

The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

VOL. XLII, NO. 24.

COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1943.

\$2.00 THE YEAR

Candidates for Queen of Coquille's 4th Celebration



Below appear the names of the candidates, and their sponsoring local organizations, for Queen of Coquille's July 4th celebration. Reading from left to right they are:
Standing—Lou Livengood, Soroptimists; Genevieve Peart, Firemen; Ariel Crook, Rotary; Margaret Hughes, American Legion; Geraldine Oerding, Woman's Club; Eulita McCracken, Coquille Grange; Marianne Rackleff, Business & Professional Women's Club. Seated—Donna Rankin, Lions; Mildred McCarthy, Eagles.

Praise The Paraders

If you wish to make some person on a pony, proud and happy, when passing in parade or performing some stunt in the show, don't be stingy with your applause; please pour it on. Clap your hands and give 'em a cheer, it won't frighten the horses nearly as much as it may the riders.

A lot of money has been invested in saddle horses, equipment, etc. The owners, bringing same quite a distance and at some expense, to help provide free entertainment, would appreciate a cordial welcome by the people of Coquille. Let's make 'em want to come back here again.

Here are a few things to watch for in the parade and at the show:

(a) Who is the lady riding the old-fashioned side saddle?

(b) A former old-time Pendleton rider, bulldogger and roper, but living on Halls Creek for many years, may do some trick roping. His name will be announced later.

(c) Walt Laird has offered to do some clowning on a jassack, if someone will loan him such an animal to ride.

(d) And do not be surprised to see our city mayor on a prancing steed, followed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce driving a three-horse chariot.

(e) Ed Hughes figures on stealing the show with his matched pair of little Palomino stallion colts, (only four weeks old) each led by the side of its Palomino mammy.

(f) Yes, and you will get a close-up look at "Thunderhead," a beautiful pure white two-year old stallion, ridden by his owner, a thirteen-year old lad from near Bear Creek. He will be introduced at the show.

(g) You will also feel like giving a big hand to our special guests—the Myrtle Point Riding Club, the Coos Bay Saddle Club and the Reedsport Posse—when all come riding into formation with colors and banners flying.

(h) The Governor of Oregon has also been invited. Hats off.

(i) Briefly, here we should also mention a few of the colorful saddle stallions, which will catch your eye: Snowflake, a snappy young spotted Appaloosa, owned and ridden by Marjory Epps; King Don, a handsome big black and white Paint, shown by owners, Bill Johnson and Tom Nelson. Bill Lamar will be here with his tony Texas quarter horse; Morris Ray and his Don Oregon Palomino; Lloyd Hall and his new Tennessee walking horse, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cornell with the stylish five-gaited Richard's Chief, along with their entire string of show horses.

Now these are just a few little preview items or advance notice of the Best Free Show in the West. Hurrah for the Fourth of July.
J. L. Smith.

Below appears the program of events at the Horse Show on the Fourth, which no one who can get to Coquille next Wednesday will want to miss:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Musical Chair Race \$10.00 \$ 5.00
(Riders, 16 yrs. or under) | 6. Pony Express 15.00 10.00
(3 horses per rider) |
| 2. Shetland Pony Race 10.00 5.00 | 7. Surprise Package |
| 3. Stake Race 10.00 5.00 | 8. Musical Chair Race 10.00 5.00 |
| 4. Egg and Spoon Race 10.00 5.00 | 9. Calf Roping Contest 20.00 10.00 |
| 5. Boot Race 10.00 5.00
(Riders, 16 yrs. or under) | 10. Quick Change Race 10.00 5.00 |
| | 11. Bull Riding 15.00 10.00 |

A War Bond Is Prize At July 3rd Parade

Larry Lundquist, chairman of the July 3rd parade, states that the parade entries will assemble around the court house and be ready to enter parade formation at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday.

A \$25 war bond is to be given the sweepstakes winner of all the entries, and other prizes have been allotted for first, second, and for some groups a third prize, in each of the following classifications: War Activity, Women's Organizations, Men's Organizations, Farm Floats, Bicycle Group, Pet Group, Business Houses, 4-H Groups, Industrial Groups, Best Decorated Automobile, Granges, Marching Group, Comical Character, Horses.

K. of P. Junior Girls Drum Corps Coming From Roseburg

One of the attractions at Coquille's July 4th celebration, next Tuesday and Wednesday, will be the Knights of Pythias Junior Girls Drum Corps from Roseburg, a most colorful and tuneful organization.

