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Judge Felsheim Talks On Coos Co. Ballot Measures

Visitors at the Coquille Chamber of Commerce meeting in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, at which there were about 30 in attendance, were Judge L. D. Felsheim, Mayor Franklin and Ray McNair of Bandon, John Carl of Arago, and Jesse Miller of Medford.

The meeting was directed by Pres. Evan Albion, who called for a report of the meeting with the engineers last week in regard to harbor improvements on Coos Bay.

Geo. Ulett reported, stating that the proposal to deepen the channel to 30 feet would undoubtedly go through, but that it will be some time before the deepening project could be started.

Judge Felsheim talked at some length on the Coos county measures which will be on the June 22 special election ballot, and also spoke of the International Highway routes designated by the Federal roads department. One of them is the Old Oregon Trail and the other Highway 98 south from Portland through Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and on. When finished there will be four-lane highways.

The judge also told of the insurance protection being given the assessment records in the assessor's office. He said a representative of the company which makes micro-films of such records was in Coquille that day to start the work. It will cost the county about \$700 to have these films made but, should a fire destroy the frame court house, these films, which will be stored in a safe vault elsewhere than in that building, can be developed and thus save the tremendous expense of an army of surveyors and others making a new assessment list of all the property in Coos county.

In his remarks about the past he mentioned the highway work on the ballot next month. The judge said that those budgeted the past two years had already provided a fund of \$110,000 for this "farm to market" county road program and that other funds and the \$300,000 which the ballot measure would authorize, when approved by the voters, would bring the total for such roads up to \$300,000 to which the federal government's appropriation would be added, making a total of around three-quarters of a million dollars for Coos county roads.

The \$300,000 proposal, at \$90,000 a year for a fund for a new court house, to replace the present fire-trap, which was built 47 years ago, could be spent by the county court only after, at another election, the voters had approved the construction of such a building.

The approval of this measure of \$90,000 a year levy for five years, will mean that when a court house can be built, and the voters vote for it, that Coos county will have the cash on hand for the purpose and that no bond issue, with continuing interest charges, will be necessary.

The reason these measures must be submitted to a vote, and cannot be included without a vote in the county's annual budget is that such inclusion would increase by a little more than six per cent the amount of budget increase allowable each year; it would be a violation of the six per cent limitation law.

Mayor Franklin and Ray McNair spoke briefly on the recent reorganization of the Bandon Chamber of Commerce, which has been extinct since the fire Sept. 26, 1936, and invited Coquille members to attend their sessions.

Two Honolulu Men Guests At Rotary

Rotarian guests at the noon luncheon meeting on Wednesday included Chas. R. Frazier and Joyce P. Flynn, of Honolulu, H. T. Both men have purchased hunting and fishing camps in the Elk river district east of Port Orford and Mr. Flynn recently purchased the Jess Turner ranch of 1260 acres on Hunter's creek, two miles below Gold Beach.

Other Rotarian guests were Chas. Clark, of Portland, and J. D. Carl, of Myrtle Point. Lloyd Claver of the Lions Club was also a guest.

A committee was appointed to meet with the school board in regard to proposed improvements on the school buildings.

H. S. Baccalaureate Sunday Evening

The Baccalaureate services of the Senior class of the Coquille High school will be held at 8:00 p. m. next Sunday, May 20, in the Pioneer Methodist church, as has been the custom for the past number of years. Rev. W. R. Munger will bring the message this year. Other pastors will assist in the service. An offering to be used in distributing Bibles through the American Bible Society, to soldiers and sailors, will be received. A change in the plan for Baccalaureate services has been made and, according to a new arrangement, every pastor in the city will eventually have an opportunity to bring this message for the High school graduating class.

The program is as follows:
Processional
Invocation - Rev. Chas. G. Brown
Song
Scripture - Rev. Menno Rempel
Song
Prayer - Rev. Liston Parrish
Special Music
High School Mixed Chorus
accompanied by Ronald Williams
Message - Rev. W. R. Munger
Benediction - Rev. Chas. G. Brown
Recessional.

C. of C. Budget \$1800 For The Year

Don Farr, chairman of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce membership committee, stated at Tuesday noon's meeting that the committee was now ready to begin its solicitation of members and funds for the fiscal year. The committee had been waiting for the budget committee's estimate of probable expenses for the coming year.

The following is the budget prepared by the committee, submitted by Chairman R. L. Stewart, and which was approved by the directors:
Publicity, \$750.00
Secretary and office expenses, \$400.00
Cost Highway Act's, \$450.00
Sales organization expense, \$200.00
Emergency Fund, \$200.00
Total, \$1800.00.

