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Coos and Curry Pioneer Historical Association Picnic and Program Attended By Large Crowd Here Last Sunday

Although it was a little breezy Sunday noon for eating out of doors, there were more than 250 who sat down at the tables prepared for the Coos & Curry Pioneer Historical Association picnic dinner and who enjoyed a very hearty as well as conversational meal.

The attendance in the Community building for the program which began at 2:00 p. m. was considerably larger, the estimate being that there were 500 or more in the hall.

The meeting was called to order by A. H. Bender of Myrtle Point, the association's president for the past year, who invited all the participants on the program to come up on the stage.

With Miss Inez Rover presiding at the piano, the annual Pioneer observance was opened with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience. Invocation was given by Rev. Liston Parrish.

In welcoming the pioneers and historical association members, Mr. Bender stated that this was the 14th meeting of the association in Coquille and mentioned its first president, Jas. Walstrom of Bandon. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Mary Randleman, who has been in charge of collecting relics and various items of historical value for the association and voiced the hope that before long the association would have a museum in which to house them. He also thanked O. C. Sanford for preparing the incorporation papers for the association.

One of the letters he read from members who could not attend the Pioneer Day celebration this year was from James Watson in Seattle.

He then introduced Mayor O. L. Wood of Coquille for a welcoming address. Mayor Wood said he was happy to see the large number present and the increased interest being shown in the Coos & Curry Pioneer Historical Ass'n. He said he was only a casual student, having resided in Oregon but 28 years, but declared it was the duty of the younger people of the two counties to carry on the pioneer association idea as the real pioneers disappeared from active participation in its affairs and to relieve them.

The mayor declared the association should have its museum and stated that the city of Coquille has offered a site for it just south of the Community Building. The city also has poles suitable for a log structure and added that Coquille citizens will aid materially in a financial way in securing the museum.

The response to the welcome was by Mayor J. Albert Matson of Coos Bay, who said his municipality, now unfortunately named Coos Bay, always appreciates Coquille hospitality and that the hospitable spirit of Coquille dates back to pioneer days.

Emil Peterson of North Bend, called next to the microphone on the stage, mentioned the request made a year ago for pioneer stories, and stated that nine had been received. He had 90 mimeographed booklets containing those stories and they were quickly sold in the audience at \$1.00 each.

He announced the three judges had selected three winners in the story contest. First prize, a \$25 bond given by Mrs. Albert Powers of Coos Bay, went to Mrs. Ann Connell, whose vivid story of pioneer days was entitled, "Homestead Home." Second prize, \$5.00 in war saving stamps donated by Co. Treas. Chas. Stauff, was awarded to his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Stauff Turkel, whose story was entitled, "Empire Boys of the 1890's."

Mrs. E. Dalquist of North Bend, whose contribution was entitled, "A City Is Born," received third prize—\$5.00 worth of books contributed by a Portland publishing house.

At this point Mrs. Mary Gage was requested to come up on the stage with the announcement that by a very large vote she had been selected as Queen Mother of the Historical Association. Mrs. Gage was the first white baby girl to be born in Coquille, and a handsome floral bouquet was presented to her as she took her seat on the stage.

Before giving the treasurer's financial report, J. P. Beyers urged (Continued on page nine)

Ray Buckles, of Eaton's Feed Store here, attended the graduation of his son, James R. Buckles, S1/c, from Bakers' School on July 20, San Diego, and spent about ten days with him. Dick has been transferred to Mare Island, Vallejo, California.

Schedule For The Playground In Park

Mrs. Dorothy Fisher, playground supervisor, announced this week that a fine new croquet set, ping-pong balls and horse-shoes have been acquired to add to the activities of the playground. There are also quiet games and games for smaller children, such as coloring, paper doll cutting, puzzles and marbles. Tournaments are held in the forenoon, with a program of the youngsters' choosing in the afternoon. Prizes are given the winners of each special feature. Teen-Agers are urged to take advantage of the playground facilities.

The following schedule of tournaments has been decided upon: Monday—Ping Pong and Target day; Tuesday—Horse Shoe; Wednesday—Croquet; Thursday—Badminton; Friday—Picnic day, everyone brings his own lunch.

