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City Caucus To Be Monday, Sept. 25 In Community Bldg.

Coquille voters will assemble at 7:30 p. m. next Monday, Sept. 25, in the Community Building for the city's caucus to nominate officials who will serve, part of them for two years, and three councilmen whose terms will be for four years each.

While all of the city officials have not agreed to serve for another term, it is probable that most of them will accept an election if the voters signify their desire by nominating them next Monday and electing them on Tuesday, November 7.

Mayor O. L. Wood and Recorder F. G. Leslie have both indicated that they are willing to serve in those two positions for another two-year term if the people wish them to.

The councilman whose term expires after four years of service to the city is Dr. G. E. Stark. The other three, M. F. Pettit, John Purkey and Geo. F. Burr, are serving by appointment by Mayor Wood and their successors, whether themselves or not, will be chosen at the election and will probably be the ones who are nominated at next Monday evening's caucus.

There have been very little city streets or other civic improvements possible during the past two years but the administration of Coquille affairs during that period has been most satisfactory and the present administration has discussed somewhat the city's post-war program.

All of those whose terms expire are prominent in the business life of Coquille and are most capable councilmen. However, should any of them refuse to stand for an election, the Sentinel suggests the names, and there are probably many others, who might be willing to serve the city in an official capacity—Bard Keener, Albert Schroeder, I. A. Emond, Don Gillespie and Lowell Simpson. The latter's father, the late A. L. Simpson, was a most efficient councilman some years ago.

All voters are eligible to participate in next Monday's caucus and everyone should deem it his or her duty to help nominate capable men at the caucus, as well as to help elect them in November.

Service Boys Here On Furlough The Past Week

Harold Gould, who came in last week from Fort Lewis where he is stationed with the Engineer Corps, left by Tuesday's train to return to duty after visiting his family and other friends in and around Coquille.

Joe Don Estes, of the U. S. Army who has been in training in Colorado since his recent release from the hospital, came in last Friday on a ten-day furlough. He is to report to Washington, D. C., on his return to duty.

Jack McCracken, son of F. E. McCracken, who was a Coquille High graduate a few years ago, came in last Sunday evening from the Mersed Air Field base where he is now in training, on a ten-day furlough.

Help Neded To Harvest Cranberries

Anyone who is willing to devote some time to assist with the harvest of cranberries, which is a war essential crop, is urged to register for this work at once and assist in maintaining this \$50,000.00 payroll for local people and merchants, it was stated this week by George Jenkins, county agricultural agent.

Growers throughout the county have expressed alarm over the scarcity of pickers for harvesting the crop which will start next week and will be at its peak by October 1 and every available man, woman, boy or girl, who can help is urged to register at one of the following places where they will be referred to growers who need help:

Post Office and A. G. Randall Farm, Bandon.

County Agent's Office, Coquille.

Chamber of Commerce, Marshfield.

Hauser Store.

J. A. Vining Farm, Bangor.

It will be to the advantage of local growers and to this community if the cranberry crop can be harvested with local pickers, it was stated by Russell Adams, assistant farm labor supervisor from the Extension Service at Oregon State College, who has been in the county this week assisting representatives of the County Agent's office with the labor program. If all efforts to recruit labor locally fail, attempts will be made to transport workers from other areas, he stated. Most of the cranberry bogs are located around Bandon, Hauser and the Coos Bay area. Prospects are for a good crop locally and pickers who will receive 30 cents a box should earn a substantial return for this work.

Boys and girls of high school age have assisted with cranberry harvest during previous years and those who have had experience are requested to arrange with school authorities to devote as much time as possible to the work.

Gas ration boards will assist workers with extra gas coupons, said Geo. F. Burr of the local board.

Masons To Hold Past Masters' Night Tuesday, Sept. 26

Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M. will hold its annual Past Masters' Night in Masonic Hall next Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, at eight o'clock.

R. C. Johnson and D. E. McCune will officiate as Worshipful Master for different sections of the degree work and all the offices will be filled by those who have served the lodge as W. M. in the past.

Visiting brethren as well as all members are cordially invited and urged to attend. A feed, with talks by several of the honored past masters, will conclude the evening's program.

Patricia and Martha Berg Pledge Delta Gamma At U. of O.

Leading the sororities in the number of pledges this year were Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Gamma, with a total of 234 girls pledged Wednesday morning, says a item from the University of Oregon this morning. Two from Coquille are Patricia and Martha Berg, both pledging Delta Gamma.

Five Siren Blasts, Fire Bell, To Tell Of Nazi War End

The V-Day notice to the public in Coquille, when the official word has been received that the war in Europe is ended, is to be five blasts of the siren and the ringing of the old fire bell.

