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Improvements In City Hall Ordered By The Council

The Coquille city hall which was built in 1912 and has had very little altering since that time will, as soon as materials are available, have interior remodeling which will greatly improve its appearance inside.

At the council session Monday evening the city dads instructed E. L. Perrott & Son to go ahead with the improvements for the first floor as soon as they could. These will vastly change the appearance of the recorder's office and will provide a ladies' rest room just inside the main entrance.

The ceiling in the recorder's office is to be lowered about three feet and a glass brick window, five feet high and ten feet long, installed in the east wall of that room.

On the south wall of that office the change will be very drastic also. Instead of a narrow window, with a hole in the glass to talk through to water payers, a counter will be installed from the present entrance to the office east to the bend in the wall.

This counter will be of a rich-looking, dark wood and there will be two wickets, similar to those in the bank, where two customers at a time may be waited upon. The counter will have a plate glass top and the door entrance from the hall will be at the east end of the counter. A new floor with linoleum covering is also to be laid.

The estimate submitted for the remodeling of the recorder's office was \$1,095.50, but that figure does not include either wiring nor painting. The estimate for installing the ladies' rest room was \$410.50.

Of the \$1900 budgeted last July for city hall improvements, there is still \$1850 in the fund, and the council plans on including enough in the next July 1 budget to do the other improving planned.

These other improvements include alterations in the council chamber, to cost \$265 plus wiring and painting; installing shelves in the store room at \$12.50; and ceiling the fire hall at \$167.50 and \$705.90 for providing more decent quarters in the firemen's room above the fire hall.

Mr. Perrott stated it would probably be 60 days before the glass brick could be secured and work started in the recorder's office.

Forger Asks To Be Sent To The Pen

Judge King heard two men plead guilty to criminal charges in Circuit court here on Monday and one of them, Wm. E. Conley, asked to be sent to the pen. "Don't worry about that," was the judge's rejoinder, "You are going there," and Sheriff Howell took him out to the pen yesterday.

The charge against him was that of obtaining money under false pretenses. He forged the name of A. E. Kester of the locker plant here to a \$10 check, drawn on the bank here. He has been in penitentiaries three times before and Judge King gave him four years for this trip.

The other to plead guilty was Clyde L. Davis, who was charged with writing a check when he had insufficient funds in the bank to cover it. The judge suspended sentence for 30 days and if by that time Davis has been inducted into the U. S. army, his honor will then consider dismissing the case.

Capt. Fred Lorenz Home On Furlough From Utah

Capt. Fred E. Lorenz, who had not been home for the past six months, arrived by the six o'clock bus last evening from the Army base at Dugway, Utah. He is looking extremely well and as though Army life in the desert country agreed with him.

Jim Richmond To Be Home Next Week

James Richmond, who has been doing research work for the Army with John Hopkins University as his headquarters, has notified his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Richmond, that he will be in Portland next Wednesday. They will meet him there and bring him and Mrs. Richmond, who is living there, down to Coquille for a few days. When he leaves it will be for the east coast on an overseas assignment.

To Collect Shoes And Clothing For Russians On Feb. 10

Call for all Oregon to join forces with the rest of the nation in aiding those Russians who have been stripped of all their possessions, including clothing, has been issued by Governor Earl Snell.

His statement which supports the work now under way in all the communities of the state reads as follows:

"The 'Share Your Clothes With The Russians,' campaign is an opportunity to aid humanity and the united war effort.

"I think we are appreciative of the prolonged resistance in Russia which permitted others of the allied nations time to arm and equip. I think we comprehend also the resultant privation among Russian civilians.

"Return of 70,000,000 Russian people to devastated homes in liberated territory with only the little clothing they are wearing had added to an already urgent emergency. That the time to act is now is shown in the recent appeal direct from the American ambassador."

The Inter-club committee of Coquille, with nearly all the civic organizations participating, has taken on the job of doing this much needed work in Coquille and the American Legion, with the aid of Boy Scouts, is planning on making the house-to-house collection of all such donated items this coming Saturday, Feb. 10.

The ladies of the organizations will go over the clothing and shoes, which will be left at the Community Building and the men of the organizations will make them ready for shipment.

Coquille High To Play Pilots

Next week the Coquille High school basketball team is scheduled to meet the Buzz Boys, a team of Navy fliers now stationed at North Bend. The game will be held at the Coquille High school gymnasium at 7:30 Wednesday night, February 14. The Buzz Boys are composed of young officers. All are pilots. As all are former basketball players, Coquille fans may be assured of seeing some good basketball and a fast game.

