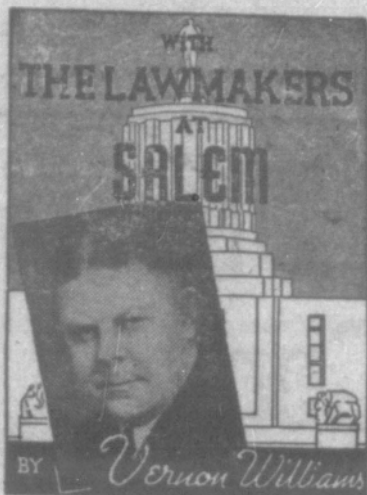




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Henry Street Bridge Closed To All Traffic Tuesday Afternoon

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Oregon, March 12th, 1947—Do you remember the "three golden balls" which always adorned the entrance of the old-time pawn shop? Those three balls meant it was a two-to-one bet you wouldn't get your watch out of hock and in our opinion, the same "golden balls" could safely adorn the entrance to the State Capitol, because it is a good two-to-one bet this Legislature won't get out of hock (they will still be looking for 8 or 10 million to balance the budget), before they adjourn sine die, which the rail birds say cannot be earlier than March 26th.

The longest previous session on record was 70 days and this session will reach its 70th day on March 23rd. So among other outstanding accomplishments of this Legislature, they will break all prior records for days in session unless a miracle happens and few, if any, of the political prophets believe in miracles.

The lawmakers are beginning to show the signs of wear and tear. The long committee meetings and the scores of arguments, both pro and con, on the many hot measures they have been revamping in committee for the last eight weeks, have frayed their nerves down to the bickering and heckling stage. All anyone has to do to start a each of an argument is to sneeze, and the battle is on.

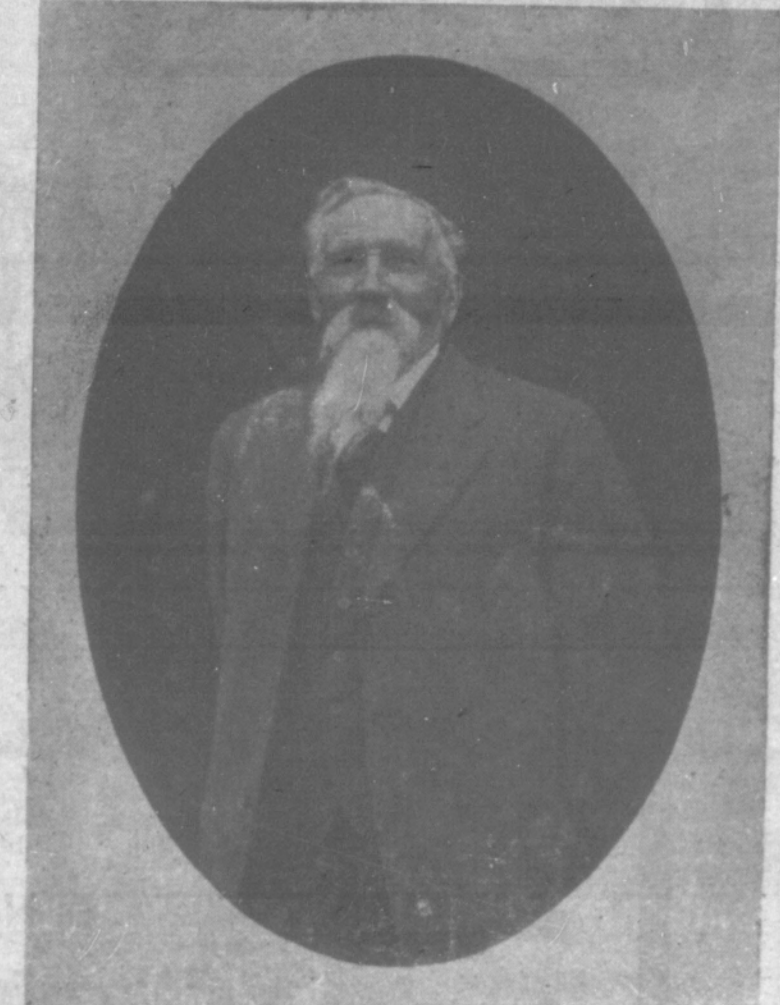
One always hot subject the lawmakers hoped would slumber peacefully during this session, is MILK. But such was not to be the case. Last week several bus loads of women from Portland, all members of the League of Women Voters, descended on the Capitol like a flock of starlings and in no uncertain words demanded that the present Milk Control Law be revamped for the benefit of the consumer. The gals charged that the present act, and the slip-sod manner in which it is being administered by the State Department of Agriculture, is a disgrace and should be changed. The ladies were very ably backed up in their arguments by representatives of several large grocery chains, who told the lawmakers they wanted to sell milk for two or three cents per quart cheaper than the present price but were unable to do so because of the present law. Hence, look for a good milk battle again before this session adjourns.

