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1944 THE YEAR

U. S. Cranberry King Talks To Growers At Bandon Sunday

Marcus L. Urann, who is known in the east as the Cranberry King of the United States, left the first of the week for the east after spending several days in the Coquille valley. Mr. Urann, who is the head of the Cranberry Canners plant here, talked of the extensions and improvements to be made to the local plant. The corporation owns the former Oerding myrtlewood building site at the end of bridge, and while he did not say so it will not be surprising if, eventually, the entire river frontage, between the plant and the highway, is covered with a building or buildings.

The following account of the cranberry meeting in Bandon Sunday is furnished the Sentinel by Judge L. D. Felshelm of the Western World.

More than 40 members of Cranberry Canners, Inc., together with several prospective cranberry growers, met Sunday noon at Masonic hall in Bandon, to hear the report of their president, Marcus L. Urann, who was here from Hanson, Massachusetts, on one of his semi-annual trips to the cranberry-growing regions of the Pacific Northwest. The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner served by the ladies of the organization.

Mr. Urann brought to Canners' members a report of their cooperative's activities during the past season, and revealed some of the plans for the coming year. Just before his arrival, growers had received a final advance for fresh cranberries sold during the season, bringing the total payment to \$28,627 a barrel, which is the highest price ever received for cranberries by Bandon growers.

Mr. Urann explained that this price had been made possible because of the crop disaster in the East. Winter kill, spring frosts, and drought reduced the 1944 Massachusetts crop to about one-fourth of the average production; and inasmuch as Massachusetts produces about 75 per cent of the national crop, this so reduced the national supply of cranberries (Continued on page nine)

F. S. Emery To Be State Bank President At Elgin

Furb S. Emery, who recently sold his Smith Wood-Products stock, has gone into the banking business at Elgin, Ore., where he is manager of the Ponderosa Pine Lumber Co., and at the organization meeting of the new state bank at Elgin was elected the bank's president. The bank officials expect to have it open for business early in April, according to the Elgin Recorder's news item.

In a note to this writer, heading the story in the Recorder, Furb asks "Allen, do you need any money?" Who doesn't?

Coquille Hotel Coffee Shop Changes Management

George E. Oerding, a Coquille realtor, arranged the deal whereby the lease of the Coffee Shop, located in the Coquille Hotel building, was transferred from the present owners Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Pressnell, to Al Jones, of Los Angeles, who has had over 30 years' experience in the operation of restaurants. He will specialize in serving fine foods. Mr. Jones will take over the active management on Monday morning, Feb. 28, and will retain the present waitresses. He also has his extra help brought with him from Los Angeles. Mrs. Jones will act as cashier. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bertha Davis of Coquille. Mr. Jones is a veteran of world war I. Mr. and Mrs. Jones intend to make their permanent home in Coquille.

Today Is A Legal Holiday In Oregon

This being the birth anniversary of the "Father of His Country"—George Washington—it is a legal holiday in Oregon and the court house, city hall, postoffice and bank are all closed. Retail business as a rule does not observe today as a holiday.

Firemen To Give Dance Here Saturday, March 10

The Coquille Fire Department boys who formerly gave an annual dance are going to revive the custom and Saturday evening, March 10, will hold one in the Coquille Community Building. Bum Gartin's orchestra will furnish the music.

Inductees Who Left Wednesday

The following list of men made up the quota leaving here Wednesday for Portland, for pre-induction physical examinations:

Selmar Edward Lewis, San Francisco, Calif.
Ray Elmer Gnad, Myrtle Point.
Austin Graham Dodge, Myrtle Pt.
Lyle Mecum, Dellwood, Oregon.
James Howard Smith, Sitkum, Ore.
Berl Layne Ferry, San Francisco.
Ralph Ottomar Pense, Sweet Home
Richard Sabra Keady, Portland.
Jay Hood Counts, Corvallis, Ore.
Glenn Webster Brannon, Coquille.
Vern Alan Bailey, Port Orford.
Louis Robert Detwiler, Redmond.
Ben Webb Mast, Coquille.
James Leslie Bredelove, Coquille.
Mark Albert Rosenblad, Coquille.
Joe Moody Ollis, Roseburg.
Paul Ivan McNair, Coquille.
George William Hurst, Coquille.
Dillwyn Lora Gilbert, Coquille.
Gordon Richard Stem, Coquille.
Robert Edell Bryant, Hood River.
Robert Louis Arts, Albany.
Orville Ebner Andrews, Portland.
James Edward Moore, Albany.
Norris Curtis Kemp, Gold Beach.
William A. Wagner, Eugene.
Delbert Cotler, Coquille.

Percy L. Bean Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 2:00 p. m., at the Gano Funeral Home, for Percy L. Bean, who passed away at the home of his mother at 473 North Hall St., Saturday morning, Feb. 17.

Percy L. Bean was born at Drain, Oregon, June 23, 1898, being 46 years, five months and 24 days at the time of passing.

He had been in poor health for the past 2½ years and confined at home for the past three weeks.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Maude Bean of Coquille, a brother, Clarence who is a lieutenant in the Army and stationed at San Francisco; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Dye, Coquille, and Mrs. Clara Burnett, of Redmond, Oregon.

Mr. Bean had lived in Coquille for the past 32 years and until the last few years had been a truck driver.

Rev. Liston Parrish of the First Church of Christ officiated and interment was in the I.O.O.F. No. 2, cemetery of Coquille, where his father was laid to rest two years ago.

Mrs. A. Willey Died At San Francisco Feb. 14

Mrs. A. M. Willey, who left Coquille about two years ago, passed away at her home in San Francisco on Wednesday of last week and the body was shipped east to her old home at Casey, Iowa, for interment on Feb. 21. She had undergone an operation about a year ago and had not been well since.

Mr. Willey, who operated the Valley View Dairy when they lived here, was in the U. S. armed service for two years but had been discharged following an injury received.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sons—Milton, who is in the Army; a son Tom Ferry by a previous marriage who is in the Navy, and Bert Ferry with whom she made her home in San Francisco.

Had Lived In Oregon For Half A Century

George Hampton Smith died at the Timmons Convalescent Home in Coquille Tuesday, February 13, at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 23 days. Funeral services were held in the Community Church in Port Orford. The deceased was born in Pennsylvania, and was a resident of Oregon for fifty years.

Survivors include three daughters, Docia Sweet of Sixes, Ore., Ona Strand of Wenatche, Wash., and Eunice Sunkler, of Enid, Oklahoma, and two sons, James and Roy. He also leaves two great grandchildren.

Flag Spoiled Spike's Hole-in-One Sunday

Rumor has it that Oscar Hendrix experienced difficulty with his golf Sunday but Spike Leslie very nearly scored a hole-in-one. It seems the flag got in the way. Russell Holimon scored 39 and his dad made a 40.

Since Pat McLarrin has improved and drained the course, it is possible to play all the holes, even though the rain continues to fall, but most players wear spiked rubbers. Glimpsed on the course Sunday were Ted Buck, "Butch" Briner, Lowell Simpson, Jack and George Laird and Dutch Clinton.

C. of C. Committee Chairmen, Tri-County C. of C. Report

There were 26 present at the Chamber of Commerce semi-monthly meeting in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon at which time President Evan Albom thanked the directors and other members for the interest they were showing in the Chamber's activities. The more interest shown, the greater the benefit that can be secured for Coquille, he said.

