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## Discontinuing Of Coos County Farm Now Under Consideration

(By Judge L. D. Felsheim)  
The Coos County Court has under negotiation the matter of discontinuing the operation of the county farm by the county, the change to become effective as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made, or at least with the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1.

The purpose of the change is to conform Coos county's welfare program to that of the state, thereby receiving full value of state and federal contributions and effecting a substantial saving to the taxpayers of the county without impairing the welfare of those now being cared for at the county farm.

What the County Court contemplates is in no way a reflection on the manner in which the farm has been operated. Under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McNelly the institution has, during the past years, built up a reputation as one of the most successful in the state. It is probable that the institution will be continued under the same supervision but under private instead of county jurisdiction.

Under the present welfare laws in Oregon the nine counties that still operate farms are discriminated against; these counties are paying out more money each month in proportion to benefits received than are the other twenty-seven counties that do not have county farms.

The discrimination is under the General Assistance part of the welfare program. County farm operational costs are credited by the state (Continued on page eight)

## Oscar Ferris' Body Recovered

Identification of the body found in the Coquille River, just north of North Bend as that of Oscar Ferris was made positive by the papers in the pockets of the clothing.

Ferris, who had been employed in Coquille, was missing on March 11 with J. E. Schroeder, below the Catching Inlet bridge, east of Coos Bay, and when their boat broke loose, Ferris started to swim after it and, after going 300 yards down stream, he sank from sight and efforts to locate the body at that time were futile, and it was just a month before it was washed ashore.

The body was brought to the Gene Funeral Home here and graveside funeral services are being held at the K. P. cemetery, at Bandon at two o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Robert L. Green officiating.

## 12-Year Old Boy Admits Cutting Theatre Leather Seats

Based on a confession obtained by Chief of Police Creager last Friday, a complaint has been filed with the Juvenile Officer, charging a twelve-year old boy with "maliciously and wantonly" cutting the leather of a seat in the Roxy Theatre.

This is a repetition of a similar offense committed a year ago when about twenty-five seats were cut. Unable to definitely charge the offenders at that time, the management of the theatre displayed the ruined seats in the foyer, where the public had an opportunity to see them. This is the first offense of its kind since that time.

While it is an unpleasant procedure to bring these young boys into court, vandalism of this kind cannot be condoned, and injured parties and officers have no alternative but to prosecute.

## Gordon Lawrence Here On Furlough For A Few Days

Private Gordon Lawrence came in last Friday from Camp White at Medford, where he has been stationed recently, for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kennett Lawrence. Gordon says there are very few men at the camp outside of the necessary guards for the German prisoners interned there. He returned to camp Sunday and expects an immediate transfer to Klamath Falls, where he will be stationed at Tulelake camp for some time.

A chimney fire, with no resulting damage, called the department to the house at 444 North Hill street, which is owned by Miss Myrtle DeLoig, at 9:15 this morning.

## Richard Van Keuren Killed In Germany

A telegram from the War Department this week informed Mrs. Richard Van Keuren that her husband, Pvt. Richard Van Keuren, was killed in action in Germany, on March 21. It was stated that a letter would follow but none has been received as yet. Until a letter arrives, no details are known.

Mrs. Van Keuren, a sister of Mrs. William Bohnell, with whom she is living at present, has a small daughter and expects to become the mother of another child very soon.

## Christian Grassley To Be Buried Friday

Funeral service are to be held at the Schroeder Chapel in Bandon on Friday for Christian Grassley, Sr., a farmer and dairyman of the Coquille valley for the past 12 years, and the body will be taken to Portland for interment in the Rose City cemetery.

Mr. Grassley died at the hospital here on Tuesday this week. He was nine months and 12 days past 81 years, having been born in Switzerland June 28, 1863. He came to the United States in 1909.

He is survived by his widow, Annie Neff Grassley; three sons, Leonard, of Los Angeles; William, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Christian, Jr., of Coquille, and by six grandchildren. One son, Andrew Grassley, preceded his father in death.

## Passed At Age Of Nearly 93 Years

Eva A. Alford passed away at the home of her son, Charles L. Alford, two miles east of town, at 4:00 a. m. Saturday, April 7, at the age of 92 years, ten months and 29 days.

The deceased was born in Waterman, Ill., May 9, 1853, and came to Coquille four years ago. Survivors include her son, Alva Alford, Oregon City, Oregon; Fred G. Alford, Algona, Wash.; Oscar G. Alford, Porterville, Calif.; Chas. L. Alford, Coquille, and 17 grandchildren, two of whom live here. The two are Mrs. Robert Repass, Coquille, and Vera Alford, Fairview. There are six great grandchildren and two sisters, who are Mrs. Jean Kirkpatrick, Waterman, Ill., and Mrs. Sadie Breeding, Plymouth, Ind.

