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## Z. C. Strang, To Be Buried At 2:00 P.M. Saturday

One of Coquille's oldest and most highly respected citizens passed away at the Belle Knife Hospital at nine o'clock Wednesday evening when death relieved the sufferings of Zenie Strang, who had been there for three weeks and had undergone two operations.

Funeral services are to be held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, at the Schroeder Chapel, Rev. Liston Parrish officiating, and interment will be in the new Odd Fellows cemetery.

Zenas Clark Strang was born in Grove Lake, Minn., June 17, 1866, and was two months and twelve days past 79 years of age. He was the son of D. P. and Emily M. Strang, who moved to Coos Bay in December, 1879, later being on a homestead on Fat Elk and moving into Coquille in the early 1890's.

Mr. Strang was united in marriage to Miss E. A. Wagner, here in Coquille, Nov. 3, 1895, and in a few weeks would have celebrated their golden wedding. One child, Mrs. Zelma Brady, was born to this union. She arrived from her home in San Francisco last evening. His granddaughter, Patricia Ann Brady, will arrive from San Francisco this Thursday evening. His only other surviving near relative is his brother, Frank E. Strang, of Arbuckle, Calif.

Mr. Strang was a painter and decorator in his young days, for 13 years, and was in the mercantile business on Front street here and in the W.O.W. building from 1901 to 1907. He then engaged in farming for a time and from 1922 to 1928 conducted a men's furnishing store. He then operated a garage for two years and retired from active business life in 1930.

When a young man Mr. Strang attended an Adventist college in Portland for two years. He was an ardent Townsend Club member and had devoted much time to working for that organization's objects.

He was also a member of Coquille Lodge, I.O.O.F., and that lodge will conduct graveside services Saturday afternoon.

Zenie Strang was a good man, one who always did what he thought was right and was a pioneer of Coos county whose integrity was never questioned.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to his wife and daughter in their bereavement.

## W. McDonald Baker Buried Yesterday

W. McDonald Baker passed away at Portland, Aug. 25, at the age of 62 years, four months and six days.

He was born in Johnson county, Tenn., and came to Coos county when one year of age and has lived here since that time with the exception of 12 years. He was a logger and was well known throughout this district, and especially in the McKinley district where he lived.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Blanche Baker, by three daughters, Mrs. James Wilson, Corvallis, Oreg.; Mrs. Clyde MacDonald, Seattle, Wn.; Mrs. E. L. Anderson, Coquille, and by two sons, Don, of McKinley, and E. L. Baker, of Portland; also by a brother, J. K. Baker, of Bandon, and by a sister, Mrs. R. H. Lawhorn, of McKinley.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gano Funeral Home at Coquille at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, Rev. R. L. Greene officiating. Interment was in the Lee Valley Cemetery.

## Nearly A Thousand Attended Opening Of New Purkey Store

Nearly 1,000 people visited the new Purkey Furniture store in North Bend last Saturday, a goodly number of them from Coquille.

A great profusion of floral contributions by business houses and individuals testified to the county-wide popularity of this Coquille merchant.

The store, under the management of Clint Hart, occupies three floors of the building on Virginia avenue, access to the upper two being by ramps.

## Red Cross To Meet Friday

Coquille Red Cross will meet at Guild Hall on Friday, August 31, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Mrs. F. C. True, Production Chairman.

## Smith Fir Mill Closes Tonight

Geo. A. Ulett announced this morning that the fir mill at the Smith Wood-Products plant is to be closed permanently this evening. He said it was doubtful that the company ever operates it again, and could not say whether it will be held as a stand-by unit or will be sold.

Practically all the mill's employees have been offered jobs in other departments of the plant operations.

The reason given by Mr. Ulett was shortage of manpower and lack of logs.