The Red Devils' regularly scheduled conference games for the coming week calls for the Myrtle Point Bobcats to appear on the local floor Friday evening, Feb. 9, and for Coquille to meet the Marshfield Pirates on the Coos Bay gym floor a week from Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Robert L. Scorby Missed Being Released By A Few Days

Mrs. Jack Scorby reported last Friday that her son, Robert L., who was taken prisoner by the Japs in the Philippines, early in 1942, was transferred to a Jap home prison camp just a short time before MacArthur's Commandos made that thrilling rescue of 513 American prisoners held by the Japs ten days ago on Luzon Island.

His present address is: Private Robert L. Scorby, U. S. Prisoner of War, Fukunoka Prison Camp, Island of Honshu, Japan, via New York, N. Y.

Virgil Halter Back From Florida For A Few Days

Aviation M.M.1/c Virgil Halter and his wife and son returned Saturday from Green Cove Springs, Florida, where he has been stationed for some time. His family will remain in Coquille when he reports to Alameda shortly for further assignments.

Mrs. Halter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robison of Arago. Her sister, Mrs. Floyd Sexton, has been with her in Florida and also returned to make her home here while her husband is in France. Another sister, Marguerite Robison, was in Florida with them until her recent marriage to ACMM George Moore, after which she went to Hutchinson, Kansas, where her husband is stationed. Mrs. Moore worked for Hooton's Electric Shop while here and also worked for Slater's. She was a member of the Bachelor Girls.

Robert Hurrell Not Missing Is Latest Report

Mrs. Bob Hurrell has just received a telegram from the War Department bringing the news that Bob is not missing as they had previously reported him to be.

Interior Department Asked To Approve O&C Timber Contract

A delegation from Coquille went up to Portland last Friday to confer with Mr. Horning, Interior Department representative, under whose control the O. & C. lands of this section are handled.

The delegation went to present the facts, so far as known, pertaining to the sale of the Smith Wood-Products properties to the Coos Bay Lumber Co. As previously stated, the Coos Bay concern does not feel justified in making the investment unless it can secure contracts from the Interior Department for the timber on the O. & C. lands.

No intimation was given by Mr. Horning as to whether the contracts would be made, except on the "sustained yield" basis or not, but he was very much interested in the plans outlined to him and promised to present those plans to the department in Washington.

J. Arthur Berg was chairman of the committee, named by Pres. Evan Alborn of the Chamber of Commerce last week and members of the county court also were present at the meeting in Mr. Horning's office. Those who went were: J. Arthur Berg, Geo. F. Burr, L. W. Claver, J. S. Barton, Jack A. Moore, C. M. Gray, Judge L. D. Felsheim, P. W. Culver, J. W. Hildenbrand, O. L. Wood, Evan Alborn and Lefe Compton.

4.34 Inches Of Rain Past Week

The rainfall as recorded by the gauge in the court house yard for the past week was as follows:

Friday, Feb. 2, .32 inch; Saturday, .30; Sunday, .00; Monday, 1.64; Tuesday, .09; Wednesday, .58; Thursday, .82. This makes a total of 4.34 inches since last Thursday's report.

47th Anniversary F.O.E. To Be Observed Feb. 23

The 47th Anniversary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the largest fraternal organization in America, will be observed with a class initiation and program on Friday, February 23, by Coquille Aerie, it was announced Wednesday by Evan Alborn.

From its founding in 1898 at Seattle, Wash., the Order has grown to a membership of more than 900,000, of which more than 138,000 are in the armed forces. At its present rate of growth, the Order is expected to attain its 1,000,000 membership goal before 1946. A resolution providing for the local observance of the Anniversary was approved by Coquille Aerie, now in its tenth year.

U. of O. Forum Presented At Rotary

"United States and Russia—Their Post-War Problems," was the topic of a forum by three young ladies from the U. of O. at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday in the hotel banquet room.

"They were Beverly Carroll, Sue Slater and Marjorie Silvis and they were accompanied by Robt. D. Clark, assistant professor of the Department of Speech at the University.

Each of the young ladies took up different phases of the post-war problems between the two countries and each handled her subject in a concise and interesting manner. It was intended to have a general forum, with questions from those present, but lack of time after the girls had finished their talks prevented this part of the program.

Rotarian guests present were: L. H. Pearce, J. D. Carl, A. A. Shrieffer and Ed C. Brittain, of Myrtle Point; "Deke" Richmond, of Eugene, and Geo. W. Moore, of Petaluma, Calif. Other guests were Claire Gray and Floyd DeNema, from the high school; Cecil Youngstrom, of Corvallis; Herbert Carl, of Myrtle Point; Kenneth Talley, of Coquille, and Winston Chambers, of Port Orford.

