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Inter-Community Goodwill; Welcome

(Reprinted from The Coos Bay Times)

Coos county is to be the primary beneficiary of one of those all-too-rare inter-community expressions of goodwill, a move sponsored by the Portland Chamber of Commerce to acquire for public ownership a large tract of virgin myrtlewood in Brewster valley on Brummett creek.

Recently readers of The Times learned of the establishment of "Save the Myrtlewoods, Inc." by the recreational resources division of the Portland chamber. Two Coos county people, Evan Albom of Coquille and Mrs. Stella Cutlip of North Bend, were named on the board of directors.

Purpose of the organization is to raise the money to acquire a 35-acre tract of privately-owned myrtlewood which is the gateway to more than 100 acres of fine myrtle trees owned by the Oregon and California re-vested grand land administration. Of the \$10,000 needed to swing the deal, \$8500 already has been raised in Portland and only \$1500 needs to be forthcoming.

Albom, who returned Friday from Portland, is blushing a trifle today as he thinks of the money that has been raised in Portland and he has expressed a hope that the \$1500 will come from Coos county sources. Right now, the money is needed only as a loan until final details are worked out.

Here is the setup. The 35-acre gateway tract is part of an 80-acre ranch. The ranch owner recently gave a group of Coquille myrtlewood park sponsors an option on his entire ranch for \$10,000. He will not sell the myrtle separately. The ranch has been appraised, Albom reports, and the \$10,000 is a fair figure.

The O & C administration has withdrawn the 100-acre adjoining tract from sale and intends to keep it as a public area, without cost to the county.

The plan, then, is to buy the \$10,000 ranch, keep the 35 acres of myrtle trees, and sell the remaining 50 acres of good ranch together with its house, barn and other outbuildings. Albom estimates the 50-acre ranch will sell for at least \$5000.

A Portland woman, whose name is not being announced now, has offered a \$3500 gift to help finance the park as a memorial to her husband. A Portland man has offered to loan \$5000 cash now. This makes \$8500, just \$1500 short of the amount needed to buy the ranch.

With the ranch bought, then the committee will have time to go about the division of the property and its sale in a leisurely manner—and the Portland group has promised to help with whatever additional money is needed.

But Albom, full of Coos county pride, hopes to see the \$1500 raised now. A fine way to do this would be for 150 men to voluntarily offer \$10 each as a temporary loan to cinch this deal—then worry later about permanent financing. Here, Mr. Albom, is The Times' \$10. We hope a lot more ten-spots come to your chamber of commerce in Coquille and to all other chambers in the county to help with this project.

Action taken by the District 8 school board last week in raising teachers' salaries a flat \$200.00 is in line with progressive thinking being done by all modern school systems. Good teachers deserve good salaries; there is no salary schedule for poor teachers.

Hal Moore's sprightly Moore's Oregon Weekly appears even more pert to us—and why shouldn't it when he picks up our editorials for reprinting. Which brings us back to the fact that Hal Moore, when he was the debonair ace night editor of The Oregonian, taught us a college-course in editing one night in a few hours when we needed it badly for it was our first shift on a city copy desk.

Marshfield high played a good game at the state tournament, but we still think the Myrtle Point Bobcats could have done a good job up there, too.

Increasing unemployment of returning veterans points to a fundamental weakness in our schools. Liberal arts should be tempered with basic skills for earning the necessary wherewithal to enjoy liberal arts. And it seems veterans are aware of the fact, for technical colleges are overflowing while liberal arts schools with good accreditation are out beating the brush for new students.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 19, 1926)
Edw. Lorenz, F. C. Hudson, Hugh Harlocker and Dr. Leep all shot 25 straight in the telegraphic shoot here last Sunday.

Miss Genevieve Chase received a telegram last Monday informing her that she had been awarded a scholarship in Columbia University, N. Y.

The old O. K. Creamery building about a mile above town, which burned between five and six o'clock last Monday afternoon, had been a landmark for road, rail and river traffic for the past 31 years. J. W. Banister was the owner.