The Gene Funeral Home had charge of arrangements and the body was shipped to Portland for cremation.

## Husband Lost His Life In Germany March 25

Mrs. Jesse W. Barnett, sister of Mrs. Fred Lorenz, who has been here with her sister, employed in the Lorenz Department Store for the past seven months, received word last Thursday that her husband, Private First Class J. W. Barnett, who had been over seas since last August, was killed in Germany on March 25.

He was with the 1st U. S. Army and last month had been awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge, which is an honor bestowed only on those who have a meritorious record for duty well done.

The Barnetts formerly lived in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

## Finds Fishing And Hunting Very Good

Lieut. Tallant Greenough, who is Port Judge Advocate at a sub-port of embarkation in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre where he replaced a major who was transferred to a different theatre, writes that the hunting and fishing at their very back door compares very favorably with that of Coos county and southwestern Oregon generally and that he hopes to get time to participate in it to some degree.

Inasmuch as wives are not permitted to join their husbands on foreign duty at present, Mrs. Greenough is living in Seattle, where she has a civilian job with the U. S. Army.

## Rotarians To Have Ladies' Night At Country Club

The Coquille Rotary Club will have a Ladies' Night at the Coquille Valley Country Club house, Saturday evening, April 14. It is to be a dinner dance and a large attendance is being prepared for by the Country Club managers, Mr. and Mrs. McLarrin.

## Woman's Club Heard Dr. Daniel Poling, Jr. At Tuesday Meeting

The Coquille Woman's Club met at the Guild Hall on Tuesday this week, the last regular meeting before the annual May Luncheon. At that time Mrs. R. E. Boober will hand over the gavel to the new president, Mrs. J. A. Moore, who was elected to office on Tuesday. Other incoming officers are: first vice president, Mrs. F. A. Robb; second vice president, Mrs. Harold Stromquist; recording secretary, Mrs. A. C. Smith; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Purkey; treasurer, Mrs. Guy Mauney. Mrs. George Johnson, membership chairman, will serve again and hopes to increase the number which has already passed the 200 mark.

A very interested audience listened attentively to the informative discussion of the Dumberton Oaks Plan and the San Francisco Conference, presented by Dr. Daniel Poling, Jr. Dr. Poling is on the faculty at Oregon State College and is one of the men selected to assist with the work of the Federal Co-operative Extension Service in bringing before the rural people a better understanding of plans now under consideration for world peace. Included in the objectives, economic and social, is in the main an attempt to outlaw war. This is probably the greatest question ever brought before the American people for decision.

Music followed the speaker. A boys' quartet from the high school, accompanied by Miss Ingman, sang two songs. Mrs. Leona Bryant sang a group of songs, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Milne. They were: "I See A Tree," by Michael Hodges; "Cycle of Life," by Leonard Ronald, and "Luxemburg Gardens."

During the business session, the May Festival, which is to be held April 24, came up for discussion. Plans are progressing and publicity for the dance will appear in next week's issue of the Sentinel.

Mrs. P. W. Culyer is prepared to list the names of individuals interested in getting free x-ray service when the mobile unit for that purpose comes here in August on a drive for early diagnosis of T.B. She is also Cancer Control chairman.

Fifty dollars, which included the tea money for the year, and enough more to bring it up to that amount, was voted to be donated to the library. The club went on record in favor of a Coos and Curry Museum, with preference for its location in Coquille.

The necessity for the clothing drive during April was discussed and cooperation urged. Mrs. Kesner gave a fine report on Red Cross work completed.

At the May luncheon, which will be the last regular meeting of the club year, Mrs. R. E. Boober's name will go on the long list of past presidents and among the names of outstanding leaders. Her leadership has been strong, enthusiastic and friendly. Through her ingenuity she instituted ideas which resulted in greater informality at the meetings. She introduced a plan called Timely Topics, for which a period at each meeting was set aside for voluntary discussion. The idea of having a tea in September at the start of the club year was Mrs. Boober's. Over two hundred attended. During her administration five \$100 bonds have been purchased, with plans to buy more during the seventh war loan drive.

At the 4th of July celebration, the Club won a prize for its parade float. The annual food and rummage sales were definite successes. Donations were made to several causes and \$25.00 went to Red Cross. Through the work of Mrs. George Johnson the club membership this year has been unprecedented.

