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Friday Is Election Day-Everyone Should Go To The Polls

Tomorrow, Friday the 22nd, is special Election day in Coos county, and while the returns tomorrow evening will show a lighter vote cast than in the case at general elections, no one should overlook his or her duty and fail to go to the polls.

All the measures on the ballot have merit, although there are people in Coquille who believe that the new court house building proposal is but the first step in a Coos Bay fight to move the county seat over there. Of course, a proposal of that kind can be initiated at any time but if Coos Bay is ever to become the county seat of Coos it would be before a considerable amount of money was invested in a new building in Coquille.

All the other measures should be approved by the voters without fail and the Sentinel endorses three of them without reserve. It does not oppose the new court house building fund proposal but neither can it come out flat-footedly in favor of voting the \$300,000 for a new court house at this time.

It is true the county seat cannot be moved to Coos Bay except by an approving vote of the people of Coos county, but if the attempt is ever to be made to move it over there, it would naturally be before \$300,000 was invested in a new building here.

We leave it to the voters without any recommendation on how they vote on that proposal.

The other measures, all of which should be approved, are:

Bill authorizing tax levy for state building fund. Vote 300 x Yes.

Bill authorizing cigarette tax to support public schools. Vote 302 x Yes.

Measure authorizing tax levy creating fund for construction, reconstruction, and repair of county roads and bridges. Vote 300 x Yes.

However, each and every reader may feel and think on these measures, all of which are so important to the state and county, he or she should go to the polls on Friday, June 22, and cast a ballot.

Lt. Don Smith Says The Islands An Ideal Spot

Lt. Don Smith arrived in Coquille last Friday morning on schedule and has been busy the past week getting re-acquainted with his parents and sister, greeting old friends and accompanying Jay on his trips around the country.

After two and one-half years at Fort Shafter, half way between Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, Don says he believes the Hawaiian Islands are a very nice spot for a civilian to live. He could not talk about his duties there, but says he will not be sorry when the Japs come to the unconditional surrender terms.

He has been in the Army for three years and figures that his experiences during that time will benefit him all his life.

Dick Slater Re-elected School Director Monday Evening

Although there were only 15 votes cast at the annual school district election, at the high school Monday evening, it was unanimous for retaining R. T. Slater on the school board for another three years for he received a vote on each of the ballots.

With no contest for the office and no other business than that of electing a director scheduled for that evening, nearly every one forgot that which is sometimes an important election, was to be held, or else didn't think it worth while to make any effort to vote.

Band Practice At The High School Next Monday

All members of the high school band and all former members who will help are asked to report for practice at the high school at 7:30 p. m., Monday, June 25. A practice scheduled for this week failed, due to a poor turn-out. Your responsibility to your city and to the Celebration committee makes it very urgent that you do your part to make our July 4th celebration a success.

The Japanese flags and telephone sent by Sgt. Ellis Rackleff to his mother, Mrs. E. L. Dettelsen, from Okinawa, have been the center of interest in the window of Rackleff's Pharmacy this week.

Playground Program Started This Week

A recreational program for the children was instituted this week in the City Park back of the Community Building, with Miss Margaret Hughes supervising the activities. Miss Hughes has made a study of recreation at the University of Oregon, and is well-qualified to capably direct the children's play periods. She is the daughter of Ed Hughes, who conducted the Boys' Club of Coquille before organizing the Teen-Age Club.

The recreation period in the park will be from nine-thirty to five o'clock, Monday through Friday. When the program gets well underway there will be volley ball, badminton, baseball and croquet, as well as other games. A play will be given by the youngsters once a week. On certain designated days, sack lunches will be brought and a quiet-hour of reading will be enjoyed. A bulletin board will keep the group informed.

Donny Taylor is chairman of the entertainment committee with Bobby Jean Harris, Kay Simmons, Geraldine Smith, Butch Harris and Marcia Mauney to assist him. Chairman of the clean-up committee is Tommy Johnson with Bill Peel, Lee Bissett, Marcia Mauney and Darlene Cooper for helpers.

