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Tri-County Chamber Commerce Organized Last Friday Afternoon

Chamber of Commerce delegates representing eight coastal cities in Oregon and northern California assembled in the Curry county court house Friday afternoon, Jan. 12, to organize a Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

The three counties are Coos and Curry in Oregon and Del Norte county in California. Cities represented at the meeting were: Reedsport, North Bend, Marshfield, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Crescent City. At least two and perhaps more cities whose representatives were unable to be present at this meeting expect to become members of the three-county organization.

Immediate purposes set forth by the new organization are: (1) To effect an improvement in transportation facilities and to assist local areas in presenting their highway problems, (2) To encourage development of natural resources and to render assistance to agricultural areas, (3) To assist in the creation of new industries, (4) To form a legislative committee to present River and Harbor and other physical problems.

It was definitely stated that the work of this organization would not duplicate or replace any work done by the Coast Highway Association.

Although Reedsport is not located in any of the above counties, her interests and problems are so nearly the same as other cities represented that her Chamber of Commerce was admitted to full membership in the new organization.

"Tri-County Chamber of Commerce" was the name selected for the organization and the following officers were chosen: President, Elton Schroeder of Myrtle Point; Vice presidents, Rt. Rev. Magr. P. L. O'Loughlin of Crescent City and M. E. Kelley of Port Orford; Secretary-Treasurer, Burton W. Dunn of Coquille; and Directors, Sydney Samuelson, Reedsport; Henry Gustafson, North Bend; T. O. Toon, Coos Bay; and George Dickinson, Gold Beach.

The officers and directors of the Tri-County Chamber will meet once each month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19, at the Gold Beach Court House at 2:00 p. m.

Thirty-five delegates attended the organization meeting as follows: S. L. Burton, Gold Beach; O. J. Horne, Charles Robinson, Earl Little, T. O. Toon and Lucille Archer, Coos Bay; L. H. Pierce, Jess Clinton, and Elton Schroeder, Myrtle Point; Jess Griffith, Reedsport; C. M. Gray, Frank Moore, C. H. Young, R. G. Sablin, Paul Hoffman, and Adrian Schroeder, Gold Beach; Henry Gustafson and William Heatherington, North Bend; C. E. Baird, M. E. Kelley and Frank Shaw, Port Orford; B. W. Dunn, Evan Albion, and C. G. Coughlin, Coquille; F. Holton, B. A. Stewart, B. A. Wynn and Father O'Loughlin, Crescent City; Marion Nance, Earl Burras and Geo. Dickinson, Gold Beach.

Coos Bay Losers To Wheel Winners

Clarence H. Cœ, chairman of the Coos county Sixth War Bond campaign as he was of the 3rd, 4th and 5th, was over from Marshfield Monday and reported that he and several members of the committee were going over to Roseburg Friday to pay their bet with the Douglas county committeemen. Douglas won in its over-subscription quota of the 6th campaign, it having exceeded its quota of E bonds by 22.6 per cent while Coos county was only 21.2 per cent above par.

The Coos delegation, besides buying the dinners for ten of the Roseburg committeemen, must furnish transportation for the half score, the transportation being a wheel barrow ride for two blocks on the main street of the Douglas county capital.

Red Devils To Meet Pirates Friday Evening Here

The Coquille Red Devils, who have lost their last two basketball games the past week, are scheduled to meet the Marshfield Pirates on the high school gym floor here Friday evening this week, Jan. 19, with a B squad game starting about seven o'clock. No conference game is scheduled for next Tuesday. On Jan. 26 they play the Bulldogs at North Bend, the team which handed them their first defeat this year.

To Talk On Post-War Readjustment

Sponsored by the City of Coquille, the Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups, a dinner meeting in the Coffee Shop next Monday evening has been arranged to hear W. M. Bartlett of Salem, of the state's Committee on Post-War Readjustment and Development.

