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Council Considers Site For Sewage Disposal Plant

The city council, at its regular session Monday evening, spent nearly two hours in discussion of the best available site for the city's garbage disposal plant which will probably be a post-war project as the State Board of Health is insisting that cities with sewer systems have such plants instead of polluting the streams.

The site under discussion Monday evening was the old Sitka Spruce Co. tract of 13.8 acres, below the Swift & Co. plant. Of course, that tract would not all be used for the plant but, as Mayor Wood mentioned, the city should have available sites for the location of small manufacturing plants which may desire to locate here. He said there were several such inquiries about sites last year and that Coquille undoubtedly lost one or more new, small industries because it did not have locations to offer.

The final decision was to have City Engineer Gearhart survey the site and make recommendation as to the best location for the disposal plant.

No business was transacted at the session. A letter from the county's tax department stated that the county had received an offer of \$50 for a lot, corner of Seventh and Hest-Lot 1, Block 29, Elliott's Addition—which the county had taken over for delinquent taxes, and that the city could have it at that figure if it desired. The matter was referred to the finance committee to check up on, ascertain how much Coquille had against it for street improvement (delinquent assessments), and to make a deal for the lot if it was deemed advisable.

A letter from Mrs. Inez R. Chase, secretary of the Pioneer Historical Society, was read, in which she told of receiving a letter from the city recorder at Bend, who said that the city was interested in the establishment of a museum for historical relics and other items of historical interest and would donate the site if that city was selected as a location for the museum. The mayor and council members all expressed interest in the museum proposition, and said the city government would co-operate in any way it could, whether Coquille was selected or not for the location. If it is located in Coquille, it will be in the city-owned Myrtle Grove park, somewhere near the Community Building.

The council adjourned shortly before ten o'clock.

Honolulu Rotarian Talks At Meeting

Chas. Frazier, past president and former District Governor of Rotary at Honolulu, was a guest of the local club at their meeting at the hotel on Wednesday and gave a short but interesting talk on the aims and objects of Rotary.

Speaking of numerous visits he had made to Rotary clubs in Japan before the war, Mr. Frazier stated that one noticeable thing was that the membership of those clubs were almost exclusively Japanese business men, while in other cities of the Orient, like Shanghai, Hong Kong and Singapore, the membership was predominantly English or American.

H. O. Chapman, president of the Marshfield - North Bend club was also a guest and spoke a brief word of appreciation. Other guests were J. Fay Morrison, of Perrydale, Oregon, a brother of School Supt. Carl Morrison; Oscar Minton, of Sutherlin; Julius Benham, of Laird, Benham & Laird of Sitkum, and Ray Boutsch, of Coquille.

Announcement of committee chairman and membership for the coming year was made by President Wood, who also stated that Geo. R. Johnson had been named vice-president to succeed Guy Mauney, who was unable to serve and that Harry Johnson had been elected as director.

Church Pontiac Opens Auto Repair Shop On Front St.

Clovis Church now has the auto repair shop he has been fitting up at 286 West Front street, all ready to operate and announces that he has one of the best auto mechanics in the business—Bert Rose—on duty at the shop.

The Plant Sale Deal Is Off

A short time ago our columns carried information regarding a deal pending between the Smith Wood-Products, Inc., and Coos Bay Lumber Co., in which the Coos Bay company contemplated buying out some of the stockholders of the local company, George A. Ulett has informed us that there is no prospect of this deal going through at the present time and that the company intends to continue its present operations to the full extent of its capacity so far as the supply of logs and manpower will permit.

The plywood plant and the cedar factory are running at full capacity but because of manpower shortage and log shortage the fir mill is only running part time and the fir and cedar mill operations are running alternate days using all of the employees that are available.

So far as the company management knows now all operations will continue for many years.

E. E. Knife Injured In Fall At Plant

E. E. Knife, 67-year old resident of Coquille for many years, was quite seriously injured at the plant Wednesday morning when he fell seven or eight feet and landed on a block of wood across his back.

He was climbing a ladder with a bucket of grease to oil a piece of machinery when for some reason, he does not know how, he slipped from the ladder.

He was rushed to the Belle Knife Hospital, where at first it was thought his injuries were more serious than is the report this morning, although he spent a most painful night.

He is a brother of R. B. Knife of this city.

Many Pets Shown At The Playground

A few of the attractions of the Pet Show at the City Park playground last Friday were: Betty Clark's "Tippy," a black and white, medium-sized dog, wearing a red and blue dress and an apron, and riding in a doll buggy; Leanna Powder's "Nicky," a black cat without a speck of any other color, which was quite appropriate for Friday the 13th; George Baker's "Bunny Boy," a white rabbit; Marjory Martindale's "Pudgy," a pretty Pekinese with a pink ribbon; Phyllis Gaslin's Pekinese, "Tiny"; Jerry McCue's "Spot," a brown and white bird dog; Jeranna and Carolyn Stevens "Patches," a white dog with brown ears, and Tommy Johnson's "Dude," a ten-year old bulldog. The attendance was all that could be desired for this event.