Ariel Crook Rotary Candidate For Queen

Carl Morrison introduced Miss Ariel Crook as a guest of the Rotary Club and their selection as candidate for Queen of the Fourth of July celebration at the noon luncheon meeting of the club on Wednesday.

Miss Crook, a very attractive-appearing young lady, was a graduate of the Coquille High school this spring and was an honor student during her four-year attendance at high school. She was also selected by the D.A.R. this year for their citizenship award.

T. G. Toon of the Coast Fuel Co. was a guest of the club and presented a series of films of up-to-date underground coal mining. While the pictures were taken in the east, they showed some of the machinery and equipment that is being used in the local mine and they were very interesting. Mr. Toon announced that his company had contracted to deliver 52,000 tons of coal this year.

President Barton announced that up to the present members of the Rotary club had taken \$26,200.00 in "E" bonds in the 7th War Loan drive.

Geo. E. Eden, of Oceanside, Calif., and E. E. Watkins, of Myrtle Point, were Rotarian guests. Other guests were Lt. Virgil Arrell, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, who has just returned from flying B-24 bombers out of a base in Italy; Brick Leslie, of Portland, and H. R. Godard, of Coquille.

Against The Law To Pick Up Apparently Deserted Fawns

The Oregon State Game Commission makes its annual request that sympathetic individuals refrain from picking up fawn deer that appear to be deserted. In most instances this is not true, and if the fawn is left alone, its mother will eventually return to claim it. Deliberate picking up of fawns in order to obtain a pet is against the law, and a permit is not issued to keep it unless it can be proved that the fawn actually was deserted and would have died.

While young deer may be attractive pets, as they grow older they can become burdensome to care for and often dangerous to human life if adequate facilities are not provided. In the end, the deer may have to be killed as most of them cannot be satisfactorily released after being raised in captivity.

Two Eureka, California, mining men, C. M. Gould and Mr. Bell, were here last week looking after their mining interests in southwestern Oregon. They have engineers out in the hills now looking for probable gold caches in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Graham received a wire last Saturday from their son, Stanley, who had been over in the European war theatre, that he would be home on furlough the first of this week.

V. R. Wilson was glimpsed enjoying Sunday's warmth in the city park in Coos Bay, with friends and relatives.

Coquille's Fourth Celebration To Show A Splendid Program

Following the meeting of committeemen in the city hall Tuesday evening, announcement of plans for Coquille's big Fourth of July celebration, July 3 and 4, can now be more specifically mentioned.

One item the committee stresses is that Medford Fuller's seven-piece orchestra has been contracted with to play for all the dances mentioned below.

The celebration will really start at nine o'clock Monday evening with the Queen's dance. Three out-of-town-judges will be present to watch the entrance of the nine candidates named for the honor by local clubs and organizations and make their selection, according to the points listed in last week's Sentinel.

At 10:30 o'clock the one selected as queen will be crowned by Mayor O. L. Wood and the other eight will be the Court of Honor. All dances will be in the Community Building.

The concession booths will all be ready for business also Monday evening, the list of those having concessions being the Fire Department, Women's Clubs, Boy Scouts, Lodges and other organizations. Just what they will all have besides hamburgers, pop, soft drinks, etc., remains to be seen.

On Tuesday, July 3, the big parade will start at 11:00 a. m. with all the horses available, floats by individuals, clubs, lodges, etc., with comic features also scheduled.

Following the parade, the Coquille Fire Department will, at 1:30, put on a show of fire fighting that will be well worth seeing, and that will be followed by the street sports, square dance contests and many other new features.

There will be matinee dancing, from four o'clock to six, both afternoons, and the evening dance will start at nine o'clock both Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The Horse Show is to be the big attraction on the 4th, the grand parade through town starting at 11:00 a. m., with nearly 200 horses expected to be in line.