Mr. Bartlett was appointed to the position by Gov. Snell and Mayor O. L. Wood, who has heard him talk, says he has plenty on the ball and a good system of post-war readjustment to suggest. He is a consultant engineer and the subject on which he is to talk is one in which everyone is now, and will be increasingly, interested in as the war approaches its end.

Tickets are selling for \$1.25.

Cpl. Harry Lorenz Back From Iceland

Corp. Harry Lorenz, son of Mrs. Mary Lorenz of this city and who lived here for many years, will leave next Tuesday to report at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for further assignment.

Harry is a member of the U. S. Coast Artillery and was stationed in Iceland for 23 months, having been in the service for 30 months. His outfit landed in the United States on their home leave on Dec. 27, and the Statue of Liberty looked pretty good to them. He arrived home early in January.

Iceland, which is about 200x300 miles in extent, has suffered some nuisance raids by the Nazis but nothing very serious. The island lies just under the Arctic circle and Harry says the thermometer seldom goes lower than six degrees above zero.

It took the U. S. troops some little time to converse with the Icelanders but the natives are learning more English all the time now.

He describes his stay there as living in a comfortable and safe place. The fog is about the same as off the Coos county coast.

Another thing Harry told is that the Iceland alphabet has one more letter in it than the English does.

Capt. Jess Barton Home On A 30-Day Furlough

Capt. Jess Barton, whose head injury in France was chronicled some time ago, came home last Friday on a 30-day leave. He came from Walla Walla. Jess is wearing a silver plate in his skull where the piece of shrapnel penetrated during the engagement in which he was taking part.

Furb Emery Had A Good Day's Fishing Last Friday

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Emery left for their home in Elgin Sunday after visiting friends in Coquille last Wednesday evening. Furb got in a lot of fishing last Friday when Geo. A. Ulett and Ralph Taylor took him down to Sixes. They caught eight nice steelhead and Furb shipped them to friends in eastern Oregon.

Dr. Jas. Millar To Speak At First Church Fellowship Dinner

The Coquille Churches' Fellowship pot-luck dinner will be held Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:00 p. m., with the Pioneer Methodist Church as the first host church for the new organization. Highlight of the evening will be the address by Dr. James Millar from Oregon State College.

Who Can Tell When This Business Operated?

While working on the remodeling of a house which he recently purchased, with four and one-half acres of ground back of the former E. E. Johnson house on Spurgeon Hill, Perley O. Lund found an old business card which must be 50 years or more of age.

Possibly Ralph Nosler, among Coquille business men, can recall when and where the "Restaurant and Bakery" printed on the card was located but there are not many in town who can.

Mrs. M. C. Sned was the proprietress, the Bakery was located on Front street, Coquille City, Ore., and pies and cakes were on sale Saturday and Sunday. Other reading was, Meals at all Hours, Lunches 10 cents up; Cigars and Tobacco; Strictly White Labor. That "Coquille City" stamps it as nearly, if not more, than half a century ago that the card was printed.

C. of C. Has Healthy Balance To Start The New Year

Before turning the gavel over to his successor, Evan Albion, at the Coquille Chamber of Commerce board of directors' semi-monthly session in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, Geo. E. Oerding again thanked the directors for their fine support of his administration the past two years and bespoke a continuation of that support for the new president.

In assuming the office Mr. Albion pledged all effort possible to make 1944 a good year for the Coquille Chamber.

There were 13 officers and directors, and one visitor, Assistant County Agent Al Geiss, present at the dinner session.

At the suggestion of the president, the practice was resumed of having the secretary call the roll of officers and directors.

The directors voted to pay the ten cents per member requested by the Greater Oregon Committee, which is appointed by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, for the year 1944.

