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## Coos Bay Lumber Co. Statement As To Its Purchase of Smith Wood-Products-- Date of Operation Is Still Indefinite

As announced for the first time in The Sentinel last week, the Smith Wood-Products plant here and all its timber holdings in Coos and Curry counties have been sold to the Coos Bay Lumber Company. The following is the statement released by the Coos Bay Lumber Company this week in regard to the deal:

A deal was arranged in Portland yesterday for the Coos Bay Lumber Company to purchase the Smith Wood-Product Company's mills and timber located in Coos and Curry counties and including a small amount of timber in Douglas county that has always been considered a part of the Coos county operations. A deal was also arranged for the Coos Bay Lumber Company to purchase the Laird, Benham and Laird Logging operations and timber in Coos county. It is now contemplated that the Coos Bay Lumber Company will take possession of these properties as of October 1, if titles and other matters can be completed by that time.

Operating plans will be announced after these properties are definitely placed under our ownership.

### COOS BAY LUMBER COMPANY

George A. Ulett, manager of the plant here for the past 17 years, stated Wednesday morning that all employees of the company would be paid in full today and the former ownership would have nothing more to do with the plant operations nor have any say as to when operations would start again.

The information given out by the local management did not say what the deal involved financially, but the daily press has given the amount as being two and one-half million dollars, the figure being released in Kansas City, Mo., where Ralph L. Smith, the president of Smith Wood-Products, Inc., resides and who has many other interests in that section.

The opinion as expressed very largely in Coquille is that the transfer of all the property to the Coos Bay Lumber Company will be most beneficial to Coquille as that company, with its sustained timber yield policy, will have logs and timber for years and years to come, with which to operate the two mills and plywood plant, while the Smith Wood-Products did not have more than a five-year supply of logs in sight.

## A Machine Which Is Almost Human

Louie Hooker, who was up here from his cranberry bog near Bandon on Monday, said that he had just received a piece of equipment from his brother in Oakland, Calif., which not only picks cranberries but sorts and cleans them in the same operation. If it works satisfactorily, and it probably will, there should be quite a demand in Coos county for such a machine, as the cranberry acreage is increasing here every year.

## Roy A. Wernich Able To Go On Trip To San Francisco

R. A. Wernich left last Friday on a business trip to Los Angeles, expecting to be south for about two weeks. Though not yet fully recovered from injuries received three weeks ago in an automobile collision near Coos Bay, he was able to travel in more or less comfort. His main difficulty besides a knee injury is the discomfort from three fractured ribs, two of which were broken in two places. Mrs. George Maynard accompanied by Mrs. Ted Toon, drove her father to Eugene, where he was fortunate enough to get a canceled Pullman reservation.

The Lewis Wilshire family moved last Saturday from the A. H. Grimes house on Coulter street, north of the Catholic church, to the former E. T. Stelle house at 500 Knowlton avenue, the sale of which was recently made by the Geo. E. Oerding agency.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell Morgan, who left Coquille several years ago to make their home in Hillsboro, where he practices law, came in Saturday for a week or ten days, during which they expect to do considerable fishing.

Corp. Walter LaRe, Radar Technician, came in Sunday evening to spend eight days with his family here.

## Local Credit Bureau Most Outstanding

Several questions of general interest to merchants extending credit were presented during the discussion period, conducted by D. E. Rackleff, when the Coquille Credit Association met for luncheon in the Coffee Shop on Monday. President Don Farr presided at a very brief business meeting preceding the discussion period. Several guests were introduced at that time.

Members of the Association were gratified by the report that the local group is the most outstanding in the entire District No. 10, and is making a pattern closely watched and copied by other organizations. They were especially complimented on their newspaper publicity stories and advertising. This information was given by Manager N. P. McDonald, who recently returned from a business and vacation trip. The business included a meeting in the Astor Hotel, in Astoria, of all the collection agencies in a large portion of Oregon and Washington. At this meeting plans were made for a statewide policing system to keep up-to-date on the shifting population and "skip" debtors. Sixty agencies were represented.

Dick Barklow consented to conduct the question period when the Credit Association holds its next meeting on October 8.

## Most Unusual Exhibit Of Spuds

S. S. Hardenbrook brought in to the Sentinel office Tuesday morning one of the greatest potato exhibits we have ever seen. He brought the vine—a Late Rose—which had stood 5½ feet high in his garden on North Willard, not bottom but upland. He brought in eleven large potatoes, all of which grew on the one vine and the planting of which was on June 4.

In addition to the 11 large spuds, there were 20 potatoes of a second crop on the same vine, many of them being as large as a hen egg. Two of the matured spuds were about ten inches long and in circumference to match the length.

