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Coquille's Two Day Celebration One Of The Best Yet

Tuesday's Civic And Private Floats Make Spectacular Parade

A splendid parade was viewed by spectators crowded along the streets from the Court House down the length of the business section of Coquille at eleven o'clock on the third of July. Members of the American Legion led the parade with beautiful flags proudly carried.

The High School band, resplendent in their white and red uniforms, were next, followed by the flower bed-decked queen's float with Queen Lou and her six lovely princesses more colorful than the flowers.

The Red Cross had six cars suitably decorated, and next were the Cub Scouts followed by children in costume and leading pets. A fine group of Boy Scouts preceded the Bachelor Girls, who were dressed in comic costumes and mounted on roller skates. They surrounded two Chinese characters. The Roseburg Drum Corps came in by bus to parade in their tricky uniforms. The Eagles Auxiliary group was very attractive with the Eagles Mother centering the float flanked by the Drill Team in uniform.

The Woman's Club with their "Keep Oregon Green" motif had one of the most effective floats of the parade. It portrayed a blackened forest and miniature burned cabin with the caption, "Prevent Forest Fires."

The 4-H Club had a car with their banner draped across it. While most of the floats encouraged the buying of bonds, the Lions had a clever boat with the invitation to climb aboard with the youngsters by buying bonds.

The float which brought a salute to many throats was that of the V. F. W. Post 965. A great deal of time, work and thought had gone into

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A. Dodge Announcing Greatly Appreciated

The outstanding aid to the Fourth celebration for the two days was Austin Dodge and his announcing equipment, which was here both days from Myrtle Point. Mr. Dodge is a good and clear announcer and his information as to who and what was passing, or as to where to see the many events of the two days show was greatly appreciated by those in charge of the celebration as well as by the visitors and all of the thousands who lined the streets, and at the ball park for the Horse Show.

Two Humorous Entries In The Horse Show Parade

Walter M. Laird, (he was hard to recognize in his humorous decorated outfit), attracted a lot of attention, both in the horse parade Wednesday morning and at the ball park in the afternoon, riding his white mule.

Another of the parade entries was Dick McCool astride his "Guernsey saddle horse." The bull was quite bridle-wise and Dick had no trouble keeping him in the line of march over the entire route.

Ordering Office Window Attracted Much Attention

One of the most attractive window displays in Coquille for the Fourth and one which attracted a great deal of attention was that of antique items shown in the Geo. E. Oerding office front. In the collection was an organ 100 years old.

Holimon Says 1,000 Holes On Golf Course Filled

The Coquille Valley Golf Club announced this week that a sum of money has been raised by voluntary donations for the purpose of improving holes number six and seven of the golf course. The work will be completed in about two weeks and will eliminate the loss of many golf balls. Golfers who went to Roseburg report that Coquille can well be proud of its fine course. It compares more than favorably with the course of the larger town. This latest improvement will put the local course in top condition.

Good Crowds At The Street Sports And Eating Contests Tues.

The block between Hall and Willard streets, on First, was most thickly populated Tuesday afternoon by the immense crowd which witnessed the street sports. R. A. Jeub was assisted in presenting an hour's entertainment of races by R. L. Stewart and D. E. Rackleff.

The first race, 50 yards for boys under 12 years, was won by Larry Wilson, with Don Christensen second.

The under 12 years girls' race winner was Joan Peart; Kay Simmons, second.

For the same distance, boys 12 to 16, Tommy Mullin won; Bobbie Meeks, second.

In the girls' race, Marian Butcher was first; Peggy Kincheos, of Myrtle Point, second.

The real fun started with the three and four-legged races, there being several spills on the pavement in the 50-yard running.

Bill Elliott and Virgil Sturgeon were first in the three-legged race, with Ralph Parker and Graham Alexander, second.

In the four-legged contest, the middle of the three boys having one leg tied to the boys' on either side, Billie Caudle, Jack Sleck and Eddie Howe romped in first. Second team to cross the tape was Virgil and Joe Sturgeon, Bill Elliott.

A three-legged race for girls was also run, Marian and Velma Butcher coming in first, Mary Pingleton and Kay Simmons, second.

Richard McCool, with Raymond Kay second, won the 50 yards men's race.

The potato race, in pairs, was won by Alvin and Marian Butcher. Mary and Bobbie Pingleton were second.

The 50-yard ladies' race was won by Viola Mouthap, Violet Roth coming in second.

The crowd then went into the Community Building, where the cracker and pie-eating contests were held.

There were two groups of contestants in these humorous contests, the hands of each being tied behind his or her back.

