

\$400,000.00 Contract To Be Let By REA For Coos-Curry Construction

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\$2.00 THE YEAR

Announcement today by the Coos Electric Cooperative that \$400,000.00 of new lines totaling over 300 miles in Coos and Curry counties will be put up for bids on Friday, December 28th in the office of the company here in Coquille, heralded a new development era for Southwestern Oregon.

The engineer for the REA in this district, D. Arthur Lowe, 315 Architects building, Los Angeles, announced that he has already put out ten plans and specifications to interested contractors and expects to put out fully ten or more complete sets of specifications before the bids are open December 28th in Coquille.

The Port Orford system was bought by the local REA unit on February 28, 1942. The Brookings system was purchased in January of this year. The construction, for which nearly half million dollars, one of the largest budgets in the nation, has already been appropriated, will start immediately upon the acceptance of the lowest bid.

It will bring lights to over 600 people who now do not have electrical energy. It will serve 500 horsepower for the irrigating of Bandon cranberry bogs next May. And it will mean an era of dependable service to all new investments in Southwestern Oregon.

Through the foresight of the local manager, Dick Connors, the Coos Electric Cooperative has nearly 500 needed transformers, all the poles, and much of the other equipment on hand or at places where it is available immediately. This means that there will be no stoppage because of post-war shortages in the construction.

Alfred A. Johnson Dies From Burns Suffered at Coos Bay

Alfred A. Johnson, son of Flora C. Johnson and brother of Georgianna Vaughan, died at McAuley hospital in Coos Bay at six o'clock Tuesday evening as the result of fatal burns.

Mr. Johnson had recently returned from Australia and was visiting in the home of friends in Coos Bay when the accident occurred which caused his death. According to his friend, Von Peger, Johnson had gone to the home to "clean-up" and was to help with work on a boat when he had finished. So much time elapsed after his disappearance into the house that Von Peger went to see what had detained him. Johnson was found on the floor of the bathroom, unconscious. It was decided that he must have fainted or suffered a heart attack causing him to fall to the floor. His clothes had been ignited from matches in his clothing, and the resultant fire had inflicted fatal burns about his body. A hole was burned in the floor, Johnson did not regain consciousness before his death.

Services will be held at the Mills Funeral Home in Coos Bay at two o'clock Friday, with interment in Sunset cemetery.

The family will all be here including Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boyrie of Santa Rosa, California.

Alfred A. Johnson was born in Coquille forty-three years ago and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Flora C. Johnson, and his sister, Georgianna Vaughan, of Coquille; a brother, Capt. Edward E. Johnson of San Francisco, and a sister, Floramae De Temple of Portland.



—Exclusive Sentinel Photo by Coquille Studio
FISHERMEN SAM STINEBAUGH, Hilarious Potomac of Grants Pass, Herman Tolson, Mayor Norway, and Coquille's own Kenneth Lawrence, general manager for the Millah Temple Fall Ceremonial, take time out to let The Sentinel photographer get a shot of them for our readers.

Coos County Schools Will Take Over Lagging County Bond Drive

Administrators of Coos county schools went on record Monday as being in favor of the schools helping in the Seventh Bond Drive—the entrance in the campaign to be determined by each local school. This decision was made by school administrators at a noon luncheon at the Coquille Hotel Coffee Shop. Those present were Dallas Norton, principal of the Union high school at Myrtle Point; Floyd Summers, principal of Myrtle 44, Myrtle Point; Ben Huntington, superintendent of schools, Bandon; Carl Morrison, superintendent of schools, Coquille; Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of schools, Coos Bay; L. W. Turnbull, superintendent of schools, North Bend; Mrs. Martha Mulkey Purdy, Coos county superintendent of schools, Coquille.

It was recommended by the group present that boys and girls of all ages assist in securing signed pledges. The strikes, nearness of Christmas and the end of the war, each provide excuses for a letting down in buying. On the other hand, however, the banks report that there is more money in savings than ever before. There is also a greater need than ever before for the costs incurred are, according to Clarence Coe, greater than during the fighting period—due to expenses of transportation, bonuses, discharge payments, hospitalization, rehabilitation, etc. As long as drafted men are forced to remain away from their families in the armies of occupation or are obliged to remain on isolated islands and eat dehydrated foods, the civilians should feel a grave responsibility in keeping on until the job is finished. Uncle Sam assures us that this is the last bond drive so we should put this across successfully.

Arago Boy Shot On Fishing Trip

ARAGO (Correspondence) — An accident, which could have proved fatal, happened on Fishtrap Sunday afternoon, when three young lads were fishing in the creek up near the Avon Wilcox ranch. Willis Wilcox and Albert and Ralph Herker were the lads and Ralph Herker picked up a .22 caliber rifle and was looking for a fish to shoot at when he accidentally pulled the trigger and the bullet struck his brother Albert in the leg.

The bullet went through his leg. He was taken in to the Knife hospital immediately and an x-ray was taken and it was found that the bullet had missed the bone but young Herker will be confined to his home for quite a while.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

City water will be off Sunday, Dec. 9th, from 2 to 5 P. M.
S. V. Epperson, Water Supt.

Council Orders Parking Problem Study

Methods To Give Space To Out-of-Towners, Local Shoppers To Be Recommended Dec. 10

Congestion in the downtown shopping district streets of Coquille was ordered studied by the city council meeting Monday night. An immediate survey of lack of space for regular shoppers from out-of-town which includes the thousands of farmers who make Coquille their shopping headquarters was named as one of the first moves of the newly appointed committee named by Mayor Orville Wood.

Appointed to the committee who will start their survey were John Purkey, chairman, George Taylor, George Ulett and George Burr.

The study will be followed by recommendations for improving the situation.

