

The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

VOL. XLII, NO. 34

COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1945.

Oregon Historical Society
Authenticated

\$2.00 THE YEAR

Portland Delegation And Coos Men Most Enthusiastic Over Brummett Creek Myrtle Grove As State Park Project

The hotel dining room was well filled last Friday evening when Coquille turned out to welcome the members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Recreation and Resources committee, of which Alfred A. Loeb is chairman, who were here to visit the proposed state myrtlewood park out on Brummett creek and to confer with Coos county people and secure their co-operation in having the tract made a state park.

Evan Albion, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided and introduced the guests from Portland, who were Mr. Loeb, E. B. Birkenbeuel, John Carter, David B. Charlton, Walter Coombs, Ed Hughes, C. F. Keyser, John R. Leach, L. A. Nelson, M. J. Pike, W. J. Smith, H. E. Waterbury, A. Bancroft Wells and Kenneth Wolfe of the U. S. forest service.

Mayor O. L. Wood gave the address of welcome to the visitors. Mr. Loeb responded, stating their interest in state parks and that the supervisors of the O. & C. Land Dept. had mentioned the Brummett creek myrtle grove as a very fine and beautiful stand and that the O. & C. would be willing to trade it for logged-off land that could be reforested. The delegation had also looked at other possible park sites on the Chetco river and north from the California line.

He then introduced A. Bancroft Wells, who is their forum leader, and he made the principal talk of the evening.

Mr. Wells said, "Oregon does not have everything, only the raw resources; but that for the most part Oregonians have been content to sit and enjoy nature's endowments and have done nothing to augment them."

He gave three comparisons for the years, 1940, as follows: In Oregon tourists spent \$45,000,000 and stayed only 1.8 days average per person. In Washington tourists spent \$100,000,000 and each one was in the state for five days. In California each tourist remained for six days and they all spent \$545,000,000.

Mr. Wells pungently remarked that Oregon has just been a corridor

(Continued on page eight)

Rotary Club Urged To Support Park Plan

Evan Albion, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, was a guest of the Rotary Club at their noon meeting Wednesday and made a strong appeal for support of the proposal to establish a state park in the myrtle grove on Brummett creek in Brewster valley.

Mr. Albion told of the meeting with the park boosters from Portland last week and of the trip out to the proposed park site of members of the local Chamber of Commerce and the men from Portland. He asked that everyone who possibly could join the all-county caravan Sunday at 1:30 p. m. for a trip out there.

George Burr and Rev. Robt. L. Greene also spoke enthusiastically of the project.

George H. Chaney, county chairman of the War Chest Fund drive, made a brief talk on the past record and purposes of the fund, and stated that the need for united support was still very urgent. Mr. Chaney said that Coquille's quota for this drive was \$5,000 and that he thought this amount could easily be raised.

Among the guests present was Gunnery Sergeant Bob McCarthy, who is home on a brief furlough from the operations in the Pacific, where he flew thirty-five missions over Japan as tail gunner in a B-29. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters and a nice accompanying string of ribbons but his grin is the same infectious one that used to greet us on the streets of Coquille before the war. Unless he is granted an extension of time he will return to the Pacific next week.

Other guests were Lieut. Robt. Kline of the U. S. Army Air Force; Wayne Chezem and Floyd DeNoma, of the football squad; Geo. A. Ulett, Jack Moore, Verrill McCurdy and Cecil Hugh, of Coquille; A. A. Hamilton, of Portland, and Arthur Montgomery, of Spokane.

Rotarian guests were Chas. R. Frazier, of Honolulu; O. J. Horn, of Coos Bay, and J. D. Carl, Wallace Dement, Henry Schroeder and Jess D. Clinton, all of Myrtle Point.

The Old West Still Lives

A peculiar outfit traveled slowly along the dike road into Coquille last Friday afternoon to spend the week-end and part of this week on exhibition, to the delight of the youngsters and amusement of the adults. A small covered wagon of the Conestoga type was drawn by Jerry, a white-face ox with brass-tipped horns of dangerous length, and two Rocky Mountain "canaries," Patricia and Jackie. The two burros were pulling on a chain which ran from their double-trees to the undergear at the side of the wagon. Their principal job was that of adding atmosphere, since they could pull very little from that angle, besides, the ox was placed between shafts where his 1600 pounds could surely pull the miniature wagon, loaded though it was.