Bunch Brothers Sell Their Ranch To California Man

Paul and Waldron Bunch have sold their 64-acre ranch on Rink creek to a Mr. Burcher, who comes here from California. The Bunch brothers do not know just where they will locate but are thinking of buying a small place over on the Bay side.

Chamber Commerce Asks That Dairymen Be Given More Time

There were ten more than the usual 13 at the Chamber of Commerce semi-monthly session in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, one of the visitors being Ed L. Detlefsen, who spoke on the pending legislation of Salem on an amendment to the Bang's disease control law and which, if put into effect at once, would cause a great many dairymen to lose a large percentage of their herds.

Mr. Detlefsen said the Coquille Orange has asked that the needed two years time for cleaning up the herds in the southern end of Coos county be granted before the "test and slaughter the reactors" be rigidly enforced.

He said that he suffered the loss of 140 head of cattle, killed when the "test and slaughter" law went into effect in 1933, and told how his sons, Ray and Howard, have been cleaning up their herds by having five Coos county dairymen the necessary calves vaccinated for the disease which causes undulant fever in humans.

County Agent George Jenkins, who

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He Unearthed Plenty Of Cash

When his wife failed to find the \$200 for bail money which Justice of the Peace W. B. Haynes demanded of Richard Lee Carter last Thursday, the latter asked the officer to be allowed to go to his home place. He was accompanied and when he had used a shovel for a few moments he unearthed a glass jar in which there was something over \$3,000, and he was able to post the \$200.

The other four implicated with him were taken to jail from a county truck were not such good diggers and they were brought here to the county jail.

Windle Woodrow Wilson, one of the five charged with larceny was released on Monday this week by order of Justice Haynes.

James Robert Cook was given a 30-day jail sentence and two boys—David Edward Kosban and Eldore Raymond Wilcox—are being held and will be taken before the Juvenile court. Besides being involved in the gas stealing they are charged with stealing automobile parts from a car in Bandon.

Military Intelligence Dept. Wants To Contact Those Who Have Been In Orient Recently

Clarence A. Barton, who is with the Military Intelligence department and is stationed in Portland, was in Coquille Saturday afternoon. He was on a visit to all newspapers in western and southern Oregon in regard to matters which are of such a military nature that they should not be divulged.

He did say for publication, however, that the Military Intelligence will appreciate hearing from anyone who has lived in recent years in the Orient, or in any enemy-occupied territory. Such information as may be available in this section can be transmitted to the Naval Air Base at North Bend.

Clarence said that he has orders to leave for a Texas post on Feb. 20 but he does not expect his stay there to be long.

Bowling Alley Will Re-open Again Saturday

The Coquille Bowling Alley on Front street, which has been closed since last Saturday, will be open again this coming Saturday. The alleys have been resanded and refinished and are now in the best of condition and new pins have been secured.

Dick Hollenbeck, one of the proprietors, expressed the hope this week that a Coquille city league can be formed among the many bowlers here, both ladies and men, and that contests with outside teams may possibly attract the attention of all bowling fans.

J. LeRoy Rhule, who some years ago conducted a collection and insurance office in the room in the hotel building, now occupied by the liquor store, has been in town this week. He has for several years been over in Honolulu, where he was an insurance adjuster.

Six Head Cattle Killed Sunday

That 50 or more miles an hour gale which struck this section Sunday evening and put the lights out for several hours, caused Alex McKelvie quite a loss at his place—the old Riley Clinton ranch up the river, on this side, from the Johnson Mill hill road.

His barn, built last year, collapsed and six of the seven head of cattle which had taken refuge from the storm under the barn's main floor were killed. Six of the animals were cows and one a bull. When clearing up the mess started next morning and some hay and timbers were taken off her, one cow got up and walked away.

His barn, though a new one, was not braced sufficiently to withstand that kind of a blow.

The only damage noted here in Coquille was the collapse of the playshed at the Washington school house on Third street. The supports of the shed gave way and the roof settled to the ground without breaking up.

Most fortunate it was that the wind got in its work at night when there were no children playing there.

Delta Dora Miller Buried Today

Delta D. Miller, wife of Otho H. Miller, passed away at her home in the Glen Aiken district Tuesday morning at six o'clock after an extended illness.

Born at Arthur, Indiana, August 13, 1879, she was 65 years, five months and 23 days at passing.

In January, 1935, she was united in marriage to Otho H. Miller, who survives. Mr. and Mrs. Miller first made their home at Gold Hill, coming to Coquille in 1938.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, of Portland, Oregon, and an uncle, T. P. Woolsey, of Grants Pass.

Funeral services are being conducted at the Coos Funeral Home today (Thursday) at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. M. D. Rempel officiating. Interment will be in the I.Q.O.F. cemetery, No. 2, of Coquille.