The directors of School District No. 8 Tuesday evening re-elected the following teachers: J. F. Cramer, Ruth Nissen, Esther Roeder, Bertha Atkinson, Mary Druley, Carolyn Wilson,

Ruth Stotee, Geo. Moorhead, Helen Roseman, Keith Leslie, Rosa E. Glosop, Freda Cumming, Belva Gage, Inez Chase, Helen Baker, Helen Fish, Lena Crump, Launee Miller, Hazel Adams, Bessie Moore, Alice Presnell, Elsie Straus, Dorothy Guthridge, Goldie Wood, Geraldine Windes, Vera Booth, Eva Tyberg.

One of those rare spectacles, which were not unusual in olden days, occurred on the streets here Monday noon. It was a runaway which started across from the First National Bank and ended at the turn in the highway on Cunningham bridge.

Plans were presented to the Park Commission last night for making the Myrtle Grove Park a real recreation and play ground, in addition to the use of it for picnics, public meetings, speaking, etc.

Labor Department Issues Report On Coos-Curry-Douglas Employment Picture

Developments During Last Month—Employment And Shortages

All larger mills in this area are operating at the present time with seven of the plants operating two or more shifts. During the month of February the logging operations were resumed in several camps but weather conditions have held resumptions below anticipated volume. Road conditions and bad weather are serious handicaps during the month with snow at high levels shutting down operations which have been previously running at full capacity.

Unemployment during the month of February has decreased slightly with the opening of some logging operations during the late part of the month. However, GI unemployment has increased because of lack of skills among many of the younger veterans who are returning and who have had no previous work experience. Almost all mills in the area are having lower turnover and replacements as are being made because of age and in a few cases handicaps. More women have been unemployed during the month than previously with an estimate of 320 unemployed in the area at the present time. It is estimated that about 1350 are unemployed persons here in the area at the close of the month.

Migration—Immigration during the past month has maintained about the same flow, showing 132 initial contacts with the local office of people not previously employed within the state. The large majority of this group are not remaining in the area because of the difficulty in locating living space.

Reconversion—Little reconversion can be anticipated in this area because of the nature of manufacturing plants which are principally lumber and on post-war production will continue as during the war period. Food processing principally dairy production and fish canning will not be affected either as to packaging or processing.

Employment Outlook

Openings—The present job openings have increased slightly over January with a predominance being in higher skilled brackets of logging, lumbering, auto mechanics, auto body and fender men, and office help. There are unutilized orders on file for stenographers and general office help principally occasioned by low salary ranges of local employers. Little demand is being felt for smaller factory employment.

Future Employment Trend, Civilian and War—Employers are raising their labor specifications and demands for men in logging operations particularly are up, with severe culling of known unstable and proven mediocre men. Demands are for younger able-bodied men who are interested in permanent employment which is creating something of a problem in the older brackets. One mill which has not operated for over a year has recently been leased and it is expected that they will go into operation on a two-shift basis within the next 60 days. This will require from 50 to 75 additional sawmill laborers. No shortage has been felt in any of the mills in low wage brackets with some demand for skilled and semi-skilled still apparent.

Return of Veterans—Veterans for February increased 22 per cent over January which was a previous high month for vets applying for work. In the office area at the present time there are approximately 950 unemployed veterans with this number increasing daily.

Labor Force and Unemployment—Civilian labor force including vets is expected to increase with continued immigration and may possibly raise unemployment figures in the area. Increase in operation of logging shows will reduce unemployment somewhat and it is hoped that related employment will keep pace with immigrants and returning servicemen. Some construction work on state and federal projects are expected to be under way within the next 30-60 days and some construction of housing is in preliminary stages and may prove an additional factor in reducing unemployment.