Orville Ewing, owner of the touring menagerie which consists of goats, dogs, pups, chickens and what have you, has spent most of his time in the West since 1916. He claims Pritchett, Colorado, as his home town, but tours the U.S.A. from coast to coast, border to border, entertaining thousands of people while selling post cards depicting his quaint outfit. He says he is now fifty-seven years of age and formerly painted pictures and sketches, but the pain affected his health, forcing him to give up that line of work.

The goat ride is a sort with two large wooden wheels, while two dogs and a rooster ride on Jerry's back. The burros are in cages under the wagon and the pigs in a box inside of it. Sundry cans, boxes, crates and buckets hang about the wagon or are wired under it. Ewing generously offered to permit ladies to hug the ox but the privilege meant very little in this cattle-filled district.

Coos Co. War Chest Quota Is \$26,000

The final drive for War Chest contributions will be made during the first two weeks of October and for as much longer as is required to meet the county quota of \$26,000. The U.S.O. is carrying a peak load this fall. Nearly half the money in the War Chest goes to this agency, which devotes itself to the moral and physical welfare of the transient service man.

Contributions to the Oregon Boys & Girls Aid Society and the nine other State agencies, which collectively receive approximately \$300,000 of the funds collected, are as necessary this fall as they ever have been. The war is formally ended but nothing will help more to permanent peace than the comparatively small allocations made to the foreign agencies which benefit from your contribution.

Be generous. Let's finish the job. —Coos County War Fund Committee.

Red Cross To Meet In Guild Hall September 21

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, September 21, at Guild Hall, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. All ladies who would care to help are extended a cordial invitation to attend. There is a great deal of home sewing to do, including pajamas and bathrobes. Mrs. Candlin, knitting chairman, would like to contact any women interested in knitting.

Mrs. F. C. True, Prod. Chairman

Masonic Past Masters' Night Next Tuesday Evening

Chadwick Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., is planning a Past Masters Night next Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 8:00 p. m., and all members and visiting brothers are invited to be present.

St. James' Episcopal Guild will hold a rummage sale, beginning Friday, Sept. 21, in the Drane Building, in the Bundles for America location.

C. Weldon Kline and sons, Lt. Bob and Dave, took in the Pendleton Round-up last week.

Coos Bay Lumber Co. Buys Smith Wood-Products, Inc.

George A. Ulett, general manager of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., reports that negotiations are being concluded with The Coos Bay Lumber Co. for the purchase of the Coquille manufacturing plants of Smith Wood, as well as of all the real estate and timber holdings in Coos and Curry counties and some of the timber on the fringe of Douglas county, adjacent to the Coquille mills. The deal will also include boats, river equipment and booms on the Coquille river, logs, lumber and inventories.

Smith Wood Products, Inc., has an interest in the L. B. & L. Logging Co. of Brewster Valley and the Coos Bay Lumber Co. is buying the complete assets of this company, including all logging equipment, camps, roads and timber.

The Smith Wood-Products, Inc., a Missouri corporation, has been engaged in business in Coquille for nearly 17 years and has been one of the very successful lumber and specialty manufacturing companies on the Pacific coast. Due to lack of company-owned timber, the directors of the business had decided that if the business could not be sold to a large timber owner, it would be necessary to complete the cutting of their timber in approximately five years and dismantle the plants. The sale of the properties to the Coos Bay Lumber Co., which is one of the largest holders of timber in Oregon, means a great deal to the future of Coquille and vicinity since it will assure the continued operation of the Coquille plants for many years.

Mr. Ulett says that Smith Wood-Products, Inc., is now in the process of liquidation.

Detailed plans for the management of the business will be announced later. However, it is understood that all departments will continue production as usual.

Mr. Ulett said yesterday that he could not yet announce what his plans for the future are but said he would remain in Coquille for at least a year.