One Sale Results In Two More Sales

The sale by Keith Leslie of his former home here, corner of Second and Beach streets, was followed by the sale of two other properties because occupants had to move.

O. T. Gant, who has been living two blocks south of his newly purchased home, bought the Leslie property and will move into it as soon as it is vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stevens were residing there and Stan has purchased the Wm. Watson ranch of between 55 and 60 acres on the highway up toward Myrtle Point and they will move up there soon.

Mr. Watson in turn has purchased the J. W. Starr home on North Henry here.

Lieut. Don Smith Leaves After Six Weeks At Home

Lieut. Don Smith, who had been home for the past six weeks on furlough, having come from Fort Shafter, half way between Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, left Sunday to report at Fort Lewis. He had no idea when he left as to where he would be assigned to report for further duty.

It being the heavy season for his father, J. L. Smith, Don put in a large part of his time in the hay field and working on the ranch.

Don had been over in the Islands for two years and a half when he came home and he said a man's khaki shirt got wringing wet during the day, even though he was not engaged in any active duty. He looked well and as though Army life, (he is in the Infantry), agreed with him.

Lt.-Col. H. R. Turkel Joined His Family Wednesday

Lieut.-Col. Harry R. Turkel, son-in-law of County Treasurer and Mrs. Chas. Stauff, arrived in Coquille by bus from Fort Lewis, Wash., to join his wife and two children who have been residing on Fourth street here.

Lieut.-Col. Turkel, who has been overseas, in England and on the continent since June, 1942, except for one furlough home, landed at a Maine port last Friday, called Mrs. Turkel by long distance and then flew across the country to Fort Lewis.

Dr. R. F. Milne Home After A Month's Vacation

Dr. R. F. Milne and family returned Monday night from their month's vacation which they spent in and around Bend. Doc says the highest temperature while he was there was 106 degrees but in that dry, higher altitude they did not mind it.

We can't say what the doctor told Cliff Yarbrough but the latter said, "Don't fail to mention that he came home because he ran out of money. Think of that for a Scotchman!"

B.P.W. To Have Hamburger Feed At Beyers' Home Monday

The Coquille Business & Professional Women's Club is to meet next Monday evening, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p. m. at the J. P. Beyers home on Spurgeon Hill. A hamburger supper will be served at the fireplace in the log cabin there and members are requested to bring their own plates, cups and silverware.

Mr. and Mrs. Novia E. Landreth, for many years residents of Coquille, came in from their Roseburg home to attend the Pioneer picnic on Sunday and spent a couple more days here visiting with old friends.

Republican National Committeeman In Oregon Tomorrow

Herbert Brownell, Jr., chairman of the Republican National committee, is to be in Portland on Friday this week to confer with Oregon party leaders in regard to the party's program for 1945-46.

At 2:30 p. m., Aug. 2, he will meet Republican men and women in the Crystal Room of the Benson Hotel, and at 7:30 o'clock a meeting with precinct committeemen and women of the state, and any other interested Republicans, will be held in the East-side Woodmen of the World hall at 6:15 S. E. Alder.

Credit Bureau Has Larger Contacts

N. P. McDonald, manager of the Coquille Credit Bureau, before leaving Wednesday on a three-day business trip over into Douglas county, reported that when Walter A. Jensen, of Portland, executive secretary of the national organization of credit associations, was here last week that he took the local bureau's membership in the Associated Credit Bureaus of America, which gives the Coquille bureau more extended contacts in credit affairs. After his examination of the local plant and connections, he told Mr. McDonald their rating is now B-1.

There are nine employees in the office of the bureau at the present time.

Timber Owners Appeal Not Decided

Judge L. D. Felsheim, County Clerk L. W. Odde and Assessor Chas. W. Forrest returned last night from attending a meeting of the State Tax Commission in Salem when appeals from Coos county timber owners were being considered by the commission.

The Coos Board of Equalization had raised the valuation of timbered lands in the county, for taxation purposes and the owners of those lands had appealed to the commission for a revision downward from the board's figures.

The matter was taken under advisement by the commission and its decision will be announced later.

