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## Pioneer Day Next Sunday, July 29th—Everyone Invited

The Coos-Curry County Pioneer Historical Association is looking forward to next Sunday, July 29, for the big event of the season and everything is in readiness to make it a grand success. The several committees have worked diligently to make the day a pleasant affair, one to be long remembered, and much credit is due to the entire staff of the Association for their untiring efforts to make it so. The reception committee personnel for the day are all members of pioneer families and consists of the past presidents of the association. They are Mr. and Mrs. James Walstrom, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nosler, Mrs. Maude Drain, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. James Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schroeder, Mrs. Mary Gage, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laird, Mrs. Mary Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stauff, Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Strang, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bender and Clyde Gage.

The forenoon, as usual, will be occupied with general "hand-shaking and howdy-doing," while the tables will be placed in arrangement for the picnickers, with the benches provided, and while the coffee and cream is furnished, the picnickers need to bring their own sugar.

The program for the afternoon will begin at 2:00 o'clock in the Community Building, when 600 chairs are provided for the comfort of the audience. The early day booklets will be handled by Emil Peterson and the proceeds will be applied to the Museum fund. There will be a splendid program of entertainment, with Attorney Claud M. Giles of Coos Bay addressing the meeting, and, as Mr. Giles comes from a staunch pioneer family, he is really qualified to speak on the subject of pioneering.

There will be an interesting display of relics and the several committee folks will be on hand to explain them. Among the articles, too numerous to mention, is a sash, owned by the late Dal Cathcart, which he carried through the Civil War and, when one looks at this glittering blade, they see one of the most ancient of weapons now in use. It was designed to fit the masculine hand, which it has, for so these many years.

Since pioneer mothers have played leading roles in the history of the country, what would the members and friends of the association think of electing a "Queen Mother" to rule on this, the greatest of all days, "Pioneer Day?"

—R. M. Harrison.

## Grandson Born Wednesday In Portland To The H. S. Nortons

Mrs. H. S. Norton, who has been in Portland for the past ten days, called Stewart yesterday to say that their new grandson was born that morning. He weighed eight pounds and nine ounces and has been named Michael Stewart Claassen. His mother was formerly Beverly Norton and his father's name is A. J. Claassen. Pat and Joy, aunts of the husky young man, are also both up there.

## Coos County Receives Over \$20,000 From The State

County Treasurer Chas. Stauff this week received from the secretary of state, checks for Coos county which totalled more than \$20,000. The county's motor vehicle registration fee amounted to \$19,055.17; the tax on alcoholic beverages for the second quarter of the year, amounted to \$815.47; and the music device tax—slot machines, etc.—for the second quarter payment amounted to \$78.85.

## Dick Buckles Home On Leave Before Going To Training School

Dick Buckles came in Sunday from San Diego, to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buckles, before reporting to Mare Island at San Francisco for preparatory training in the Submarine School there. Later he will attend the school in New London, Conn.

Motor vehicle operators who have been careless about displaying the \$5.00 Federal Stamp on their windshields were uncomfortable Tuesday of this week, when the Internal Revenue Inspector was in Coquille.

## A "Believe It Or Not" In Coquille

Mrs. Ida K. Owen has one for Ripley's "Believe It Or Not." For several years now a gladiolus has been growing out of the concrete sidewalk at her home on Moulton street and it has very lovely blossoms. This year the plant is fully four feet high and its stem is over an inch in diameter.

The only explanation is that a bulb or bulblet was in the ground when the concrete was laid and that the water, soaking through cracks in the walk, started the bulb to growing through the crack and it receives its life-giving saturation through the very small opening which reduces much more than pin-head width.

## Coquille To Hear A Talented Speaker

Coquille is very fortunate in having the well-known and talented Dr. Norman W. Pendleton, of San Francisco, as a speaker at the W.O.W. hall, Wednesday evening, August 1, at eight o'clock. During the last ten years he has been pastor of Grace Trinity Center, one of San Francisco's largest churches, which is a Federation of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.

He has had a weekly broadcast over KPO for two years; was appointed by the Governor to the California State Relief Commission; spent from Saturday evening to

ermors of the California Housing and Planning Association; is a moderator of San Francisco Bay Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches; for seven years was Observer at the California State Legislature for the Northern California Church Council; is State Chairman of Protestant Council of Legislative Commission of Social Workers; editor for seven years of "The California Liberator," which was mailed to every California clergyman, and he now represents the Northern California Church Council among the war workers in Federal Housing in the Bay area.

Both Mrs. Harold McCue and Mrs. Hatcher have heard Dr. Pendleton speak and are most enthusiastic about his ability as a speaker. All are welcome.—The Committee.