## Social Security Talk At Rotary

Charles H. Cannon of the district office of Social Security at Eugene, was the guest speaker at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club at the Coquille Hotel. Mr. Cannon gave a general outline of the Social Security plan as it operates under the present law and also told of the proposed plans for broadening and scope of the act and improving some features as indicated by legislation now before congress. He then invited questions and responded with very concise answers to the many inquiries presented by members and guests.

Geo. R. Johnson presided in the absence of Orville Wood, and expressed the club's appreciation to J. A. Berg for the use of his cottage at Laurel Lake and to the committee heads and members for their work in putting on the stag dinner last week. A rising vote of thanks was given Chas. Jess Beyers. A letter was also read from the Lions Club in appreciation of the party.

Lieut. Robt. E. Morrison just returned from Italy and now on a 30-day furlough was a guest, as was also A. C. Scheerer, of the Coquille Branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

Rotarian guests were Robert A. Gibbs, of Los Angeles, and Joe Clinton, Wallace Demont, Arthur Jones, Henry Schroeder and L. H. Pearce, of Myrtle Point.

## Natal Day Ass'n In Gym At Coos Bay

The afternoon and evening meetings of the Eastern Star Natal Day Association on Friday, August 31, are to be held in the Coos Bay High School gymnasium, instead of in the Rendezvous as announced last week.

Registration of those attending, as well as the dinner at noon, will be in the I. O. O. F. hall at 51 South Broadway.

## Mrs. Linn Will Meet Her Husband, Back From Europe

Mrs. Eleanor Linn, of the county school superintendent's office, received a telephone call last Friday from her husband in West Virginia. He has been overseas in Italy and Germany. Mrs. Linn will leave August 31 for Portland, where she will meet her husband at the Multnomah Hotel. He has been granted a thirty-day furlough, which she will spend with him. The position in the county office will be filled by a substitute but will be held open, temporarily, pending the reception of orders informing Linn of his next assignment.

## Coast Highway Association To Meet At Gearhart, Aug. 13-15

The Oregon Coast Association will hold a convention at Gearhart on October 13, 14 and 15, according to an announcement by Clyde Mason of Seaside, president of the organization. This will be the first coast-wide convention since October, 1941.

Arch B. Sanders, manager of the Association, has stated there will be ample accommodations for all who wish to attend and that all arrangements and reservations will be handled by his office at Coos Bay to avoid confusion. A detailed program of the three-day event will be published in September, Sanders said.

## Memorial Services To Be Held For Rev. W. R. Munger's Son

The Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Munger have been informed of the passing of their son, Oren, who was a missionary in Nicaragua. Memorial services in his honor will be held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 2, in the Assembly of God Church.

## Coquille Teachers For Next Tuesday's School Opening

The complete faculty of the 1945-46 school year for Coquille is announced by Supt. Carl E. Morrison as follows:

Leila Elrod School Nurse.  
Washington, Grades One to Five

Mrs. Hazel Hanna, principal and 5th grade.

Mrs. Marian E. Barton, 5th grade.  
Mrs. Jane Creager, 4th grade.  
Mrs. Lavine Peart, 4th grade.

Mrs. Viola Mintonys, 3rd grade.  
Mrs. Althea Harrah, 3rd grade.  
Mrs. Pauline Chase Harvey, 2nd grade.

Miss Arlene Robertson, 2nd grade.  
Mrs. Dorothy Fischer, 1st grade.  
Mrs. Dana Pierce, 1st grade.

Miss Helen Thomas, 1st grade.  
Lincoln, Grades Six to Eight

Wayne Smith, Principal, High School Band.

Mrs. Marie Stewart, Social Science.  
Herbert R. Holmes, Math., Boys' P. E.

Mrs. Elen Arrell, Reading, Spelling.

Mrs. Alice Lafferty, Music and Art.  
Mrs. Vera Moomaw, English.  
Mrs. Gladys Cook, Science and Girls' P. E.

High School, Nine to Twelve  
Ernest R. James, High School Principal.

Mrs. Ruth Beyers, Math., Physics.  
Mrs. Lucille Counts, English, Girls' P. E.