Mayor Wood's Poppy Day Proclamation

I hereby declare and set aside May 25, 1945, as "Coquille Poppy Day" when the official Memorial Poppy will be sold by the American Legion Auxiliary and also by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Whereas: The Poppy is remembrance and a symbol of a boy who will not come back, wear it in his memory. Wear it also to help the wounded and wear it as a pledge to God and Country for a World of Lasting Peace.

O. L. Wood, Mayor.

Father and Son Banquet A Great Success

In spite of its being V-E day last Tuesday, a large group gathered at Pioneer Methodist church to enjoy the Father-Son's banquet prepared by the ladies of the Young Adult group. The banquet left nothing to be desired by way of good food and plenty of it. The tables were decorated in the spirit of V-E day and the program was enjoyable. Many have expressed a desire to see this become an annual feature and if such as this is a sample, it probably should be. This was in charge of the Young Adult group of Pioneer Methodist church.

Joy Norton To Wed Corporal Dean Brown

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Norton announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy, to Corporal Dean Brown, U.S.M.C., of Dayton, Wash. The wedding will be on June 3rd in the Chapel of the First Congregational Church at Forest Grove, Oregon. Joy is majoring in music at Pacific University at Forest Grove and will graduate there May 30.

Miss Delilah Endicott Home From Jap Prison At Manila

Miss Delilah Endicott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Endicott formerly of Bandon, now living in Eugene, arrived home last week after being released from the Santo Tomas Jap internment camp in Manila. Miss Endicott spent three years and one month in the camp in the University where she was a professor in English and the Eugene paper last week carried a long interview giving some of her experiences at the prison camp.

Bond Drive Marine Show At Myrtle Point This Evening

Getting the Seventh War Loan drive off to a flying start in Western Oregon, an all-Marine variety show featuring Leatherneck veterans from the Klamath Falls barracks will be presented in Myrtle Point this Thursday night and in Coos Bay Friday night.

The Marines have planned two hours of music and entertainment for their Western Oregon appearance, highlighted by the popular burlesque dance band which is considered one of the best service orchestras on the West Coast.

Directed by Pfc Richard E. Nason, who will also act as master of ceremonies, this stage performance will introduce two Marines who have been decorated for bravery in two highly different types of combat action.

One Sgt. William E. Fields, received the Silver Star for killing Japs as a machine gunner on Salpan, and the other, Sgt. Talbot Vogler, was awarded the Bronze Star for saving American lives as a stretcher-bearer on Bougainville.

Their experiences in combat will be related by Nason. Fields went in (Continued on page nine)

Eagles' Mother's Day Outstanding

An outstanding observance of Mother's Day was the beautiful program of pageantry and music presented for the mothers of Coquille, by the Eagles at the hall last Sunday. Much has been done by the Eagles since the first observance of Mother's Day, to make it a recognized event and they endeavor to make the annual program a memorable one. The word, "Mother," was topped with white flowers on an evergreen background as a sign of affection.

Adams, who was seated on a throne. Twelve members and the drill captain of the Auxiliary Drill team, in formal, marched into two lines, one at each side of the Mother to form an aisle, down which came Carol Jean Adamson and the little Twitchell boy to present nosegays to Mother Adams.

In addition to the numbers mentioned in the Sentinel last week, two little girls, Laura Bennett and Rosalie Arnett, sang and the instrumental quartet from the high school, composed of Wayne Smith, Claire Gray, Gerald Ulett and Sherman Gregory, entertained with some selections.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Fred Bull, under the chairmanship of J. N. Jacobson. This was the fourth annual program arranged by Mrs. Bull. Dorothy Hoehner, Ann Hollimon and Ruth Albion were responsible for the lovely decorations which did so much to help create a picture to be remembered.

Ed Stelle Resigns As Coquille Bank Manager

E. T. Stelle, who left a month ago with Mrs. Stelle for a sojourn in Arizona, has returned to Oregon and they are now in Eugene where Mrs. Stelle's mother resides.

Because of his ill health, Mr. Stelle has resigned his position here as manager of the Coquille Branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

Ford E. Watkins, who came from Portland when Mr. Stelle left, states that a new manager for the local bank will be appointed within the next ten days or two weeks.

Posthumous Award of Purple Heart To Pfc. Jesse Barnett

Mrs. Doris Barnett, sister of Mrs. Fred Lorenz and who is employed in the Lorenz Department Store, has received word from the War Department that her husband, Pfc. Jesse W. Barnett, who was killed with the Army in Europe, has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously and that the medal will be sent her soon.

Those Here For The T. C. Zosel Funeral May 11

Those from out of town who attended the Zosel funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zogel, McMinnville; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McDonald, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Peltier, Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Charles Matthews, Willits, Calif.; and Mrs. Geo. Hudson, Portland. One daughter, Mrs. A. G. Neumann, of Amity, Ore., was unable to attend.