## Mrs. Fisher Supervisor At City Park Playground

The new supervisor of the City Park playground this week is Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, who has been an instructor at Washington School for more than three years. Margaret Hughes, supervisor since the opening of the playground for the season, resigned to take a special course available at summer school in Eugene.

Youngsters are greatly enjoying the sandbox as well as the new teeters and swing. New equipment for games will be secured as soon as it is available. Mrs. Fisher announced that she will be on the playgrounds from ten until five, including the noon hour. Clubs will be organized as soon as attendance permits; so children are urged to come to the playground right away to see what is in store for them.

## Capt. Dick Sherrill Home From Two Years In Pacific

Capt. Dick Sherrill, former Marshfield High School football and basketball star, who has been in the Army Air Corps for nearly three years, arrived home Tuesday morning for a 30-day furlough, his first visit at home since he was stationed over in the Pacific two years ago. He came from Clark Field near Manila in the Philippines.

At the expiration of his furlough, he will go to an officers' instruction school in southern California.

His wife, the former Markie Smith of this city, is on leave from the ration board office here and expects to accompany him south and remain there during the training period.

Capt. Dick is in the transport division of the Air Corps.

## The G. E. Trotts Return And Will Locate Here

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Trotts, who came in from Monrovia, Calif., on Sunday, say they were never so happy in their lives as they were to reach Coquille again and that they are going to stay here. They left here in May, 1943, spent nine months in Arizona and the last 15 months in Monrovia and feel that as a place of residence, Coquille surpasses anything they saw in the past 27 months.

## Mrs. Geo. Stephenson To Be Buried Sat.

Funeral services are to be held at the Gano Funeral Home chapel, at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, for Mrs. Geo. Stephenson, who passed away at the hospital in Myrtle Point at 1:10 this morning. Interment will be in I.O.O.F. cemetery, No. 2.

Information for a detailed account of Mrs. Stephenson's life was not available this morning, but the Sentinel will have a more complete account next week. She was something past 60 years of age and was taken ill about two weeks ago. The Stephenson home is at 582 North Henry street.

## Mrs. Harry Aber Hit By A Car

Mrs. Harry L. Aber was brought to the Belle Knife Hospital yesterday morning, suffering with a bruised and lacerated right knee and right foot.

She was crossing the Arago road, near the Roy school house, and as it was somewhat foggy, Mrs. Edith Morgan, who was coming to town—she is employed at the plant—did not see Mrs. Aber until too late to avoid hitting her. She did stop immediately, though, and brought her accident victim in to the hospital.

## Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Lawrence Returned Sunday From S. F.

Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Lawrence returned by bus Sunday afternoon from San Francisco, where they went a couple of weeks ago to attend the funeral of his brother, Ned Lawrence. They stayed after the funeral to make the necessary arrangements for administration of Ned's estate and to dispose of personal property. The death of Mr. Lawrence followed by only a few weeks the demise of his wife, who was a sister of Mrs. K. P. Lawrence.

## Fortier Saw 2 Former Loggers Play Baseball Sunday

W. H. Fortier was out at Eugene Sunday where he saw a baseball game in which two former Coquille Loggers played. He says they have a good four club league there, sponsored by lumber and mill companies. The two players were "Cocky" Brewer and Marion Fisher, and both looked good. "Cocky" doesn't try to throw the ball past the batter any more but uses his head in his pitching. His hitting also helped win the game for his club.

## County Shrine Picnic To Be Held Sunday, Aug. 5

The Coos County Shrine Club annual picnic is to be held on Sunday, Aug. 5, in the beautiful Mast Grove near Lee. All Shriners and their families are invited to attend and also all candidates for the Mystic Shrine degree. In the post card notices sent out, D. B. Kesner, the club secretary, says that all those attending need to bring in their silverware and sugar, salads, watermelon, ice cream and coffee will be furnished by the committee in charge.

## Auction Sale of Horses At Ball Park Here July 29

Anyone interested in securing a good saddle horse should note the Auction Sale adv. on the classified page of this issue. There will be 35 head on sale, at auction, at the Coquille ball park, at seven o'clock Sunday evening, July 29. Floyd Hatfield is the owner and Edwards & Schrieker, of Roseburg, will be the auctioneers. The animals will be there for inspection in the afternoon of that day.

## 81 Maximum, 45 Minimum Here The Past Week

The thermometer on Monday again touched the highest point it has reached this summer—81 degrees. Tuesday's recording was a degree and a half lower. Yesterday it got up to 80. The night minimum the past week has varied between 45 and 51 degrees.

## It Is Asked That July 4th Bills Be Turned In

W. H. Fortier, general chairman of the July 4th celebration committee, states that all the outstanding bills for the celebration are not in yet, and requests that they be turned in at once to C. G. Caughell at the city hall, so that the committee may pass on all of them at one time.