Mrs. Hal Pierce Advertised Oregon While In California

Mrs. H. W. Pierce returned to her work in the Tax Department Wednesday, after a two weeks vacation in San Carlos, California, with her daughter, Elizabeth Gallagher, and family.

From a correspondent in the San Francisco Bay area it is learned that Mrs. Pierce spoke over a broadcasting service while in the south and that she gave Oregon, and especially the southwestern section of the state, a commendation and boost which told the truth about Coos and Curry counties.

Pioneer Church Pastor And Wife Honored At A Reception

The Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Howe were honored at a reception held in Methodist Church social hall Wednesday, July 11. The Rev. Mr. Howe is the newly-appointed pastor of the local church, having been sent here from Heppner, to succeed the Rev. C. G. Brown, who accepted a charge in Portland, while attending the annual Methodist Conference there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harbord, who left here when they sold the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co. to the late J. E. Axtell in 1931, were Coquille visitors this week, coming Monday and leaving Tuesday for their home in Sand Point, Idaho.

Mrs. Joe Knight left for her home in Eugene Tuesday, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clinton here and her sisters, Mrs. Della Belloni and Mrs. John Arnold, in Myrtle Point.

Items About Local Boys In Service

Norman McCool Injured In The Neck In South Pacific

A report has been received that Norman McCool, son of Mrs. Clara Bell McCool of this city, and a corporal in the Marine Corps, had been injured in the neck in some of the Pacific theater fighting and is being hospitalized. Norman, who is a Coquille High graduate, has been in some of the toughest battles with the Japs, and, when he was home last, said he guessed he was pretty lucky not to have gotten his as so many of his buddies had.

Lt. J. G. Jack Laird, who has been a Naval Pilot in the Caribbean area for some time, arrived last Friday to spend a thirty-day leave with his wife, the former Gretchen Clinton, and their young baby, before reporting to Florida for re-assignment. The young couple are staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Laird.

A/C John C. McCracken is home with his father, F. E. McCracken, on furlough from Enid, Oklahoma. He plans to leave about the 24th of this month to report to Enid on July 28.

Clyde Schroeder, who in his civilian days was a logger in Coos county, came in Monday evening after spending two years with the Army Air Force in England.

Lt. Harold A. Morgan arrived Tuesday afternoon from his station with the Navy at San Francisco, to spend a leave with his mother, Mrs. Armour Ledbetter, and his sister, Mrs. R. J. Connarn.

Chamber Commerce Met Tuesday Noon

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce board of directors met in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon for its mid-monthly meeting. President Evan Albom presiding.

The first matter considered was the request of the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce for support of the bill Sen. Cordon recently submitted in Washington, which would result in protection of spawning grounds and fish in general from the federal program of dams on fishing streams, by requiring that fish ladders and other equipment necessary for fish life be installed.

These dams, which are contemplated all over the U. S. by the administration, are for irrigation and power sites and unless efforts are made to protect the fish the finny tribes would soon become extinct, especially in Oregon coastal streams. The directors went on record as approving the bill and ordered that congressmen and senators be advised of Coquille's interest in the measure.

"All reports not having yet been filed with the secretary on the receipts and disbursements for the July 4 celebration, a partial report will not be given at this time. Secretary Caughell did say, however, that the subscription receipts totalled \$638.14 and that the concession and other bring the total receipts up to over \$3,000. Just how much of that amount will be left to turn over to the Community Building fund cannot be definitely stated at this time.

Don Farr, chairman of the recent membership drive for the 1943-44 fiscal year, stated that \$873 had been collected to date but that more would yet be received. Nearly everyone contacted has taken a membership, and around 125 have already been signed up.

President Albom gave a short report of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce executives' meeting in Portland last week and will make a more detailed report at the Aug. 7 meeting. He said officials of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce were present and that the Northwest was represented by men from Seattle on the north to Medford and Klamath Falls on the south.

B. W. Dunn stated that the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce would meet at 2:00 p. m., Monday, July 23, in Gold Beach.

Lans Leneve Still Unable To Resume Writing His Columns

In a letter telling the Sentinel of an incident on the lower river, which cannot be printed for military reasons, Lans Leneve adds: "My side is no better, but I am hoping for the best."