In the cracker groups, Donald Beale and Graham Alexander were winners, Peter Harvey and Dickie Douglas being second in their respective groups.

There were also two groups for the pie-devouring contests, Carl Thompson and Billie Simpson being first; Ronald Miller and Stanley Carmichael, second.

Thousands Witnessed The Horse Show Parade Wednesday

Two of the most successful and attractive parades ever to pass over Coquille streets were those during the two-day celebration this week.

The horsemen's parade at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning fulfilled all expectations. There were nearly 150 horses in the line of march, besides marching organizations and a few horse drawn vehicles.

The parade was headed by Coquille High School's excellent band, in which all of Coquille takes pride. It was followed by the queen and her princesses on a hayrack and by that most attractive Eagles float.

The Coos Bay high school band was here to take part in the Wednesday affairs and they made a splendid impression on the thousands who lined the streets, as did also the Roseburg K. P. Girls Drum Corps.

The Coos Bay Saddle Club of nearly a dozen mounted riders was followed by more riders, men, women, boys and girls, and the Myrtle Point Riding Club.

The Parkersburg 4-H club float, with a full load of boys and girls, was followed by the Fairview Riding Club headed by Capt. Helene Hall. Riding clubs from Curry county, Sitkum and Coquille followed and the beautiful animal ridden by Mrs. Pat Cornell, of Coos Bay elicited a great deal of attention and favorable comment.

The Farr & Elwood entry, which also appeared in Tuesday's parade, was the last of the parade.

From the court house where the parade formed, through the business section to the ball park on the Third street, just off Taylor, there was a cheering crowd of spectators who thoroughly enjoyed every entry in the half-mile long show.

L. J. Post Buried Monday In Salem

Levi James Post, one month and 28 days past 81 years of age, who has been in poor health for some time and had been in the hospital here for a week, passed away there last Saturday.

The funeral services were held at the Schroeder Chapel here at ten o'clock Monday morning, after which the body was taken to Salem for interment in the L.O.O.F. cemetery.

He was a carpenter by occupation and had a great many friends in Coos county who mourn his passing. He came here in 1908 and Mrs. Post passed away several years ago.

He was born in Centerville, Crawford county, Penn., May 5, 1864, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Post.

His surviving children are: Claude H. Post, of Salem; Mrs. Sybil Geily, of Lakeview; Mrs. Leona Oden, of Coquille; Howard Post, of Salem, and Lester Post, of Portland. Twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

Former Coquille Young Lady Here For The Celebration

Mrs. Robert Holzgang, the former Marjorie Knight of Coquille, arrived here Tuesday evening from her home at San Mateo, Calif., for a visit with home folks and friends. She was accompanied by her sister, Jo Ann, who had been visiting her for a couple of weeks. They left today for Eugene where Jo Ann will be a sophomore at the University next year, but both expected to be back in a few days.

Marjorie said she recently enjoyed a four-day visit with her former school-mate and friend, Mrs. Carol Dunshie, in Berkeley. Also that her husband, formerly superintendent of the Southwestern Motors garage here, was still over at Honolulu, in the service, but that they hoped he would be back for Christmas.

Red Cross Unit Will Not Meet July 7

Coquille Unit of the Red Cross will not meet Friday, July 7, in Guild Hall on account of the recent holidays. Those assisting Mrs. D. B. Kesner at last Friday's luncheon were: Meslames L. P. Fugelson, Wm. Mineau, K. P. Lawrence, E. D. McCune, Geo. Oerding, J. A. Berg and Frank Shaw. Visitors were: Mrs. Margaret Glick, of Palo Alto, Calif.; Mrs. Leonora Neely, Mrs. Al Erickson, Mrs. Amella Hill. Red Cross service pins were given to Mesdames R. A. Jeub, Hattie Shelley, L. P. Fugelson, M. Broad, A. E. Hatcher, Leonora Neely, Geo. Oerding, J. A. Moore. Sufficient service pins for all were not received in time, but will be given out when they arrive.

Word has been received of the death of P. O. Lund's father in Missouri. The Unit expresses sincere sympathy. They also sympathize with Mrs. J. E. Axtell in her recent bereavement.

Notice of the next meeting will be announced by the new production chairman, Mrs. F. C. Truse.

Dr. R. F. Milne's dental office in the First National Bank building is closed for the month of July. Monday noon this week he and his family left for Bend and expected to spend the entire month east of the Cascades.

Mrs. Julia Johnson, from Roseburg, and Mrs. Marvin Lyons, from Coos Bay, were guests of Mrs. J. A. Lamb here on the 4th.