## Rev. G. A. Gray Able To Leave Belle Knife Hospital

The hundreds of friends of the Rev. G. A. Gray were happy to learn of his dismissal from the Belle Knife Hospital, Wednesday afternoon. The nurses felt they were losing a fine patient when his gallant figure walked down the hall and was assisted down the stairs. Although he must wear a steel support on his back for some time, he is able to sit up and to walk around. Of course, he will have to rest most of the time. Mr. Gray fractured his vertebrae when he fell from a myrtle tree he was topping in his back yard on August 18.

## Fruit Trees Bear At Early Age At Bandon

Mrs. Herman Brown, who was in Coquille Monday morning from Bandon, was showing a couple of delicious-looking Rochester peaches which grew on a tree set out on their place last February. She also said that they had one Red June apple, perfect in coloring and taste, from a tree which was also set out in February.

Helen Endicott has returned from Portland and has accepted a position in the telephone office again, since Western Union has moved its service there from the Southern Pacific Depot. Betty Reed has also returned to the office.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middendorf, who have been living the past three years near Sacramento, Calif., and their two children, returned to Coquille last Saturday again to make their home here. They are temporarily living with her mother, Mrs. Mae Ensel, on North Heath street.

## 450 Are Out At Local Plant

The nation-wide A. F. of L. strike, in which it is reported that a million workmen are now participating, affects Coquille and the Smith plant here, now owned by the Coos Bay Lumber Co., to the number of 450, who walked out this week.

There was no picket line at first but when the trucks continued to haul wood and lumber from there, the president of the district A. F. of L. council ordered that pickets be stationed and this was done Tuesday noon.

There have been no disturbances of any kind and both management and men hope that this peaceful condition may continue until a settlement of their differences has been reached. Some of those engaged in the strike predict that the plant will not be able to resume operations before the first of the year, but there is nothing definite nor positive about that.

## F. R. Larimer Passes Suddenly At Eugene

The sudden passing of Francis R. Larimer on Monday, September 24, at 2:00 a. m., at the age of 45 years, in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, came as a decided shock to his wife and friends. He had not been feeling as well as usual so went to Eugene two weeks ago for a physical check-up. He was informed his heart was causing his trouble and had called his wife to say his rest in the hospital had benefited him so much, he could come home on the bus alone. He did not arrive Sunday evening as scheduled and the message of his death reached his wife early Monday.

Mrs. Larimer went directly to Eugene, to accompany the body to Los Angeles, for interment Friday at Forest Lawn cemetery. The mother and sister of the deceased live in Los Angeles.

The Larimers have lived in Oregon about four years, purchasing the Ko-Keel Village Auto Court a little more than a year ago.

## Mobile Health Unit Will Be In Coquille Before Long

At 8:00 o'clock on Monday evening the Coos County Public Health Ass'n. held its monthly meeting. Representatives from Coos Bay, North Bend, Myrtle Point and Coquille participated. The guest speaker was Miss Jennings from the Oregon State Board of Health. She talked on the Mobile Health Unit which will be in Coos county at a date to be announced later. Miss Jennings stated that the health unit will be in Coos county from three to five days and can x-ray 300 people a day. She urged that tuberculosis cases that are no longer being checked take advantage of this free service, as well as food handlers, mill workers, and people who have been in contact with known cases.

## The John A. Barretts Had Thrilling Plane Trip West

John A. Barrett, A.M.M. 2/c, together with his wife, Violet, and baby son, David John, flew here recently from the Naval Air Station at Smart Field in Portage Des Sioux, Missouri, upon his release from the service. They are visiting at the home of Mrs. Barrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carrillo, Barrett trained at Cabanis Field, Corpus Christi, Texas, when he first left Coquille; but has been at the station in Missouri for some time. Their plane was forced down by a fierce storm in Des Moines, Iowa, where it was grounded for several hours. It was quite an experience for Mrs. Barrett on her first plane trip, as well as for the fine young fellow whose first birthday occurred in August.

## Logan Kay Released From Jap Prison--Is O. K.

Word received from Mrs. Logan Kay this week was that she had received a telegram from Washington stating that Logan had been released from a Jap prison camp and that he was O. K.

Logan was on Wake Island, with the same construction battalion that Johnny Kirk of Brewster valley was with, when the Japs captured that island, and both have been released. With the safety of George Maiden assured, it is stated that the only local boy now unaccounted for is "Bud" Gaffey, son of Mrs. Hattie Gaffey, of this city.

## Holidays For Pupils, Not For Teachers

Thursday and Friday, October 4 and 5, are to be holidays for school children of Coos and Curry counties, but not for teachers. The latter will be in attendance at the Coos-Curry Regional Conference which will be held in the auditorium of the Marshfield High School in Coos Bay.