## Retail Credit Ass'n Efficiency Praised

There were more than a score present for the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Coquille Retail Credit Association Monday noon, held in the Coffee Shop, with Vice Pres. Geo. E. Oerding presiding. N. P. McDonald, manager of the association, reported that a Standard Oil Co. credit man who inspected the plant and records of the bureau and association, said it equalled in efficiency and in its compilation of records any credit bureau on the coast.

A letter from the Portland Retail Credit Women's breakfast club, suggesting that Coquille ladies form such a club, was read and discussed and the matter will come up for decision at the next meeting.

In reply to a question Mr. McDonald said that there are 18 or 20 credit-giving business houses in Coquille who are not members of the association. He also announced a change in the Credit Bureau personnel, Miss Jean Pleth succeeding Miss Donna Mae Chapin, who is going to Portland to enroll as student in a business college.

D. E. Rackleff was named as program chairman for the next regular meeting which will be held in the Coffee Shop at noon on Monday, Aug. 13.

## Perrott & Son to Have Shop On Highway

The former Oerding Myrtlewood factory, on the highway at the corner of Fourth street, is being put in shape by E. L. Perrott & Son, who will use it as a shop. The building, 40x80 feet, was purchased by the Perrotts some time ago and they have just now found time to put it in condition for their use.

A platform is being built to connect the shop with the pavement and when it is all finished this building concern will have not only an office but a storage place for materials.

## There Is No O.P.A. In The Philippines

They evidently have no ceiling price limitation over in the Philippines. At least that is what can be concluded from a letter Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pook received this week from Bill Pook, who is on Luzon. He said he and another service man were in Manila and wanted a hamburger and cup of coffee. The bill for one of each for the two of them was \$3.50. And shoes are \$50 a pair over there!

## Fred Bull To Move His Office Next Week

Fred Bull expects to have his new office in the W.O.W. building, across the street from the bank, ready for occupancy about Aug. 1. He is installing handsome Neon lighting fixtures and will have a very comfortable three-room office.

His justice court room is at the rear, with an entrance of its own, making it more suitable for a court room than it was in the Front street office room.

## Coquille Library To Be Open Next Sunday Afternoon

For the benefit of those attending the Coos-Curry Pioneers Association annual picnic in the grove here next Sunday afternoon, and for anyone else interested, the Coquille Public Library will be open and visitors are invited to come in.

## Baptist Church Now Has Fluorescent Lighting System

Fluorescent lights are being installed at the Baptist Church this week to replace the old ones in use. This will materially improve the appearance of the auditorium and serve without the glare of the old lights.

## Major John Seeley On Way Back From Europe

Major John Seeley, who has been with the Army Hospital Corps in England for the past year or more, and in Germany, is on his way back to Coquille, according to word received here by his wife.

Troop, No. 14, of the Boy Scouts spent from Saturday evening to Sunday evening camping in La Verne Park. Arthur Erickson, Scoutmaster of the troop, took the boys out and was accompanied by Mr. Crawford and Mr. Moore.

## Coquille Can Have Airline Service

In a letter to the Sentinel from the Southwest Airways Co. office in Beverly Hills, Calif., the statement is made that Coquille may have airline service after the war if the people of this community make an effort to secure it. The letter from the company's vice-president is as follows:

The Examiner's report in the West Coast Case has just been issued by the Civil Aeronautics Board and we are happy to inform you that it recommended Coquille be franchised for feeder airline service, also that South west Airways be franchised to furnish the service.

This recommendation constitutes a good start towards getting your city on the post-war air map. But it doesn't mean you have the service already. The Board often departs from the Examiner's recommendation.

We have written your Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that the chances of getting air service will be greatly improved if your town shows an active interest in obtaining it. Governmental agencies which serve the public like to know the public's reaction to things they are responsible for. We are sure your people need and want air service and you can help them get it by making their wants known.

## Coquille Items Of Personal Interest

Recorder Frank G. Leslie is back on the job again this week, after being off duty for ten days. He is feeling better than when he was taken sick but is still not very strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cunningham and small sons, Pat and Mike, arrived Sunday from Drain to spend a few days with Mrs. Cunningham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Folsom have as their guests this week their daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Watts, and her daughter, Donna, who live in Eugene.

Mrs. Lela Elrod, county health nurse, left Saturday for Ocean Lake, where she will remain for a week or ten days visiting with her parents who are there from Pendleton.