Industrial Expansion—Small businesses, most of which will employ less than ten each, are in contemplation in novelty manufacture, cabinet construction, and similar activities. Some further development of plywood manufacture is rumored but no definite date has been established for construction of these plants. Weyerhaeuser Timber are continuing preliminary plans and acquisition of property preparatory to opening sawmill and other manufacturing activities here but no starting date can be ascertained. Availability of material is holding up all operations at the present time.

Local Labor Market Problems

Reconversion is not a problem but housing of workers continues to be the most serious hindrance to all production problems in the area. In the five communities in the area, committees are continuing with plans for creating jobs for veterans but they are not keeping pace with the return from armed forces. Vet unemployment continues to increase.

Local Office Will Move This Week

Mrs. Bertha J. Smith is moving her abstract and insurance office this week from the Drane building to the Coquille Hospital building, corner of Second and Hall Streets, after having been in the old location for 38 years. The new office rooms have been subleased from Dr. Earl Hamilton and are adjoining his dental office.

Mrs. Smith recalls that she and her husband, the late R. H. Smith, established their Abstract and Law Office in the Drane building, the year following their marriage and the year in which the building was erected, and she has had offices continuously in the same location since 1907.

War Mongers, Beware!

DR. JAMES RICHMOND

In large cities and small, in the United States and in branches throughout the British Commonwealth, the Henry George School of Social Science, constantly growing and expanding, maintains its unique program of adult education. It is devoted to the teaching of Fundamental Economics and Social Philosophy, without political purpose or plan, without tuition fees or other charges, in the belief that a well-informed citizenry will result in a better social order.

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It is our belief that every intelligent person is capable of understanding political economy and that when enough people are familiar with these principles, there will be an irresistible demand for good common horse-sense in our economy. Only through education can any social betterment prevail.

The need for sane thinking in the field of economics is more urgent now than ever. We are living during a time of rapid change. Decisions which are being made this year may affect the lives of ourselves and our children for a century. We can't drop all our problems in the lap of governments and expect a perfect solution. The individual citizen—the voter—John Q. Public—you and I—have to discover solutions for ourselves.

You are cordially invited to attend the free classes in Fundamental Economics beginning soon. If you are interested in the cause of wars, the cause of inflation, the cause of depressions, write a card to Box 501, Coquille, Ore.

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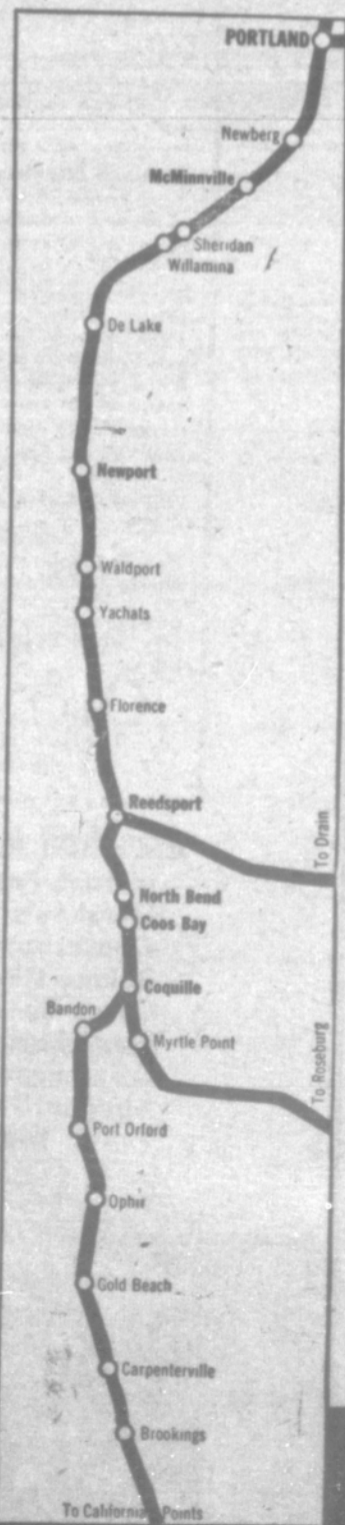
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