Sgt. W. Wasson Home From England On 30-Day Furlough

Sgt. Wilfred Wasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Wasson, arrived here Monday for a thirty-day furlough after five months of active duty as a tail gunner with the Eighth Air Force in England. He has the Air Medal, the Presidential Citation with the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart for wounds received over Germany. Sgt. Wasson graduated from Coquille High.

Sunday evening Ben F. Barton came home on a ten-day furlough from Texas where he has been in training for the past six months. Monday evening Mrs. Dan Van Otten and young son, Dan, came from Amity and with the Capt. Jess Barton family they have all been enjoying a vacation at the Barton cabin at Bandon beach. It is hoped that Clarence Barton will be able to be home this week-end and make the family reunion complete.

Keith Conlee arrived from Camp Roberts, California, July 10, to spend a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conlee, before leaving Saturday, to go to a new station with the Army in Texas.

Pfc. Floyd Smith arrived Monday for a ten-day furlough with his family, before returning to Camp Bowie, Texas.

Irene Burrell, of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, has been informed that her husband, Walter M. Burrell, SSML3/c, has received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained on Okinawa.

Portland C. of C. Visit Postponed Until September

The delegation from the Portland Chapter of Commodore, headed by Alfred A. Loeb, which it was announced last week would be here for a meeting with the Coquille Chamber Friday morning this week, has had to postpone that session till some time in September. Mr. Loeb called up Secretary Caughell Tuesday morning and stated that so few could come at this time that they had postponed their visit.

Their interest was in a proposed recreational park out on Brummett creek, about 25 miles from Coquille, and the local chamber will take up with the county court, before the Portland visitors come, the possibility of securing county-owned land out there for park purposes. If the plan can be worked out it will be a state park.

Seventh War Bond Totals For Coos Co.

Coos was one of the 17 counties of the 36 in Oregon which made its quota, according to the official figures on the 7th War Loan Drive, furnished by the county chairman, Clarence H. Coe at Coos Bay. All counties sold their quota of corporation bonds, only one failed to meet its total quota and six failed to make their quotas on individual sales.

In the following official report on Coos county's record in the 7th bond drive, the figures are for cash sales, not maturity values:
E bonds \$ 943,000 \$ 960,113 \$101.8
Ind. Sales 1,432,000 2,190,560 153.0
Corporation 377,000 1,316,648 349.2
Totals \$1,809,000 \$3,507,208 \$193.9

Pontiac Would Not Keep Itself On The Highway

The Archie L. Clarno, of Remote, Pontiac sedan is at the Southwestern Motor Co. garage with a badly damaged front. The windshield was completely broken out, the front of the top mashed and the rear of the hood was considerably jammed when it was brought to the garage Sunday. He told the foreman that he went to sleep and the car, steering itself, plunged off the highway.

Eagles To Give Dance At Gravelford July 28

The Coquille Fraternal Order of Eagles is advertising a dance to be held in the Gravelford hall on Saturday evening of next week, July 28. Everyone is invited to attend. Plenty of good music and good eats; admission will be 75 cents for men, 50 cents for ladies, including tax.

Mrs. Anna Lund Buried Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Lund, who had been in poor health for some time and passed away at 10:30 o'clock last Thursday evening, were held at the Schroeder Chapel here at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. Geo. Mathisen, of the Coos Bay Norwegian Lutheran church officiating. Interment was in Sunset cemetery at the Bay.

She was born October 15, 1867, in Wisconsin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olson who came to the United States from Norway, and she was eight months and 27 days past 77 years of age at passing.

In 1889 she was united in marriage, in Wisconsin, to O. O. Lund, who passed away here March 13, 1941. They came to Coquille in 1907, coming from Grants Pass, where they first lived after leaving their native state, and she had seen the development and growth of the Coquille valley for the past 38 years, which made her one of the older of Coos county's pioneers.

She is survived by three daughters and a son, Mrs. Lulu True, of Coquille; Mrs. Myrtle Knowlton, of San Bruno, Calif.; Mrs. Margaret Glick, of Palo Alto, Calif., and Pearley O. Lund, of Coquille; by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren; also by three sisters and brothers who reside in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Glick were both here for the funeral services.

E. E. Howe Lived All Of Life At Dora

Edward Everett Howe passed away at his home at Dora on the East Fork Sunday, July 15, at 8:00 o'clock. The cause of his death was a heart attack.

Mr. Howe was born at Dora December 27, 1883, being 62 years, six months and 18 days old at the time of his death. He has lived all his life in that community with the exception of about ten years which he spent in Canada.

He is survived by his four children: Mrs. Florence Westers, Mrs. Selata Oberman, Mrs. Ruth Bond, all of Dora, and Lester, who is with the armed forces. Also the following brothers and sisters survive him: Mrs. Julia Pettie, of Renton, Washington; Mrs. Lloyd Leatherman, of Coquille; Rufus Howe, of Myrtle Point, and Ira Howe, of Portland.