Treasurer R. L. Stewart's financial report for 1944 was accepted. It showed as follows:

	General Fund	House	Total
Jan. 1, 1944	\$655.32	\$123.14	\$778.46
Deposits in '44	782.00	145.00	927.00
Total	1,437.32	268.14	1,705.46
Checks issued	680.80	43.83	724.63
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	756.52	224.31	980.83

A report on last Friday's Tri-County Chamber of Commerce organization meeting at Gold Beach was made by its secretary, B. W. Dunn, who said that it was a most enthusiastic meeting from every angle, and that the \$10 membership fee paid by affiliated Chambers of Commerce makes every member of these Chambers a member of the Tri-County C. of C.

Among the activities he mentioned which the Tri-County will vigorously engage in is support of the proposed new railroad line into southwestern Oregon.

There was discussion among the directors of some plan for having Coquille C. of C. members, who are not on the official board, attend the meetings on the first and third Tuesday noons each month. While the Chamber of Commerce is well supported by Coquille business houses, many members do not keep posted on what the Chamber is doing, and it is proposed that half a dozen, who are not directors, be invited by card for each meeting. The more one attends these meetings and sees what the Chamber is attempting to do to advance the city's business interests, the more interested he or she becomes. Especially when they learn that their annual dues are not just "pouring the money down a rat hole."

It was voted to extend Roy Shawcross, who spoke here recently at the Chamber's annual session, an invitation to hold the February 26 meeting he spoke of at that time in Coquille. It is to be held to interest more business men in making use of the foreign patents seized by the government at the outbreak of the war, and 100 to 150 persons, from up and down the coast, are expected to attend.

The directors also voted to spend \$50 for the four-volume library of foreign-patents information, which contain 45,000 listed patents. These books will be open to the public and to any interested possible manufacturer who may wish to establish a plant. They will be placed either in the City Library or in the secretary's office in the city hall.

Two Coquille Boys Meet In Church On New Guinea

Mrs. Elwyn Nosler heard recently from Elwyn that he had seen the first man from Coquille he had yet encountered on Christmas eve when he entered a church on New Guinea. Some one tapped him on the shoulder and looking around he saw Jim Schaefer, who was at that time stationed on a floating dock in the New Guinea waters. The boys had a good time talking about Coquille and old friends and hoping they would be back home soon.

Monday's Council Session Not As Long As Usual

Mayor Wood and all councilmen, except George Burr, were present for the city fathers' session Monday evening, at which time a petition was read for the placing of a street light at the east "dead end" of Fifth street. It was referred to the light committee with power to act.

The application and bond of the Paul Prince Auto Wreckers to the state for a license was approved.

City licenses, the required fee accompanying the application, were given Glen C. Hutton for a restaurant license for the White Cottage on Front street, to Richard T. Hollenbeck for the bowling alley on Front street, and to Blanche Webster for a rooming house license on Front street.

The appointment of Otho H. Miller by Chief R. H. Creager, as a deputy marshal was confirmed by the council.

The recorder's and treasurer's reports for December were accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Wood reported a letter of invitation for city engineering officials to attend a two week course at O.E.S. in February, when the subject of sewage disposal plants will be discussed and the best methods of installing such plants will be discussed by the engineering department of the college.

In connection with that sewage disposal plant requirement, Councilman C. M. Gray reported that he and Councilman George Taylor had conferred with George Oerding, who promised that he and Mr. Franklin, owners of the former Kistner ranch, would give the city the first chance to purchase the two acres which will be needed for the disposal plant.

It was ordered by the council that the Coquille Lions club, which has in its possession a large amount of the city's old records, should be given to the city.

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Millions Of Feet Logs Come Out

Lots of logs have come out of the East Fork the past week, where a pretty good rise last week-end enabled Smith Wood-Products to bring out about three million feet of logs. On Monday and Tuesday this week several million feet of logs were started for the Moore mill at Bandon. The East Fork is the only stream in this part of the state where logs are dependent on high water to be floated out. At all other logging camps, except those on the East Fork, the timber is transported to the mills by truck.