In announcing the appointment of committee chairmen for the year 1945, President Albom stated that they are all asked to be at a meeting at the city hall next Monday evening at 7:30, prepared to name at least two other members of their committees. Also at that time will be discussed some of the matters on which those committees will take action or make recommendations for this year's work:

The chairmen appointed are: Industry—Geo. A. Ulett. Finance and Budget—R. L. Stewart. Publicity—Carl E. Morrison. Agriculture—Geo. H. Jenkins. Roads, Highways—Geo. F. Burr. Retail Trade—E. L. Anderson. Boat House—Ray Buckles. River Improvement—R. E. Jeub. Tri-County C. of C.—B. W. Dunn. Coos Co. C. of C.—Dr. R. F. Milne. Mineral Resources—Dick Connarn. Membership—Don Farr. Civic Affairs—J. A. Berg. Legislation—H. A. Slack. Fish & Game—Phil Albom. Transportation—Harry M. Johnson. B. W. Dunn, secretary of the Tri-County C. of C., reported on last Friday evening's meeting in the court house and also on Monday's Tri-County directors' meeting. He stated that the treasury had received the \$10 asked from seven of the eight Chambers of Commerce in the three counties and the other one had promised to remit.

The objectives for immediate consideration by the Tri-County were named—Transportation problems, legislation affecting transportation, and the securing of new industries for the three counties.

At the meeting it was announced that the Port Orford air station is now completed except for lighting.

The need for publicity material for southwestern Oregon and northern California is to be partially satisfied by the Tri-County's proposed issue of 10,000 pamphlets telling of the advantages possible for industry establishment in this section. Real estate men, whose names would be listed in the pamphlet, are to be asked to help finance the getting out of the publicity.

When suggestions were made for communities as to what each community might have to suggest as post-war projects, Mr. Dunn suggested for Coquille the establishment of a rehabilitation school or center where injured ex-service men or veterans might learn myrtlewood novelties making in this myrtle section of the western hemisphere.

Geo. H. Jenkins reported that from what he has read the legislature adopted the Bang's disease control measure, along the lines suggested by this chamber's action a couple of weeks ago—that a period of two years be allowed the dairymen for cleaning up their herds, before the slaughter program be started.

The need of a new court house building to replace the frame building which is nearly half a century old was suggested by H. A. Slack and it was mentioned that the Civic Affairs committee could well start a campaign to bring this about.

Geo. F. Burr, a local member of the Office of Defense Transportation, gave a short report on how that unit of the war effort operates.

Pupils And Students Did Good Work In The Clothing Drive

Superintendent of Schools Carl E. Morrison, has announced he is especially proud of the fine work done by Washington and Lincoln Schools in the drive for clothes for Allied Relief. Without compensation or reward the youngsters threw themselves wholeheartedly into the job of collecting the articles of clothing and made a splendid showing. The High school students helped, too.

A new grand juror, Elizabeth Hags, was sworn in when the jury convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. She succeeds James Whitty, who is absent from the county.

Loans To Small Plants And Seized Patents Discussed

There was a disappointingly small crowd at the meeting in the court house last Friday evening when four speakers spoke on the Smaller War Plants Corporation affairs and on the German and Jap patents, listed in the U. S., and which have been seized by the government.

Guy R. Moscrip, district manager of the Smaller War Plants Corp., stated that surpluses are secured through the Treasury Department and are sold to dealers only, either at auction or on bids.

Mr. Petty, from the same organization, said that machine tools, frozen except for use on war contracts, are secured through the R.F.C. The S.W.P.C. also maintains a technical advisory service and, if that service does not have the answers to all questions, it has contacts which enable it to get the information.

Scott Conyne, of the corporation's loan department, said that any loans made are private matters and not discussed in public. Small businesses are those which employ less than 100 people, and loans to suit plants are made for war production, or essential civilian needs production.

Loans are made in co-operation with local banks, must not run over five years, must bear four per cent interest and are made to fit the plant's program.

Roy Shawcross, who spoke here at a C. of C. meeting recently, stated that any of the patents may be secured from his department upon payment of \$15, and that there is no protection from competition for anyone buying such a patent, unless improvements are made on the existing patent and the item is then filed with the patent office.

Many of these patents cover production from waste materials, and from waste wood is important in making a fuel when combined with hydrogen, and is used quite extensively in making plastics. Cascares and digitals from the common fox glove are also local products, used most extensively in making medicines and many of these patents are in regard to cascares.