The program will begin at 9:00 a. m. with a 15-minute opening of music, followed by an address by Dr. Dillin, president of Linfield College, who will speak of his experience as one of the Economic Consultants in the San Francisco Peace Conference, and Dr. Frank W. Parr will speak on the accomplishments of the O. S. T. A.

Another address of the first day will be given by Dr. Laurence Bee of Reed College. His subject is "The Challenge of Current Social Change in the Family." The speaking will be interspersed with community singing led by Miss Helen McPherson and violin music by Mrs. Helen Horner Mason, Brookings, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Frances Horner.

The business session will be conducted by the officers of the Coos County Teachers association who are: Larry Lillebo, North Bend, president; Guy Shellenbarger, Coos Bay, vice-president; Miss Izora Gregory, Coos Bay, secretary-treasurer.

On the second day the program will be given over to departmental groups, there being an out-of-county discussion leader for each of the divisions as follows:

Language Arts--Discussion leader, Miss Helen Schaper, chairman.

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## Chaney Talks On Trip To Mexico

Geo. H. Chaney made an informal talk on Mexico as the entertainment feature of the Rotary Club meeting at the hotel on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaney made the trip to Mexico City recently by train, returning by plane and, according to George the latter is the only pleasant way to make the trip.

Mr. Chaney's talk was illustrated in a manner with a series of pictures that he brought back and his descriptions of the political, architectural and geographical features of Mexico showed the result of keen observation.

Harry Chapman, president of the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary club and district manager of the telephone company, was a guest and explained the system by which his company now handles all incoming messages under contract with the Western Union.

Other Rotarian guests were H. C. Obye, district forester of Grants Pass, and Geo. Moore, lumberman of Petaluma, Calif. Local guests were County Clerk L. W. Oddy and Bob Jenkins and George Johnson, of the High School football team.

In the absence of President O. L. Wood, Vice President Geo. R. Johnson had charge of the meeting.

## Suffers Broken Arm In Auto Collision Saturday Night

Mrs. E. A. Walker has been in the hospital since Saturday evening when she suffered an upper right arm fracture when a car, driven by a boy named Skeen, crashed into the O. T. Gant car at a Henry street intersection. Mr. Gant was driving and Mrs. Gant and Mr. Walker, the other passengers in the car, were not injured, nor was his car very badly damaged.

## Herb Wood To Open A Paint Shop In Roseburg

Herbert E. Wood was over here from Roseburg this week packing up his painting equipment and stock for shipment over there today. He now plans to open a shop in the Douglas capital, his contract for work on the Veterans' Home there having been cancelled.

## A New Janitor At The High School Is Being Sought

School District No. 8, is advertising for someone to act as janitor at the Coquille High School, Frank F. Schram having recently tendered his resignation as janitor to the school directors. He has not announced what he intends doing but he felt that he must give up the position on account of his health.

## Red Devils Meet Cavemen Friday

Spike and his squad travel to Grants Pass to play our first game on September 28th, Friday, at 8 p. m. The cancellation of the game with Ashland gave the team another week's practice before starting the season. This extra practice will help to give more of the players a chance to get some game experience.

Grants Pass, being the larger school, will have a bigger squad than ours and will be playing on their home field but if the old "T" clicks like it did last year, we have a good chance of coming home with a victory. Of course, in addition to the football spirit at a game, we must have a good rooting section, so as many students as possible should try to be there and support the team.

The above is from the Coquille Hitties, just out this week.

Coach Leslie stated this morning that his backfield is light but fast. The line is heavier than last year's, averaging about 165 pounds per man.

Four of the boys—Blum, DeNoma, Boots and Kline—have had experience, but Spike has been drilling them every night and those with less experience are rounding into shape, with prospects for a good showing this year.

The first team is composed of Jack Blum, center; Kenneth Neeley and Wayne Chezem, guards; Stacy Johnson, M. Williams, tackles; Floyd DeNoma, Bob Jenkins, ends; George Johnson, quarter; Tom Boots, Walter Kinney, half; Dave Kline, full.

Substitutes are: Don Aasen, c; Jack Buckles, Cliff Morgan, g; Glen Knight, Hugh McKinney, t; Bill Train, Clifford Billings, Harry Slaek, e; Bobby Taylor, q; Bud Buckles, Richard Parrish, Robert Shrag, h; Rex Pierce, f.

## Legion Invites War II Veterans

At the last regular meeting of Coquille Post 36, American Legion, the following officers were installed: Wm. J. B. Head, commander; Arthur G. Erickson, first vice; Clarence Knapp, second vice; E. E. Irvin, adjutant; Frank DeCosta, sergeant-at-arms; Roy C. Morley, historian.