The parade will end at the ball park where the horse show, with new, novel, and sometimes dangerous features, will start at one o'clock, and it is expected to be finished by four.

Following that will be the matinee dance and another big dance that evening in the Community Building.

Stan Sherwood, chairman of the queen portion of the program, announces that Oscar Larson is chairman of the Queen's coronation committee, and Elbert Schroeder of the Queen's float arrangements.

He also gives the following list of candidates for the honor of being Queen of Coquille's 1945 July 4th celebration:

Lions—Donna Rankin.
Fire Dept.—Genevieve Peart.
F. O. Eagles—Mildred McCarthy.
Soroptimists—Lou Livengood.
Coquille Woman's Club—Geraldine Oerding.

American Legion—Ruth Hughes.
Rotary—Ariel Crook.

The candidates selected by the B. & P. W. club and the Junior Women's Club have not yet been announced.

Valley Golfers Lose To Bay-- Going To Roseburg Sunday

The Coos Bay Golfers defeated the locals at Norway Sunday, 25 to 20. Some very fine golf was on display and eight golfers came in with scores under 80.

Bill Hook was medalist with 71, second was Ray Hopp with 74. Dave McGuire and Fay Osterhout had 76. C. L. Brown, Jr., and Irvin Dettman had 77, Jack McLarrin a 78 and Jerry Peters a 79.

The local team will play a return engagement with Roseburg at the Douglas county metropolis next Sunday, June 24.

Mrs. John McCue has come from her home in Tillamook to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Simpson, at Fairview. Mrs. McCue arrived Sunday and reports that her son, Jack, is at the Madigan General Hospital, in Fort Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Chaney returned last evening from Portland, where they went last Monday. They were accompanied north by Mrs. Margaret Turkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stauff.

Good Crowd Heard Harry Nettleton At C. of C. Tues. Session

There were more than 50 in attendance at the Coquille Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Coffee Shop, Tuesday noon, when Harry I. Nettleton of Portland, in charge of Research and Education of the O. & C., administration office there, was the speaker.

Guests at the luncheon included Ross Youngblood, District Forester of the Coos Bay district, and his assistant, Larry Gangle; Donald B. Stickney, district Ranger at Powers; Freeman Schultz, of the Coos Bay Lumber Co.; Sam Lehman, of the U. S. Employment office at Coos Bay; E. E. Watkins, who is to be in charge of the Coquille employment office when it is opened, and the Coos county committee which functions with the county court on the O. & C. and Coos Bay Wagon Road matters—E. L. Dettelsen, Ellis Dement, C. W. Kilne and Curtis Bumford.

The entire time after the luncheon was given over to Mr. Nettleton by Mrs. Evan Alford and the speaker held the attention of his listeners for nearly three-quarters of an hour.

A considerable part of his talk dealt with figures—acreage, valuation, receipts, etc.—of the O. & C. and Coos Bay Wagon Road grants—and not having a copy of Mr. Nettleton's report will have to omit a great deal of the factual part of his address.

He gave a history of the two land grant areas, which originally comprised such a large portion of western Oregon, from the Columbia river down below the California line, the O. & C., containing 8,000,000 acres of timber land. At the present time the O. & C. contains 3,728,000 acres and the Coos Bay Wagon Road, 105,000 acres.

The speaker said there is and has been for some time a contest between two of the federal government agencies, the O. & C. bureau and the Interior Department, as to which has charge of administration of the O. & C. and the C. B. W. R. lands, and that it will require an act of congress this next year to settle which shall administer the two.

Mr. Nettleton said that the counties within which O. & C. lands lie, now get 50 per cent of the O. & C. timber sales income, and that for the past five years Coos county has received \$54,000 a year.