Mrs. Idyle Godard, Commercial.  
Miss Leone Ingman, Home Making, Chemistry.

Spike Leslie, Boys P. E. and Coach.  
Miss Edna Lee Montgomery English and Spanish.

Jacob Moomaw Social Sciences.  
Miss Olive Olson, Biology and Gen. Science.

Paul Snider, Industrial Arts.  
Miss Phyllis Hansa, Library and English.

Mrs. Thora Watson, English and Music.  
Mrs. Mildred Richards, James, Latin.  
Wayne Smith, Band.

## Credit Discussed Monday Noon

Following the conclusion of the business session of the Coquille Retail Credit Association, August 27, in the Coffee Shop, at which Don Farr presided, a question and answer discussion period was conducted by Dave Rackleff. After reading a paper on credit, Mr. Rackleff presented a group of questions calculated to bring forth a discussion of the credit problems confronting merchants in the reconversion period.

N. P. McDonald reported he had learned in a recent conference with Walter Jensen that regulation W, which is the government ruling dealing with credit, in all probability will be relaxed gradually, rather than immediately removed. McDonald also informed the group that 2300 persons have come to Coos county since the first of the year, which, in many cases, presents new credit problems, since no credit rating is at once available for those coming from a distance.

It was stressed that merchants need to exercise the utmost caution in granting credit on items returning to their stocks, such as refrigerators and stoves, since economists predict a definite slump of from six months to a year duration while the nation becomes adjusted to peace-time production. The suggestion was made that it is more advisable to tighten credit control at this time, both for the protection of the merchant and of the consumer.

Time did not permit discussion of all the questions prepared by Mr. Rackleff, so President Farr requested that he come prepared to present them at the next meeting, on September 10.

## House On Hall St. Being Remodeled For Shops

Dr. G. E. Stark states that the new front being added to the former E. O. Howe house, just south of the Roxy theatre, which he now owns, will house two shops or business houses, which will move from present locations when the improvements are completed. Just what the second floor will be used for, the doctor did not say.

He also owns the former Gardner house, east of the Roxy, and states that he expects to have it remodeled or torn down, before long.

## R. E. Nosler, The Oldest Coquille Business Man, Sells

A business change in Coquille on Wednesday last week, when Joe Miller, recently from Klamath Falls, purchased the Ralph E. Nosler barber shop, retired from business the man in Coquille who has operated his own business longer than anyone else now residing here.

Ralph Nosler started his apprenticeship as a barber nearly 46 years ago, on Sept. 14, 1899, and after his three years of apprenticeship ended, he opened his own shop and except for six months in Myrtle Point and for the same length of time in California has continuously owned and operated a shop in Coquille.

The only two here now who might be considered as having a longer business life in Coquille, are J. A. Lamb, who was clerking for his father back in 1899, and Henry Lorenz who has not been actively connected with the Lorenz Department Store for several years.

Ralph was compelled to retire from the barbering business because of the arthritis in each hand which draws the two small fingers into a contracted position. He does not expect to retire but is looking for something that his hands will not prevent his attending to.

Mr. Miller was accompanied by Mrs. Miller and their ten-year old daughter. They are living in the Hailingstad Apartments.

## Bunch - Harmon Nuptials Yesterday

Phyllis Louise Bunch, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Bunch, became the bride of Paul Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Harmon, at a simple service read by Elder H. D. Sawyer, in the presence of members of the immediate families, at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, August 28, in the home of the bride. The young couple exchanged vows in front of a fireplace flanked by huge baskets of white glads. A stately candelabra with seven white tapers was placed in the niche above the fireplace. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her brother, Jim Bunch, was best man, and Miss Bee Wagner was bridesmaid. Wayne Smith played "I Love You Truly" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

The bride was lovely in a dark brown suit with a white gardenia corsage. Her hat was gold with a brown veil. Miss Wagner wore navy blue with coral trim, and a corsage of Cecile Brunner roses. Dr. Bunch took colored motion pictures of the wedding scenes.