Funeral services are being held at the Dora Chapel at 2:30 o'clock this Thursday afternoon.

Brother of S. V. Epperson Died Friday In California

S. V. Epperson received word last week-end that his brother, J. C. Epperson, had passed away Friday evening at his home in Exeter, Calif. The deceased was 52 years of age and is survived by three daughters.

The Coquille Laundry Will Continue To Run

Lowell Simpson, manager of the Coquille Laundry, had been contemplating shutting the plant down until the war ends, as it had been operating at a serious loss each week for many months, due to O.P.A. forbidding any price list increases.

However, this week the Portland O.P.A. office granted his request for a percentage increase in laundry prices and the laundry will continue to operate.

Mr. Simpson thanks the public and the laundry customers for their forbearance and patience during the past several months during which they have been forced to operate under conditions beyond his control to correct.

Coquille Unit Red Cross Will Meet Friday, July 20

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, July 20, at the Guild Hall, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.

The work period will be devoted to sewing, knitting, crocheting, cutting, etc. Machines are available for those wishing to sew at the work-rooms.

Mrs. Candlin reports plenty of yarn for sweaters on hand.

Mrs. F. C. True, Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Novia E. Landrith were visitors in the old home town from Sunday evening until Wednesday morning. They had been down at Gold Beach on business. They left Coquille in 1919 and for all, except ten years when they were in California, have resided in Roseburg where they own their home. Novia does not look a great deal older than

"Pioneer" And What It Means To All Of Us

The word "Pioneer" really means, "a foot soldier" or one who precedes, to prepare for those who follow, and in the French sense of the word, it is "Pioneer," which is quite true, as those who pave the way, even in all the advance of civilization, are really endowed with the spirit to battle for new horizons. So today, we enjoy the distinction of having these soldiers amongst us and on the 29th of this month these old folks, together with all young, old, and those of all creeds, will be welcomed to the big annual meet here in Coquille.

Arrangements have been completed for a display of relics and some extremely interesting articles will be on display. Those who have any articles that hark back to the early days are at liberty to have them on display and the committee in charge would appreciate knowing of this beforehand.

Mrs. Mary Randleman is chairman of this committee and she has the following members to assist her: Mrs. Mary Gage, Mrs. Alex Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Harrison, J. P. Bayers, W. H. Schroeder and Mrs. Birdie Sheels.

Any person bringing relics for display may, if they wish, take them back home with them and, because you are not of the old pioneer class, is no reason nor excuse for not attending this meeting. You must realize that you, too, are becoming more and more of a pioneer each day and that your life is actually in line with the oldest pioneer present.

This day is set for a real day of gladness, as it brings together the old and the new and, while the old welcome the new with a gracious salute, they in turn gladly accept the same from the new. There is no dividing line in the ranks of the pioneer for, as Father Time calls one, he places another in his stead, and thus the spirit of "Pioneer Days" goes on forever.—H. M. Harrison, Press Cos.

Salvage In July Will Help Cripples

The Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children will benefit from the salvage and paper drive this month, since all the money realized from salvage collection up to July 31, will be given to that fine institution wherein broken, distorted, agonizing little bodies are treated without charge.

An appeal is being made to every person in this area to make an effort to contribute more to this drive than he has ever given before. Persons in rural areas are urged to bring their salvage to the headquarters in Coquille or Myrtle Point. If it is impossible to bring donations to the depot, they will be picked up between July 28 and 31, upon receipt of a telephone call to Salvage headquarters.

The State Salvage headquarters announces that Coos county is setting the pace in shipment of tin cans to date, having a record of 1.98 pounds shipped per capita. Multnomah county is second.

From June 16 to July 10, there were 32 tons of waste paper shipped and the total from January 1 to the present date is 61 tons shipped. The Coquille Firemen are deserving of much credit for the success of the tin can salvage, because of their regular collection from receptacles placed about town for the convenience of the public.

Chadwick Lodge To Confer Third Degree Friday Evening

A special communication of Chadwick Lodge, No. 65, A. F. & A. M., will be held Friday evening, July 20, for the purpose of conferring the Master Masons degree. All Masons are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Walmark left Wednesday for their home in Olympia, Wash., after visiting here since Sunday at the J. P. Johnson and George Gilm's homes. Mrs. Walmark is a sister of the two ladies. Mr. Walmark, many years ago, was with the C. A. Smith Lumber Co. on Coos Bay and has been connected with the lumber industry all his life. He is now part owner of a retail lumber yard in Olympia.

he did when he was turnkey at the county jail here when W. W. Gage was sheriff.