Commander Head and the Legion wish to extend an invitation to all ex-service men to become members. A social program is planned for the special benefit of World War II Veterans in the near future. Regular attendance of the new members is therefore greatly desired.

## Work In Local O. P. A. Office Has Been Reduced

The local Office of Price Administration announces the removal of the Price Division to the Coos Bay office on September 26. After October 1, the local office will handle only business concerning ration books, shoes, rationed foods, sugar and tires. Mrs. Carla Savage will retain desk space in the office to care for this list of things but U. E. McClary is taking over the store room for the same type of business he formerly carried on there, dealing in electrical appliances.

## The Call Family Knew Nothing About Their Flue Fire

The fire department call at seven o'clock Wednesday morning was to the Velouris Call home at 395 North Henry street, where the fireplace flue and chimney burned out. Neighbors turned in the alarm before the family knew anything about it and the blaze was nearly out when the department arrived.

Corp. Jim Howe got home last Friday noon on a fifteen-day furlough from Yuma, Arizona, where he is stationed. He is taking a course in radar mechanics. Jim was home last April on an emergency furlough during his father's illness. Mrs. Howe stated she is expecting a visit next week from her daughter, Eunice, Mrs. Gene Boniksen, and baby, Richard, from their home in Portland.

Ray Kirkendall, BM 2/c, has been released from the service by the point system and is at home in Coquille once more, having arrived here Tuesday.

The reception for the teachers which was announced Sunday, has been changed from Friday, September 28, to Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p. m. in Pioneer Hall.

## Beauty of Grove Impressed Caravan Visitors Sunday

A caravan of twenty or more cars, carrying about 75 interested persons, made the trip Sunday afternoon up Brummett creek to view the proposed Myrtlewood State Park. The caravan formed in Coquille at 1:30 o'clock, each car displaying a large placard bearing the words, "State Myrtle Park Caravan." They went by way of Myrtle Point where they were joined by several more in cars.

The roads to Brummett creek were found to be in excellent condition and the caravan soon covered the 25-mile drive to the Gray ranch where the cars were left. By a private road through that farm, for about a quarter of a mile to his back 30 acres, the party entered an area of cut-over myrtle, which have grown up again to form a beautiful grove.

Continuing on through this grove into a large box canyon, the visitors entered the stand of myrtle trees, about which so much has been talked recently. These trees are largest and most magnificent that the great majority of the group had ever seen. The grove covers about 100 acres, along both sides of Brummett creek and lends itself naturally to a park development. The high rocky cliffs surrounding the park area and the beautiful border of old-growth fir, with colorful maples intermingling, gave it a very attractive setting. The floor of the canyon and the myrtlewood area is comparatively level and it can easily be developed into a lovely park.

The proposal park site is on O. & C. lands which can be readily secured for park purposes if enough interest in its preservation is shown.

Each person in the caravan was definitely of the opinion that the natural beauty and grandeur of the myrtle grove should be set aside as a state park and preserved for posterity and for the generations to come.

For the above The Sentinel is grateful to Supt. Carl E. Morrison, as its editor was absent from the city and unable to make the trip out there Sunday as he would have done had he been home.

## School Officers Met Here Yesterday

A most important meeting of all school directors and clerks of Coos and Curry counties was held at Washington School, September 26. This group was organized and held periodic meetings prior to the war but had ceased to hold meetings due to the gas shortage. The county school superintendent's office appointed a nominating committee, previous to the meeting, composed of C. G. Coughlin, Coquille, clerk; Adrian Halter, Arago, director; C. C. McCurdy, Cunningham, director. Newly elected officers are: president, Ivan Laird, Sitkum; vice-president, Fred Kruse, North Bend; secretary, Mrs. Ray Jeub, Coquille.

Geo. Huggins of Coos Bay, president of the state association, told of the important matters discussed at the state meeting he recently attended. A resolution was passed to cooperate with the state association to work for an amendment to the constitution which would provide state school support.

Attendance was scattered from all over the area, with Two Mile, Remote, Beach View and Sitkum some of the outlying districts represented. Those districts which had one hundred per cent attendance were: Coquille, Charleston, McKinley, Eastside, Delmar, Coaledo and Norway. The total attendance was 105. Curry county was represented by seven members, Douglas by two.

Gross W. Wood, who had been in the Army for the past two years, returned last week once again a civilian. He had been stationed for some time at a camp in New Mexico and more recently in southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Oerding drove to Portland last Thursday afternoon and spent the balance of the week there. Mr. Oerding attended a life insurance convention of the Continental Assurance Co. and on their way home Sunday they called on the Wm. A. Oerding family in Roseburg.