Cary-Biegger Nuptials Tuesday

Of interest to their many friends here is the announcement that Mrs. Anna Biegger, mother of David B. Biegger, and Leo J. Cary were united in marriage last Tuesday morning. Whether the wedding occurred in Salem or Portland has not been learned here and the happy couple are probably on a honeymoon trip somewhere but no word has yet been received from them.

Old-Time Music At Rotary Club

A trio composed of Walter, Joe and Clell Laird, the latter the grandson of Walter, provided the entertainment with a series of ballads and old-time dance music at the noon meeting of the Rotary club on Wednesday. They used the piano and a guitar to accompany the singing and all three took their turn at the piano at different times. They were roundly applauded and called back again and again and their music was evidently greatly enjoyed by those present.

Oscar Larson was welcomed back after an absence of several weeks, caused by his recent operation, and Ed Dellefsen was congratulated on his marriage last week. Rotarian guests present were J. D. Carl and Henry Schroeder of the Myrtle Point club. Other guests were Capt. Jess Barton and Corporal Harry Lorenz of the U. S. Army, Claude Stotts of Marshfield, Robt. Smith of Curry county and Evan Albion, Claire Gray, Jr., and Roy Porter, all of Coquille.

Lieut. C. E. Kampf Missing Since Jan. 13

Postmaster and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins received a wire from headquarters in Washington that the husband of their daughter, Ann—Lieut. C. E. Kampf—has been missing since Jan. 13. Lieut. Kampf was not in the war zones but was stationed at the Air base on Puerto Rico and there is, of course, a possibility that he may be picked up at sea in the Atlantic southeast of the United States but it is only a slim hope.

Mrs. Kampf is living in Grand Island, Nebr., where Lieut. Kampf was stationed for a time as a trainer of flying personnel.

In a phone conversation with Ann yesterday, she told Mr. Hawkins that she was leaving Grand Island today for Coquille and that the commanding officer had informed her that there was no hope that Lieut. Kampf could be rescued.

The following which probably refers to the same catastrophe in which Lieut. Kampf lost his life appeared in last night's Portland Journal:

"The names of seven officers and enlisted men, rescued by naval craft when their four-engined bomber from the Grand Island field crashed in Puerto Rican waters, were released Wednesday. The rescued men included: Second Lieut. Robert C. Tracy, of Baker, Oregon.

Bob Hurrell Is Missing In Belgium

Word has been received from the War Department that Robert F. Hurrell was declared missing in action somewhere in Belgium. Hurrell has been overseas for about four months, leaving his wife and baby daughter at their home in Coquille. Both Hurrell and his wife, the former Verville Degester, attended Coquille High and Bob was one of Spitz Leslie's football stars a few years ago. His father is employed at the Coquille mill, his mother, Mrs. Hurrell, is in the city.

Pleds Guilty To Killing Prize Bull

Fred Ellingsen of the State Police noticed a car parked in the woods at the head of the North Fork while on regular patrol duty the first of the week and, thinking it might belong to someone who was hunting out of season, waited for the owner to return. In the late afternoon a man by the name of Bryan and a sailor from the North Bend Naval Air Station walked out of the timber carrying the hind quarter of an animal.

The animal proved to be a prize, purebred Hereford bull, belonging to Charlotte Smith of Fairview. The identification tag had been cut from the ear, but was found by the policeman. The animal had been shot and left lying in the woods after the one quarter had been removed. The estimated weight of the Hereford last summer was 1500 pound, and in these days of meat rationing, that represents a tremendous amount of food left to spoil. Aside from the waste of food was the fact that the valuable animal had cost Mrs. Smith \$100 as a calf and had been brought here from Springfield. Its present value was fixed at \$150 by the owner.

Bryan, who did the actual shooting, seemed almost anxious to be sent to the penal institution at Salem. After a complaint had been filed against him, he waived a hearing, refused counsel, and in answer to the query of the judge, pleaded guilty. Judge King refrained from passing sentence until next motion day, during which time he hopes to learn more about the background of Bryan, who recently moved here from the Middle West. It is rumored that he is afraid that reclassification of 4Fs will put him in the Army and that he is seeking an "out."