After spending about \$50,000 for a tax research program during the past two years, this legislature is running true to form by kicking practically all of its recommendations out the window. The three per cent sales tax measure which first must get by the voters, seems to be the one and only sure solution for the tax mess Oregon finds itself in, according to the majority of lawmakers in both Houses. A flock of other tax raising measures, which are supposed to raise around five million dollars annually, slot machines, pari mutuel betting, bookmakers wages and amusement devices. Apparently these bills are not receiving very serious attention from this Legislature. The boys say a sales tax, which would raise around 30 million per year, would put the state in the black ink column once and for all and therefore it would not be necessary to levy the many nuisance taxes which are now going through the legislative mill.

When this session does adjourn it will still break another record. A record number of House and Senate bills are scheduled to die in committee because of the vast number introduced. Up to Monday of this week, 875 bills had been dropped in the hoppers as against 710 for the same period of the 1945 Session, an all time high and many more are on their way. Before the lawmakers call it quits, it seems a certainty... that 1,000 bills will have been introduced. Yes indeed, the accomplishments of the session is nothing to write home about.

Legion To Amend By-Laws At Meeting
Sig Peterson, commander of the American Legion Post 36, stated this week that the next meeting of the post will be devoted to amending and adopting the by-laws.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, and a large attendance is requested to have several views on the new amendments to be incorporated in the by-laws.



PIONEER FOUNDER OF THE LORENZ Department store was Nicholas Lorenz who started the present Lorenz Department store in 1887 on the corner of what is now First and Taylor. In the Lorenz family for three generations, his son Henry Lorenz and grandson Fred Lorenz, followed in his footsteps, each one developing the store's scope of service to the residents of Coos county. Reaching a high-point Saturday in the history of the LORENZ store, the grand opening of the new store will take place at 10 a. m.

Merchants Plan Gala Spring Opening With Unveiling Of Windows March 29th

Response to the First Annual Spring Opening of the Coquille merchants has been enthusiastic. Chamber of Commerce officials state with the Retail Trade committee under the chairmanship of John Purkey sending them complete details this week.

The most beautiful windows of new merchandise in all of Southwestern Oregon may be previewed at 1 p. m. Saturday, March 29th, as curtains are drawn from windows closed and decorated from Friday, March 28th to 1 o'clock Saturday, March 29th.

What the future spring and summer hold in store for you in clothes of all kinds, shoes, furniture, home appliances, hardware, and every other item that makes for the American standard of living will be displayed in a background of Spring-modern and lovely-decorated windows.

Sportsmen Attend Commission Meeting

Sportsmen representing the Southwestern Oregon Sportsmen's association spent Saturday in session with the Oregon State game commission at Portland, and results are favorable for the recognition of this area as a great game and fish recreational area, spokesmen of the group said today.

The men, all directors of the Southwestern Oregon Sportsmen's association, were in session from 10:30 until 3 o'clock.

Attending were directors, W. H. Durbin, Gardiner; Hall T. Bernhart, Reedsport; Connie Hoffstedt, Lakeside; Clyde Allen, North Bend; C. W. Scott, Coos Bay; O. L. Wood, Coquille; L. L. Leneve, Bandon; Thomas Forrest, Myrtle Point and Broadbent; Don Stickney, Powers; Bob Owens, Gold Beach.

Sportsmanship Cup To Be Awarded

An engraved sportsmanship cup will be awarded to the "player of the high school basketball team showing the greatest sportsmanship during the year," at the time of the awarding of letters, it was announced by the Coquille Quarterback club.

The cup which stands 18 inches high is of silver metal with a gold basketball player on the top. It will be a rotating award going to a different player each year.

The cup was given to the Quarterback club by Jess Barton, Jr., for the annual awarding.

Girl Scouts Send Clothes To Italy

The Girl Scout troop, No. 1, sent a box of clothes, this week, to a girl in Italy. The box contained mostly sweaters and soap, items badly needed in Europe.

New merchandise is to be on hand at all the stores for this first showing of the new year of 1947.

Special award events have been slated by the Chamber of Commerce with each merchant having full information for the people who visit his store.

As a special attraction to aid people coming to town late Saturday, all stores will be open Saturday evening from seven until nine o'clock. At nine o'clock a special popular Old-Time dance will be given at the Community building by the Coquille Grange, featuring the McKinley Grange's Old-Time dance band.

At the dance here in January the McKinley dance band drew one of the largest crowds ever to gather on the local floor.

