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52.00 THE YEAR

S. W. Oregon Can Benefit Hugely From This Meeting

A few weeks ago the Coquille Chamber of Commerce invited the Portland representatives of the Federal government's Smaller War Plants Corporation to hold its Coos county meeting in Coquille. The invitation was accepted and the date has now been set for tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock and it will be held in the circuit court room in the court house.

The Tri-County Chamber of Commerce has also been active in securing the meeting and is co-sponsor with the Coquille Chamber for Friday night's session.

The Smaller War Plants Corporation can be of unlimited assistance in helping to secure government contracts, in securing for small plants the rationed and scarce materials and equipment needed. The Corporation is also prepared to give technical advice and financial assistance. The following is a letter sent the Tri-County Chamber by the Portland office:

The Smaller War Plants Corporation is an agency of the Government established by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of assisting small business. They also can be of assistance in obtaining machine tools and equipment which has been declared surplus by the Government, and to assist small business to participate in procurements made by Government agencies. Smaller War Plants Corporation also loans money for war production or necessary civilian production. They have a technical service which will get information on any technical problem for manufacturers or producers.

Mr. George R. Moscrip, district manager of Smaller War Plants Corporation, Mr. Scott C. Coyne, SWPC Loan Department, and Mrs. W. C. Brown, Chief, Regional Technical Department, will be the speakers. Mr. Roy Shawcross, of the Allen Property Custodian's office, will also attend this meeting and explain the opportunities of business to use any of the 45,000 foreign patents confiscated by the U. S. from Germany, Italy and Japan.

"This meeting should be of great interest to every industry in this community and particularly to the logging and sawmill operators," Burton Dunn, secretary of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, says. "Everyone interested, whether a member of the Chamber of Commerce or not, is cordially invited to attend this meeting."

In connection with the meeting, which he considers most important to southwestern Oregon, T. O. Toon, president of the Coast Fuel Corporation, whose headquarters are on Coos Bay, sent the following special delivery letter to the Sentinel on Wednesday:

I regret that I will be unable to be in Coquille on Friday night, as I understand that Mr. George R. Moscrip, District Manager of Smaller War Plants Corporation, and Mrs. Scott Coyne, of their Loan Department, and Mrs. Roy Shawcross, of the office of Alien Property Custodian, are going to meet with the Coquille Chamber.

As you know, our corporation has (Continued on page eight)

Rev. W. R. Munger The New Pastor at Assembly of God

The Reverend W. R. Munger and family recently arrived in Coquille to take over the pastorate of the Assembly of God church, which was vacated when Rev. L. C. Persing removed to Modesto, California.

Although he came here from Hood River, Mr. Munger's first pastorate in his ministry was at Gravelord. He was guest speaker here about thirty years ago at the United Brethren church which was located near Johnson Mill hill, two miles up the river from Coquille. He also filled the pulpit of the North Bend Brethren Church for a three-month period years ago.

It Was The Burgess Ranch Up The River That Was Sold

It was a case of mistaken identity which caused us to say that the Bunch brothers' ranch on Rink creek had been sold to a Mr. Burcher, who comes here from California. It was the Burgess ranch, across the river from Fishtrap, which was sold.

Grand Jury To Meet Next Monday

During the motion day session of Circuit court here on Tuesday Judge Dal M. King ordered that the Coos county grand jury be summoned to appear for the February term of court at 10 a. m. next Monday, Feb. 19.

Names of those summoned for petit jury service this month are as follows:

Alice Robb, J. P. Bayers, Edna Slater, Pearl Snyder, Mabel C. Kunz, Carolyn F. Gray, Evan W. Albarn, Mildred M. McCune, Ada Sage, Lois Bunch, all of Coquille.

Irene Quick, Alma B. Lecocq, Ben R. Chandler, Sr., Chas. F. Robinson, Clarice Barker, Laura D. Conrad, A. R. Helm, Edward E. Fitzwalter, Harold T. Ford, Glenda J. Wylie, C. W. Wolcott, Clement J. Martell, all of Coos Bay.

