

People Are Nice

Recently I attended one of the most unique meetings of my experience. The notice of the meeting and its objective had been posted for some time before the meeting date and, apparently, folks thought that was all that need be said.

When we entered the room an elderly man handed each of us a very small square of paper without a word either of greeting or of instruction. People were seated at the school desks talking with one another about crops, farms, the weather and so on. We sat down and waited for the meeting to start. After some time elapsed and we were enjoying a friendly chat with the women seated back of us, we chanced to notice that the same man who had wordlessly handed us the pieces of paper was just as wordlessly collecting them in a hat. We were a bit taken aback by this procedure but came to the conclusion it was time to cast our ballot. We hastily scribbled our vote on the paper to be sure it got into the hat. I would have been no whit surprised if he had passed us up had we not noticed the others were tossing ballots into the hat.

We waited expectantly but no one said a word. The hatful was placed on a stove at the back of the room while the old gentleman strolled out onto the porch to see if others were

coming. Pretty soon two younger men started counting the ballots aloud. The clerk checked the votes and announced the "yesses" had won.

We thought someone surely would speak at last, or make a slight attempt at holding a meeting. The chairman walked over to a group of men and said, "Come on, let's go home," which they did without further ado. By this time I was thoroughly enjoying the unusualness of the community business meeting. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. People who have such strength of purpose and disregard for details of conventional behavior challenge my powers of understanding.

There was evidence the little creatures of the wild noticed the drop in temperature last week. I saw a gray squirrel on a post in the early morning with his tail drawn across his shoulders like a shawl. One could help laughing to see his plumpy tail in such an unaccustomed position.

Have you ever seen anything more clever than the trained bears at the circus? Children especially appreciated the dogs. After you got over being mad about the ridiculous prices charged for admission—even babies three years old were charged—and about the outrageous price for a seat, you could relax and enjoy the performance.

Honestly, though, I have talked with numbers of people who agree that it was the best circus shown in this region within easy reach of the memory. I happen to know that two young Coquille lovelies who are waitresses enjoyed it very much.

As ever, Pat.

Shower June 12 For Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor

A surprise bridal shower was given for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor Tuesday, June 12. Those attending were Bea and Emily Taylor, Anna Arnett, Doris Bjorstrand, Marjorie Wells, Mrs. Hendrix and Netabelle, Mrs. Tyrrell and Janice Osterhout. The shower was a great success.

Remember Norton's for office, school and home supplies.

Purdy - Mulkey Nuptials Monday

Martha E. Mulkey, Coquille, and Bruce R. Purdy, Riverton, were united in marriage at the home of Mrs. Mulkey's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farr, at 11:00 a. m. on Monday, June 18. The guests included only the family of the bride and groom, those families with whom Mrs. Mulkey had lived or who had lived with her in the past, and her office secretary.

Following the solo, "I Love You Truly," sung by Mrs. Farr and accompanied by Donald Farr, and the reading of First Cor. 13 by Mrs. Geo. Newman, Mr. Purdy's sister, a simple marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Liston Parrish, pastor of the Christian church. Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Purdy left for a short trip, from which each will return to work June 25. They will reside at the Wilson Apartments and be home to their friends after July 5.

Mrs. Mulkey has been Coos County School Superintendent since 1925. The groom has been a resident of Coos county for the last three years, having come from El Cajon, California. He is now employed by Farr and Elwood, Coquille. Previous to this he was employed by Smith Wood Products as riverman.

The invited guests were: Mrs. B. F. Purdy, mother of the groom; Cliff Purdy, of Riverton; Mr. and Mrs. George Newman and grandson, Terrence Vaughan, Bullards; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farr and sons, David and Paul; Rev. and Mrs. Liston Parrish, Mg. and Mrs. Willard E. Sigan; Mrs. Elwyn Nosler and daughter, Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson; Mrs. Oscar Carlson, and Mrs. Phillip Linn, all of Coquille, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Phillips and daughter, Earls, of Portland.