Richard Donaca, of Gold Beach, Died Here Sunday Morning

Funeral services were held at Gold Beach on Wednesday this week for Richard Donaca, who passed away at the hospital here last Sunday morning. He was in his early 70's and had been afflicted with heart trouble but apparently was feeling much better.

His son, Charles, went in to see him Sunday morning and when asked how he felt the father replied that he had eaten a good breakfast, read the papers, talked to Dr. Richmond and was feeling great.

A few moments later he complained of his breathing and shortly after that passed away.

More Than \$500 In "March Of Dimes" Fund Here

Mrs. Lucille Walker, Coquille chairman of the March of Dimes committee, reported Tuesday that \$500 had been contributed to this fight-against-paralysis fund, and that was the amount before the bottles in stores around town had been collected.

The funds so far in are from donations and from the dance last Saturday evening, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. The drive ends next Sunday but Mrs. Walker states that contributions and donations, marked "March of Dimes," may be sent to her either by mail or by hand, at any time.

Ralph L. Smith Here For A Day This Week

Ralph L. Smith, of Kansas City, Mo., president of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., was a Coquille visitor one day this week. He accompanied Geo. A. Ulett down from Portland on Monday and left again for the north by Tuesday evening's train from the Bay. He is spending several days on the coast.

Woman's Club Next Tuesday

The Coquille Woman's Club will hold its regular February meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the Guild Hall at 2:15 p. m. Mrs. Julius Rubie will be program chairman. Book reviews will be given by Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen, city librarian. There will also be musical numbers. Mrs. R. E. Boober, president, urges members to attend. Visitors are welcome.

City's Post-War Street Plans Are Approved

Mayor Wood, Councilmen Gray, Burr, Pettit and Ulett were present at the regular session of the city council Monday evening when a letter from the State Highway Commission was read approving the plans submitted by the city for street improvements, as a post-war project, with the funds which are allocated to Coquille by the commission.

These improvements include the finishing of the pavement in the center of Willard street, where the parking lot is between First and Second streets, and the resurfacing with macadam of that street between First and Second, a total of 20,500 square feet; the resurfacing of First street between Willard and Hall, 31,000 square feet; the redacking 20x480 feet with four-inch plank, of the Beach street bridge which was built in 1930; and as soon as possible the rebuilding of the Henry street bridge, built in 1928, and the Fourth street bridge, built in 1923. The original cost of each bridge was around \$12,000.

The letter of D. J. Sage was referred to the city's park commission. It requested that the drainage ditches near the tennis court, in the southwest corner of the ball park, be cleaned out and that the blackberry vines be removed from the fence and from inside the park.

At the request of Mrs. Lela Elrod, the council voted to ask the state health department to make a survey of the milk situation in Coquille, not from the production angle but as to the way it is handled. Mrs. Elrod stated that the health department makes the survey without cost to the city and that its report is made to the city, and whatever action is taken on the report is to be done by the city.

The suggestion of C. M. Gray that a heating unit be installed in the Community Building basement room, where the Girls' League is to meet, was referred to the building committee. Geo. Ulett said the unit would cost around \$100.

Mr. Ulett also reported the following as having been appointed on the city's Planning Commission, of which he is chairman—Dr. J. D. Rankin, Don Farr, J. A. Berg and Jack Moore.

Another matter reported by Mr. Ulett was that there is prospect for a new industry in Coquille, which will employ from 10 to 15 men. It is to be, if it goes through, a concrete specialty plant, making tile and brick and possibly other concrete items, and will be located on the old Silks mill site west of town.

At the request of Fire Chief Craig Perrott, the council agreed to sell its recharging equipment and materials for fire extinguishers to the Fire Department and heartily approved the department's plans to make such recharging one of the functions of the fire department. The work will be done at the regular Thursday evening meeting of the fire boys. They will make a charge for the recharging and the funds will go into the department's treasury.

It was reported that the concrete meter boxes which the Sanford Heights property owners purchased when the water mains were extended to that section have not been installed, with two or three exceptions, and the property owners are to be contacted to ascertain if they wish the city's water department crew to do it. The charge would be around a dollar and could be added to the next monthly water bill.

Coos County Shrine Club To Meet February 16

The Coos County Shrine Club will meet for its annual election of officers at the Coquille Valley Country Club House on Friday evening of next week, Feb. 16, at 8:00 o'clock, and all members are requested to attend.

Fred Barker, former Coquille resident, has been over here this week from Medford, where he now resides. He came in Sunday evening to see if his daughter, Mrs. Lela Avery, needed any help in getting ready to go to the sanitarium at Salem. He left again yesterday.

John Purkey left last Sunday on a week's buying trip to San Francisco, where he went to look over the wholesale stocks and make purchases for his furniture store here.