

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

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## The Riverton Post Office

Residents and patrons of the Riverton post office have a justified cause for their shouts at the highhanded bureaucracy of the Federal post office department in the unceremonious and thoughtless way the local office was suddenly cut off.

Real hardships now result from this order from the postmaster general's office that disbanded the post office in the prosperous little Riverton district and put it into the Bandon post office.

Mail delivery is said to be uncertain. Your neighbor may bring your mail from his house where it was left. If you want a C. O. D. you have it sent to the post office at Coquille or Bandon. If you wish to send a Money Order you also must drive into one of the two towns to make out this form.

The post office was stopped when the local store sold out and the old postmaster retired. The government paid no attention to the fact that there were available people who could qualify for the modest duties of a Riverton postmaster.

In a highhanded, thoughtless manner typical of too many government offices these days, they cancelled the needed service to the Riverton community.

Protests are being lodged with the Congressional representatives of this state in Washington, D. C. A study and action on the problem should be forthcoming.

It is again time to call to the attention of all public servants that, as Thomas Jefferson said, "Government exists for the people, not the people for the government." And certainly such communities as Riverton can well be the beginning for a return to Jeffersonian philosophy.

## The Negro And The War

One of the most disturbing factors in America today has been the displacement of the negro from his native surroundings in the South to the industrial sectors of the United States where high wages and the industrial speedup caused labor employing agencies to import the dusky gentlemen from south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Into comparatively peaceful and well-knit negro communities such as exist in Portland were brought thousands of negroes who were unfamiliar with the culture of the Western groups who had been developing and growing into a respected part of the City of Roses.

Police troubles grew. And the leaders of the colored group were not absent among the alarmed residents of Portland.

It now appears that such hiring agencies as the Southern Pacific are putting negroes to work on section gangs throughout the state of Oregon. Such communities as Coquille may well feel the influx of these people soon as track workers.

In the past the Mexicans imported through federal agencies to add to the labor supply have become an accepted part of the working group. They have for the most part conducted themselves well.

But the government contract with the Mexican government has expired, and the Southern Pacific is faced with new employment needs. To this end they have started hiring negroes.

It is the firm belief of The Sentinel that a great American democracy has a place for every man, woman and child. However, thoughtless handling of the uneducated negroes can do no good to the cause of the African in America. It is time the problem was met with more care, and certainly the problem of the dark-skinned Southerner can only become increasingly serious if they are literally dumped into strange communities where they will have no chance for social growth or development.

## Letters To The Editor

The past few weeks we have had several letters addressed to the Editor of The Sentinel to which no names were signed. They were also too long to be included in a paper in these days of drastic paper shortage.

The Sentinel as your paper welcomes letters for publication as long as they are signed with the name of the writer, as long as they are kept brief, and as long as they do not contain libelous attacks on individuals or institutions.

Please keep your letters brief and to the point. Please refrain from libelous material. And above all, to be printed your letter must be signed with your name and address.

Democracy saw action Monday night when a thoughtful business man of Coquille attended the city council meeting and pointed out that: Coquille needs city street signs; Coquille needs a stricter code of sanitation; the courthouse street is in need of repair; the huge red truck sitting outside the courthouse day in and day out is certainly not a thing of beauty.

Front street may well stage a comeback to be a business thoroughfare with a new building planned, and two old buildings being razed. Coquille's business district needs careful thought. Planning of well-designed, attractive buildings should be paramount. Some type of a code could well be adopted for the entire city.

Salesmen-racketeers are again on the move. You should purchase nothing from the door unless the salesman has an official sanction card from the Chamber of Commerce secretary. Recently Longine watches were purportedly sold by the smooth-tongued front-step artists. A reliable merchant who is a part of Coquille backs his merchandise with his integrity as a fellow citizen. He supports the schools, projects, and welfare of the city. When you buy from him you have assurance of value. Ask for the Chamber of Commerce endorsement—and save money.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday February 19, 1926)

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors Wednesday evening, President Gould started a round table discussion when he recommended that Coquille begin to lay plans for securing industrial plants for Coquille. Particularly he mentioned a paper mill and the possibility of securing one by going direct to those known to be interested in paper manufacture.

All voters in Coquille and School District No. 8 should remember the school meeting to be held next Tuesday, Feb. 23. As far as heard there is no objection to the proposition to locate the grade school on the high school grounds, but as it is a matter in which the whole district is interested, there should be a large vote out.

B. C. McHenry field secretary of the AAA, reports that he has signed up 38 members but he is still short of 12 members to complete the 50

which he must secure here in order to establish an AAA office.

The Coquille Rod & Gun club, with a total of 73 birds out of 75, won its first shoot here Sunday against Baker and Cottage Grove. F. C. McNelly, J. W. Miller and Pete Miller were high guns for their first event with a 25, 24 and 24 record.

The ceremony of the dedication of the new flagpole on the Court House grounds and the first raising of the flag will take place Monday, February 22nd, at 12 noon. The brief but impressive ceremony will be under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dirt throwing began Tuesday morning on the site of the new Sentinel building without any formalities.

The storm that swept southwestern Oregon last week completed wrecked two barns in the Fairview district and unroofed a third. Several head of stock were killed.

## Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

As this is written, Mr. Ickes' resignation as Secretary of the Interior has just been accepted by the President. Ickes resigned effective March 31. The President ordered him to vacate his office February 15th—just two days notice.

Meanwhile, rumors of other high-level changes are rampant. Gossip has it that if Paul Porter, FCC chairman and an important political adviser to the administration, is moved to OPA he is really being kicked upstairs on his way out. Since last summer, there has been ill feeling between Porter and Bob Hannegan. Hannegan rates higher in administration party circles so it is considered he is going to do some maneuvering to get rid of Porter.

