

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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## Fred Hudson's Death A Shock To The Community



One of Coquille's most prominent and popular businessmen, Fred C. Hudson, passed away Monday morning at four o'clock, without any previous intimation that the end was impending.

He had been on the Fish Derby the day before, apparently in the best of health and, with his usual jovial disposition, kept the fishermen on Dr. J. D. Rankin's boat in the best of humor.

That evening he mowed his lawn for a time and was taken sick with a heart attack later in the evening.

Funeral services are being held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at two o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon, Rev. Robt. L. Greene officiating.

Masonic services are to be conducted at the Masonic cemetery by the officers of Chadwick Lodge, of which he was a member.

Active pallbearers are Dr. C. A. Rietman, Alton H. Grimes, Theo. L. Clinton, Keith Leslie, Lutz Compton and O. L. Wood. The honorary pallbearers, intimate friends of Mr. Hudson, were J. Arthur Berg, E. L. Anderson, W. H. Barrow, Leo J. Cary, Harry F. Johnson and George Johnson.

Relatives coming from a distance to attend the funeral were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Johnson, from Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. Hudson's sister, Mrs. Emma Soes, and her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Bakke, from Climax, Minn.; M. A. Bratland, from Crookston, Minn.; and John Erickson, from Ranier, Minn.

Fred Hudson was born at Morris, Minn., Feb. 24, 1881, and was 63 years, seven months and 29 days of age at his passing.

His pharmaceutical course was taken at a school of pharmacy in Minneapolis and after finishing that he went to Plentywood, Mont., where on Jan. 25, 1911, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Oyeren.

In July, 1921, they moved to Coquille, Mr. Hudson having purchased the pioneer Knowlton Drug Store, then operating on Front street, and which he continued to conduct until his death.

Besides his widow and the sister mentioned above, Mr. Hudson is survived by another sister, Mrs. Anna Rasmussen, of Morris, Minn., and two brothers, Henry, of Kelso, Wash., and Overt, of Morris, Minn.

Fred Hudson was a good man, a clean sportsman. Hunting and fishing were his principal recreations but he was interested in almost all kinds of sports activities and was an honest, law-abiding citizen, who dealt fairly and squarely with his patrons and fellow citizens.

He was a member of the Coquille Rotary Club and of the Elks Lodge at Marshfield as well as of Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

## Spiritual Life Meetings At Pioneer Methodist Church

Special services under the auspices of the local Methodist church will begin Sunday evening, October 29. Rev. Frank E. Brown will bring the messages each evening for two weeks. There will be special music each evening and Sunday evening will be a very special service, with music by quartets and special choir numbers. Rev. Mr. Brown, although a young man, has had considerable experience in the evangelistic field, having been with the Gospel Quartet during his college days and being naturally evangelistic in nature. Young and old alike will enjoy his messages, each evening at 7:45 with the exception of Saturday evenings.

## Quota Reached In War Fund Drive

Coquille's quota of \$4800 on the War Fund Drive has been reached and a check for that amount was remitted to Marshfield headquarters. The committee wishes to thank the public for its generous response to the call for donations and its solicitors for their faithful industry in making the canvass.

Geo. H. Chaney, Chairman.

Coquille was the first town in Coos county to secure its quota amount and the committee chairman should be accorded the community's thanks for his efforts as he expresses for the members of his committee above.

## Candidates That The Sentinel Recommends

On the first page of the second section of this issue of the Sentinel appears a list of the candidates for whom the Sentinel recommends that the voters cast their votes on Nov. 7. They are all especially capable, men who will fill the offices they seek with ability and attention to their duties, and no one can go wrong in marking an X before their names.

To that list should be added the names of L. W. Oddy for county clerk, and Fred Bull for justice of the peace for J. P. and Constable district, No. 3.

## Commander Wilkins Talks At Rotary

In accordance with the observance of Navy Day this week Commander Wilkins of the U. S. Naval station at Charleston, was the guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday.

He gave a very interesting talk on the Navy with sidelights on his personal contacts with some of the members of the high command in the Pacific.

He also assured his listeners that every possible effort would be made to prevent a recurrence of the disastrous plane wreck which occurred here a couple of weeks ago and commended the local authorities on their splendid co-operation at that time.

A resolution of condolence was read on the recent death of one of the Rotary members, Fred Hudson, and the members voted to attend the funeral services in a body.

Art Berg spoke of the success of the local War Fund drive, and complimented Chairman George Chaney on completing Coquille's quota in such brief time. Mr. Chaney responded and thanked his solicitors for their co-operation.

Wallace Dement, of Myrtle Point, was the only Rotarian guest. Other guests were Lieut. Geo. W. Laird, of the Marine Corps; Jack Carroll, of the Navy; Perry Walbridge, of Eugene; W. W. Chambers, of Port Orford, and Ed Throckmorton, of Coquille.