John Leneve To Retire June 1

John W. Leneve, who has been bookkeeper in the county clerk's office for nearly 21 years, has announced his retirement, effective June 1, after more than a fifth of a century of faithful and conscientious work for Coos county. He states that in all that time he has not been compelled to take as much as a month off from duty. He entered the office in October, 1924.

County Clerk Oddy states that Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan is to be bookkeeper and that Miss Dorothy Warren will be advanced to the position of chief deputy.

Bonita Brockway, who has been working part time in the office, will be another of the office force.

Total Rainfall Now 52 Inches

Total rainfall for May, as recorded in County Jenkins' office, is now just under three inches, bringing the total for the fiscal weather year to 52 inches, plus a small fraction.

There has been precipitation recorded every day the past week; .33 inch last Thursday; .10 Friday; .33 Saturday; .28 Sunday; .12 Monday; .27 Tuesday; .31 Wednesday, and .17 Thursday.

Since last Sept. 1 the recorded fall is: Sept., 1.14 inches; Oct., 2.68; Nov., 3.17; Dec., 5.11; Jan., 5.92; Feb., 9.87; March, 11.01; April, 5.65.

Credit Bureau Met Monday

At the Monday evening meeting of the Coquille Credit Bureau in its offices in the Laird Building, an amendment to its constitution was ratified and adopted, making it possible for new members to come in at modified rates in accordance with their needs for the Bureau's services. Thirty-five new members were registered.

The local manager, N. F. McDonald, has announced the formulation of a plan to break the membership role into units of similar interests, in order to simplify the transaction of business and to condense the meetings in such a manner that each merchant will hear his own particular problems discussed. Present plans are to separate the merchants into six different units. This is also calculated to keep interest in credit ratings alive during the slump of organizations, which will surely be experienced after the war is won.

A luncheon will be held at the Coquille Coffee Shop for the Monday, May 28, meeting.

Sgt. Ben Payne To Have Short Visit At Home

Betty Payne was surprised almost beyond belief Saturday evening, to receive a long distance telephone call from her husband, Sgt. Ben Payne, from Charleston, North Carolina. She had received word from the government only last week that her husband had been transferred to another hospital in England. Sgt. Payne is to be hospitalized in Vancouver, Wash., but expects to visit home before reporting there.

B. & P. W. Delegates Heard National President Speak

Mrs. Lou Hollimon and Mrs. J. S. Barton report that the Business and Professional Women's Conference which they attended in Salem Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, was very worth while. Margaret Hickey, national president of the organization, was the principal speaker.

The regular Mothers and Daughters banquet of the local group will be held on Monday, May 21.

Susan and Her Mother To Leave For Berkeley Friday

Mrs. W. B. Dunshee and daughter, Susan, who have been staying with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Young, since last November, will leave on Friday of this week to join Mr. Dunshee who has secured an apartment for them in Berkeley, Calif. He is employed by the Hanson & Frader exporting firm in San Francisco.

The Sentinel editor and his better half are most reluctant to say goodbye to their daughter and granddaughter but Mrs. Young is steadily, though slowly, gaining in strength and they appreciate the help Carol has been to her mother for the past six months.

Commencement To Be Held May 24

Baccalaureate Services will be held Sunday, May 20, at eight o'clock in the Pioneer Methodist church for the 51 seniors who are members of this year's graduating class.

The baccalaureate address will be given by Reverend W. R. Munger, pastor of the local Assembly of God church.

Graduation exercises will be held in the High school gymnasium on Thursday evening, May 24, at eight o'clock.

Dr. James Millar, field representative of the Oregon Council of Churches, Portland, Oregon, will deliver the graduation address. Dr. Millar has spoken before several groups in Coquille during the past year and has been especially well received.

There are fifty-one members of the 1945 graduating class, five of whom will not be present to receive their diplomas as they are serving with the United States Armed forces. Those not expected to be present are: Dick Buckles, Robert Kelley and Wallace Willis in the U. S. Navy; Earl Benham, Army Air Corps, and George Eckholm, Merchant Marine.

Annual Cowboy Barbecue May 27

The Coquille Horse Show committee is arranging for a big free feed and frolic for saddle horse owners here at the City Athletic Park Sunday, May 27. Invitations will be mailed to all owners of saddle stock in Coos and Curry counties.

There are many more new horsemen, who were not on our mailing list last year. If we may receive their names promptly, they will be presented with a free ticket to this popular pony picnic.

J. L. Smith, Chairman.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houston left Wednesday afternoon on a month's vacation visit which they will spend at Cave Junction near Grants Pass.

Bob Albion Wins State Javelin Crown

Coquille High Schools track team of two, which Coach "Spike" Leslie took out to Corvallis last Saturday for the annual state track meet, scored five points. Jefferson High of Portland was winner of the event with 22 points.