A special event as the main climax of the Spring Opening will take place at nine o'clock Saturday on First between Taylor and Hall streets.

Firemen To Be Given Banquet by Rebekahs

A banquet honoring the members of the Coquille Volunteer Fire Department will be given March 19th in the Oddfellows hall by the Coquille Rebekahs.

Burton W. Dunn will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold also through the Rotary, Active, and Lions clubs of the city.

The banquet is in honor of the work the Coquille fire department has been doing for the city.

Chief Creager Issues Bicycle Warning

A warning to those who ride bicycles was issued today by Police Chief Creager that double riding and other bicycle violations are going on is well known to the officers, and all safe riding laws will soon be enforced.

Some riders reportedly brag that they ride illegally when the officers are not around, but the Chief wishes to emphasize to the public that this attitude bodes ill for car drivers of the future.

Cranberry Officials Paint Vivid Picture of Industry's Place

A vivid picture of the growth of the American cranberry industry and its place in the agricultural scene, was painted Sunday, March 9th, at a meeting of Coos cranberry growers at the Masonic Hall, Bandon, when M. L. Urann, president of the National Cranberry association, traced the industry's history.

Over one-hundred and thirty growers were present. Mr. Urann showed the complete picture from producing, processing to marketing. He urged improved methods of harvesting and handling of berries in order for a grower profit and still be able to sell at a price a large number of citizens can afford.

Invitation

An invitation to attend the Girl Scout Court of Awards to be held Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Coquille Community Building has been issued to all citizens of Coquille.

180 Coquille Girl Scouts and Brownies will take part in the program which will last close to an hour. Martha Purdy, county school superintendent, will give a short talk.

Following the program, everyone is invited to inspect the new Girl Scout club rooms on the second floor of the Community Building.

Gala Re-Opening Of Lorenz Store Set For Saturday

Re-opening of the LORENZ Department store after a complete remodeling and re-decorating will take place at 10 a. m. Saturday morning, March 15th, at which the public will get a view of one of the finest and loveliest of department stores in the Pacific Northwest.

New lighting, new departmentalization, a beautiful re-decorating painting job, and modern new fixtures throughout the store make it unusual and outstanding.

Over 15,000 feet of floor space are now used in the complete store which is an addition of two former rooms formerly occupied by the Modern Beauty Shop and the Excel Dress Shop.

Invitations were sent to over 2,000 residents of Coos and Curry counties by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lorenz, and a large crowd is expected to view the new store.

A story of the founding of this pioneer mercantile establishment which was started in 1887 and is the oldest department store in Southwestern Oregon appears in Section two of today's Sentinel.

Eagles Card Party Slated Tonight

The Eagles Auxiliary will hold their card party tonight, Thursday, in the Eagles Hall at which the public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is fifty cents. Prizes are offered, and a luncheon will be served at the end of the evening.

St. Patrick's Day To Get Honor

Good Old St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish, will be extolled and honored by the Coquille Lions club today when a special St. Patrick's Day program will be on the menu, Lloyd Wood, Lions program chairman, said.

All Irish members will be honored. The menu will feature Irish edibles including corn beef and cabbage, Shamrock salad, 4-leaf clover rolls, all courtesy of Robert Thompson, Hotel Coquille manager, and the Hotel Chef Jack Gilkyson. And the entertainment will be Irish in fact, and fancy, according to Lloyd Wood.

Girl Scout Court of Awards Slated Saturday Evening At Community Building

To celebrate the 35th birthday of Girl Scouting, local troops will hold their first Court of Awards Saturday, March 15, at 8:00 p. m. at the Coquille Community building.

Each of the 180 girls who comprise the membership of the 12 troops of Brownies and Girl Scouts will participate in the program. Martha Purdy, county school superintendent, will speak to the girls during the program. Following the Court of Awards, the new Girl Scout clubroom on the second floor of the Community building will be open for inspection.

Troops from Bandon and Myrtle Point will attend the Court of Awards as well as parents and friends of the girls who are taking part in it.

"Better Citizens Build a Better World" is the slogan and theme for

City Manager's Examination Reveals Dangerous Condition Of Structure



THE REV. LISTON FARRISH, pastor of the Church of Christ, will accept a call to the Weiser, Idaho, Church of Christ and preach his first sermon there Easter Sunday. Rev. Mr. Farrish has had a most successful pastoral in Coquille, building the local church congregation and developing plans for the erection of a new modern church edifice. Called to succeed him is the Rev. Earl L. Soward of Santa Ana, Calif. Mr. Soward will preach his first sermon March 30th.

Taylor Chosen Player of Season

Bob Taylor, who turned in a last game of the season, was chosen player of the week and by virtue of this being the third time he was selected in the weekly Coquille Quarterback club poll, he was also named "player of the season."