Timber is sold from the two land grant units on a sustained yield basis, only mature timber being sold by the government, and it is only sold to operators who use it locally and who have timber lands of their own. Private ownership, he declared, has not yet adopted the "sustained yield" policy—planting for future growth on cut-over lands—which the O. & C. requires to be done on all its lands. "Timber is a renewable local investment," aptly stated the timber sustained yield idea.

Mrs. E. G. Lawrence Died Saturday In San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lawrence left Monday for Oakland, Calif., where they will attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. E. G. Lawrence, who passed away Saturday night at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco.

Mrs. Lawrence had returned home a week ago after a three weeks' visit in Oakland with her sister and Kenneth's brother, who were both in the hospital. Ned is improving and now is in the San Leandro Sanitarium.

Mrs. Lawrence also leaves a brother, George Rankin, of San Leandro.

F.S.A. Office Is Closed Until Next Monday, June 25

Tollef Brudos, County FSA Supervisor for Farm Security Administration at Coquille, announced before leaving that the county office in the First National Bank Building will be closed June 20, 21, 22, and 23, as all personnel will be attending a district conference at Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Harriman are spending several days in Portland. Mr. Harriman was called there on business for Smith Wood-Products and Mrs. Harriman is enjoying visiting a daughter and son there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephens left Monday night for Aberdeen, Wash., to attend the funeral of their son's wife, Mrs. Emory Stephens. They expect to be gone a week or ten days.

Two State R.E.A. Sessions Held Here

Two Oregon Rural Electric Co-operative Association meetings were held in Coquille this week. There are ten such associations in Oregon and seven of them were represented by officials who were here.

The meeting on Tuesday was the state meeting of R.E.A. co-operatives, which was held in the court house, and the highlight of that session was the report by Mrs. M. McFarland on the hearing in Washington, D. C., last week on the appointment of Claud R. Wickard as national R.E.A. Administrator.

Six R.E.A. managers from different sections of the state met in the hotel Coffee Shop for a dinner session Monday. Those attending that meeting were R. J. Connarn, of the Coos R.E.A. in Coquille; George Puchel, of Northeast Clackamas; Eric Johnson, of Wasco county; Guy I. Thomas, Benton-Lincoln Co-op., from Corvallis; George Cordray, Douglas; Ed Williams, Malheur.

Other officials, in addition to those mentioned above, who attended the state meeting on Tuesday were: Geo. Hendrix, president of the state association, from the Benton-Lincoln R.E.A.; Mrs. Mabel Decker, secretary, N. E. Clackamas; Mrs. M. McFarland, Umatilla; F. M. McCaffery, Douglas; Ivan O. Laird, M. C. Miller, Rosabel S. Brown, Frank Shaw, Mrs. Lora Holverstott, all of the Coos county R.E.A. Co-operative.

Mrs. Puchel accompanied her husband from Clackamas and attended the meetings.

Fire At Laundry Caught Just In Time

The fire alarm just before two o'clock Sunday afternoon called the department to the Coquille Laundry, where they were able to extinguish the blaze in short order. Had it had a few moments more of a start, however, it could have been a bad one. As it was the burning of a door of the boiler house and little further damage kept the loss down to around \$10.00.

On the way from the fire hall the fire boys were worrying about the city water being off, as it was advertised last week to be at 2:00 o'clock Sunday but Supt. Epperson and his helper had just picked up the wrenches to go and shut off the supply when the alarm sounded and the water was not off at all that day.

Lowell Simpson said the blaze must have started from a spark which escaped the last time the boiler furnace was attended to that morning.

The Belmont Irelands Leave On Return To Hawaiian Islands

Mr. and Mrs. Belmont Ireland, after having spent three weeks in Coquille visiting relatives and friends, left by bus Friday morning. They are to report in San Francisco June 21, to await passage to Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Ireland have been employed at Pearl Harbor under Civil Service for over two years. Mr. Ireland is employed as Outside Machinist Yc, working on repair of damaged ships. Mrs. Ireland works in a clerical supervisory capacity in the Design Station of the Navy Yard.