Following the ceremony, the beautiful, two-tiered cake topped with a white bell, and refreshments were served. Mrs. Gussie Johnson, close friend of the family, Mrs. Moss, sister of the groom, and a small number of the groom witnessed the ceremony with members of the immediate families.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon left at once for a wedding trip. Mrs. Harmon has a three-week vacation before her return to nurse's training at Loma Linda, near Los Angeles, California. The groom has received a discharge after serving with the Army in Italy, and plans to finish his education.

## Neta Hartley, Leonard Zwicker Married In Vancouver, Aug. 27

On Monday, August 27, Neta Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hartley of Bandon, and Leonard G. Zwicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zwicker of Coquille, were united in marriage at a ten o'clock morning service in Vancouver, Washington. The parents of the bride went north for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Zwicker will make their home for the present in Port Orford, where he is employed by a logging company.

## Mrs. Wm. R. Pook Here As Guest A Few Days

Mrs. Wm. R. Pook, supervisor of Home Ec teachers and who attended summer school at O.S.C., where she is stationed, came in Saturday for a few days' visit with Bill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pook. Lieut. Bill, who has been in the South Pacific for some time and has a sufficient number of points for discharge from the Army, is expected home before long.

## County Fair To Open Saturday, Three Days

This coming Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1-3, all roads in southwestern Oregon lead to Myrtle Point where the annual Coos County Fair will have a splendid display of agricultural, industrial, 4-H Club, and a large assortment of other exhibits.

To some the horse "showdeo" will be the most attractive feature of the fair, while the dance in Oaks Pavilion will attract thousands, both afternoons and evenings.

There is to be full program of rodeo and racing and other arena events each of the three days. The Browning Bros. Carnival company is to be there with four big rides and twenty or more concessions and those who depend on this form of amusement, will find it.

Included in this year's activities will be a big grand parade through Myrtle Point on Monday, at 11:00 a. m., and participation by three or more saddle clubs in drill team work at the arena afternoons.

## Supper Dance For The Pat McKeowns

The first large entertaining to be done in Coos county since the wars have ceased was the beautiful supper dance given last evening by Herman F. Tedsen, (Mayor of Norway), at the Coquille Valley Country Club. The party was held in honor of Mr. Tedsen's daughter, Anita, and his new son-in-law, Patrick McKeown. The young couple were married quite recently at a charming ceremony in old St. Mary's Church in the bay city of San Francisco. They are spending a thirty-day leave visiting with relatives.

More than one hundred and twenty-five invitations were issued to Coquille and Myrtle Point friends.

It is seldom, if ever before, that any private entertaining has occurred in this valley with every detail carried out to such a degree of hospitality. Mr. Tedsen proved himself a delightful and perfect host. The guests began to arrive at the appointed time, eight-thirty for the

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## Winners Sunday's Golf Tournament

A golf tournament for merchandise prizes was held at the Coquille Valley Country Club last Sunday. Fay Osterhout, of Coquille, was medalist with a snappy 75 and Ervin Dettman, of Myrtle Point, was runner-up with 77. Mrs. Lillian McLarrin, of Coquille, was medalist for the ladies with 93, and Agnes Estell, of Myrtle Point, was runner-up with 101.

Another tournament will be held next Sunday for about 20 prizes.

## New Equipment For C. H. S. Cafeteria

A new coat of paint and several other improvements have been made this summer to the high school cafeteria which serves both the Washington and Lincoln schools. A floor has been laid in the cooking and sewing area and covered with linoleum. A new 50-foot capacity refrigerator has been purchased and will replace the small refrigerator now in the cafeteria which will be moved into the home-making department upstairs. Also a heavy duty gas range has been ordered and will soon be installed. This new equipment will give much greater capacity to the cafeteria and will permit the serving of many more students.

Mrs. Allen, last year's cook is expected to be on hand again when school opens. The cafeteria management is in the hands of Miss Leone Ingman home-making instructor.