There has always been, since manufacture first started in the Northwest, such a great quantity of waste materials burned or destroyed that it seems like a foregone conclusion that small industries, to make use of those waste materials, will be developed in this section as post-war projects and very possibly some will be started before the war's end.

Bard Kesner Heads Coos Shrine Club

With nearly 50 present, the Coos County Shrine Club had a very enjoyable evening last Friday out at the Coquille Valley Country Club house and, after the very fine dinner served the Shriners by Mr. and Mrs. Pat McLarrin, the election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following being chosen:

Pres.—D. B. Kesner, of Coquille. Vice Pres.—Perry C. Roper, Myrtle Point.

Sec.—Harry A. Slack, Coquille. Attending the meeting were the Potentate and a Past Potentate of Hillah Temple—Samuel Steinbaugh, of Grants Pass, and Paul Rynning, of Medford. Also a former Coquille man, Geo. Aker, who now resides in Myrtle Creek, was present.

Potentate Steinbaugh reported that the Shrine members were so pleased with the ceremonial held in the Coquille Community Building in October, 1943, that he was announcing another ceremonial to be held in Coquille next November. He said that "Count" K. P. Lawrence has been appointed as general chairman for the coming event.

The Coos County Shrine Club now has a membership of about 50.

Thermometer Was Down To 28 Degrees Monday Morning

The weather moderated the past two days this week, although there was not anything more than sprinkling of rain at various times. Last Monday morning the thermometer registered 28 degrees for the lowest of the week, and Tuesday morning it stood at 32. Wednesday morning's reading was 38 and this morning's was one degree lower.

Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.

Council Session Monday Evening

With Mayor Wood and all members present, the city council held an hour and a half session Monday evening, at which time the application of Fred Perry, new proprietor of the Casino on Front street, for a Class B retail beer license was approved and his application for a card room license was granted.

In a confidential letter to Mayor Wood from Jack Bartlett, consulting engineer of the Post War Readjustment and Development committee, it was stated that the new 101 highway route through Coquille will be a project of the Highway Commission after the war. Just what the route will be was not divulged but it is known that three routes the engineers surveyed in this part of the valley.

Geo. Ulett, chairman of the city's planning commission, said that the committee was considering many matters but before taking any action is waiting to learn if the Planning Commission law is enacted by the state legislature at this session.

Councilman Gray reported that the city's street crew had been instructed to clean out the brush at the ball park where the tennis court is, as D. J. Sage recently requested be done.

Mr. Gray also reported that a heating unit is to be installed at both ends of the Community Building and that they have been ordered.

At the suggestion of the streets committee chairman, John Purkey, it was ordered that parking on the south side of Eleventh street for the two blocks east of Heath be forbidden. It is a narrow graveled street and cars parked opposite one another shut off traffic.

The complaint of Jack Bevin was referred to the street committee with power to act. His statement was that an 8-foot hedge across the parking, just south of his home at 109 South Elliott street, made it more or less of a dead-end street and that he nearly hit a child last week, whom he could not see, as he backed out his driveway.

Fire Chief Craig Perrott was authorized to sell for \$75 a heavy trailer which the fire department formerly used but now has no use for.

Junior Class Play Next Thursday

The Junior Class of Coquille High School will present its annual class play next Thursday evening, March 1, in the High School Gymnasium. The play chosen for this year's performance is a delightful domestic comedy entitled "Cross My Heart" and is being produced by special arrangement with Row, Peterson and Company.

The story of the play will appeal to all. It is hard to tell if it concerns problem children or problem parents. The plot centers around what happens when a girl who hates boys meets a boy who hates girls. Amazing things are bound to happen. And when the lives of the two young people are controlled by a couple of socially ambitious Mamas and a couple of stern business men Papas, we know the audience is going to get a lot of surprises. This play is one produced a very few years ago by the Speech department of Oregon State College and comes very highly recommended by them. Every moment of it is full of action and it is especially interesting since the entire action of the play takes place (Continued on page eight)

Scout Cub Handwork On Display In Lorenz Window

That's a fine-looking display of Cub Scout handwork which Cub Master Stan Sherwood has arranged in the Lorenz Department store window.