The committee in charge of arranging for their appearance decided Tuesday evening to have them stay over Tuesday night and to pay the lodging for the girls, in addition to the compensation for travel and meal expenses, etc.

The other band in the parade will be the Coquille High School band. That musical organization, under the direction of Wayne Smith, needs no build-up advance publicity, for everyone in the valley knows what they have done and can do.

Mrs. Buckner To Appear In The Horse Show Parade

A beautiful, black, silver-mounted saddle and bridle reported to be valued at \$2500 by their owner, Mrs. Pat Cornell, are on display this week in the windows of Lucky Bonney's drug store, together with the fine bridle donated by Mrs. Cornell for a benefit.

The rare side-saddle of the gay nineties, loaned by Mrs. Albert Powers, will be used in the parade on July 3rd. Spirited young Mrs. Buckner, seventy-three years of age, will be mounted thereon. Mrs. Buckner was born and reared in Kentucky in the Bluegrass country, where she rode to the hounds on fox hunts with a similar saddle. Mrs. Buckner is very enthusiastic about horses and looks forward to the celebration with pleasurable anticipation.

Free Program At Horse Show Wednesday, July 4

The Horse Show Committee believes that the public may appreciate receiving free programs for the Show. Be sure to get a copy as you pass through the gates and don't miss being on time for the Grand Entry ceremony, which is the opening event at 1:00 p. m.

Stores To Close At 11:00 A.M. July 3rd

Coquille's retail stores and places of business, when solicited by Chairman "Andy" Anderson as to their closing hours next week, were of the opinion that they should be open a portion of the day next Tuesday, July 3, and announcement is now made that they will close at 11 a. m. that day and remain closed from that hour until the regular opening time on Thursday, July 5.

The Tuesday morning "open as usual" hours was in order that those in from out of town, who needed supplies, might be accommodated. Wednesday, being a national holiday, practically all stores and offices will be closed all day for the Fourth. The eleven o'clock closing does not apply to the Coquille grocery stores, the proprietors and managers of which have made an agreement between themselves not to open their doors on either the 3rd nor the 4th.

Three Evening Dances, Two Matinees, For The Celebration

The July 4th committee meeting in the city hall Tuesday evening decided that admission to the first 4th of July dance—Monday evening—will be 80 cents per person, including tax. At all the other dances, Tuesday and Wednesday matinees at four o'clock, and the evening dances those two days, all to be held in the Community Building, will be jitney affairs, ten cents per dance per couple.

The contract of Medford Fuller and his orchestra to furnish the music for all the dances is in the hands of the committee.

Judges Will Decide On Two Of The July 4th Events

Three impartial and most capable, out-to-town men, or women, will be here next week to act as judges for two of the holiday events. One will be for the selection of a Queen from among the nine candidates entered, and the other selection will be of winners in the July 3d parade.

Service Men Asked To March In July 3 Parade

The committee in charge of next Tuesday's parade has been unable to contact all service men of World War II, whether they have already been discharged or are still in the service, and invite them to participate in a marching group. All such men are invited to assemble at the court house by 10:30 Tuesday and they will there be assigned to a position in the parade.

Cooper's Gardens To Have Fuschias For The Fourth

Although an old-time flower the Fuschia has just of late years become very popular. Many growers, starting with just a few varieties have become collectors and nearly every fair-sized city has a society. Some of the outstanding varieties are, of the vining types: Myrinka, Cupid, Mrs. Victor Reiter, San Francisco, and of the uprights, Reiter's Giant, Fascination, Little Beauty and Beautiful Lady.

Geo. A. Ulett left Wednesday morning on a business trip to Portland, expecting to be back Saturday.

Sudden Death Of Joseph E. Axtell Shocks Coquille

Coquille was shocked this morning when it became known that Jos. E. Axtell, one of this city's most popular and well-known business men, had passed away at his home on Third street at 3:30 this morning. He suffered a heart attack while attending lodge at Coos Bay last evening and was brought home. Dr. L. E. Gould was called at once but the heart ailment from which "Joe" had suffered for several years had become too serious and nothing could be done to prolong his life.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning as word is being awaited from relatives as to when they can be here.