## Comes To Manage State Farm Ins. Co. Office Here

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Erickson have arrived in Coquille to manage the State Farm Insurance Co. business office, located at 360 West 2nd St., with Burton W. Dunn, realtor. Mr. Erickson has just received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. His home was formerly in Los Angeles and he has only recently become associated with the insurance company, which has its district offices in Corvallis. Mrs. Erickson is a graduate of Oregon State College.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

## New Managers In Charge Coquille Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cox, new managers of the Coquille Hotel, announce that the Coquille Coffee Shop will be open to the public as soon as present arrangements are completed. They hope to open it Saturday but will, of a certainty, open by Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, former proprietors of the hotel at Florence, came to Coquille just prior to the first of the year, to operate the hotel for Mr. and Mrs. Lufe Compton and, when the latter surrendered their lease, as of March 1, the owners of the hotel, Fred Powers, of Portland, and T. S. Zimmerman, of Salem, placed Mr. and Mrs. Cox in charge.

Coquille was sorry to lose the Comptons who had operated the hotel since it was built 21 years ago, but the new managers are none the less heartily welcomed to the city.

The Coffee Shop and kitchen have been redecorated the past couple of weeks and will present a most attractive appearance when the management is able to resume the serving of meals.

## Retail Credit Bureau Met Monday

A membership certificate, awarded by the National Retail Credit Association, was presented at the regular meeting of the local organization in the Bureau's offices Monday, April 9. The certificate states that the Retail Credit Association of Coquille is a recognized unit, in good standing of the National Credit Association.

During the business meeting it was voted to accept the rules and regulations governing the conduct of the bureau. Definite rates were also established. It was decided to lower the membership rates for the benefit of those merchants who do not need all the facilities of the organization.

An interesting open forum was conducted by Manager N. P. McQuinn in the form of questions by members, with answers by him.

A very good attendance was reported and an educational campaign is being successfully launched as well as a membership campaign. Each member is presented a membership plaque.

## Senior Class Play Next Wednesday

The Senior Class of Coquille High School is presenting its class play, "Silas Marner," next Wednesday evening, April 18, at 7:45 p. m. in the high school gymnasium. The admission prices, including the tax, are as follows: adults 60c; students 40c; children 25c. The public is cordially invited to attend this performance.

The members of the cast, in order of their appearance, are given on the third page of this issue.

## Going South For Mother's 100th Birth Anniversary

W. H. Mansell and his son, Charles, plan to leave Saturday for Oakland, California, to help celebrate the one-hundredth birthday anniversary of his mother, on April 16th. Mr. Mansell is in his seventies and has four brothers and sisters living.

The Mansells have been residents of Coquille for many years. Long ago they owned livery stables and later the dray service. They are believed to have brought the first truck to Coquille.

## Mrs. Mary Burns In A Serious Condition

Mrs. Mary Burns suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy last Friday noon at her home across from the High school on North Taylor street. Her son, Bobbie, was with her at the time and because of the immediate care which he was able to give before the doctor's arrival, a more serious attack was averted. She is doing fairly well now and has her daughter, Mrs. Cora Steel, of Myrtle Point, with her. Because the patient must be very quiet for a while, no one can see her.

## Dudley Walton To Be AAF Instructor In Florida

Lieut. Dudley C. Walton and wife visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Richmond last week. Dudley had just returned from 18 months in the Pacific area, where he has been a pilot on a bomber. Lieut. and Mrs. Walton left the first of the week for Pensacola, Florida, where he will be instructor for some time.

## To Open Branch Store In North Bend

John Purkey, popular Coquille furniture dealer, recently bought the old concrete theatre building on Sherman avenue in North Bend, which he is having remodelled for a furniture store. He also purchased the two lots at the rear of the building which will give him a rear entrance and provide parking space for his customers.

The building is 36x60 feet in dimensions and will have three floors. Mr. Purkey says Coquille is his home, that he expects to remain here and will have some one else manage the new store. He says he and Mrs. Purkey both like Coquille so well, with its most friendly atmosphere that he would not think of living anywhere else.

He is not certain yet just when the new store can be opened for business.

## 125 Million Persons Need Clothing Help

The United Clothing Collection Drive is now in full swing and will continue all of this month.

Will you please check your closets and attics, and contribute at least five pounds for each member of the family? asks the salvage committee. Take it to the Community Building or notify J. S. Barton, phone 21-J and your contribution will be collected.

Garments to be mended should be plainly marked. All washable clothing should be washed.

Millions of each of these items are urgently needed now to clothe men, women and children in Europe: Overcoats, Skirts, Work Clothes, Nightgowns, Knit Goods, Topcoats, Shirts, Gloves, Robes, Blankets, Suits, Jackets, Underwear, Sweaters, Bedclothes, Dresses, Pants, Pajamas, Shawls.

There are 125,000,000 men, women and children—innocent victims of war aggression—today suffering today from exposure to the weather as from lack of food. This nationwide United Clothing Collection calls upon all generous Americans to go through closets and attics and pick out all spare useable clothing. Garments for winter and summer wear are wanted. They need not be in perfect condition, but must be serviceable.

