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Benefit Dance

The Rotary club of Coquille will sponsor a benefit dance at the Coquille community hall Friday night, Dec. 21st, with all proceeds going to the development of the new turf field and other improvements in the high school athletic setup.

World War II has shown us how valuable America's inter-scholastic sports were in preparing our young men and women for the demands of modern warfare. As they have said, "the battles of England were won on Eton's field," so might we say, "our American high school coaches won the battles of this war."

Back the benefit dance.
For physical training pays even larger dividends in peacetime happiness and health, though war seems more spectacular because it is more urgent.

Congressman Ellsworth Will Run

The announcement that he will be candidate for re-election made today in the special Washington news column, by the Honorable Harris Ellsworth, congressman from the fourth district of Oregon, is a particularly noteworthy one for Coos county.

Congressman Ellsworth has been an outstanding member of the house of representatives representing this new, growing district.

He is a young, vigorous, and thoughtful man, and he has been a thoughtful servant of his constituency. His work has not been ballyhooed through the press with overpadded news releases. It has been efficient, restrained, and effective.

In the Willamette valley many thoughtful leaders wish Roseburg had been in Yamhill, Marion, or one of their counties. They would like to have Mr. Ellsworth taking care of the problems of that district. But southwestern Oregon is glad he belongs to us.

At this time there appears no one who can hope to come near Harris Ellsworth.

What Does the Game Commission Do?

In Lans Leneve's column on "Out-of-Doors Stuff," the Sentinel's writer-naturalist from Bear Creek, makes suggestions for the future of game conservation, and urges a re-study of the present game laws and season. We commend a reading of this material. Lans Leneve is well versed in the lore of the wildwood. He has lived close to nature and to the furred and feathered denizens of the hill and valley.

But more than stopping with reading we would ask you to consider the Game Commission of the State of Oregon. If ever there appears to be one body in this commonwealth that does less, and does it so assiduously, as the state game commission, then we would like it pointed out to us.

We realize that these men serve with little recompense, yet they receive as much as a hundred more or less other commissions do.

It appears to us—and we stand ready for correction by the game commission itself—that

Conservation is a word used primarily in press releases for the consumption of the gullible public.

There has been, and is no, definite plan worked out to make Oregon's wildlife sustain itself. (Even the timber operators are working under the perpetual cut yield plan.)

That fishing as we knew it twenty years ago is gone... in Oregon... while in the majority of states where an alert game commission has been at work, fishing is better than ever.

That private privilege, or the so-called gentry from the metropolitan centers of the Willamette valley, have had too much to say about where stocking and planting goes on.

It's time something was done about the rapidly disappearing wildlife of Oregon and the poorer fishing.

If there is an answer we request from the State Game Commission. If not, Oregon needs a new game commission.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 11, 1925)

Ground will be broken for the erection of St. James' Parish House on the lot adjoining the church by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Walter T. Sumner, D. D., Saturday morning, Dec. 12th, at 11 o'clock.

Although the Coos county budget for next year is nearly \$66,000 larger than last year, the amount to be raised by special tax is \$2,600 less. This is due to the expected returns to the county from the sale of government timber. Auditor W. H. Wann figures that where the levy for all county purposes was 27.7 mills last year that it will be 26.3 mills this year.

Coquille Valley Post No. 1412, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was installed here last Saturday night, and 28 charter members initiated. Officers elected are: W. L. Herron, Alton Grimes, Dr. P. M. Drake, W. W. Lane, Perry E. Lawrence.

Coquille is to have an auto park on the highway replacing the myrtle grove as such if the council's intention to use the grove only as a city park after the first of the year is carried out. W. H. Wimer is now at work, slashing and clearing the 4-acre tract, just east of the Masonic cemetery, which he purchased from

Wm. Daily last week. He intends to construct a filling station, machine shop and eight of ten cabins there.

With the passing of Geo. Robinson from the active commercial life of Coquille, his mantle as dean of the business men falls on the shoulders of a much younger man, Ralph E. Nosler. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Nosler then a boy of 16, began operating a barber shop here.

Tuesday Mrs. Jack Leach brought in a handful of raspberry twigs which she had just picked in her yard, with dozens of ripe berries clinging to them.

More than 200 people at the Bay have taken stock in the new nine-story hotel now building there. It is promised that it will be under roof the first week in February.

Officers elected for next year by Chadwick lodge, A. F. & A. M. are: W. V. Glasyer, A. A. Selander, Jos. A. Harville, L. H. Hazard and R. H. Mast. Officers of Coquille lodge, I.O.O.F. are: Fred A. Wimer, Frank Harnish, L. H. Hazard and J. S. Lawrence. Officers of the Eastern Star are: Edith W. Miller, F. G. Leslie, Bertha J. Smith, Imogene Neal, Edna Robison, Alice Evland, Bess Maury.