This was decided at the city council session Monday evening but the mayor and councilmen did not feel like setting the hour or which day the celebration which will follow the "unconditional surrender" shall start.

That there will be a celebration, with all places of business closing, goes without saying but it will depend on the hour the official word is received whether the celebration starts that day or the next.

To get some idea of what the merchants desire, the Chamber of Commerce at its Tuesday noon session, in co-operation with the council, asked the retail trade committee to contact the merchants and ascertain the general desire.

It is hoped the celebration can be conducted in an orderly manner, with probably no set program, and that it will affect in no way the continuation, uninterrupted, of any war work.

A more elaborate and reverential program is being planned nationally for the time when the Asiatic-Japanese conflict ends, with services in all churches being held, but for the Nazi war end the celebration, so far as now known, will be left to each city to conduct its own.

Of course, should the war in Europe continue longer than now seems possible, there may be a national program for a celebration set up in Washington but there is none now.

Son Born To The Former Jennie Lindros In Delaware

Mrs. C. G. Caughell received a letter this morning from her sister, Mrs. R. H. Keudell, the former Jennie Lindros, telling of the birth of a six pounds, eleven ounces, son, Robert Alan, born to Mr. and Mrs. Keudell last Friday, Sept. 15. The event happened at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, which was in the path of last week's hurricane on the Atlantic coast. Mr. Keudell is in the service, on an Army Mine Planter off that coast and wrote that the force of the wind drove his vessel up on the beach. Both mother and babe are doing well.

Schools To Have Part-Time Nurse

Supt. Carl E. Morrison stated this morning that Mrs. Dee Richardson, a registered nurse, will begin her duties next Monday as part time nurse for the Coquille schools. He also said that Miss Marguerite Stenert of the Riverton district, who drives the bus bringing students from that section to Coquille High every day, is acting as secretary in his and Principal R. E. James' combined office, also on a part-time basis. She entered on her duties there Monday this week.

Wm. T. Brady, 86, Coos County Pioneer, Died Last Friday

Wm. T. Brady, who had been taken from his home at Powers a couple of weeks ago to the Mast Hospital at Myrtle Point, passed away there last Friday morning at 2:30 o'clock. His death was due to the afflictions of old age.

Funeral services, in charge of Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries, were held at the Catholic Church here at 11:00 a. m. Monday morning, his pastor, Father Dan Kelly officiating. Interment was in the Fox Bridge cemetery, he having come to the Gravel Ford section about 60 years ago.

William Thomas Brady was born June 11, 1858, at Rochester, Minn., and was 86 years, three months and four days of age. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brady, the former being a native of Ireland.

At the age of twenty-one he came west to California by emigrant train, and from there came to Gravel Ford, Oregon, to be with his half-brother, the late Sol J. McCloskey.

On November 4, 1883, he was married to Martha A. Bright, at Gravel Ford, where they made their home for thirty-nine years. They later moved to Grants Pass, remaining there six years, before returning to Coos county in 1928 to make their home near Coquille on the Coquille-Marshfield highway, where they resided until the death of Mrs. Brady in 1942. After the death of Mrs. Brady, he made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Easley, of Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1933, at Coquille.

To this union there were born six children: Mary J. and Charles M., who died in childhood; Angie Brady Olson, who died in 1928. There are left to mourn his loss, Mrs. Electa Brady Rasey, of Powers; Elton Brady and Mrs. Maxine Yerby, of San Francisco, and one granddaughter, Patricia Ann Brady, also of San Francisco. In addition to nieces and nephews and a host of friends, J. H. McCloskey is a nephew of the deceased.

Mr. Brady was a life-long and consistent member of the Catholic church.

The pallbearers were Thomas Weekly, Roland Weekly, Sylvester Bright, Gene Bright, Alton Bright and James Child.

Two Home Games For Red Devils

The Coquille High football schedule calls for only two home games, with Myrtle Point here on Saturday, Oct. 7, and Marshfield to play here on Saturday, Oct. 28. Another game tentatively scheduled is with Bandon on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The opening game of the Red Devils 1944 season is to be played out at Roseburg with the high school team there on Friday of next week, Sept. 29.

After the opening conference game here with Myrtle Point on Oct. 7, the Red Devils play the Bulldogs at North Bend on Saturday, Oct. 14, and wind up the season on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, playing the Myrtle Point Bobcats on the latter's home field.

Inter-Club Committee To Meet Wednesday, Sept. 27

The Inter-Club committee, which is composed of the presidents or leaders of every civic or fraternal organization in Coquille will meet at the City Hall at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday, Sept. 27. Chairman L. A. Lundquist has called the meeting to discuss some problems of vital interest to the whole community. If you are a leader of any group, you will want to be present.