Square Dance Contest Won By Boy Scouts

The crowd-packed Community Building was the scene of one of the most enjoyable events of the day's celebration Tuesday when three groups of youngsters, representing The Grange, the High School and the Boy Scouts, held a square dance contest. The tiny girls in white pinafores and boys in levis and white shirts elicited the most comment from the crowd. They represented The Grange. The Boy Scouts and their ladies were awarded first prize. Second prize was divided between the Grange and High School groups. Burton Dunn was given first and Ed Hughes second prize for callers.

While the judges were making their decisions, the groups of Grange youngsters went through their entire dance without a caller.

Fire Dept. Show Thrilled Thousands

The Fire Department thrilled spectators and damped them a bit with their water show Tuesday afternoon. Firemen were divided into two groups of five each for contests to see who could first lift the large boiler out of the street to procure the coils underneath, while being forced back by the strong flow of water from the rival group's hose. The men displayed some of the co-operation and strength of purpose which have made this one of the best organizations of this section of Oregon. Fire Chief Craig Perrott engineered the contests.

Prize Winners In Tuesday's Parade

Follows is the list of parade prize winners as reported by the three judges:

Grand Sweepstakes—Veterans of Foreign Wars.

War Activity Group—Red Cross, 1st; Nurses, 2nd.

Women's Organizations—F. O. E. Auxiliary, 1st; Coquille Woman's Club, 2nd; Soroptmist Club, 3rd.

Men's Organizations—Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1st; Lions Club, 2nd; Rotary Club, 3rd.

Pet Groups—Boy with pup, 1st; Little girl with dog in her arms, 2nd; Owner of little black dog, 3rd.

4-H Group—McKinley car, 1st.

Bicycle Group—Jackie Hopkins, George Walter Moore, Barbara Davidson, Dolores DeCosta, Mary Kistner.

Best Decorated Automobile—Lic. 366-071, 1st.

Business Concerns—Farr & Elwood, 1st; E. L. Perrott & Sons, 2nd.

Industrial Group—Coos Bay Lumber Company, 1st; Smith Wood-Products, Inc., 2nd.

Marching Group—Roseburg Drum Corps, 1st; Cub Scouts, 2nd; Boy Scouts, 3rd.

Comical Characters—Bachelor Girls, 1st.

The Fred McNellys To Live In Grants Pass

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNelly intend going to Eugene to spend the rest of the summer as soon as his resignation as caretaker of the county hospital and manager of the county farm on Cunningham creek is accepted. In the fall they will move to Grants Pass, where Fred is interested in a cannery which he and two doctors from California have purchased.

Roseburg Has Girls Drum Corps To Be Proud Of

The Roseburg Girls Drum Corps was as snappy a musical and marching organization as one often sees or hears. Their majorettes were artists in their line and every appearance of the girls brought forth hearty cheers.

Fees Of \$1,511.90 Paid In Clerk's Office In June

Fees collected in County Clerk Oddy's office during June totaled \$1,511.90. Of this \$680,000 was for cases and filings, \$80.50 for probate and county court matters, \$72 for marriage licenses, \$173 for dog licenses, and \$97.90 miscellaneous.

Horse Show Was The Best Yet Seen In Southwestern Oregon

Every seat in the grand stand at the ball park was taken Wednesday afternoon before one o'clock when the Horse Show event of the celebration opened and most of the bleachers, on either side of the field, were also taken. It was an excellent show and many well-bred horses were in the park.

Before events started Announcer Austin Dodge introduced, over the loud speaker, the officials and committeemen who had a part in staging the three-hour show—Wayne Watson, the color bearer; Ellis DeWent, Heinle Hall, Fay Holverstott, Cliff Gulesth, L. L. Bonney, Lee Peterson, Lloyd Jenkins, the judges—Albert Powers and Al Geiss—and the secretary, Geo. H. Jenkins; Jack Sleck, timer; Perry C. Roper and J. L. Smith.

During the program the riding clubs in attendance, Coos Saddle Club with 20 horses, the Myrtle Point Riding Club with 13, the Fairview Riding Club with 12, all put on short riding exhibitions and the Fairview club performed a more extensive drill.

In the first musical chair race, in which the riders had to stop their horses and sit on upright kegs, one being removed after each stop, was for children under 16 years. Donna Krewson won first prize and Donald Randall, second.

In the men's musical chair race, Willis Van Leuven was first and Bob Smith, second.

Four youngsters entered the Shetland pony race, which was won by Bob Simpson, with Harry Malheon, second.

In the stake race Willis Van Leuven was first and John McNair, second, in the first group; Wayne Watson placed first and Margaret Hughes second in the second group.