Strong recommendation that price controls be continued until such time as the supply of consumer goods and service more closely approaches the demand for them created by available purchasing power was urged by E. L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture, in his discussion of "Oregon Agriculture" before the Eastern Oregon Wheat League's annual meeting the past week (December 5-7).

Price control beyond next June 30 is a matter of immediate and very grave concern to agriculture as well as the rest of the economy, he said, adding there is considerable indication that there will be a great resistance to such extension.

"It is my opinion that failure to secure such extension will be nothing short of a national calamity for the very simple reason that there is a tremendous excess of purchasing power in the country over any visible supply of goods or services upon which it might be expended. In the seems to me that agriculture stands greater chance to be hurt than any other section of the economy of the nation for the reason that it can and no doubt will achieve a production equal to demand must faster than other industries.

Ag Prices Level

"Under such a condition agricul-

Coos Bay Logging Co. Boosts Wages of Men

Lumber workers of the Coos Bay Logging company, C.I.O., have received an additional 2½ cents pay increase to bring their pay level in line with the \$1.05-an-hour minimum now in effect in other operations, and a C.I.O. official in Portland predicted the action would eventually result in an industry-wide minimum on the same level in the entire fir belt.

The company offer was announced by Phil Gilbert, plant manager, Sunday. He explained that the men, when they returned to work a week ago were told they would start work with the 12½-cent-an-hour increase won by the C.I.O. International Woodworkers of America plus an unstated further increase.

The company, Gilbert said, offered a flat 2½ cents increase over the negotiated pay raise, or an alternative bonus, based upon production. The employees voted to accept the flat raise.

Others Expected to Comply

A C.I.O. spokesman in Portland, who said he did not want to be named, said that C.I.O. unions had had "several gestures" paralleling the Coos Bay offer.

The C.I.O. spokesman said that in addition to the 12½-cent increase won by the union in its industry-wide settlement, the I.W.A. has had an unsettled wage case before the national labor relations board since April, 1944. It was only recently referred back to both parties. The case he said, involves retroactive pay and wage increases in the fir belt which embraces about 275 operations.

Tuesday a conference will be held at the Portland hotel by the C.I.O.'s international negotiating committee and an employer group representing the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, the Willamette valley operators and the Oregon coast operators. The meeting, he said, was requested by the company representatives.

I. W. A. Asks Approval

Meanwhile, on another labor front, C.I.O. unions took action to exploit A. F. of L. labor losses when the southwestern Oregon district council No. 7 International Woodworkers of America, petitioned the NLRB for investigation and certification of the I.W.A. as bargaining agent for the men employed by the following companies which formerly had A. F. of L. contracts:

Irwin and Lyons, North Bend; Moore Mill and Lumber company, Bandon; McKinley Lumber company, McKinley; Gardiner Lumber company, Gardiner, and the E. K. Wood Lumber company, Reedsport.

Marvin Berge C.I.O. business agent, said the Oregon coast operators representing the specified companies have been notified as have the individual plants. A petition for certification is already pending on Cape Arago Lumber company at Empire, Berge said.

Raid Charge Denied

These are the mills, Berge said, which terminated their contracts with the A. F. of L. unions after contending that the unions had called their strike on September 24 in violation of their contracts. The C.I.O. is seeking to replace the A. F. of L. as bargaining agents for the lumber workers.

Union officials denied the move was a "raid," pointing out that the lengthy strike had caused much disaffection among the A. F. of L. union membership in the mills. Lumber prices would level off while

other prices would continue to rise, thus making the net purchasing power of the farmer progressively less. Therefore, while I fully recognize the excessive abuses that have accompanied administration of price control, I cannot do other than strongly recommend its continuance," the director declared.

Director Peterson discussed briefly parity, holding that it is important to place on the relationship between agricultural prices and the prices of non-agricultural commodities; a favorable political climate in which both labor and agriculture, and industry management as well, can through efficiency produce more goods and services, thus lowering unit costs and in which the program for full employment and fair prices must include fair and reasonable wages for all workers, including agricultural workers; and taxation, particularly as it bears upon real property.

Turning to the specific item in which the league is most interested, wheat, the director held that this commodity will not be in great trouble "if we can maintain at least our present level of national income in terms of dollars and a considerably greater income in terms of production for use." He urged increasing attention to soil conservation, declaring that "if you are to continue to grow wheat successfully and efficiently your soils and their preservation require your first and foremost attention."

Predicts Wheat Use

He predicted greater use of wheat for feed and commended the possibilities of combining livestock and wheat productions.

Agricultural industries in Oregon are in generally strong condition, he said. Oregon has long been an exporting state and has given close and successful attention to quality. As production and demand come more closely into balance quality will again take its place of prominence in the marketing of agricultural products.

"Quality is a factor which needs constant and continuing attention."

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