## New Mill To Cut 20,000 Feet A Day

Ground was broken on Monday this week for the new mill going in east of Coquille on the road to the reservoir. It is to be erected on the Robert Repass property and will be owned by Kenneth L. and Rhoda I. Foote, and will operate under the name of the Kenrho Mill Co.

They expect to be able to start cutting lumber in about 30 days, and figure on 20,000 feet of lumber per day as the output. They expect to employ about ten men in operating the mill and preference will be given local labor when it is applied for.

## Church of Christ Convention For Coos County Held Here

The spring convention of the Churches of Christ of southwestern Oregon was held at the Coquille Christian Church on Monday evening April 9, with approximately 100 people from the North-Bend, Coos Bay, Myrtle Point and Coquille churches in attendance. The singing was led by Rev. Ivan Correll, of North Bend. Rev. Phil Ryan, of Myrtle Point, led the devotions and the Bower sisters from Coos Bay and Mr. Correll sang special numbers.

Rev. Melvin Traxler, of Coos Bay, spoke on the theme, "God Is Able." Rev. A. C. Bates, the Centennial Evangelist of the Church of Christ in Oregon, spoke of the progress of the Centennial program of the churches of the state.

## Geo. Howe Goes North To See His New Grandson

George Howe left on Monday for a visit in Portland with his daughter, Mrs. Gene Boniksen, and the new baby, Richard Gene, who is now two months old. Mr. Howe is convalescing from his recent operation, having returned from the hospital two weeks ago last Sunday. He expects to return from Portland next Friday. Mrs. Howe stated she had received a wire from their son, Jim, to the effect that he arrived at Boca Raton Field on time.

## Tin Salvage Still A Vital Necessity In The United States

In view of the critical shortage of tin needed for the war efforts, the following is addressed to all users of canned foods:

There is a critical shortage of tin in our country. Our stock-pile will be exhausted in a matter of months. Ninety per cent of our pre-war tin came from sources now in the hands of the Japanese. Victory over Germany will not alter these facts. Some tin ore is being imported from Bolivia, but almost our only tin mine today is the nation's kitchen.

There are eight big de-tinning plants in the United States, built for the express purpose of salvaging tin. These are running at only half capacity, for lack of tin cans. As yet, two out of three tin cans are being wasted. Not so much by the housewives, as by the larger concerns, who use the most canned goods.

Every tin can you open should be saved and salvaged to insure having canned foods next year. Your future business may be seriously affected by lack of canned foods. You may be required to turn in empty tin cans for points, before purchasing new canned goods. You may be unable to buy tinned goods at all.

At present your government only requests that you turn in empty tin cans.

These should be clean and dry, opened at both ends and flattened. Insert the tops and bottoms and pack in cartons or boxes, to be sent to the nearest Salvage Depot.

In Coquille, please take the tin cans to the Train Building, at the corner of Front and Hall streets, or call 195 and they will be collected.

The following news item from Klamath Falls tells how interest in the tin salvage campaign was stirred to a higher degree in southern Oregon:

Recently Paul A. Lee, Klamath county salvage chairman, tossed the following audacious challenge across the Cascades to Robert A. Duff, Jackson county chairman:

"Inasmuch as Jackson county tin drive coincides with ours, we hereby offer you challenge in poundage collected. Well realizing excess value of our product, we nevertheless are willing to wager 100 pounds of Klamath No. 1 Netted Gems against equal weight and quality of your peerless (?) pears, loser to personally deliver in winner's town at high noon date later specified. We believe Klamath Zephyr can harness Black Tornado and out-perform it for duration in collection of salvage materials."

Jackson county promptly accepted the challenge. In fact, reports now have it that Jackson county also won a sack of "spuds" through the zealous efforts of its school children who gathered 45,000 pounds of tin in one-week March drive. Klamath county was not far behind, however, with more than 30,000 pounds of tin collected and promises that "next time it will be different."

## Will Go To The Pen This Time

Jack Kegg, who has been on parole from a two-year penitentiary sentence on a forgery conviction, since May, 1943, is again in the county jail and on Tuesday this week he pleaded guilty to larceny from a dwelling and Judge King postponed sentencing him until next Tuesday.

Kegg, who is 23 years of age, six feet, 8 1/2 inches tall, entered the home of his aunt, Mrs. Hazel Archer, at Prosper, and practically stripped the house of everything it contained. He took it all to Myrtle Point and had sold most of the furniture there when arrested last Saturday.

## George Chaney In Hospital Past Week For Observation

George H. Chaney, who was taken to the hospital in Myrtle Point about a week ago with an undetermined fever, is still there for observation. The result of blood tests sent to the state health department had not yet been received up to this morning. Mr. Chaney had not been in top form since he and Mrs. Chaney returned from their trip to Mexico City several weeks ago. The report from the hospital last evening was that he was considerably improved.