W. R. O'Neill, Roberta McNeil Married Sunday Evening

William R. O'Neill, of Denmark, Oregon, and Roberta McNeil, of Coquille, were married in a brief ceremony at the close of the service at the Baptist church last Sunday evening.

Mr. O'Neill has just been honorably discharged from the Army, with 109 points, after going through four campaigns in Italy and being promoted to technical sergeant. He has voluntarily re-enlisted for the Pacific service and the young couple will make their home in California, awaiting his reassignment.

Lee Goodman says it was a long, dreary old winter, his first trip down town in his wheel chair being last Saturday after being cooped up seven months and nine days in his cottage on Spurgeon Hill.

Little Lee Bissett is enjoying a few days at home with his parents before returning to spend the summer with his grandparents on their small farm near Coos Bay.

Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will not hold its regular weekly meeting on Friday, June 22, on account of election falling on the same day. Next meeting date will be Friday, June 29, in Guild Hall.

In slight appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation of her workers, dessert and coffee will be served at 1:00 p. m. by Mrs. D. B. Kesner, retiring chairman of production. This work will be taken over by Mrs. F. C. True, on July 1. Reports of previous months' work will be read and additional Red Cross service pins will be awarded.

The work period will be devoted to sewing, knitting, crocheting, cutting, etc. Machines are always available for work room sewing and cut-out, ready-to-sew materials are always in readiness for home sewing. Yarn will be available for sweaters and sox. The Red Cross afghan will be awarded at 4:00 p. m.

At last week's meeting, visitors who remained to work throughout the afternoon were Mrs. James Leonard and Mrs. Birdie Skeels. New home workers are Mrs. Cathryn Erickson and Mrs. Walter Homenyk. Walter Homenyk is now a marine. The Unit thanks Mrs. Willis for a large quantity of material donated.

The Unit expresses sincere sympathy to Mrs. K. P. Lawrence, who was again summoned to Oakland, Calif., because of the death of a sister, Mrs. Ned Lawrence.

The following shipments, packed and pressed by Mrs. F. C. True and Mrs. K. P. Lawrence, went forward to Coos Bay on Saturday:

Sewing—5 prs. pajamas, 23 regular kit bags, 87 bedside bags, 4 bath robes, 1 hospital shirt, 10 baby gertitudes, 16 baby shirts, 2 baby quilts, 31 hospital wash cloths.

Knitting—5 v-neck army sweaters, 4 sleeved maroon sweaters, 16 prs. white regular sox, 3 prs. gray regular sox.

Brother Of Mrs. Wickham Passed Away Last Friday

Mrs. Myra Wickham reports that her youngest brother, Lee McMichael, passed away last Friday at the hospital in Ashland and that he was buried near Grants Pass on Monday. He had never lived in this section but his children have been here frequently.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Former Coquille Teacher Is Recovering From An Operation

The many friends of Mrs. Clem Howard, nee Ethel Roop, will be glad to know she is recovering nicely from a recent operation which she underwent at the St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland. Mrs. Howard taught for several years in the schools here before going to Oswego, where she has taught since. Mr. Howard, who is associated with the First National Bank in Portland, was formerly manager of the First National Bank here and is now manager of a bank in Roseburg.

Mrs. Ethel Low Expects To Be Here For July 4th Celebration

In a letter asking that for a time her copy of the Sentinel be sent to her daughter, Jerene, in Seattle, Mrs. Ethel M. Low writes from Palo Alto, Calif., that she is leaving there this week on her vacation and expects to be in Coquille in time for the July 4 celebration and she hopes to meet all her old friends here at that time. She will then visit a brother in Portland and Jerene and family in Seattle. She expects to be gone from Palo Alto for two months.

Attending the Shrine ceremonial at Grants Pass, last Saturday evening, from Coquille were: K. T. Lawrence, Cliff Yarbrough, H. S. Norton, Elton Savage, Chas. T. Seibig and Andy Hatcher.

Mrs. Harv Smith and Cally were in town Sunday, from their farm near Gravelford.

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