The egg and spoon race had to be run a second time because some of the riders in the first held the egg on the spoon with their thumbs as the horses galloped to the starting keg. Myron Haga won that race and Margaret Evans was second.

In the run-off of the stake race, between the two winners in each group, Wayne Watson was first and Van Leuven second.

Bob Simpson won the boot race before the rest of the contestants had been able to start back after picking out their own pair of boots from the pile and putting them on.

Tom Johnson gave an interesting riding exhibition on his horse, King Don, and Lloyd Hall, on his beautiful Palomino, "Flashlight," a single footing horse, was a continual entertainment to the crowd.

Margaret Hughes placed first in the ladies' express race, among four contestants, and Charlotte Smith was second.

Stan Upchurch, with a variety of stunts by himself and horse, also held the crowd's closest attention for several moments.

The surprise package race, each one of the packages containing some woman's apparel which the rider had to garb himself in before starting back, was won by Ray Waterman, Everett Dameron second.

In the men's express pony race, with four entries, Harry Spalding was first and Bob Smith second. A third musical chair race was won by Ralph Clarno, with Charlotte Smith second.

In the calf roping contest, the "cal" being a hide draped over a wooden figure on wheels and drawn by a horse, Tom Nelson placed first in 8.6 seconds and Wayne Watson was second in 9.1 seconds.

The quick change race, in which the riders had to change saddles twice, at the end of each lap, was won by Marjorie Epps, Ray Waterman placing second.

The Bull Riding contest provided a lot of amusement, the bulls being oil barrels with a saddle fastened on, and being jerked hither and yon by ropes. It was the roughest event of the afternoon and was won by Ole Anderson, Lee Peterson second.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

"Queen Lou" Was Crowned At Monday Evening Dance

"Queen Lou," who was the candidate of the Coquille Soroptmist club, was chosen to rule over the city's July 4th festivities and a right regal queen she was. She is Miss Lou Livengood and was crowned by Mayor O. L. Wood at 11 o'clock Monday evening in the Community Building. Tickets sold for the dance and crowning were in excess of 600.

Jack Garvin of Station KOOS acted as master of ceremonies in introducing the nine candidates to the audience and to the judges, all of whom were from Coos Bay—Hal K. Shade, Flo Bagley and W. J. Hunt.

The judges found it as difficult to make a selection as did the audience, with its hearty applause, for the young ladies were called back on the stage several times before the final decision was made.

Although Mr. Garvin used the loud speaker in his introduction and announcements, there was so much talking among the audience that much of what he said, the candidates' replies to questions, and the mayor's talk could not be clearly heard.

All nine of the candidates were exceedingly well chosen and any one of them would have honored the title of queen. The eight who were ladies in waiting to Queen Lou were Marianne Rackleff, the B. & P. W. candidate; Genevieve Peart, named by the Fire Dept.; Geraldine Oerding, by the Woman's Club; Donna Rankin, by the Lions Club; Margaret Hughes, by the American Legion; Mildred McCarthy, by the Eagles; Eulis McCracken, by the Coquille Grange, and Ariel Crook, by the Rotary Club.

Oldest House In Coquille Area Burns

A fire of unknown origin, just before five o'clock Wednesday evening, destroyed what was probably the oldest building in or adjacent to Coquille. It was located in the timber and brush, on the trail leading up hill from the eastern end of Fifth street.

The fire department answered promptly but it was impossible to reach it with hose from a hydrant, and it was completely destroyed. As far as the Department men could ascertain the building was not occupied. The flames shot up into the air for more than 50 feet and set nearby brush afire and the boys of the department called the County Fire Patrol to take over.

This building was finished by S. M. Nosler and his father, W. H. Nosler, back in 1895. It was located on part of the Nolley tract and Mr. Nolley had sold an acre there to someone who started the house but did not finish its construction.

Purkey To Open North Bend Branch

Clint A. Hart, who had been with the Mt. States Power Co. for 18 1/2 years, 16 of them as auditor for southern Oregon, in the office at Coos Bay, resigned that position the first of July and is to be manager of the Purkey Furniture branch of the Coquille store, which Mr. Purkey will open in North Bend. It is hoped that the furniture and merchandise will be here so that the new store on the bay can be opened Aug. 1.

Mr. Hart has been here this week getting lined up on the operation of a furniture store.

WAVE Dorothea Yarborough Is Home For 12 Days

Dorothea Yarborough, 51c, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yarborough of the Cow Bell Dairy, who has been in the WAVES for the past eleven months, arrived home last Saturday evening from Brooklyn, N. Y., where she has been stationed. She will be at home until next Thursday. She likes the work very much, is really enthusiastic about it, but due to the warm weather in the east she is much darker than when she left Coos county.