The bill known as the Case bill which was passed by the House last week by an overwhelming vote will never become a law in its present form. Every Member of the House knew that at the time the roll on the bill was called. The bill supposedly is contrary to the best interests of organized labor. It certainly is contrary to the wishes of the labor leaders. Their idea of legislation is to have no legislation at all. Having been sent to the Senate, it is generally conceded that one of two things will happen to the Case bill. Either it will be pigeonholed by the Senate Committee on Labor and nothing more will be heard of it during the remainder of this Congress—or it will be completely revamped, changed beyond recognition.

The House Banking and Currency Committee is conducting hearings on the bill to extend Price Control which law expires at the end of June. This is the OPA law. Recently, the OPA people have been playing with smart propaganda designed to sell the housewives on the fine job being done. The "off-again on-again" operation of citrus fruit price ceiling orders around the holiday season was a propaganda gesture. It was supposed to show what would happen if ceiling prices were removed. The plan back-fired. As we have shown by studies made by the Republican Food Study Committee, the citrus fruit price debacle did nothing more than disrupt the citrus

industry and bring about slightly higher prices. Our study revealed, and it was so reported, that in order to cover what actually happened, the OPA deliberately resorted to releasing false and inaccurate figures.

As the time for action on the OPA law nears, many very level-headed Members of Congress are fearful that dissatisfaction of the people—which will be reflected in the attitude of their Representatives in Congress—that this disapproval could possibly result in the failure of Congress to renew the OPA Act. These Members realize that there is still a need for price control over a great many articles and classes of goods. But the hopelessly bad administration of the law has made people so disgusted that regardless of the dangers of removing price controls, things couldn't be much worse.

Most of the dissatisfaction with OPA stems from the fact that the present crop of OPA regulations are slowing up, even strangling production. Woolen mills cannot make 100 per cent virgin wool suiting and will not ruin their reputations in the trade by making shoddy cloth. Manufacture of radio sets is held up because OPA has not set prices on certain small parts. Regulations on milk and cream virtually stopped the manufacture of butter. The regulations were supposed to hold down prices. The result was that housewives bought whipping cream and churned their own butter at more than a 50 per cent increase in cost of the butter. Space permitting, I could list dozens of similar instances of maladministration. Greater production is the greatest safe-guard against inflation but OPA, charged with the responsibility of holding back inflation, is ignoring the necessity for production as a basic means of checking inflation.

Appropriation bills are now being taken up on the Floor of the House. Administration forces consistently fight for increased spending. The Republicans in the House are doggedly fighting for reductions.

Mrs. Ernest Watkins of Halls Creek, the wife of the Myrtle Point postmaster, was a Coquille visitor this week. While here she stopped at the Sentinel for a pleasant visit.

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A public hearing was held to consider the protest of the Oregon Motor stage company who wanted the 2c per mile rate retained, and appealed for such to the Public Utilities commission.

At the hearing Evan Alborn, president of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, was present and gave the position of Coquille which was to grant the Greyhound people the reduced rate under the assumption that it would build travel via the Oregon Coast highway and would react to the benefit of all the state as more and more people travelled through these areas.

The PUC commission granted the reduction.

Donna Chapin and Ariel Crook accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Preston to Eugene, February 10, where they visited Betty Preston and Mildred McCarthy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goodman have learned that their son, Marine Corporal Bill Goodman, is on his way home from Okinawa.

Don Farr spent the latter part of last week and the first part of this week in Portland with his father on a buying trip. He reports that merchandise is harder to get now than it was before the war ended.

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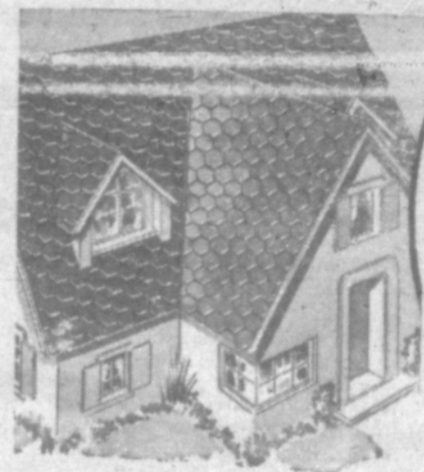
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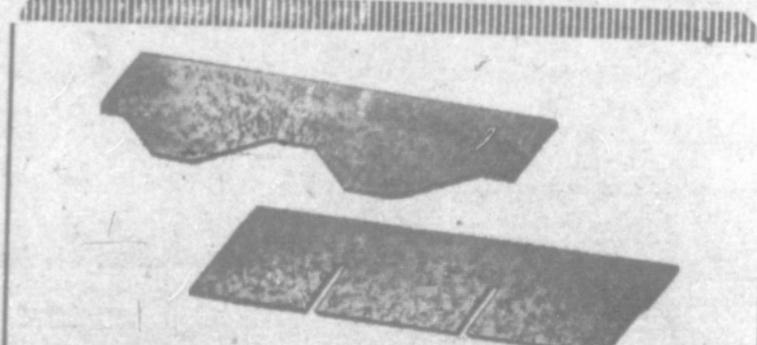
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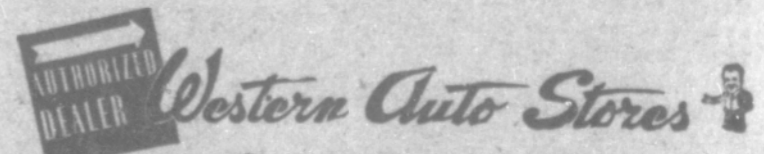
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