Friends are waiting with interest to find whether or not Mrs. Smith will receive any compensation for the loss of her splendid animal. Although the remainder of the meat was taken to the slaughter house, it had not been cared for properly at the time it was shot, and Mrs. Smith reported it to be almost unfit for human consumption.

The Three Links Social Club is having an invitational formal dance Saturday, Jan. 20, at Odd Fellows Hall. Chairman of the social committee is Harry Hunt; committee members are Walter Moore and Melvin Giles.

Coos Electric Co-Op Buys Power Plant In Southern Curry Co.

At the hearing before Judge Bole of the Curry County Court in Gold Beach this week, for the purpose of receiving and opening bids for the purchase of the Brookings Light and Power Co. in southern Curry county, the bid of the Coos Electric Co-operative, R.E.A., was adjudged the best and highest by Judge Bole. There were several bids submitted, the highest being for cash, and the sale was ordered, subject to confirmation by the Oregon Public Utilities Commission.

Application has already been made by M. W. Skipworth, attorney for the estate which owned the plant, for a hearing by the commission, and which will be held at the earliest possible date its calendar will permit.

The plant was owned by the Peter Grigolo estate, of which Emma Nye is administratrix, and includes the plant with two Diesel engines at Brookings and some rural lines.

R. J. Connarn, manager of the R.E.A. for the Coos Co-operative, sent a man down this week to start resumption of operations there and on Wednesday a \$16,000 mobile unit, borrowed from an R.E.A. at Eugene, was taken down to help in the operation of the plant until the sale is confirmed and improvements and extensions made there.

Mr. Connarn has been seeking to acquire this property for the Coos Electric Co-op for the past four years and says that it will be operated on the basis of the former contracts with the customers there.

There are many new homes in the Harbor-Brookings section, for all of which electric service is desired and the Co-operative will make the extensions as soon as the sale is confirmed by the Utilities Commission. The price paid for the property was not reported.

H. F. Nelson To Be Buried Today

Funeral services are to be held at the Baptist church in Bandon Friday, Jan. 19, for Harold F. Nelson, who died at the Gold Beach Hospital on Tuesday this week after being ill for some time.

He was born at Langlois, Oregon, Sept. 2, 1882, and was four months and 14 days past 62 years of age.

He is survived by his widow, who was Della Hohn, to whom he was married, Dec. 17, 1910; also by two daughters, Mrs. Marcella Wilson of Coquille, and Mrs. Evelyn Foster of Sutherlin; five grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Ella J. Nelson of Coquille, and two sisters, Mrs. Elva M. Philpott and Mrs. Mayme Martin.

The deceased attended the Bandon schools and later worked for his father, Peter Nelson, who was a blacksmith at Bandon.

He lived in Coquille for several years, being employed at the plant here, but for the last eight years has been chief engineer at the Standard Battery Separator Co. plant at Ophir in Curry county.

School Changes For Second Semester

The second semester of the school year began Monday, January 15. Few changes have been made from the program of the first semester. Some reorganization was necessary in all schools and assignments of new texts were made where necessary.

Miss Ingman, in charge of the High School cafeteria, has announced a price reduction to students on certain types of lunches, due to the assistance from the War Food Administration. The purpose of the program is to encourage more students to eat a better balanced hot lunch. Mrs. Lavinia Allen is now cooking for the cafeteria, replacing Mrs. Lena Thomas, who is moving to Portland.

Only one change has been made in the teaching staff with Mrs. Pauline Chase Harvey replacing Mrs. Dorothy Fisher who resigned her second grade position at the end of the first semester.

Due to the departure of Reverend L. C. Persing who was driving the school district bus, Reverend V. W. Anglin and Reverend Menlo Rempel have come to the rescue and are operating the bus jointly.