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A City Manager Takes Over

Now that the city of Coquille has joined the other modern municipalities of the Northwest in adopting the city manager form of city administration, the voters and residents of this community owe it to themselves to give it a fair try.

Modern municipal governmental philosophy indicates that the city managership type of government is progressive and can have real benefits for a community.

As a rule towns using this form of government are considerably larger than Coquille, but size should be no deterrent in a workable managership for Coquille.

In the past the members of the common council headed by a businessman mayor—all elected by the people to give service without pay—have had to take time from the pursuit of making a living to solve the many complex problems that arise.

Coquille has been fortunate that its mayors have been alert, progressive, and courageous. Equally so have the councils been made up of unusually capable men. Thus Coquille city operations have always been well handled and capably.

However, much of this was the direct result of the mayor and the council giving time that they could ill-afford.

We join with many others in urging that City Manager John Ellertson be given a free hand to demonstrate whether or not the city of Coquille needs a city managership form of government. Successful, Coquille can well be a very fortunate town.

Coquille And The Girl Scouts

This week, Girl Scouts throughout the nation are celebrating the 35th birthday of Girl Scouting. The first troop of 12 members was organized March 12, 1912, at Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low. Today, Girl Scouting is carried on in 8,300 communities with a total membership of 1,218,000.

This week, Girl Scouts in Coquille are joining in the national celebration of the 35th birthday of Girl Scouting by holding their first Court of Awards at the Community Building on Saturday at 8 p. m. They are also celebrating their own 17th month of organization.

Under the sponsorship of the Coquille Woman's club, the first troops were organized here in November, 1946. Following a survey of the schools to determine the number of girls interested in Scouting, Mrs. J. A. Moore, president of the Woman's club during that year, Mrs. F. A. Robb, registrar of the Girl Scout council, and Mrs. Guy Mauney, council president, went to work to secure leaders for the number of troops required to take care of all of the girls who wanted to become Scouts. Their endless hours at the telephone, their uncounted visits to women who might be willing to serve as leaders, and their unremitting efforts to keep up the interest of those women who did respond to their call for leaders, has been rewarded by the outstanding record Coquille has made in Girl Scouting. Coquille has 12 Girl Scout troops with a combined membership of 180 girls.

Many more girls want to be Scouts. But, until leaders can be secured for additional troops, these girls are barred from the good times, the cultural opportunities and the training in good citizenship afforded by Scouting.

Credit for the splendid record Coquille is making in Girl Scouting is due to the Coquille Woman's club, for sponsoring the troops; the City Council, for providing fine club rooms; the Community Chest Fund, for allotting \$300.00 with which to carry on the work; and, most of all to the leaders, who are making it possible for 180 Coquille girls to be Girl Scouts.

—C. M.

We of The Sentinel are proud over the fact that residents and Sentinel readers in the Valley View and Rink Creek section now have a correspondent for their interesting community and school news in Mrs. Fern Mulkey.

The Red Devil basketball team can really be proud of themselves after their display of good sportsmanship, fine basketball playing, and high morale Friday night in their game with Reedsport. It was a well-played game that everyone should be proud of for it demonstrated the Red Devils had what it took.

Coquille Spring Opening is a reality this year as the Chamber of Commerce Retail Trades committee sparked by John Purkey swings into action lining up events.

The supreme court decision in the John L. Lewis case may well be as important to you and me as the perfection of the atomic bomb by U. S. scientists was. The country faced chaos if Lewis won, just as we faced serfdom if Germany had won the atomic race. But even with Germany and Lewis out of the way, America needs to ask what about our International Policy and the military race with Russia?

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 11, 1927)
The city officials who, years ago, laid the 8-inch sewer which has been clogged this week, had no concept of how conditions would change in Coquille. With one eight inch and the manhole at the Busy Corner intersection (Front and Willard) the sewer failed to function. It is strange what was removed by the workmen

from that tightly plugged pipe. Sewer pipe pieces, rocks, man's shirt, ladies' skirts, and even a board, 15 inches wide by three feet long was taken out of the manhole. The place where the line caved in was over a fill made many years ago, between the Roosevelt Super Service station and the Mrs. Viola Collier building.

Hans Gisholt, who had made a

thorough inspection of the Henry street bridge reported at the meeting of the council Monday night that the bridge supports were rotting fast and that he considered two years to be as long as the bridge would be safe, even with new decking. His opinion was that it was not worth repairing.