Health Meeting Here Sept. 24

Mrs. W. G. Barrow, executive secretary of the Coos County Public Health Association, and Mrs. C. W. Endicott, both of Coos Bay, spent Thursday, September 13, in Coquille, with Mrs. Harold Stromquist and Mrs. Irving Larson. The women made plans for a meeting to be held in the city hall, September 24, at which time Mrs. M. J. Green of the State Tubercular Association will outline plans for the Mobile Survey Unit that is expected in Coos county the latter part of October.

The main objective of this Unit is to make a survey of the persons in industrial plants, mills, and so on. It is hoped everyone will take advantage of the opportunity for a free x-ray. This service is made possible through the sale of Christmas seals.

Mrs. Irving Larson, committee chairman, will appoint a committee to work with the Unit when it comes.

The J. E. Nortons Home From A Week's Trip

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton returned Wednesday afternoon from a week's trip which took them to Boise, Idaho, where her mother who had been visiting here resides, and then down to Sacramento and Redding, Calif., where they visited Gene's brother and other relatives.

At Boise Mrs. Norton's relatives had a family reunion, a brother coming over from Washington for the event, and they reported it was as enjoyable a trip as they ever took. They found only good roads all the way.

Western Union Messages To Go Through Telephone Company

Beginning tomorrow, Sept. 21, the Southern Pacific depot here will not deliver nor receive telegrams, except those which are brought to the office there. The West Coast Telephone Co. will hereafter be the Western Union office in Coquille for transmission and delivery of telegrams, according to Agent F. A. Pook, who received the official announcement this morning.

City Sells A Lot, Buys One At Monday Council Session

Mayor Wood and four councilmen were present for the session of the city dads Monday evening when the recorder's report for August was accepted and the appointment of Kermit Shaw, named last month as a police officer by Chief Cresager, was confirmed.

The application of John L. Perkins for permission to have a balcony constructed at the rear of his stationery store in the hotel building, was granted, contingent upon the approval of the fire chief and building inspector. This approval was secured Tuesday morning the work on it was started that day.

The application of eight property owners in that section for a light at the alley entrance on Eleventh street, between Henry and Elliott, was referred to the light committee with power to act.

W. H. Fortier's check for \$150 for a license for his eight pool and billiard tables and for a card room for the second half of 1945 was accepted and the license granted.

A resolution, ordering a deed delivered to Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Clymer for a lot on North Coulter St., was adopted. The price for what the city has invested in the lot—\$275.

Coos county's offer to sell to the city Lot 7, Block 67, in Notley's Addition, which faces on Maple street between Second and Third, for the \$25 which had been offered the county for it, was accepted by the council. The city has \$19.05 invested in that lot which formerly belonged to Nosler & Walker, plus interest charges, which brings the city's claims against it to \$33.04, and the sale price set on it by the council was for that \$25 plus the \$19.05, or \$44.05.

Darrell Cox was present and spoke to the council expressing his fear that the filling in of the lot back of the Jack Dolan shop might break the sewer line down and cause a greater amount of water, during the rainy season, to collect around his place on First street, (the former J. E. Quick apartments).

City Engineer Gearhart assured Mr. Cox that the sewer line was amply protected by a concrete slag where it passed through the Dolan property and that there was very little danger of such a break.

Class Officers At High School Chosen

At class meetings held Monday in the High school, the following students were elected to office by the members of their classes and advisers were chosen from the faculty:

Senior Class—Mrs. Thora Watson, adviser; officers: president, Pat Yarbrough; vice-president, Bob Jenkins; secretary, Bernice Haga; treasurer, Netabelle Hendrix; Student Council representative, Bill Kistner; Class Rivalry committee, Jack Blum.

Junior Class—Mrs. Idyle Godard, adviser; officers: president, Marion Gregory; vice-president, Bud Hickam; secretary, Bonita Miller; Student Council representative, Fred Vogt; Class Rivalry committee, Mary Anne Walker; Sgt. at Arms, Stacey Johnson.

Sophomore Class—J. B. Moomaw, adviser; officers: president, Cliff Billings; vice-president, George Domenghini; secretary-treasurer, Betty Prussler; Student Council representative, Jim Belmore; Class Rivalry committee, N. I. Haga.