Announcement was made of the coming lecture of Don Bolt, the first of a series of four, on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

## Southwestern Motors Gets Ten Cars Released By The Army

Iris A. Elrod and his daughter, Gwen; Lou Braley and drivers returned Wednesday evening from Fort Lewis where the Southwestern Motors had purchased ten Command cars which were released for civilian use by the Army. They are 4-wheel drive cars, of the carry-all type, and will make excellent utility cars for loggers and farmers.

Mr. Braley announces that several of them have already been sold.

## Sgt. and Corporal Johnsons Home At Same Time

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson had the pleasure on Monday of having their two sons who are in Uncle Sam's service at home. Corporal Burton R. Johnson, who came from Tyndall Field in Florida, was joined on the last lap of his trip by his brother and wife, Sgt. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, who came from Geiger Field, Washington, where he is stationed in the Engineer Corps. The sergeant and his wife had to leave Tuesday morning but Burton will be here for several days yet.

M. L. Lahey was summoned by the state police on Monday to appear before Justice F. R. Bull for having an overloaded truck on the highway.

## Freak Accident Kills Joe Lichtenberger At Plant Wednesday

One of those freak accidents, for which no one is responsible and in which not the least bit of carelessness was involved, occurred at the Smith plant here at 11:05 yesterday morning and resulted in the death of Jos. E. Lichtenberger at the Belle Knife Hospital, where he was immediately taken, at 2:05 in the afternoon.

Lichtenberger, who was a trimmer in the cedar mill, had started to get a drink and, as he passed the edger, a piece of cut lumber flew from the saw, hit the bumper and bounced back, hitting the victim over the abdomen cavity on the side, causing internal concussion.

Not a great deal is known about Mr. Lichtenberger here. He had been at the plant something over two years and had been living at the Vergil Beaudette home on North Moulton street. He was a single man, had formerly been postmaster at Wolf Creek, Oregon, and is known to have a sister, Miss Florence Lichtenberger, a school teacher at Odell, Oregon. Another sister lives in McMinnville and a brother is in San Francisco. He was 53 years of age.

Shortly after the accident Bard Kesner, mill superintendent, wired and then called the sister by phone at McMinnville, but up to a late hour this morning he had received no word from her.

The body was taken to the Gano Funeral Home.

## Log Crushes Life From Roy Rhule

Roy Rhule, a native of Coquille who has resided in Myrtle Point for several years, was instantly killed at the log dump on the river at Johnson's Mill last Thursday afternoon when the chain which held the logs on the truck broke, allowing them to slide off and crush him.

The same accident caused the breaking of both legs of the truck driver, Charles Johnston, also of Myrtle Point, who was taken to the Mast Hospital.

Roy, who was a log scaler, was born here Sept. 2, 1912, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhule. His father now lives in Roseburg and his mother, Mrs. Herbert J. Frye, resides in Aberdeen, Wash. He was one month and 17 days past 32 years of age. A graduate of Coquille High School, he had been engaged in logging since reaching manhood.

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Mortuaries in Myrtle Point at 2:00 p. m. on Monday, Rev. Robt. L. Greene officiating, and Masonic services were conducted in the newer Coquille I.O.O.F. cemetery, where interment took place.

Besides his father and mother, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. June Neal Rhule, to whom he was married last year; a sister, Mrs. Irene Richey, who resides in Sutherlin; and three brothers, John of Sutherlin, Albert and Everett, both of whom are in the Army.

## Three of Mrs. Harlocker's Children Here Last Friday

Mrs. F. E. McKenna, Miss Edna Harlocker and Chas. Harlocker, children of the late Mrs. Fannie J. Harlocker who was buried here last Friday; her brother, John S. Coke, and her granddaughter, formerly Ann Harlocker, arrived here from Portland last Thursday evening. Mr. McKenna came down by Thursday night's train. Although he had a berth engaged, he had to sit up all night when service men preempted his reservations.

All of those mentioned above are former Coquille residents except Judge Coke, whose Coos county home was in Marshfield.

The entire party returned to Portland Friday evening after the funeral.

Hugh Harlocker, who resides in the Los Angeles area, was not able to come for the funeral.

## Nosler Barber Shop Closed For Upwards Of A Month

The Nosler Barber Shop has been closed the past ten days and will be for two or three weeks longer, R. E. Nosler having gone to Richardson Springs in California in hopes that the waters there would help his arthritis. W. H. Mansell accompanied

## Republicans Are Preparing For A Whirlwind Finish

An enthusiastic and optimistic Republican meeting was held in the Coquille city hall Monday evening, with candidates, precinct committee men and women, and various chairmen present.