The Coquille Rod & Gun club won both its matches in the telegraphic shoot Sunday, by breaking a straight 75 birds. The three marksmen who went straight were Earl Graham, Fred McNelly and C. W. Kline.

After an illness of more than a year, Mrs. P. E. Drane passed away Wednesday morning at her home on Spurgeon Hill at the age of 75 years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lawrence arrived here Monday morning from their home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Each year a membership trophy is presented to the American Legion Post in the State of Oregon whose membership up to March 31 shows the greatest increase over their average membership for the last four years. The cup was awarded to Vernonia and the Coquille post was second in the state.

George J. Bohrer last week made a deal for the Lawton Von Pegert place on the Marshfield highway, where he has been living since coming to Coos county.

Ray Schott has the foundation in for a six-room cottage, 28x40 feet, at the corner of Second and Maple street, just east of the L. A. Parr place. It will be stucco finish outside.

The Boy Scouts of E. L. Vinton's troop defeated a Myrtle Point scout team at basketball up there this week, 19-14. The Coquille players were Mast, Harding, Pulford, Fish, Seeley, Ellis, Hill, Hatcher, Lorenz.

Mrs. O. C. Harry this week sold to Walter Newberry the 17-acre tract and house on the Marshfield highway, where the Lone Fir service station is located. She reserved a small tract on the highway where she will build a new house.

Maxine Paulson of Coquille has been appointed chairman of a committee to raise funds in Coquille for the Fine Arts building at the University of Oregon during spring vacation.

J. L. Smith invited all the members of the Cornfed Canaries to his home Monday evening for a seven o'clock turkey dinner. Those present were Messrs. F. G. Leslie, J. F. Cramer, Arthur Selander, E. D. Webb, Homer Gant, Aaron Wilson, George Taylor, Jr., Orvin Gant, George Moorhead and Dr. P. M. Drake. Those assisting Mrs. Smith were Mrs. M. C. Hawkins and Mrs. George Moorhead.

With CONGRESS

By The Hon. Harris Ellsworth Representative

The operation of the House of Representatives is largely dependent upon the efficient and intelligent action of the legislative committees. Apparently, the entire legislative process was considerably improved by the rules set forth in the reorganization bill and adopted by the 80th Congress. The principal improvement was the reduction of the number of committees by more than half and by providing each committee with a very high grade staff.

Representative Charles A. Wolverton of New Jersey, who is chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, on which I am serving, has adopted two procedural policies which are not only brand new in the history of Congress, but which, in my opinion, should be adopted by all of our committees.

The first and the most important of the two innovations is the closed meeting sessions of the committee with the heads of agencies and departments whose legislation is under our jurisdiction. A full day is allotted to each such meeting. The department and agency heads thus have an opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the committee, and the members of the committee have an opportunity to hear a full statement of the work of the agency, and in several cases, the agencies have suggested legislation. Thus far, we have met with the Federal Communications Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Trade Commission and the Civil Aeronautics Administration. Next week we will interview the Federal Security Agency, the Securities Exchange Commission, the Railroad Retirement Board, and some bureau heads from both the Interior Department and the Department of Commerce.

The second innovation is one that is of particular interest to the Members of Congress, but which is important in the legislative process. Each Monday, all members of the House who have introduced bills which have been referred to our committee are invited to appear before the committee and explain their bills. These appearances are brief, but adequate for the purpose of the record and for the information of the committee. Heretofore, Members have had no such opportunity. I hope other committees will adopt the same system.

One of the outstanding characteristics of this 80th Congress is the large number of members who have served in the armed forces. Nearly half of the members of each house are veterans, many having served in two wars.

Thirty-six Senators are listed as veterans, 28 of World War I, five of World War II, one Spanish American and even one who fought in the Boer War. One Senator was in both the Spanish American and first World Wars.

In the House of Representatives, 200 members have seen service. Four are Spanish War vets, one of whom also was in World War I. Fourteen of the 138 who served in

the First World War saw further service in the Second. Fifty-eight others are veterans of World War II.

Annual competitive examinations for appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be conducted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission May 7th and 8th. Unmarried young men between 17 and 22, military or civilian, are eligible on meeting educational requirements.

Candidates intending to take the examination should write to the Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard Washington, D. C., before April 1st to make arrangements for the examinations. I shall be glad to send full information and regulations to any who are interested.

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Mrs. Amy Britton spent Sunday visiting at the home of her son, Max Britton, at Winterville.

Jack Axtell arrived home on Saturday from New Mexico where he has been stationed with the Army.

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