Freshman Class—Miss Montgomery, adviser; officers: president, Bud Buckles; vice-president, JoAnn Minton; secretary-treasurer, Joyce Taylor; Student Council representative, Wayne Timmins; Class Rivalry committee, Judy Slack.

22d Anniversary Service Sunday At Arago Community Church

The Arago Community church will hold its 22nd anniversary services on Sunday, Sept. 23, at noon, following which Rev. M. D. Rempel will speak. A basket dinner will be served in the church basement. In the afternoon, Rev. Liston Parrish, of the Church of Christ of Coquille, will speak. There will be special music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Remember — Job's Daughters' Cooked Food Sale Saturday, Sept. 22, at the D. E. Rackleff Drug store, starting at 10:00 o'clock.

Major Gene Laird Released In Japan

It was wonderful news for his many friends and relatives in Coos county when Mrs. Elton Schroeder received a letter from Mrs. Laird, who has been living in Portland, that Major Eugene E. Laird had been released from a Japanese prison camp. He had been in the Army prior to Pearl Harbor and was one of those taken prisoner when Corregidor fell early in 1942. He was reported by the War Department to be in fairly good health and he can be expected home before long.

A graduate of Coquille High and the U. of O. law school, Gene Laird was a partner of Wallace Dement in the law office at Myrtle Point when he went to the war.

He is the son of Jos. L. Laird of Myrtle Point. His mother passed away after he was taken prisoner.

B. P. W. Club Held Open House Monday

A reception for all Coquille business women was held last Monday night in the Parish House by members of the Business and Professional Women's Club. It proved to be one of the most successful affairs of any occasion of its kind in recent years. The membership and Program committees were in charge and there was no business session.

A game, called "Famous Women," was part of the program, designed to help in getting acquainted and to provide fun. Mrs. Florence Hallock led the group singing. Lora Jean Bennett, a young high school girl, contributed piano numbers. Hazel Hanna gave a resume of the club from its beginning.

The tea table was beautiful with a gorgeous centerpiece of hydrangeas and pink araryllis lilies. Viola Newton and Hattie Lee Hollimon poured. Assisting were Myrtle DeLong, Florence Hallock, Edna Kern, and Bertha Smith.

The following list of those attending may omit a name or two because, with so many present, it was difficult to be sure of its completeness: Reona Giles, Viola Newton, Ruth E. Donsted, Evelyn Allen, Lucille Conston, Idyle Godard, Phyllis Hanse, Marybelle Yarbrough, Inez Royer, Lora Jean Bennett, Leah Royer, Mabel Johnson, Bonnie Gage, Grace Deltelsen, Ida Owen, Mrs. Sherrill, Lila E. Mitchell, Ora Russell, Sue Aitken, Jotty Watson, Muriel Herman, Marie Clinton, Chrissie Thrift, Claire Hultin, Laura Brandon, Helen Deltelsen, Ida Oerding, Lois Bowen, Marie McGilvery, Priscilla Hickam, Mayre Laird, Jessie Kay, Arlene Robertson, Hazel Hanna, Loree Blerly, Cora Mackey, Dena Pierce, Lucia Ireland, May Ensele, Lela Elrod, Georgianna Vaughan, Emma Pierce, Inez R. Chase, Georgia Richmond, Jennie Price, Dorothy Tuttle, Bess Maury, Naomi E. Cross, Dorothy Fisher, Althea Harrah, Faye Jeffrey, Maymie Geaney, Myrtle DeLong, Annie J. Robinson, Hattie Lee Hollimon, Lela McClure, Florence Barton.

New members were Glenda Moy, Marlon Adams, Mabel Whereat, Emma Pierce, Elizabeth Bull and Ambie Ann Hendrix.