Mr. and Mrs. Axtell and children came here from Enterprise, Ore., about 15 years ago and purchased the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co., which they have since operated.

Besides his widow he is survived by three children—Mrs. Marianne Jameson, of Condon, Oregon; Miss Betty Axtell, who is employed in Los Angeles, and Jack, who is at Fort Lewis, having been inducted into the Army a week ago.

It is with a keen and poignant sense of personal loss that this writer records the passing of a real friend. And Joe was a real friend to all those to whom he gave his friendship. A more complete account of his life will appear in next week's issue of the Sentinel, it not being available at the morning press hour.

Mrs. Flora Cusic Passed Away Here Last Evening

Mrs. Flora Cusic, who had been in the hospital here since May 5, passed away there at eight o'clock last evening. She had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dewey, at Coaledo. She was 63 years of age and had been in poor health for some time.

The body is at the Schroeder Mortuaries but funeral arrangements had not been made this morning.

She is survived by five daughters and one son.

A more complete obituary notice of the deceased will appear in next week's issue.

Deal For County Farm Possible

Only one sealed bid was received and opened by the county court on Monday this week for the sale of the county farm out on Cunningham creek, and that was so low the court voted to reject it.

There is a possibility, however, that a national organization, or rather one with representatives in every state in the U. S., will make an offer for the entire property at a price the Coos county court is willing to accept.

If that deal is made it will mean that the county infirmary will be continued as a convalescent home, and hospital and a home for the aged.

Two Cars To Take Blood Donors To Eugene July 9

Two more groups, one sponsored by Mrs. Florence DeNoma and the other by Mrs. L. N. Williams, will go to Eugene on July 9, to the Red Cross Blood Center located there. While Mrs. DeNoma's groups has been filled, Mrs. Williams reports that she will be able to accept two more donors. If interested, please phone Mrs. Williams, 281L, or Mrs. D. B. Kesner, 170M, as soon as possible, in order that the proper arrangements may be concluded.

According to the Oregonian of June 26, the 12th U. S. Naval district, San Francisco, Calif., is requesting immediately an additional supply of whole blood and plasma. This is your opportunity to save a life.

Both Mrs. DeNoma and Mrs. Williams have donated blood previously and both are mothers of sons in the service overseas.

Coquille Bootery Sold To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowen

The Coquille Bootery, which has been operated by Bertie Sommers and Mrs. David B. Bigger for the past four or five years, was sold this week by Dunn's Realty to Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Bowen of Coos Bay. The Bowens took the store over this morning. They will move to Coquille just as soon as they find a suitable place to live.

Coos Voters Turned Thumbs Down On New Court House

At the special election last Friday, at which two state measures and two Coos county measures were submitted to the electorate, the two state measures received majorities in Coos, but only one of this county's special measures was approved, it being the Roads and Highways project which carried by a majority of 110, the vote being 1382 Yes and 1271 no.

The measure to vote funds for a new court house was defeated nearly two to one, the county being 966 yes and 1711 no, a majority against of 745.

The measure appropriating funds for new state buildings carried in Coos county as it did in practically every county in the state, the majority for it in Coos county being 286. The vote was 1474 yes, 1188 no.

The other state measure, the two cents per package cigarette sales tax, also was approved by Coos county voters, the majority here being 118—1394 yes, 1276 no.

But due to an extremely heavy adverse vote in Portland, with nearly all the other counties except Multnomah approving, the cigarette measure was defeated.

The Coos county vote as reported by the election officials to County Clerk Oddy, appears on page 9 of this issue.

J. W. Garrett Has A Bad Wreck

J. W. Garrett, a long time resident of the Coquille valley who recently sold his ranch in the Lee neighborhood to Webb Mast, was quite seriously injured last Saturday near the foot of Camas Mountain. He was driving his truck, loaded with household equipment, and pulling a trailer with a bulldozer aboard, headed for Salem where he recently purchased a place. For some reason the truck got out of control and he was fopped to jump. He landed on his shoulder and side, breaking bones in the arm and shoulder and badly tearing the flesh from his arm.

His son, David, who was following in another truck, picked him up and took him into the hospital in Roseburg. Whether he suffered internal injuries also has not been reported.

Household goods were scattered all over the highway, badly mashed, and the truck is a complete wreck.

