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Coquille Recreation

Feeling at the meeting of all service clubs and lodges of Coquille Friday night, at which Gerald Mason spoke well and convincingly, brought out the fact that the people of Coquille want something more in the line of recreational resources for their youngsters.

Work on a real park area; construction of a permanent playground with good equipment; tennis courts accessible to the main part of town; and a natatorium to be used by youngsters and adults, may come out of the meeting and the voiced opinions of leaders of the town and the lodges who were present.

One civic leader voiced the idea that part of the funds of every 4th of July, including the present celebration, could well be used to this work.

What do you think?

"The Belly Ache Highway"

If the man in the Harris tweeds and polo shirt who stopped his 1946 Buick outside our editorial sanctum hadn't have had a twinkle in his blue-grey eyes, and laugh lines running from his face into his clipped grey hair, we would have called him a crab. Which would have been wrong of course, but then no native Oregonian likes to have a fellow come in strange—a foreigner so to speak—and disparage anything about the Land of the Pioneers.

Anyway our Harris Tweed friend, who in private life runs one of Cleveland's largest industries which makes items you no doubt have bought, came in to say that he would title the Oregon Coast highway, the Belly Ache Highway. And thereby caused our hackles to mount.

We asked for proof of his statement and he pulled out his wallet. "Boy," said he, "I'll give you this fifty dollar bill, and you eat your way up the coast from Coquille to Portland, and then save some of it, for the pills you'll have to buy."

And he laughed!

The sad fact, however, is that tourists who have been brought to the Oregon Coast need to be told that they will find it almost impossible to find good eating establishments along the highway.

Coquille has some good places that serve tasty food. Marshfield and North Bend have a few. But along the stretch of highway from the valley junction to Coos county there are very few places that do more than pick the pockets of the tourist.

The way the American Legion is backing their Queen candidate, lovely Jackie Hansen for Ruler of the 4th of July is causing every other group to look to its laurels.

Governor Earl Warren of California is being mentioned as Republican timber for presidential races after he won both democratic and republican nominations in the recent primaries down there.

A drive along the Oregon coast highway by the various lakes right now in mild and mellow June is worth doing.

We'd offer this bit of advice to the ambitious Oregon Coast Highway association with offices in Coos Bay—do something about seeing that good eating places are maintained on the Oregon Coast highway, or your money spent in promotion will bring a sour note.

Coquille's Eagles' Auxiliary drill team is going to be something to watch in both the state convention and the July 4th celebration in their new uniforms.

Coos county is slated to have a real horse show when the Coquille Saddle Club puts on its two-day rodeo here July 4 and 5.

Tires are still short and careless driving wears them out in a hurry.

In the United States, out of every three children who die between the ages of 5 and 14, one is killed in a needless accident. The loss of life in one year amounted to 6,400 children.—San Francisco Chronicle.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, June 18, 1926)

A census of all cars traveling on state highways in Coos and Curry counties was taken Wednesday under the direction of Paul Van Scoy. The count at the river bridge here showed 592 crossing the bridge either to or from Coquille and that just seven per cent of them were foreign cars, i. e., cars from outside Oregon.

J. E. Paulson has this week had the frame building on his lot, next to the City Cleaners & Tailors, demolished and is beginning the erection of a building, 25x75 feet. The front of the building will be stucco and plate glass; the two side and rear will be sheet-iron covered.

Five Coquille first class Boy Scouts left at three o'clock yesterday afternoon for the Coos and Douglas camp at Three Sisters, in the Cascades. Those who made the trip were LeRoy Swinney, Carlton Smith, Randolph

Lorenz, Neil McGilvery and Harold Stevens.

The Fairview community has planned to have a picnic July 5 at LaVerne Falls, on the North Fork of the Coquille. The myrtle grove at LaVerne Falls was recently designated as a public recreation ground.

Frank George, Rink creek rancher, received this morning two queen bees for his apiaries, which came by air mail from Indiana. Bees and baby chicks are the only living creatures Uncle Sam will carry in the mails.

After purchasing a nifty Hupmobile roadster, Charles Dewey Walker, of the Coquille Service Station, left Tuesday evening for Seattle where he will be married tomorrow evening to Miss Lucille Warren of that place.

The picnic enjoyed by the Coos county grocers, butchers and bakers at Lakeside Wednesday will very likely become an annual event. The

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

If Atomic Bomb Hits Here

Doubtless most Members of Congress gave a little shudder after reading House Joint Resolution 362, introduced by Representative James W. Trimble of Arkansas recently. The resolution proposes a Constitutional amendment which would provide for the organization of the Government of the United States in the event an atomic bomb or some other disaster wiped out the President, the Vice President, the Cabinet, and a majority of both houses of Congress.

As we sit here on this nice summer day in the beautiful City of Washington, such an eventuality as the above mentioned resolution would prepare us to meet, seems an impossibility. It is a shock, therefore, as we read this resolution, to realize that it is possible for such a thing to happen, and that it is both reasonable and necessary to seriously consider legislation for carrying on a Government of the United States if the heads of the Executive Branch and a majority of the members of the Legislative Branch are suddenly destroyed.