Don Farr presided at the meeting and Coos County Chairman Raleigh Green introduced the several candidates, all of whom spoke on the need for Republican success this year and of bright prospect. They were Ralph T. Moore, candidate for representative in the legislature; Harold A. Olson, for district attorney; Fred C. True, for county assessor, and J. N. Gearhart, for county surveyor.

Harry A. Slack spoke on behalf of the candidates who were unable to attend.

The purpose of the meeting was to lay plans for the final two weeks of the campaign, and reports of city organizers given were by Jack Kronenberg for Bandon, Mrs. Waldemar Gurney for Myrtle Point, and Mrs. Minnie King for Powers.

J. E. Axtell gave information as to literature and publicity available.

The plans made were not for publication, of course, but they are being carried out and the next ten days will see considerable activity not only by the candidates but by the party workers in all sections.

Coos county in the Republican column, from Dewey down, is the aim of every Republican in the county, and it is also the ardent desire of hundreds of Democrats who are not New Dealers.

## 20 Lbs. The Largest At The Fish Derby

The Lions Club Fish Derby, held on the lower river last Sunday, drew a crowd of around 75 Lions, Rotarians and invited guests. All those enjoyed the day on the river but not from the number of fish caught for that number was quite small, some boats' occupants not even getting a strike.

The late Fred Hudson, and Lud Scharfer had the distinction of catching the largest fish, each landing a 20-pound Silverside.

Jack Moore, the Lions president and chairman in charge of the derby, was accused of being a "professional cook," the reason given being that no one else could make such rotten coffee!

There was no "milk boat" participating this year, none of the three who occupied a boat of that distinction last year being able to attend Sunday.

## R.E.A. Board Holds Over Again

Failure of a quorum of the Coos Electric Co-operative, R. E. A., members to attend the annual meeting of the Co-operative Wednesday evening, will result in the officers and board members to hold over for another year, as nearly all of the following have done since its organization. The board of directors is composed of the following:

Ivan C. Laird, president; M. C. Miller, vice president; Rosabel Brown, secretary-treasurer, and Directors L. B. Jennings, Louise Scofield, Lora Holverstott, J. E. Richards, Louis Lund and Elmer Wilson.

Nearly all the board members were present and they held a short meeting, attending to routine business matters and hearing reports by the manager, R. J. Connarn, and others.

## Harold Olson Campaigning For Office Of District Attorney

Elsewhere in this issue appears the advertisement of Harold A. Olson, republican candidate for District Attorney for Coos county, who was contacting the voters here last Friday, seeking their support at the general election on Nov. 7. Mr. Olson has been practicing law at North Bend for several years and is fully qualified to handle the county's legal affairs. His promise is "Prompt and Careful Attention to County and State Matters."

Jack Carroll, former Coquille High student, is spending a few days at home. He came from a Navy training camp in Florida and will report soon to the base in San Diego.

## Tracy Leach To Be Buried Friday

Tracy A. Leach, who had been a sufferer from a throat cancer for some time, passed away at the Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point, where he had been taken on Monday, in the afternoon on Tuesday, Dr. Barkwell, specialist at the Bay who had examined him, says that the deceased must have suffered agonies of pain for months and months.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p. m. Friday, at the Schroeder Chapel, Rev. Robt. L. Greene officiating. Interment will be in the older I.O.O.F. cemetery, in the family plot where his father, the late Geo. O. Leach, was buried.

Tracy was born in Coquille, July 8, 1892, and was three months and 16 days past 52 years of age. He graduated from the Coquille schools and for some years was one of the Mt. States Power line crew.

Years ago when Coquille boasted a town band, and it was one any community could be proud of, Tracy was one of its leading members, a trombonist, and he was a very essential part of the Leach Orchestra, led by his father, which was always in demand for dances.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Callie Leach, and his brother, Jack, both of whom reside four miles south on the highway to Bandon, and by one son, George Tracy, who has been in the Army for several years, having been in India and Burma and is now a Master Sergeant stationed in China where fighting is fierce.

## Co. Treasurer Remits \$80,890 To Sch. Dists.

Last Saturday County Treasurer Stauff put in the mail, addressed to the various school districts of Coos county, checks totalling \$80,890.22. The funds from which this total was accumulated were the special school tax of \$13,415.57, State School Support Fund \$58,866.35, and the State School Fund of \$7,608.30.

Mr. Stauff also reports that he has received notice of claim settlement from the O. & C. Land Grant bureau in Washington, D. C., that the amount Coos county will receive from that fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, is to be \$54,217.40. He anticipates receiving the remittance in about a month and it will be credited to the county's General Road Fund.

## Former Tip Top To Open Friday

The former Tip Top, in the Odd Fellows building, will re-open Friday, Oct. 27, at 11 a. m., under the name of Beets Em All Cafe & Confectionery. The place, which has been undergoing a renovation from top to bottom the past few weeks, will serve meals as well as have the fountain service, and E. H. Beets, the proprietor, announces it will be open daily from 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 a. m., beginning Oct. 27.