Eisenhower Awards To Cub Scouts

At the monthly Pack meeting on Friday evening, in the Episcopal Church Parish House, members of Cub Pack, No. 314, will receive the General Eisenhower medal for patriotic service in the collection of waste paper. Thirty-one boys earned this medal for collecting a minimum of 1,000 pounds each. The Pack collected upwards of 46,000 pounds and will be given the pack award of a 75 mm. shell case. Those who are entitled to the medals which have been on display in the Lorenz Dept. Store windows are:

Gerald Danielson, Alan Connarn, Dennis Clark, Lindley Simpson, Gary Claver, Doyle Greene, Gerard Jeub, Douglas Lietchy, Fritz Peterson, Bobby Swinney, Don Bales, Johnny Clayton, Hal Stevens, Arlan Shaw, Kenneth Storey, Mike Osterhout, Lonnie Kellenberger, Clarence Ingle, Eddie Atkinson, Peter Harvey, Arthur Pierce, Eddie Howe, Douglas Kistner, Jerry Waterman, Richard Rankin, Jerry Perkins, Bobby Allord, Frank Schneider, Kenneth Bennett, Phil Stevens, Rodney Mintonye.

Ernie Seaton, Assistant Scout Executive, Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, will make the awards. All parents are urged to be present, at 7:30 p. m.

Caravan Going To Proposed Myrtle Park On Brummett Sunday

A considerable portion of Tuesday noon's Chamber of Commerce session was devoted to reports on and talks about the proposed state myrtle park out on Brummett creek and it was decided that everyone in Coquille, men and ladies, be urged to go on a caravan out there this coming Sunday, Sept. 23, leaving the hotel at 1:30 p. m., in order that more people may learn of the wonderful beauty of the spot and become enthusiastic in boosting it as a state park.

Nor is the entourage Sunday confined to Coquille residents. All Coos county is urged to go out and see that myrtle grove.

Visitors at the luncheon Tuesday included F. A. Robb, Rev. R. L. Greene, Rev. M. D. Rempel, Rev. Bennie Howe, Rev. Liston Parrish, John L. Perkins, Oscar Larson, Al Smith and Lieut. Robert Morrison, son of Supt. Carl E. Morrison. The total attendance was 29.

The Chamber of Commerce directors voted unanimously to support its park committee's endorsement of the State Park project, and it was suggested that two or three from each C. of C. in the county should be named as a Coos Park committee. The Coos Bay C. of C. has already endorsed the project, and the proposal is to be taken up with the State Highway Commission immediately with the local Chambers as sponsors.

In telling of their impressions when they visited the site last Saturday morning, F. A. Robb, county roadmaster, said that the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, and the county judge of Douglas county were enthusiastically for the project, and he stated emphatically, "We should not let it get away."

R. L. Greene, A. G. Erickson, Geo. Burr, all told of the trip out there and Al Smith said the Chambers of Commerce should advertise its parks and provide maps showing their location.

Evan Albion told of one myrtle tree out there which is 30 feet in circumference.

Other matters attended to at the session was the report by Don Farr that the Airport committee had looked over several nearby possible landing field sites but as yet had made no selection.

Oscar Larson was appointed by the president as chairman of a committee to contact and help returning servicemen in every way possible.

A letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, opposing the passage of bills now before Congress, relating to Columbia River and Tennessee Valley Authority matters, was referred to the Chamber's legislative committee to act upon and take up with Oregon's delegation in Washington, D. C.

Supt. Morrison reported that the draft board is now deferring for some months, boys under 18 years who have not completed their high school courses.

President Albion reported that two O. & C. officials have endorsed the "myrtle lane" idea which would provide myrtle on either side of the highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point. He also stated that the creation of state parks in the county would mean that a park caretaker would be named for Coos county.

Secretary C. G. Caughell gave the final report on the Fourth of July celebration expenses and receipts. It showed \$2,655.39 left in the fund of which \$1,000 is to be turned over to a Community Building fund.

Harry A. Slack suggested that the Chamber should attempt to have more National Forest areas established in southwestern Oregon.

He also reported that when Hon. Harris Ellsworth was here recently he had taken up with the congressman the matter of a federal post-office building in Coquille. Mr. Ellsworth assured him that Coquille is right at the top of the list for such appropriations, and that he is "keeping his finger" on the subject.

Dick Vinton Married Last Month In Portland

Friends of the E. L. Vinton family, formerly of Coquille but now of Portland, have received announcements telling of the marriage of Beverly Ann Larson to Richard L. Vinton last month, on August 17, in Portland. "Dick" is in the United States Army.