Irving H. Curran, Robt. Duncan, J. W. Anderson, North Bend.

Nile Miller, of Arago.

Geo. W. Hoffman, W. E. Lundy, Lolo T. Kring, John Arnold, of Myrtle Point.

Ella R. Carmichael, of Bandon.

A Coquille Girl In This Picture

At a preview Wednesday morning of, "I Am An American," which will be presented at the Roxy Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings this week, there was a showing which makes it of particular interest to Coquille residents who know Donna Dean Bosserman, now a member of the WAVES.

She is not one of the cast but appears twice in a street parade of the WAVES and fighting forces in southern California and she is at the right of the line and most easily recognized.

The picture deals with America from the date of its first visit by Norse men, nearly ten centuries ago, up to and including the United States participation in the present world conflict, and is a picture that no one should miss seeing. The glory of being an American is stressed throughout the 15 minutes it requires to run the reel.

Nearly Two Inches Rain The Past Week

Total rainfall here, as measured by the gauge in the court house yard, shows 1.90 inches of rainfall the past week since our last report.

Friday morning's reading was .09 inches, Saturday's nothing, Sunday .15, Monday .08, Tuesday 1.47, Wednesday .11, and nothing this morning.

With the rains letting up, the thermometer is down again. Yesterday morning it registered 34 degrees and this morning right on the freezing mark, 32 degrees.

Ex-Commissioner Doane Gives Up Merchant Marine Service

Chas. Doane, former Coos county commissioner, who now owns a ranch in Curry county, near Langlois, was a Coquille visitor yesterday. He has been in the Merchant Marine the past year and has seen a great deal in the South Pacific war zones and, although he was made a flattering offer to sign up for another year, he had to decline it, as taking care of the ranch and of the 100-cow herd of white faces is a little too much for Mrs. Doane to handle.

Charley was very outspoken about the Japs and said all one reads about them is true and that doesn't tell the whole story.

Capt. Fred Lorenz Returns To Duty Friday Morning

Capt. Fred E. Lorenz, who has been home on a 15-day furlough from the Dugway Proving Ground at Tooele, Utah, must leave Friday morning to get back on time. Seeing that the weather was not good for flying it takes him five of his fifteen days to make the round trip. He has been stationed there for some time but does not know what day he may be moved.

Tooele is situated right in the middle of the Utah desert and, for that reason as well as others, he will be mighty glad when mustering out time comes and he can come home to stay.

Mrs. Clifford Bissett, of the No-D-Lay Cleaners will return home Saturday from Coos Bay, where she has been with her parents while gaining strength following her recent appendectomy.

Ladies Say Blood Donating Is Not A Trying Ordeal

The days of pioneering are not over here in this beautiful west, as six ladies from here and near-by points can well testify this week. Mrs. D. B. Kesner, who heads the Red Cross here and five other ladies drove out to Eugene and back Monday for the sole purpose of donating blood for the Red Cross blood bank, which would be rushed to one of the fighting fronts, where it is so badly needed by our boys in combat now. This was the first group of people from Coos county to go out for that specific purpose and each one of the six ladies gave a pint of their precious blood, which may save the lives of just that number of our fighting men. Out hats are off to these six ladies and it is expected that many more will carry on, now that the initial step has been taken. Besides Mrs. Kesner, there was Mrs. B. T. Hepler, who furnished the car, and who drove the entire distance out there as well as on the entire trip home, after having given her blood.

There were also Madamess Wesley Frazer, Stanley Clausen, Ed. Aasen and L. Braly. This was the sixth time the Mrs. Braly has donated blood since the beginning of this war.

The Donating Center is located in the beautiful Elks Temple in Eugene, where donors are accorded every courtesy in the pleasantest of surroundings, and where nurses are on hand at every moment to look after the welfare and comfort of everyone. The ladies report that people were there from many different points of southern Oregon. There was one crowd of 36 from Klamath Falls. They also report that it didn't require much effort, and not a great deal of time to go out there and back and the blood is needed so very badly.