Mr. Forrest went up to Salem on Monday and the other two on Tuesday.

Had To Change Oil For His Two-Headed Freak

James N. Jacobson, in from his ranch Monday morning, brought in the bottle in which he has had a two-headed baby snake immersed in gasoline for the past 36 years. The gasoline was getting cloudy and he wanted fresh fluid.

He said that when he captured the freak, which is about four inches long, each head had a mind of its own and the skin between the heads would be stretched to the breaking point. He tried feeding it flies and other reptile food but one cold morning he found it stretched out, apparently lifeless, so he kept it in a gasoline-filled bottle ever since.

Alva Nosler Left Here 59 Years Ago Instead of 40

Alva A. Nosler, who with Mrs. Nosler came up recently from their home in San Diego, says that it is 59 years, instead of 40, since he left Coquille. For some years he was with a transfer company down there, but in 1909 he started his own business, The Pacific Transfer Co., and it is a point of interest that he holds the record of having been in one city, with the same company, for a longer time than any other transfer man in the United States.

\$35,000 Worth of Road Bonds Taken Up By Treas. Stauff

County Treasurer Chas. Stauff this week has been writing checks totalling \$36,005 which is being sent to holders of Coos county road bonds. Of this amount \$1005 was for interest.

Sgt. Howard Hull is spending a thirty-day furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lennon and his sister, Mrs. Molhu, on the North Bank road. Sgt. Hull has served two and one-half years in the South Pacific with the 13th Air Force, and will report to Santa Ana for further orders.

Carl Floten, 72 Buried Wednesday

Carl G. Floten, who had resided in and near Coquille for the past 27 years, passed away last Friday at his home a mile out of town on the Fairview road.

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Bros. undertaking parlors at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. R. L. Greene officiating, and E. W. Lorenz, P. W. Culver, Roy Lunt, H. W. Pierce, Hans Gisholt and Ole Haulson acting as pallbearers. Interment was in Sunset cemetery on the Bay.

The deceased was born in Oslo, Norway, March 2, 1873, and was 72 years, four months and 25 days of age. He was the son of Gunnhildson and Elsie Floten.

After coming to the United States he resided in Wisconsin for a time but came from there to Oregon 38 years ago and had lived in or near Coquille since 1918.

He is survived by his widow, Elsie Floten, and by three children: Mrs. Effie Ulett, of Jacksonville, Florida, Herman Floten, of Barview on Goos Bay, and Carl G. Floten, Jr., of Halfway, Ore.; also by two grandchildren and a sister and a brother who reside in Chicago.

Carl Floten had a large number of friends in the Coquille valley who, although they may not have seen him often, respected and admired him and he will be sadly missed by all of them.

Had Resided In Oregon 72 Years

Funeral services, with Rev. Robt. L. Greene officiating, were held at the Schroeder Bros. chapel here at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Agnes Belle Nygren, who passed away at the hospital here last Saturday. She was the widow of Nelson Nygren.

Graveside services were conducted at Bandon by the Rebekah and Pythian Sisters Lodge, of which she was a member and interment was there. Pallbearers were Pete Norton, Morris Morrot, Elmer Briner, Hugh Johnson, Jas. T. Brockman and Fred Wheaton.

Mrs. Nygren was born in Picton, Nova Scotia, April 1, 1853, the daughter of Alexander and Mary Catherine McNeil, and was three months and 27 days past 92 years of age at passing.

They came to the Oregon coast in 1893, settling at Port Orford and they resided there until the fire of 1936, since which time she has made her home in Coquille with her son, William.

Besides William, she is survived by four daughters and two sons—Mrs. Josephine Meyer of Tigard, Oregon, Mrs. Nora Allen and Mrs. Rebekah Rogers, both of Coquille, Mrs. Gladys Peppin, of San Diego, Calif., Oscar Nyren, of Hines, Calif., and James Nygren of Coquille, also by fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Technical Data On A Baby Born To C.H.S. Graduate

Mrs. Louis Sonneland, of Fairview, who returned last week from New York where she welcomed a new grandson into the world, brought a very interesting announcement sheet, in more or less technical terms, telling about the young man whose mother was Nancy Sonneland before her marriage to John L. Corl who is now doing research work for an electrical products company back there. The youngster weighed ten pounds and has been named Eugene Steven. He is their second child and was born July 10.