Gas "Un-rationing" Cause
With the removal of all restrictions on driving caused by the lifting of gas rationing and the consequent heavier use of private automobiles, the streets of Coquille have rapidly been filled with cars.

Consequently the overtime parking by many local people has caused other shoppers in Coquille to have to double-park, to drive many blocks away from the main part of town and to carry packages in the rain from the stores, and as in many cases it was pointed out by one private citizen, to make it easier for farmers to travel the extra dis-

lance to Coos Bay where they could find parking spaces now that the meters are regulating the overtime problem there.

Council Disapproves Meters
The council unofficially disapproved any thought of meters as a solution. Instead some members present testified to being violators of overparking in front of their businesses, and readily admitted that they would park two to three blocks from the main business shopping district from now on.

One solution advanced was routing some streets as one-way traffic streets similar to Eugene and Portland. Another method was the issuing of courtesy cards to all farmers and lumbermen who must come to town periodically and park overtime at certain times to make vitally needed purchases, while instructing

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Lee Valley Women Donate To Hospital

The Women's club of Lee valley are in receipt of a letter of marked appreciation from the Shrine Children's hospital in Portland for their annual gift to the children of the orthopedic hospital.

This year the Women's club of Lee valley prepared and had canned a case of 66 number two cans of sweetened applesauce. According to the Shrine hospital authorities it was a much appreciated gift by both the Shrine and the children, and especially so because it had been sweetened and canned in tins.

This is an annual affair of the Lee's Valley women to make some gift to the children's hospital.

Glen A. Thommen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thommen of Fairview route, has enlisted and been accepted into the U. S. Marine corps. He has left for basic training at San Diego, California. Glen is well-known locally and was prominent in school activities. He graduated from Coquille high school with the May class in 1945.

Surplus Material Offered Veterans Here Friday, Dec. 7

Veterans, who are interested in obtaining surplus government goods, are invited to attend a special meeting to be held at the City Hall, Coquille, Friday, December 7, at 2:30 P. M.

George Moscript, representing Smaller War Plants Corp., also procurement officer to whom applications for surplus goods may be submitted, will be present at the meeting, accompanied by Major Troy Walker, of State Selective Service Headquarters, Salem, Oregon. This will afford an excellent opportunity to buy surplus government goods without having to buy them through a broker.

Any Service Officer, connected with the various organizations working with Veterans, is invited to attend this meeting.

Jim Kimsey Will Sing Here Sunday

The Northwest Christian College quartet from Eugene will present a sacred concert as a part of the morning worship service at the Christian church next Sunday morning, Dec. 9th. Jim Kimsey, a Coquille boy, is singing second tenor on this quartet, which has been trained by Gilbert Kistler, assistant voice professor at Northwest Christian college. The morning message will be brought by Mr. Kenneth Johnston, field representative of the college. The public is invited to hear this fine group of singers.

Mrs. Ella Strang of Coquille and Mrs. J. H. McCloskey of Norway spent Tuesday in Coos Bay.

Action Under Way To Rejuvenate Veterans' Planning

Action was under way this week by leading members of the various service clubs and the other organizations in Coquille to vitalize the plans of the group started last summer to plan for the postwar years as regards Coquille and the veterans of World War II.

Complete committee listings will be made in next week's Sentinel, as well as plans and meetings scheduled to bring about a more thorough study and solution to the problems returning servicemen are finding as they return home.

Special Drivers' Exam

Because the regular state automobile drivers' license examiner missed one stop in Coquille recently, a special stop will be made here Saturday, Dec. 8, at the city hall. Examinations may be taken for drivers' licenses from 9 until 4 o'clock.

"Yanks Who Gave" Need Your Gifts By December 10th. Have You Helped?—Do It Now

With twice as many gifts needed by Dec. 10th this year for the nationwide campaign for the "Yanks Who Gave," due to the large number of service persons in army and navy hospitals both here and abroad, the local post of the American Legion and its Auxiliary cordially invite all citizens of Coquille to assist them in putting this drive over successfully.

and is again being sponsored by Eddie Cantor and the National American Legion group, the object of which is to assure each hospitalized service man and woman a generous Christmas package, no matter where they are hospitalized.

Gifts Left at Rackleffs
Boxes in which the gifts may be left have been placed in Rackleff's Pharmacy. Gifts are not to be wrapped as holiday gifts, as everything must be sorted and repackaged before being sent to the hospital centers, according to Mrs. Frank Schram, chairman. Suggested gifts are as follows:

For G. I. Joe: books, mysteries, classics, Bibles, comics, dictionaries, Westerns, humor, maps, pocket sized books, but no war stories.

Stationery and games, playing cards, dice, checker boards, chess sets, cribbage sets, folding writing pads, air mail stationery, postage stamps, fountain pens, pencils, address books, pictures, folders and stands.

For the smoker, pipes, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, pipe cleaners and tobacco pouches.

For G. I. Joe: toiletries, hair combs, brushes, nice soap, dusting powder, face powder, cleansing tissues, cologne, lipstick, rouge, deodorants, nail polish, polish remover, manicure sets, compacts, pancake make-up, bath towels and wash cloths.

Things to wear, sleeveless sweaters, tee shirts, handkerchiefs, bill folds, Sox, bedroom slippers.

Notions: bobby pins, hair pins, hair nets, clothes pins, skirt hangers, zip-

pers, elastic by the yard, safety pins, sewing equipment.

Things to wear, scarfs, chamois gloves, bandanas, slippers, sun glasses.

Book the same as for G. I. Joe and stationery and games the same as G. I. Joe.
Checks for those clubs and people who do not desire to leave gifts may be mailed to Mrs. Schram at Box 653, Coquille.