The Ration Board allowed gas for this trip, as it comes well under the head of helping the war effort. Others desiring to make up a carload to go out for this purpose, may also secure a gas permit, after arrangements are made with the Red Cross for this to be done in Eugene.

The Red Cross is prepared to come to Eugene for this purpose once or twice a month. Watch the local papers for the dates, or contact Mrs. D. B. Kesner or Mrs. B. T. Hepler, whose telephone number is 9R5. Anyone desiring to go out is requested to have his or her blood test and blood pressure taken before making arrangements to go. The age limit is 60 years. A donor cannot contribute oftener than once in eight weeks. A donor is not supposed to eat a heavy meal within four hours preceding the donating of the blood. But one can have black coffee and toast or fruit juices up to within one hour of the giving of the blood.

In order to dispel some of the rumors afloat, that it is a very strenuous ordeal to go out there and back the same day for this purpose, it is well to add here that some of the ladies, including the driver of the car, attended the show here that same night after they returned.

A Missionary, Former Nazi Prisoner, To Be At Church Of God Tuesday Evening

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Phelps of the European Missionary Society, with headquarters in New York City, will speak in the Church of God at North Henry and Seventh Sts., Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p. m., and will show pictures of the work of the mission society in Europe, and of the Nazi war machine. Mr. Phelps, who was imprisoned by the Nazis after the fall of Paris, will relate his prison experiences and his escape from occupied France. The entire public is invited to hear these people. Special invitation is extended to members of the other churches in Coquille.

—Walter Lee Greer, pastor.

L. T. Brown Buys Ranch From Mrs. Laura Hamilton

Mrs. Laura A. Hamilton has moved from her former ranch, above Johnson Mill here, to the house and lot at the corner of Seventh and Heath in Coquille which she took in on the deal when she sold her 25-acre ranch to L. T. Brown. The latter, a former resident of Arkansas, has been in Coos county about two years.

Pfc. Floyd Smith has asked for an extension of his furlough, due to the continued illness of his wife.

Geo. Jenkins Talks At Rotary Meeting

George H. Jenkins, County Agent, was a guest at the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday and gave a talk on the proposed milk survey and also on the various bills before the legislature on the control of Bang's disease and also for the protection of the consumer against the danger of undulant fever. He stated that the clause asked by the local dairymen that would give them a limited time to clean up their herds through vaccination of calves, if adopted, would solve the situation here in the valley.

He also said that a milk survey would undoubtedly be of value in clearing up any unsanitary conditions that might exist in the processing plants or in sources of raw milk. At the close of his talk questions from many of his listeners, to which he replied, brought out many features on the subjects.

It was voted by the club to have both a dinner and dance at the joint meeting of the Myrtle Point and Coquille clubs at the country club house on Thursday Feb. 22.

J. Albert Matson, of the Marshfield club, was the only Rotarian present. Other guests were Ed. Jack Laird, son of Member Geo. Laird, from Norfolk, Virginia; Evan Albarn, J. L. Smith, Ronald Williams, Claire Gray, of Coquille; R. C. Davis, of Eugene, and C. S. Jones, of Portland. Star Scout Don McLarrin, in full uniform, was a guest of Scoutmaster Lud Scharfer.

Secretary Hode Coughell called attention to the meeting to be held Friday evening at the Court House, sponsored by the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce and the Smaller War Plants Corporation. Evan Albarn told why every business man should attend.

Red Devils Defeat Roseburg Again

Last week will see the end of the Coos county high schools basketball schedule and the Red Devils have a chance to wind up in third place, although a win by the Marshfield Pirates from the Red Devils at the Bay would shove the local squad to fourth place.

There is no conference game Friday night this week. Next Tuesday, Feb. 20, the Red Devils play at Marshfield, and North Bend at Myrtle Point.