There are numerous bird houses, cigar box musical string instruments, scrap books and other items.

The colored spools displayed on strings have had some people wondering what they represented. Each spool on a string indicates a test that the Cub has successfully passed.

It is worth anyone's time to take a look at this fine display.

State Officers To Be At Beulah Chapter Pot-Luck Tonight

Associate Matron Hazel Graham of Tillamook and Associate Grand Patron Sylvan West of Portland will be present at the potluck dinner to be held at 8:30 tonight in Masonic Temple for members and visiting members of Beulah Chapter, O. E. S.

A Public Museum For Coos And Curry Counties Is Needed

A Public Pioneer Historical Museum for Coos and Curry counties must be somewhere in the near offing, since so many are asking for it.

The idea has been coaxed along for some time by those who are proud of the achievements of these two counties. Although Coos and Curry counties were for so long practically isolated from the rest of the world, settlers came, towns sprung up, farms were cultivated, and general development slowly but surely followed.

Now, these same pioneer people, the ones who remain and their friends, are asking the support of the public to help in preserving memories of early days.

Since the adoption of the constitution and by-laws by the Coos-Curry Pioneer Historical Association in July, 1943, 420 names have been entered in the secretary's membership roll book. Since that time at least nine of these members have become deceased, which goes to show how rapidly our fine people are leaving us as they climb life's highway in weeks, months and years.

When inquiries are made as to what became of certain possessions belonging to different ones who have left us, it is found that many precious and often near priceless keepsakes have been scattered among friends and relatives or given to disinterested persons, to such an extent that they may never be collected.

Whatever can be done to preserve the memory of these pioneers should be encouraged by all who are interested in the future development of our country as well as in the history of the past. Contrasting the old makeshifts, so clasped today perhaps, with the modern up-to-date conveniences, is almost beyond belief by the younger generation.

These self-evident facts are the motives back of the Coos-Curry Pioneer Historical Association in collecting the experiences and relics that symbolize typical pioneer days in the far West.

Increasing membership in the association, proportionately increases interest toward the preservation of these valuables, and at the same time increases interest in a place for housing the historical collection, both of which must be taken into consideration jointly. A hodge-podge accumulation, without rime or reason would be of very little value but, if systematically classified and displayed in an appropriate setting, could be made a valuable asset to any community.

Since in numbers lies strength, the Association welcomes all new members to join forces to see what can be done toward founding a permanent public Pioneer Historical Museum soon. There is no limit as to age or residence of eligible persons and the membership fee is only one dollar with annual dues of fifty cents after the year of joining. Furthermore, anyone who is interested should not wait for the personal invitation.

Among the numerous post-war plans now being proposed, the Association is promoting the plan of founding an historical museum for the satisfaction of the older people and as an excellent educational project for the younger generation. Each and every one supporting the organization adds to the possibility of success in achieving this undertaking.

Inez R. Chase, Secretary-Treasurer, C.-C. Pioneer Historical Association.

Captain Eubanks Attached To A Hospital Unit

Mrs. Hale B. Eubanks and daughter, Adrienne, arrived from Portland last Saturday evening and will remain for an indefinite period. Capt. Eubanks, Army chaplain, arrived Sunday evening from Fort Lewis and after a ten-day visit here, is to report for duty to a hospital unit at Camp Roberts, Calif. He anticipates that he will be assigned to overseas duty from there, before very long.

Pioneer Assn. Officers And Chairmen To Meet Feb. 24

Officers and committee chairmen of the Coos-Curry Pioneer Historical Association will meet at one o'clock on Saturday, February 24, in the City Hall, Coquille. All others interested are invited. Important business is to be discussed. By order of A. H. Bender, President of the Association. Inez R. Chase, Sec.-Treas.