has in surplus quantities and which are available for consumer purchase.

To mention just a few of the items, there are listed all kinds of vitamins, electric lamps and lamp sockets, cash registers, chemicals, drugs, medicines, boots, motor vehicles, office machinery and equipment, tractors, barbed wire, and all kinds of marine equipment.

President Oerding appointed a committee consisting of Clarence Osika, Andy Anderson, Don Gillespie and Phil Albion, to make a survey of Coquille, and ascertain what of these surplus stocks might be wanted by local people and shipment made in one lot.

In the list of industrial plants listed by the Defense Plant Corporation for sale is the Krome plant at Beaver Hill Junction, with its 65.9 acres of land, four main buildings, 16 smaller frame buildings, and the equipment in those buildings.

Mr. Oerding reported on the Highway Commission's visit to Coquille last week, to look over the Myrtle Lane project, and there was some discussion of what might be done to bring the Coquille river and its fishing to the attention of sportsmen.

A committee was also named to interview more recent arrivals in Coquille and invite them to attend the next Chamber of Commerce meeting.

## His Fall Could Have Been Worse

It was not a happy home-coming for John L. Falconer and Mrs. Roy Morton, former Fairview residents who arrived by the 10:30 bus from Seattle Tuesday morning for a visit this summer with Morton's daughter, Mrs. Cortland Ellis at Fairview.

Mrs. Ellis had come in to Coquille and had parked her car at the Walker Service Station and Mr. Falconer, while standing near the car, backed up a little and caught his heel on the cement projection around the greasing pit. He fell backward into the pit, which has a concrete floor, but when Dr. L. B. Gould arrived it was found that the elderly gentleman, who is 79, had suffered no broken bones, only cuts on his head and bruises.

The city's first-aid car was summoned to take him to his granddaughter's home out in Fairview valley where he lived until about two and one-half years ago.

## Two New Members For Rotary Club

Two new members, elected last week, were inducted into the Rotary club at its regular weekly luncheon meeting at the hotel on Wednesday. The new members are: Carl Morrison, the new superintendent of schools in Coquille, and Harry Johnson, who recently opened the Western Auto Supply store opposite the Coquille Hotel. Clarence Osika gave the charge to the new members in one of the best talks ever put on by a local Rotarian.

At a meeting of the directors in the evening, arrangements were made to entertain the new District Governor next Wednesday.

Guests present were Oscar Mintonye and a Mr. Stanley, of Sutherland, and Lloyd Claver, of Coquille.

## Coquille Grange

Nearly forty attended the Friday night meeting of the Coquille Grange. Mrs. Florence Hallock, lecturer, arranged an interesting, patriotic program. Special number was an accordion duet by Leah Rover and Pearl Ellingsen, accompanied by Inez Rover. This was a medley of music, which expressed a historic sequence in national anthems and airs.

Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by Pearl Rubie. Cora Mackey read a paper on George Washington. The story of Betsy Ross and the flag was given by Laura Brandon. The committee in charge of refreshments consisted of Mr. and Mrs. George Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry George, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter George.