Junior Woman's Club To Hold New Members Reception

The Junior Woman's Club is giving a reception for new members and girls interested in becoming members Monday, September 25, in the Guild Hall, from 8 to 10 p. m. All young women between the ages of 18 and 35 will be most cordially welcomed.

The Ladies Auxiliary, F.O.E., No. 2196, will serve home-made pies and coffee after lodge Friday, Sept. 22.

Don Ross Is No Longer Missing

Mrs. Donald Ross has not yet received word from the War Department that Don is no longer missing in France, but she and Mrs. Pansy Ross, his mother, both received letters from him yesterday, which were postmarked in New York, Sept. 8.

He said that he and four other men were missing for six days and nights, that they were holed up in the basement of a house about 400 yards inside the German lines. The house was raked by U. S. artillery fire and one of the boys was injured but Don was not scratched.

The first night they were there the house caught fire and they had a sweet time getting the blaze out without making any noise which would attract the Nazis, but they did it.

Don says they could use some of Coos county's warm weather over there for it has been very cold and rainy.

When this writer questioned Mrs. Ross last week about what she had heard, she said she was sure he would turn up. Her faith was justified.

Dewey Given Glad Hand In Oregon

Gov. Thos. E. Dewey made a most satisfactory impression on Oregon folks in his appearance before large crowds at Portland and Eugene this week. His address at Portland Tuesday evening was tumultuously received as he outlined the points on which his campaign will be conducted, one of the principal items of which is that there is no "indispensable man" in the United States.

Senator Harry S. Truman, New Deal candidate for vice president, has come out with a statement that the New Dealers have never claimed nor said that F. D. R. is indispensable, but every action of that party indicates that he is so regarded by them, at least that he is indispensable to the continuation of the New Deal crowd and its hundreds of thousands of New Deal bureaucrats, in office.

One point Mr. Dewey made was that the depression which had started before Roosevelt took office in January, 1933, was the longest in the history of the United States; that it did not end until war prosperity came in 1940, and that the number of unemployed in the United States did not grow materially less, with ten million still unemployed at the start of the war.

It has been a favorite device of autocrats from time immemorial to bring prosperity by engaging in wars, but the great majority of all nations would prefer the abolition of war for all time instead of the loss of sons, brothers and husbands in the terrible maw of Mars.

Radio Publicity For Coquille

Evran Albom, at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, said he was working on a program to secure items of interest and historical events pertaining to Coquille and vicinity, and asked that he be given help by anyone having information on such subjects.

His efforts along this line are due to the request of Commander Scott, whose Sunday morning radio program for the Greyhound Lines deals with all communities along the Pacific coast which are touched by the company's operations. Commander Scott is adept in making an interesting radio program out of even the most commonplace events reported to him and Mr. Albom, for the chamber's publicity committee, will see that Mr. Scott gets all the Coquille publicity that he can use.

The chamber also voted to cooperate with the cranberry growers' appeal for help in securing pickers for harvesting the crop, which will get underway in earnest about Oct. 1, and authorized the advertisement which appears in this issue of the Sentinel. County Agent Jenkins brought the matter up and his suggestion for Coquille's co-operation in helping secure enough Coos county help was further advanced by Geo. F. Burr, member of the gas rationing board, who stated that extra gas coupons can be secured by those who need to use their cars to get to the bogs, and who will "share the ride" with others.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

City To Co-operate With School District To Get A Turf Field

With Mayor Wood and Councilmen Burr, Pettit, Purkey and Taylor present, the city dads held an hour and a half session Monday evening.

The celebration locally to rejoice over the ending of the war with Germany was talked at some length but no further decision than to announce it by fire siren and bell was made. The schools and business generally will cease operating for at least a day's time.

The council voted to set aside a 40x80 foot space in the Community Building basement as headquarters for the Boy Scouts. The space will be partitioned off and Geo. A. Ulett was reported to have promised that the Scouts will have a fireplace in their room. The old Scout cabin is to be torn down.

"Spike" Leslie, C. H. S. athletic coach, asked the council if city water could not be carried into the ball park so that Coquille will not be the only high school city in the county without a turf field. At present the gridiron is either a dust bowl or a quagmire. Some years ago J. L. Smith donated enough canary grass seed to turf the field but with no water to sprout the seed and keep the grass growing, it never amounted to anything like a turf field.

The park, not being school district property, the school directors do not feel justified in providing a water main into and a sprinkling system for the park but Mr. Leslie thought there would be no question about paying to the city for the water used by the district if water was made available there.