Friday evening, Feb. 23, the North Bend Bulldogs meet the Red Devils on the local floor, and the Myrtle Point Bobcats play the Pirates at Marshfield.

There were only two conference games the past week, Marshfield doing the unexpected and winning from North Bend, 42-36.

Myrtle Point won Friday evening from Coquille, 65-36, in a game where the locals were completely outplayed by the league leaders. The Bobcats led 15-2 at the end of the first quarter, 27-13 at the half and 42-15 at the third quarter.

Last Saturday evening the Red Devils met the Roseburg Hi team out there and for the second time this season defeated the Douglas county boys, the score being 36-25. What makes this an oddity is that Roseburg has won from the other three Coos county high school teams but has lost both its games to Coquille High.

On the local floor last evening the visiting Navy team from Coos Bay, with older and more experienced players, won from the Red Devils, 46-26. It was a good game notwithstanding the disparity in the score.

Fairview Ladies Are Needed For Red Cross Service

The ladies sewing for Red Cross at Fairview will meet Thursday, Feb. 22 at one o'clock at the church. There is an urgent appeal for more articles and everyone who possibly can should come to this meeting. If impossible, and home sewing can be done, contact Mrs. H. M. Hall, phone 6R13 and material will be delivered at your home.

R. A. Wernich Hit By Flying Chunk At North Bend

R. A. Wernich is spending the week at home in bed, recovering from a painful injury received last Friday in North Bend. A flying chunk of wood flew through the air from the saw at Irwin and Lyons' Mill B and struck him in the leg, knocking him down and painfully bruising his leg near the knee. X-rays showed no fracture, though the bone was chipped.

Mrs. E. A. Gross Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Polly C. Gross passed away in Coquille last Saturday at 2:00 o'clock in the morning.

She was born Polly C. Haga in Virginia in 1881 and her family moved to Eugene in 1883, where Mr. Haga purchased a farm and the family resided there for eight years. From Eugene the family moved to Bear Creek.

Mrs. Gross was united in marriage to Evander M. Randleman in 1897. To this union were born seven children: Mrs. J. E. O'Neill, Fresno, California; Mrs. H. L. Young, Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Frank Cox, Jr., Coquille; Orin Randleman, Fresno, California; Mrs. Everett Endsley, Coquille, and Mrs. D. J. Gibson, Bandon, Oregon; also a baby boy who died in infancy.

Mr. Randleman preceded her in death three years ago, after which time she was united in marriage to Mr. E. A. Gross, October 10, 1944.

Mrs. Gross was a member of a fine, old pioneer family, having resided here for more than 55 years.

She was a faithful Christian, having joined the church when she was 12 years old and she was always ready to help in case of need. She will be greatly missed by her relatives and many friends.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, E. A. Gross; six children; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Joe and Jack Haga, of Bandon; also two sisters, Elizabeth Van Leuven, Bandon, and Frances Sutton, Tappanish, Washington.

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Liston Parrish officiating, and interment was in the cemetery at Bandon.

Myrtle Point Joins Credit Bureau Here

In the absence of the president, Don Farr, at the semi-monthly meeting of the Coquille Retail Credit Bureau members in the city hall Monday evening this week, George E. Oerding presided and the session was devoted to discussion of credit problems and reports on various buyers-on-credit who have not lived up to their agreements.

It was decided by those present that the next meeting, Feb. 26, should be at a dinner session in the Coffee Shop at noon.

In the last issue of the Credit World there appears an article on the Retail Credit Association of Myrtle Point accompanied by a picture showing N. P. McDonald, who is now manager of the Coquille Credit Bureau at the time of the presentation of a cup, won in a membership contest, and with other officials of the Myrtle Point Association at the meeting when the cup was presented by Walter A. Jensen, who recently spoke here in Coquille. At that time the M. P. Credit Bureau was the largest unit, with its 70 members, in the U. S. and Canada, in proportion to its 2,000 population.