Mrs. Belle Knife, Mrs. O. L. Newton, Dorothy Belle Newton, of this city, and Mrs. Elden Brodie, of Myrtle Point left for Portland on business last Thursday. Mrs. Knife and Mrs. Newton returned Sunday but Mrs. Brodie and Miss Newton will remain in Portland for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Nosler came in last Thursday evening from their home in San Diego, planning to visit relatives and friends here for a month. Alva, a brother of the Nosler boys here, has been living in the southern California city for about 40 years but he visits the old home town every few years.

Mrs. John Purkey did not return last Thursday from the Puget Sound country when Mr. Purkey did but is expected to be home next Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Mansell, A. O. and E. A. Walker and their families enjoyed a week's visit from their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Denton, who were accompanied by their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mowich, a bride and groom. They left Saturday for their home in San Francisco.

Corporal Irvin E. Henagin of this city, who has seen considerable action with the Army in the South Pacific, came home last week-end on a 30-day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Throckmorton, of the Coquille Studios, were in the Powers region Monday, getting pictures of modern logging operations for the Chamber of Commerce brochure, which will be out soon.

The Arthur Ericksons and Burton Dunns enjoyed a business outing which took them to South Coos River, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lucille Walker, of the County Health Department, is taking her vacation at this time to be with her six-year old son, Billy, who recently underwent major surgery and will be confined to his bed at home the remainder of the week.

## District 18 Rebekahs Hold 34th Annual Convention in Bandon

On Tuesday, July 24, the members of Mamie Rebekah Lodge, No. 20, of Coquille, had the privilege of attending the thirty-fourth annual convention of District No. 18. This was held at Bandon with Ocean Rebekah Lodge acting as hostess group.

The meeting was opened by the Bandon Lodge, officers of which turned over their chairs to the convention chairman, Mrs. Helen Kimball of Bandon and her officers. These included Mrs. Ethel Bailey, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, and Mrs. Marian Wilson, of Bandon, Assembly vice-president. Mrs. Helen Larson, of Coquille served as convention chaplain, while the other convention offices were held by members selected from the six lodges participating: Ocean Rebekah Lodge, of Bandon; North Bend Lodge, of North Bend; Western Star Lodge, of Coos Bay; Una, of Myrtle Point; Chapparral, of Powers, and Mamie, of Coquille.

The convention officers were seated in a drill by a team from Bandon and, at the close of the afternoon, the new officers for next year were seated by a team from Coos Bay.

Assembly officers visiting the convention were received and welcomed by a committee from Coquille: Mrs. Ruth Beyers, Mrs. Beulah Neely, and Mrs. Birdie Skeels, and corsages, with the compliments of the Coquille Lodge, were given them by Mrs. Florence Hallock, Miss Ida Oerding and Mrs. Lillian Clark, who carried them in fastened to a golden "Three Link" emblem which was disclosed as the flowers were removed from it.

The tribute to the past chairmen of the convention was given by the Bandon Lodge, which presented to each past chairman attending a lovely corsage which had been fashioned from her own flowers by a member of their lodge. The oldest past chairman attending, from the point of the year in which she served was Mrs. Mary Coke of Coos Bay, who served in 1915. Mrs. Annie Robinson of Coquille, who served as the third convention chairman in 1909, was unable to attend.

The "Quiz Contest" on lodge practice was tied by Mrs. Blanche Felscher of Myrtle Point and Mrs. Edith McCue of Bandon, with the latter receiving the prize offered when a drawing was made to decide the tie. The secret work contest, participated in by the Noble Grands of the six lodges, was won again this year.

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## Music Program Feature At Rotary

Garbed in appropriate cowboy apparel, Darris Gant, aged six years and accompanied by the piano by his mother, Mrs. Ellis Gant of Myrtle Point, sang a number of western songs in a manner that was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the assembled Rotarians and their guests at the noon meeting of the club at the hotel on Wednesday.

Gordon Gifford, of the National Federation of Small Business, was a guest of the club and gave a brief outline of their program to assist returning service men and to keep small business on an independent basis.

Geo. Burr and Kennett Lawrence gave brief explanatory talks on the current paper drive for the benefit of the Shriners Hospital in Portland and emphasized the fact that this does not end the effort to salvage paper which will continue as before.

Lloyd Claver, present as a guest, told of the present status of the public address system for the Community Building. He stated that he had just received a letter saying that the order had been authorized and that shipment of the system would be made in the next six weeks.

Geo. P. Laird had as his guests his son, Lieut. Jack Laird of the U.S. Navy who is here on leave from Florida, and also his brother-in-law, Dan Byron, from San Francisco. Dave Rackleff, of Coquille, was also a guest. Rotarian guests were Howard Ott, of Roseburg; Chester Hunt, of Arcata, Calif., and Lou Pearce, Jess Clinton and Wallace Dement, of Myrtle Point.

Charles Roberts, jailer at the court house, entered the Belle Knife Hospital last evening for treatment.