The council approved the plan of laying a one-inch buried line into the park and Councilmen Pettit, Burr and Purkey, Engineer Gearhart and Water Superintendent Epperson were appointed by the mayor to work with the school directors in deciding upon the details necessary to give Coquille a turf football field.

Sam Clymer agreed to pay the city \$275-\$100 down and the balance in 12 monthly installments for the tract 200x135 feet which the city owns out toward the ball park and south of Heath street. He said there were possibly two level lots there, the rest being in a swamp creek bottom. The city paid Coos county \$125 for delinquent taxes about eight years ago when that property was up for sale, the city having sewer and water line liens upon the property which, without penalty and interest, amounted to around \$150.

T. O. Toon Tells Of Coal Outlook

T. O. Toon, president of the Coast Fuel Corporation, was the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday. Mr. Toon told an interesting story of the incidents that led up to the start of the present active development of the coal mining industry in Coos county and related some of the efforts of the Portland coal dealers and other parties interested in Rocky Mountain coal mines to discourage the opening of Coos county mines.

He stated, however, that his company had developed a market sufficient to absorb the present output of the mines and take care of the doubled production which they expect by January.

October 18 was the date decided on by the directors of the club for Ladies Night and was so announced by Bob Greene, who presided in the absence of President Jess Barton.

Ed Hughes announced that the Boys Club in the Community building was now functioning and invited the members of the Rotary Club to visit there whenever possible.

Rotarian guests were Geo. W. Moore, Jr., of Petaluma, Calif., and Henry Schroeder, of Myrtle Point. Alton Grimes of Coquille was also a guest.

Billie Hepler Has A Scholarship At U. of O.

Miss Billie Hepler, of Riverton, who was a I student through her high school days and was awarded a scholarship by the University of Oregon as a result, left yesterday for Eugene to enter the university. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lillian Hepler, and her high school teacher, Mrs. J. E. Norton, who returned home after taking Billie out there.

Coast Fuel Corporation Will Develop Coos Coal On Large Scale

T. O. Toon, president of the Coast Fuel Corporation which expects soon to be producing a great deal of coal from the old Southport mine, was in Coquille Tuesday and said the time when his company can begin delivering coal depends now on priorities, when they can get the necessary mining equipment. The road leading up the slope from the highway, about six miles this side of Marshfield, has been graveled, a new road is being built, and the Mt. Stiles has run its power line in to the mine.

The following are extracts from an article which was written by Francis Hilton of Marshfield and which appeared in last Sunday's Oregonian:

The Southport mine was opened in 1875 by B. B. Jones, agent for P. B. Cornwall and others. After a thorough examination of the vein, a large amount was expended upon it in equipment and improvements. Shipments of coal from this mine have continued to the present time.

The mining of Coos bay coal entered a new era in 1944 when the Coast Fuel corporation took over the Southport properties. After checking the past and present developments in the Coos bay coal field, the

conclusion was reached that the quality of the coal accessible in the various parts of the field could be made uniform when an operator installed the right equipment to mine the coal and clean it in a commercial way so a substantial volume could be marketed.

Since the veins are more or less uniform in quality, the second factor to consider was the dip of the coal beds and their accessibility to transportation and market. It was found that in four sections there exists in excess of 800,000 tons of coal with a fairly flat bed conducive to economic mining. Coal can be mined in this area, screened, washed and stored in bunkers for about \$2.90 per ton, including the royalty paid the landowner and analyses show that Coos bay coal has less moisture, less ash and greater heating value (more B. T. U.'s) than some Washington or Rocky mountain fuels now being used in the state of Oregon.

At last Coos bay development is being expanded scientifically. A production of 100 tons daily is the goal of the Coast Fuel corporation by October, with a 200-ton daily production by January 1, 1945.

Mr. Toon listed seven essential

steps in the successful development of a natural resource. They include a survey to find the nature of the material, how much there is, what it is good for, how it will compare in quality and usefulness with competitive products, what will it cost to market, the potential market if the price is right, and adequate financing is available to develop the market.

Toon said the company's surveys indicate a market for its coal on the coast from Newport south to Eureka and from Eugene south to Ashland for something over 175 tons a day with conditions similar to the 1935-37 period. This does not include Tillamook or Astoria, or any other centers that can be served by water.

The company president said cleaning equipment installed will make it possible to supply coal from Coos bay mines superior to some of the coal mined in Washington or the Rocky mountain states.

Freight rates, he declared, will determine the marketing radius from the mines. With favorable rates, he insists that Coos bay coal could be sold to industrial users in Portland in competition with Rocky mountain coal.