The Myrtle Point Credit Bureau has now joined with the Coquille Credit Bureau and Mr. McDonald will continue to handle affairs up there.

Associate G. M. To Visit Beulah Chapter February 22

Last Thursday evening Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., held its regular meeting in Masonic Hall. Interesting articles were read by a few of the members under good of the order, and some of the work was exemplified. Plans were completed for the pot-luck dinner honoring the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Hazel Graham, to be held Thursday, February 22, at 6:30 p. m. in the banquet hall. All members are invited.

Following the meeting, a social hour was enjoyed with refreshments served in the banquet hall. The table was most attractively decorated with the St. Valentine motif.

Southwestern Motors Receives First Carload Of Trucks In Three Years

It seemed almost like pre-war days to Southwestern Motors here Monday, when they started to unload a carload of half-ton Chevrolet trucks, the first carload received in three years.

It's quite a trick, too, to get these huge machines out of a freight car, one of them at each end of the car being suspended over the one on the car's floor.

It Is Time To Plan For The Pioneer Association Museum

By R. M. Harrison, Press Cor.

During the past year there was some considerable talk among the members of the Coos and Curry Pioneer Association concerning a museum, and also a building in which the museum could be displayed, and it was generally agreed that such a project was both wise and practicable, and so in this year, it remains for the association to make some effort to put this matter into some sort of action. There has already been quite a considerable number of relics collected and by the time the building is ready there will be a very good display. However, it will greatly stimulate the collection of relics, once the building gets well on the way, for as it is the enthusiasm is rather low on account of not having a place for display. It is safe to say that the collection of curios will take care of itself once the building is ready.

In regard to the building, there are a number of suggestions and we feel that among the members of the association there is a lot of talent that can be used to a very good advantage, from the fact that most of them were among those who hewed out the first homes and farms in this region. They did that, too, without any modern equipment. I would venture that there are a lot of these old lads who know a lot about building log houses and that is the kind of house that is going to be one of the suggestions, as all the articles which will be on display in the building are of the old school and it would look more appropriate in a building of the old type.

There are three styles of log houses, there is the colonial style, the Rocky Mountain style and the Western or Stockade style, all of which can be made very attractive with very little extra effort. Now, in the event of building a log house, it is necessary to know where the logs can be had, and we feel that there are a lot of folks who know where a lot of logs are. But just any log will not fill the bill for, in the event of the colonial style, the size of the building will be governed by the length of the poles to be had. A 16-in. pole, at the stump is as large as would be used, and eight inches at the top. Just what length there is in a straight peeled pole of this size would limit the length of the building. For a 10-foot wall, with the hood front, it would take about 60 poles, rafters included. This style of building can easily be made fire-proof, at no great expense, and will be extremely durable and long-lived.

Any member of the association knowing of such timber or the disposition of the same, should write to Mrs. Inez Chase, Coquille, as she is secretary of the association and that would give a starting point on the log house suggestion.

Carter Puts Up \$3,000 More Bail

Richard Lee Carter, who received nation-wide publicity ten days ago when he went out into his backyard and dug up upwards of \$4,000 buried in a can there, in order to put up \$250 bail, was arrested again last Wednesday on another charge, that of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Justice of the Peace W. B. Haynes at Bandon set his bail at \$3,000, and he must have had that pot of gold still intact for he put up the bail required and was released on Friday.

Another name on the blotter in the sheriff's office is that of David G. Rylander, who was bound over to the grand jury by J. P. Arthur R. Jones at Myrtle Point last Thursday, with bail set at \$1,000. He is accused of obtaining money under false pretenses—writing N. G. checks.

Short Story Writer Thinks Highly Of S. W. Oregon

Miss Mary Lee Mawdsley, who has been staying in our city at the Coquille Hotel for the last eight months, has left for her home in Huntington Park, Calif., where she will prepare her script for short stories publication. Miss Mawdsley made a lot of friends while in Coquille and said this part of Oregon has wonderful opportunities for short story writers. She expects to be back and spend some of the summer months here.