He was chosen on playing ability, sportsmanship, contribution to team play, and general qualities.

Sportsmen's Meeting Set For Tuesday

A joint meeting of Coquille, Powers, Myrtle Point-Broadbent, and Bandon divisions of the Southwestern Oregon Sportsmen's association will be held in the Community building Tuesday evening, March 18th. It was announced today by Orville Wood, director of the Coquille branch.

President Charles Scott of Coos Bay will tell of the meeting with the state game commission last Saturday in Portland. Every sportsman in the area is urged to attend.

Now At Oerding's
Mrs. Jean Schroeder will assume her new duties as secretary in the office of George E. Oerding, realtor, on Saturday, March 15. Mrs. Schroeder was formerly a deputy in the county assessor's office in the county court house.

Immediate closure of the Henry street bridge to all traffic was ordered Tuesday afternoon at four p. m. by City Manager John Eliertson. He has just completed an examination that revealed rotted timbers, sills completely gone, and most of the structure load being supported by sway braces.

He asked the city police and workmen of Coquille to blockade and post the bridge at once.

Council President John Purkey and acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Biegger made an investigation of the bridge Wednesday afternoon.

The Henry street bridge has been the cause of study by the city planning commission for the past six months. Alternate locations of fills across the gulch, a modern concrete-filled fill at Henry street, and other aspects have been studied.

The bridge was recently posted by Chief of Police Creager for ten mile an hour speed only. Heavy trucks were ordered from the bridge.

Engineer J. N. Gearhart made a report to the city council several years ago in which he set a date now expired in which the bridge should be repaired or replaced.

City Manager Eliertson's report showed the sills completely rotten, base of posts rotten, bolts appearing to be undergoing pulling away caused by the sway, and other conditions which necessitated the bridge be closed as a matter of public safety.

Famous Speaker Starts Services At Arago Sunday

The Arago Community Church is completing plans for its Bible Conference, starting this coming Sunday morning, March 16, at 10:00 a. m., with Dr. Arthur I. Brown as leader, and concluding the following Sunday, March 23rd, at the 8:00 p. m. service.

Song services will be conducted by W. W. Stobie, and appropriate musical numbers will be given in turn by the men's quartet of the Christian Church, under the direction of Don Farr; the Baptist Church quartet; special solos by Kenneth Talley; choir numbers from the Myrtle Point Methodist Church; in addition to selections by Arago's own choir and children's groups.

Sunday morning services start at 10:00 a. m. All evening services, at 8:00 p. m., in the Community Church. Everyone is cordially invited.

Dr. Brown, being a surgeon, has a vast fund of scientific and technical information which he presents in a way laymen can understand. He has spoken in many universities and state colleges. The major portion of his time, however, is spent in conducting conferences in churches of all denominations.

Dr. Brown has made a special study of Prophecy and has written many books. His subjects are varied, but all his addresses are based on the Word of God. Needless to say, there is always a powerful evangelistic note.

Lumbermen Plan Eugene Conference

Lumbermen of Coquille and Coos county are preparing to convene on Eugene March 21 for the annual meeting of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, to be held at 6:30 p. m. in the Osburn Hotel.

The principal address will be delivered by Senator Guy Cordor of Roseburg, who will fly from Washington for the event, according to information from H. J. Cox, secretary-manager of the association. It also will be ladies' night.

With President Guy Haynes of Carlton presiding, the association will elect officers and directors for the coming year.

Evans Albom left Monday for Portland on a business trip. He will return Thursday.

Miss Bettie Preston, her sorority sister, Margaret Couper of Forrest Grove, Don Windsor of Pendleton, Bill Rosenow of Seattle, students at the University of Oregon, were guests at the W. L. Preston home over the week-end.

gave an address of welcome; Judge L. D. Felgheim who talked briefly on his opinion of the cranberry industry; Evan Albom, president of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce who pledged continued support of the Cranberry industry by the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, and who stated that any problems of the industry would be given utmost aid in their solution by Coquille merchants and Chamber members.

Markie Urann, and Miss Ellen Stillman, advertising manager of the industry, spoke on the Association's plans for its advertising in the future.

George Lillegaard, manager, also spoke to the group.

The meeting opened with a potluck dinner topped off by a cranberry sundae. Part of the meeting was spent in talking over methods of preparing a bog, weed control, and fertilizing cranberries.

Three growers from this area were elected to the advisory board of the Pacific Division of the National Cranberry association. They were James Olson, Sumner Fish and Arthur Randall. Mr. Olson, who received the highest number of votes, will be the nominee for the director from the Pacific Division of the National Cranberry association.