Mrs. Zelia Ireland, of Richvale, Calif., who spent two weeks in Coquille as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Arnold, left Friday morning with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Belmont Ireland. They planned to stop in Grants Pass, to visit Mrs. "Mike" Ireland and young son, Michael, and other relatives there.

Oregon Trail Scout Executive A Coquille Visitor Today

Ernest Seaton, who comes from Seattle and who is the new Assistant Scout Executive of the Oregon Trail Boy Scout Council for this western Oregon area, is in Coquille today conferring with local Scout executives and Troop officials as to this summer's Scout activities and programs.

Mr. Seaton expects to move soon from his former home to Coos county and become a naturalized Oregonian.

A Sailor To Speak Sunday Morning At Baptist Church

James A. Dillon, a sailor stationed at the North Bend Airbase, will bring the morning message at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. Mr. Dillon is a Christian layman, who has been active in the famous Jerry Owen Missions in his native New York. A real treat is in store for all who attend.

The City To Buy \$12,000 Worth Of Seventh War Bonds

In the absence of Mayor Wood, who did not get back from his ranch on Rogus river where he had taken some equipment Monday, Claire M. Gray, chairman of the council, presided at a short session of that body Monday evening, at which five councilmen were present.

A letter from the state engineer, with an application blank enclosed, stated that the application of the city of Coquille to divert the water of Falls creek for use in the city water system, would be approved, with a year's time given to start on the project.

The reports of the city recorder and treasurer for May were received and ordered filed.

John Purkey, chairman of the street committee, reported that, after conference with the state police, the committee was ordering that parking on Heath street, when there are attractions at the ball park, be prohibited between Eleventh street and the main park entrance, and that on other streets in that section it be confined to one side of the street only.

Geo. F. Burr, chairman of the Clean-Up committee, expressed himself as being greatly pleased by the co-operation shown by property owners in cleaning up their premises this month, but added that there are three lots on which nothing has been done and that they are in a deplorable condition. Notices will be sent the owners and if nothing is done then, the city crew will clean them up and the cost assessed against the property.

City Engineer Gearhart reported that the fire trail around the city had been gone over with a bulldozer last Friday and Saturday and that the other trails were to be cleaned up on Tuesday.

Upon motion the council's finance committee and City Treasurer Caughell were authorized to invest city reserve funds which will not be needed soon in 7th War Loan bonds. The amount decided upon was about \$12,000.

Retail Credit Ass'n. Hqs Handsome Gavel

That was a very handsome trophy which N. P. McDonald received for the Coquille Retail Credit Association, from the National Association, for having the largest percentage of membership increase the past year of any association in the United States.

It is a white ivory gavel, inlaid with silver suitably engraved, and it is heavier than it looks to be when lifted. A war bond is also to be received from the same source.

Mr. McDonald says the membership is now making the utmost use of the facilities of the association, comparing notes on new or old credit requests, and are beginning to learn just how much their membership will save for them in bad accounts over a period of time.

Mr. McDonald is spending considerable time just now in canvassing for memberships in the Coquille Retail Credit Association in Douglas and Curry counties, and anticipates that in a few months, or possibly a year, the membership in the Coquille association, which is now more than 150, will have been increased by at least 200 more.

Sig Peterson To Return To Bank

Sig Peterson, who left the bank here three years ago, when he joined the Army Air Force, was here last Friday and is looking for a house to rent for himself, Mrs. Peterson and their child. They expect to be back in Coquille next week as he will resume his duties in the bank July 1.

Mr. Peterson saw considerable action in Italy where he was with the 15th A.A.F., and was returned to the United States last November. Although not yet given his discharge from the A.A.F., he goes on an "inactive status" on July 22.

Rev. G. A. Gray To Speak At Pioneer Church Sunday A. M.

Rev. G. A. Gray will preach at the Pioneer church this coming Sunday, June 24, at the eleven o'clock morning service.