The proposal by Mr. Trimble provides that the ranking officer of the Navy, the ranking officer of the Army, and the ranking officer of the Air Force would meet and select a civilian to act as interim President. The interim President so selected would then call a meeting of the Governors of the States, who would select one of their number to act as President and one to act as Vice President to serve out the uncompleted portions of the terms for which the last elected President and Vice President were elected.

To obtain replacement quickly for members of the House and Senate who would be destroyed in such a blast, the resolution provides that the Legislatures of the States, where Senators and Representatives have been killed, will meet and choose Senators and Representatives to fill out the uncompleted terms.

We are truly living in an atomic age, or at least in an atomic bomb age.

Spending Policies
Letters I receive, and conversations with people wherever I go, clearly in-

dicating that most people in this country who do any thinking about government are deeply concerned with the present condition of federal finances, and not only want to see the budget balanced, but our debt reduced. The people do not want any more deficit financing for the purpose of paying subsidies. They want appropriations made for things actually needed, but they do not want any fancy trimmings, such as propaganda departments in domestic agencies or over-stuffed bureaus.

Right now, Congress is handling appropriation bills, and Members of Congress (at least on the Republican side of the aisle) are hammering away for reduced spending. The Administration and the Executive Departments do not give us much help along this line. In fact, most appropriation requests submitted this year have been for increases. The Departments, incidentally, have their own very effective way of building up pressure on Congress to favor their appropriations. The House Appropriations Committee does a valiant job of resisting such pressures from within and outside the government, but it does not have an adequate staff of experts to give it necessary technical and statistical information. I hope, if and when Congress adopts legislation for its own improvement, a better and larger technical staff for the Appropriations Committee will be provided.

Mine Assessments

Recently I have received several requests for information concerning the expiration of the moratorium on assessment work on mining claims which has been in effect during the war. Department of Interior officials advise that there will be at least one full year in which to do required assessment work after Congress or the President declares the emergency at an end. If such a declaration is made before July 1st, this year the assessment work would have to be completed before July 1st, 1947. If the emergency is declared ended after July 1st, 1947, then the required work on claims must be completed by July 1st, 1948.

Telegram To Editor

Tacoma, Wash., June 12

Editor Coquille Sentinel,
Coquille, Oregon

This development in the National Housing situation may be of interest to your readers: Tacoma, Wash.—"Government must release timber immediately or its proposed plan to increase production of fir plywood for the veterans housing program is doomed to failure," Thomas B. Malarkey of Portland, Oregon, president of Douglas Fir Plywood Association, said in a statement made today from Washington, D. C., but released here, the center of the 32 factory plywood industry. He voiced this requirement in commenting on the National Housing Agency's proposal to pay premium prices to loggers to stimulate the flow of raw material to plywood factories.

Malarkey, with other plywood manufacturers, has been in Washington, D. C., for the past week discussing with high government officials the proposed order about which news was released yesterday. The formal order is to be issued within a week or ten days.

"Our industry is on record in opposition to the order," Malarkey made known. "We are fundamentally against anything favoring of subsidies. However, it is apparent the order will be issued despite our protest. Naturally, we must do our best to cooperate thereunder."

"This order would place the plywood industry on the spot. Loggers are to be assured a premium of \$7.50 a thousand on peeler logs delivered to plywood plants, but the plywood manufacturers must increase production substantially or be forced to absorb this log premium."

He contends that "government holds the key to success" insofar as plywood and lumber's part in the housing program is concerned, and "the consequences will be evident within the next few weeks."

"Government controls 350,000,000 feet or 65 per cent of all the timber in Oregon and Washington—the states that produce the bulk of the nation's construction plywood," according to the spokesman.

The plywood industry owns only about one per cent of the stand. Ma-

affair drew a crowd estimated at from one to two thousand.

Another of Coos county's pioneers passed to the great beyond Wednesday evening when Mrs. Teressa Haverstott died at her home at Fairview, where she had lived for the past 53 years.

Jas. T. Brand was re-elected president of the Coos County Good Roads association at the annual meeting of that body held in the Hotel Coquille last Friday evening.

Adrienne Hazard returned Monday from Eugene where she graduated from the university with honorable mention in scholarship.

Ed McKeown and family left yesterday morning for a six weeks' trip back to their old home in Ottawa, Canada.

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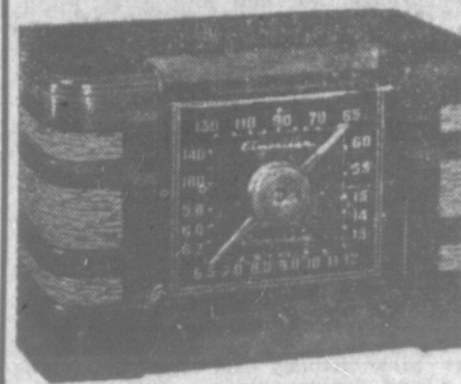
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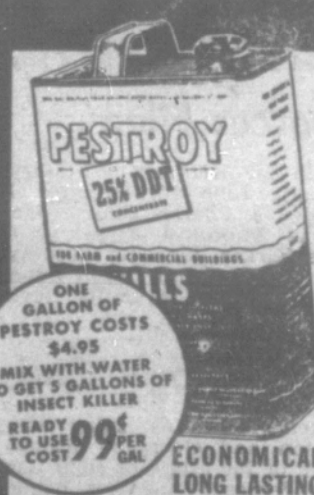
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