Of particular interest to Coquille is the fact that Bob Albion won the javelin throwing crown among the high school contestants, his toss being 177 feet, 7/8 inches.

Jim Kinsey was seventh in the half mile run and, had he not gotten boxed in by slower runners at the start, might possibly have finished nearer the front as he came up from almost last soon after starting to seventh among 19 contestants.

City Cleaners Move One Door West Of Old Location

The City Cleaners have been in the process of moving the past week from the Shore building on Front street, where the plant has been located for so many years, to the corrugated iron walls and stucco-front building, immediately to the west, which Lou Hollimon recently purchased. E. L. Perrott & Son were busy the first of this week putting in the concrete foundations for the heavy machinery and equipment of the plant.

Mrs. W. S. Sullivan Is Improving In Portland

The many friends of Mrs. W. B. Sullivan, of Powers, will be glad to hear she is recovering from the serious operation performed by a specialist at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland recently. Her daughter, Mrs. Christian, and Mr. Sullivan have returned to their respective home in Eugene and Powers. Mrs. Sullivan will be confined to the hospital about five weeks.

Harold Esser Of Canadian Forces Here On A Visit

Harold Esser of the Canadian Air Forces is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Esser, while home on special leave from his station at Trenton, Ontario, Canada, where he is in the electrical shops. Esser was home on regular leave before Christmas last year. He obtained special leave to bring his wife home because she is ill and he expects to be here about ten days.

Mother of Mrs. Saima Caughell Buried Sat.

Mrs. Anna Lindros, mother of Mrs. Saima Caughell of Coquille, passed away at a Portland hospital on Wednesday last week. She had previously been in hospitals at Coos Bay and Coquille, but none of the attending physicians believed an operation for her brain tumor could be successful.

Funeral services were held at the Campbell Funeral Home at the Bay on Saturday and interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Born Anna Niemi, in Finland, May 6, 1888, she came to Coos county 43 years ago, and on Mar. 1, 1905, was united in marriage to Adolph John Lindros, here in the county. They have lived at Lakeside, north of Coos Bay, since their marriage.

Besides the widower, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Caughell, Mrs. Glenn McKay, of Eugene, Mrs. Jennie Keudell, who formerly resided here but now lives in Delaware, and by three sons, Edward, of Lakeside, Leo, of Dellwood, and James, of Grays River, Wash. She is also survived by one brother, Oscar Niemi, of Ukiah, Calif.

John Q. Saylor Buried Saturday

John Quincy Saylor passed away last Friday at the Timmons Convalescent Home here, where he had lived the past four years.

Funeral services were held at the Gano Funeral Home at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, May 12, Rev. Chas. G. Brown officiating and he was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery.

He was eight months and 16 days past 62 years of age, having been born in Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, Aug. 25, 1862. He had worked in various parts of the United States at lumbering and mining but spent the latter part of his life in Coquille. He was employed at the local mill for several years.

His wife passed away in 1915 and he is survived by four children: sons, Marion E. of Coquille; Alfie, of Mohler, Ore.; Rollo O., of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and daughter, Mrs. Dessie Hartzell, of Fresno, Calif. He is also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Two grandsons are now serving with the U. S. armed forces.

Belmont Jones Died At State Hospital May 9

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Chapel at 2:00 p. m. on Monday this week for Belmont Jones, who died at the state tuberculosis hospital in Salem last Wednesday. Rev. R. L. Greene officiated at the services and interment was in the Norway cemetery.

Belmont Eugene Jones was a native of Coos county, having been born in Myrtle Point, July 6, 1905. He was ten months and four days past 39 years of age at passing.

He was a logger by occupation and had resided in Coquille for nine years prior to going to the state hospital.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Norma Jones, he leaves four children from five to one years of age—La Juana, La Verna, Mary and Norma—and one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Kreitzer, who resides at Graves Creek, Oregon.

Found Very Few Old Friends Left In Coquille

A. E. Simpson, father of Paul Simpson of the State Highway office here, and who was a Coquille valley farmer some 38 and more years ago, came in last Wednesday evening from Long Beach, Calif., where he has resided for the past several years. He was at one time owner of the Sanford Heights section of Coquille. He left here in 1909, going from Idaho and then back to Salem, Oregon, where Mrs. Simpson died.

In his visiting around town Mr. Simpson did not find very many of his old friends and acquaintances still active. L. L. Hazard, J. A. Lamb and O. C. Sanford were about the only old-timers in Coquille he encountered. He expects to return to Long Beach next Monday.

Will Be Glad To Get Back To Oregon

In remitting for another year for the Sentinel, R. O. Saylor writes from Fort Sumner, New Mexico: "We are not enjoying our stay in this land of wind and sand, but it is our part of the war effort. Will be so glad to see Oregon again."