## Christmas Seal Sale Opening Date Postponed A Week

Postponement of the official opening of the 38th annual Christmas Seal Sale by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and the 36 county public health associations in Oregon from Nov. 20 to Nov. 27 in deference to the Sixth War Loan Drive, scheduled to begin on the earlier date, was announced this week by Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Association.

## Democratic Candidate For U. S. Senator Here Last Friday

Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for U. S. senator, who lives in Astoria, was calling on the voters in Coquille last Friday, accompanied by County General Committee Chairman F. R. Bull. The aspirant for a seat in the senate gave no political address here but did at a meeting in Marshfield the day before.

## Frank DeCosta Leaves Army Because of His Ears

Franklin DeCosta returned to Coquille last Saturday, after seven months in the Army, and has resumed his former position at the Smith Wood-Products plant. He was discharged from the Army at the Presidio, Monterey, Calif., because of a perforated ear drum which rendered him unfit for overseas duty.

## Most Stores To Close For Red Devils-Pirate Game Saturday

The Coquille Red Devils football team is to have another test of its mettle this coming Saturday afternoon at two o'clock when it meets the husky, Marshfield Hi Pirates squad on Athletic Field here.

Whether all business houses will close that afternoon for two hours is not certain, but most of the proprietors who agreed to close for the Myrtle Point game four weeks ago indicated that they would also suspend all operations for two hours when the Pirates came to town. The Chamber of Commerce, at its last session, also requested that the merchants lock up for two hours for the Coquille-Marshfield game.

While the Pirates have been beaten this year and the Red Devils have not, that means nothing for there is always a battle when these teams meet on the gridiron, and everyone who enjoys football should not miss Saturday's game.

The Bandon Tigers, who have not had a team for the past two years, were able to do something that no other team, except the North Bend Tigers, has done this year, score on the Red Devils. Their six points were made as the result of a pass and run, and the final score was 61 to 6.

The line-ups for Saturday's game, as given by the respective coaches, will be as follows:

**Firstos**  
77—Don Maine, C.  
62—Pat Smith, R.G.  
64—Joe Megale, L. G.  
81—Jerry Gowan, R. T.  
78—Glen Reiber, L. T.  
76—Bob West, R. E.  
58—Don Gassaway, L. E.  
57—Jack Roundtree, Q.  
66—Doug Falconer, R. H.  
74—Homer Duncan, L. H.  
70—Dick Kliner, F.  
**Substitutes**—McCall, Elwood, McCarthy, O'Conner, Filtrcroft, Gibney, Beber, Chabot, Duncan, Walton, Luscombe, Hillstrom, Mobley, Lapp, McCoy, O'Neal, Putnam, Glass.

**Red Devils**  
82—Don Buckles, C.  
85—Joe Stone, R. G.  
84—Bob Kelley, L. G.  
80—Wayne Chezem, R. F.  
91—Jim Kinney, L. T.  
94—Floyd DeNoma, R. E.  
93—Roy Porter, L. E.  
87—Bob Albion, Q.  
88—Bud Meek, R. H.  
80—Dave Kline, L. H.  
90—George Hurst, F.  
**Substitutes**—H. Train, S. Johnson, J. Stevens, K. Neeley, T. Boots, B. Jenkins, Billings, J. Blum, G. Johnson, W. McKinney, B. Stevenson, M. Williams, Morgan, D. Minard, B. Train.

## J. E. Axtell Found Much Dewey Sentiment In The East

J. E. Axtell, who returned last Friday from Chicago where as president of the Oregon Titlemen's Association, he attended the national convention of titlemen, came back feeling much more hopeful of Thos. E. Dewey's election as president after he had talked with men from all over the U. S. prominent and well informed on the probabilities in their respective sections. So is this writer, Joe, a little more hopeful of that result each day.

## Dave Smith To Be Sent Overseas In Near Future

Staff Sgt. David R. Smith, according to a letter Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith received this week, has been relieved of his duties at the Oklahoma City Tinker Field Army Air base, and has been transferred to a base at Kearns, Utah, where he is preparing for an overseas assignment. He refers to his present base by saying that he hopes to be sent over soon "where it will be more quiet and safer."

## Wasley Laird Ready For Overseas Duty Nov. 1

Second Lieut. and Mrs. George Wasley Laird arrived here Monday evening from Newport, Ark., where he has been in training at the Marine Corps base. Mrs. Laird had just gone down there and arrived in time to accompany Wasley home.

He must report on Nov. 1 to the Marine Corps port of embarkation for overseas duty, at San Diego.

While here they are staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Laird, on the Marshfield highway.