## W. S. C. S. Will Meet In Church Parlors Next Thursday

The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet next Thursday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 a. m., for an all-day meeting. Everyone should bring her own sack lunch. All members and friends are asked to be present.

## B. P. W. Notice

The Business and Professional Women's Club will meet next Tuesday, Sept. 4, instead of on Monday, which falls on Labor Day. The meeting will be held in the Parish house again as will all others for the fall and winter seasons.

## County Valuation Up \$1,347,412 For The Year 1945-46

The Coos county tax levy as compiled by Assessor Charles W. Forrest on assessable valuations for the fiscal year 1945-46 is 12.4 mills. This is an increase of only 0.2 of a mill over the previous year. The county levy was actually reduced 0.6 mills by an increase in the county valuation of \$1,347,412, as without the increase the levy would have been 13 mills. The budget as prepared by the county budget committee called for the full amount allowed by the six per cent limitation, plus \$40,000 voted by the people for roads. The total assessable valuation of the county is \$27,466,675, the highest since 1931.

The levy for the Port of Coos Bay was reduced 0.2 mills, from 3.5 to 3.3 by an increase in valuation of \$768,168 over the year before. The Port valuation now is \$13,482,622.

The combined levies of the cities are as follows: Bandon, 54.9 mills; a reduction of 4.7 mills from the 1944-45 levy; North Bend, 69.3 mills; an increase of 6.3 mills over the previous year's levy of 63.0; Coos Bay, 62.5 mills, an increase of 12.4 mills over the levy of 50.1 for the year before. The valuation in the City of Coos Bay took a nice jump up of \$116,897 for a total valuation of \$4,423,381. The City of Coquille had an increase of only one mill, with a levy of 45.3 mills.

The combined levies of the cities of Myrtle Point, Eastside and Empire have not been compiled as yet since there may be some adjustments made on respective school levies in those districts by the District Boundary Board, County Court, and Assessor as to technicality in estimating cash on hand as well as loss on current taxes collected. All school districts are being checked for a possible reduction in tax levy.

The newly formed Coos Bay Water District has a valuation of \$7,221,545 and a tax levy of 4.6 mills.

The City of North Bend had a drop in the tax levy of 3.3 mills, however the school levy increased 5.1 mills, plus 4.4 mills for water which gives that area tax increase as shown above. The tax levy was held down to one mill less than it would otherwise have been by an increase in valuation to one mill. The total valuation of North Bend is \$2,707,024.

Tax extensions have been held up in the Assessor's office since last week due to the tax collector not having tax statements on hand in time. The tax statements are duplicate copies of the tax roll certified to the Sheriff and it is hoped by the assessor that the work will not be held up much longer through this cause.

## Clifford Strom Succeeds Alva Perkins Here With Consolidated

Alva Perkins, Consolidated Freight agent in Coquille for the past year, and Mrs. Perkins left last week for Baker, Ore., where he assumed his duties on Monday this week as the company's agent there. Mrs. Perkins and their children, Jimmy and Leroy, intended to visit relatives and friends on their way to their new home.

Clifford Strom, who came here from Bend, is the new agent and his family will join him here in the near future.

## Outgoing Missionary To Speak

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Donohew, who have lately resigned the pastorate of the Holiday Park Church of God in Portland to go to Vienna, Austria, as missionaries, are expected to be in Coquille for the evening service in the Church of God here. At this writing we are not absolutely sure they will arrive for the Sunday night meeting but, if not, then they will be with us for an evening meeting early next week.

—Rev. W. R. Greer

## Fire Department Called Twice The Past Week

No damage resulted from either of the fires to which the Coquille Department was called the past week.

The call Monday evening was to the C. V. Smith place, out on the highway, where a grass fire had become threatening.

Last evening's call was to the Coquille Hotel where a fire was burning out.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart left Monday for a couple of days' visit in their former home town, Albany.