Some of the technical sheet items read as follows: Style, jumbo; overall length, 48 c. m.; total harmonic distortion, high; output capacity, uncontrolled; holding period, brief.

Past Noble Grands Club To Meet Friday Evening, Aug. 3

The Past Noble Grands club, I.O.O.F., will meet tomorrow (Friday) evening at 6:30 with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Beyers at their home on North Willard street. "Eat your dessert at home and have hamburgers with the club," is the announcement to all members.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Morrison, who recently sold their cranberry bog north of Bandon and purchased what is called the Hersey house, corner of Third and Heath streets, moved their household goods up here Monday and are now getting settled in their new home.

Airline Official Tells Rotary Club Of Post War Aviation Plans

Don Parvin, of the United Airlines office in Portland, was a guest at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club at the hotel on Wednesday and gave a talk on postwar plans for expansion by his company.

Mr. Parvin stated that they had placed orders for over twenty-five million dollars in planes and gave a description of the new ships to be placed in service as soon as they could be built and delivered. He also stated that postwar plans now in formation would feature service to 90 cities in addition to approximately 300 now being given service.

When asked what their plans were for the coast, he said that their application was already in for a line from Seattle to San Diego that would touch all principal points in between, including Marshfield and Eureka, and that schedules would be arranged according to the business offered.

Mayor Down, of Texas, was also a guest and gave a brief talk on his job, which is that of recruiting civilian workers for the recently reopened Camp Adair at Corvallis.

Iris Elrod gave a report on plans for the annual stag dinner at Art Berg's cabin on Laurel Lake, which is to be held Wednesday evening, Aug. 22, and named the chairmen by the various committees.

Rotarian guests present were Wallace Dement, L. H. Pearce and Jess Clinton, from Myrtle Point, and John E. Runyan, of Roseburg. Other guests were Neil Johnson, who was registered from Sackettville; S. C. Cole, from Pendleton, and Dave Rackleff, Evan Albom, Stan Sherwood and Dr. R. T. Milne, of Coquille.

John O. Berglund Going To K. F.

J. O. Berglund, who has been with the First National Bank of Portland for nine years, the last two of them as assistant manager in the Coquille branch, has received a well-deserved promotion and next week will go over to the Klamath Falls branch, which has about 40 on the payroll, to become chief clerk there. Mrs. Berglund and their three children will remain here until he can find a home in Klamath Falls.

His successor in the bank here is expected to be a man from the Kenton branch, at Portland, where Mgr. Louis E. Wilshire was stationed before returning to Coquille recently.

Mr. Berglund returned to duty here Monday morning after his two weeks' vacation which he and his family spent in Klamath Falls and Ashland.

More Than 100 Baptists At Coos River Myrtle Haven Camp

Rev. Menno D. Rempel, pastor of the Coquille Baptist Church and who is manager of the Baptist Myrtle Haven Camp on South Coos river, writes that the camp has enjoyed a very successful week, with enthusiasm high and a full program of study, recreation, eats—and some sleep. The registration, when he wrote, was well over one hundred, with more still coming. Mrs. H. R. Clark is in charge of the kitchen and feeding arrangements. The camp opened Monday morning and will close at noon Saturday, Aug. 4.

Rev. E. Norman, Former Pastor, To Be Here Next Week

Rev. Elbert Norman, who was pastor of the Church of God in Coquille about 1924, will visit us next week, and will preach at 7:30 nightly for a few evenings. We hope he will arrive in time to preach Sunday, Aug. 5, but the exact date of his arrival has not been communicated to us. But we invite his old friends, and all the public to be on the alert for this short meeting, and to be present. Listen for a radio announcement of this meeting.

Fred Bull Office Moved This Week To Woodman Bldg.

On Wednesday this week, Aug. 1, Fred R. Bull moved his insurance and justice of the peace office from his old location on Front street into the corner room of the Woodman building, across the street from the bank. His telephone number is now 303, and he will be happy to have friends drop in and look over his new set-up.