Rev. Bennie Howe To Be New Pioneer Church Pastor

When Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Purvance returned Monday evening from the Annual Methodist Conference held in Portland this year, they brought the news that the Rev. Chas. G. Brown was transferred to Woodstock M. E. Church in Portland. It was the only change of pastors in Coos county.

The Rev. Bennie Howe has been assigned to the local charge, transferring here from Heppner. Four years ago the Rev. Mr. Howe entered the Oregon Conference from the North Dakota Conference, where he had known Silas Fairham, Cascade District Superintendent, when they both had charges there. The new pastor is expected to arrive some time next week and will be in charge of services at Pioneer church, July 8.

Seven Months Old Gloria Jean Vauble Buried Wednesday

The seven months old baby—Gloria Jean—of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vauble of Coquille died at the hospital here Sunday and funeral services were held at the Schroeder Chapel at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, Rev. W. R. Munger officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Besides her parents she is survived by three sisters, Marjorie Irene, Marilyn Joy and Betty Kay; two brothers, Derald Dean and Billy Ivan, and by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hawkins of this city, and two uncles, Charles and Floyd Hawkins of Coquille.

B. P. W. Meeting Postponed Until Monday, July 9

Because of next week's celebration the semi-monthly meeting of the Coquille B. & P. W. club, scheduled for next Monday evening, July 2, has been postponed until July 9, when the ladies will meet at the home of the president, Florence Barton.

Mrs. Florence Thrift To Be Buried Here Next Monday

The body of Mrs. Florence Amy Thrift, widow of the late A. G. Thrift, arrived here yesterday from San Francisco, where Mrs. Thrift had been visiting for the past month at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gordon L. Files. She had not enjoyed good health for the past few years and death came as a relief from suffering last Sunday, June 24.

Her son Hamilton Thrift, also arrived yesterday evening to make funeral arrangements and Mrs. Files left for Coquille yesterday.

The funeral services will be held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries at 2:00 p. m. next Monday, July 2, with a Church of Christ Scientist service, she having been a member of that church. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside the grave of Mr. Thrift.

Mrs. Thrift was the daughter of Viola L. and Ralph Hewitt Rosa. She was born at Beaver Slough, Jan. 6, 1879, and was five months and 18 days past 66 years of age.

On April 26, 1907, she was united in marriage at Bandon to Alexander G. Thrift, whose passing was on October 1, 1942.

Of the four children born to them all survive. One daughter Florence O. Thrift, with the American Red Cross in Paris, France, and the other is Mrs. Kathryn Files.

Her two sons are both in the Army. Hamilton returned a few months ago from Europe, where he saw service, and Ralph R. Thrift is now in the Philippines.

Mrs. Thrift is also survived by her mother and a sister, L. Kate Rosa, both of whom reside in Portland, and by two brothers, Lloyd L. Rosa of Coquille and Archie H. Rosa of Bandon besides other relatives.

Mrs. Thrift was a devout Christian woman, most highly respected and her passing is mourned by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

She had spent practically all of her life in Coos county except for a time when she and Mr. Thrift lived in California.

Response Follows Credit Discussions

There were about 20 members present for the noon luncheon meeting of the Coquille Retail Credit Association, held in the Coffee Shop Monday noon, with Pres. Don Farr presiding.

The ivory, silver-inlaid gavel, presented by the National Retail Credit Association to the Coquille association, for having the largest membership increase in the United States the past year, figured on a per capita basis, was presented by N. P. McDonald to the association, and it was passed around the table and greatly admired.

Before bringing up names of poor credit risks, submitted by the membership, Mr. McDonald told those present that very soon after the discussion a couple of weeks ago, the grapevine had reached a number of those whose credit and standing were discussed, and that there had been several payment responses.

The next meeting of the membership will again be held in the Coffee Shop, at 12 noon on Monday, July 9.

Open House At Coos Bay Harbor Office June 30

Edgar McDaniel announces an "Open House" reception at the Coos Bay Harbor office in North Bend, between 1 and 5 p. m., on Saturday, June 30, to welcome and greet the new proprietors of the Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forrester, Jr., who will take possession of that paper next Monday, July 1.

Plant To Be Closed All Of Next Week

With two holidays next week, the Smith Wood-Products Co. has announced that their entire operation will be closed down all of next week and the time will be utilized by part of the force in making necessary repairs and readjustments.

It began to look like Coquille would celebrate the Fourth this year when the power company and the telephone company crews put up the flags and banners across the streets in the business section.