

Coquille Valley Sentinel

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Public Assistance Nears Half Million

Coos county's 1948-49 public assistance program will cost nearly a half million dollars, it was disclosed this week by the state welfare commission. Cost of Coos county's welfare load will be \$493,074.00 of which the federal government will grant \$197,127; the state will pay \$211,447, and Coos county's share will be \$84,500, or 17 per cent of the total.

Old age assistance cases in the county is estimated at 590 who will receive a total of \$342,000, an average of \$48.33 per month. Of the total the federal government will furnish \$171,000; state, \$119,700; county \$51,300.

General assistance, 135 cases, total cost \$65,000. State contribution \$45,500; county, \$19,500. Average, \$40.12 per month. Federal government does not participate.

Aid to dependent children, 41 family units; total cost \$55,555, divided as follows: Federal government, \$15,555; state, \$28,000; county, \$12,000. Average per family per month, \$112.91.

Aid to the blind, 15 cases, total cost, \$10,119: Federal government, \$4,452; state, \$3,967; county, \$1,700. Average per case per month, \$56.22.

Administration costs: Total, \$20,400, of which federal government will pay \$6,120; state, \$14,280. County does not contribute to administration costs.

The total cost to Coos county for the next fiscal year will exceed the cost of the current year by approximately \$14,500.

The total amount to be spent for public welfare in the state for the next fiscal year will exceed that of the current year by about three and one-half million dollars.

Early Shoppers Remember Mother

Early shoppers were busy this week scanning the local stores, picking up gifts for Mother's Day which is slated Sunday, May 9th. Stores are well stocked this May and shoppers are experiencing no difficulty in finding suitable gifts.

May Accepts Lumber Position, Not School

Harry May of North Bend who reportedly accepted the position of principal of the Myrtle Point Union high school did not take the school job recently vacated by Graydon Craws. Instead he has accepted a position in the office of the Irwin and Lyons company in North Bend, it was reported today.

The Myrtle Point job is still open.

Rev. V. W. Anglin Attends Conference

The annual district assembly of the Church of the Nazarene is to be held this year at Portland First Church, 12th and Main, on May 5th and 6th, with special services to be held over Sunday at the city auditorium. Rev. V. W. Anglin is to attend and a delegation from Coquille. The presiding officer is to be Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent. This year's assembly is important not only as an annual conference of the church but also delegates will be chosen to attend the quadrennial general conference in June at St. Louis, Mo.

RETURNS FROM PORTLAND
Sup. Ray Hunsaker returned from a trip to Portland that found him interviewing teacher prospects for the new school year. There are several vacancies to be filled at the local schools.

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Rat Licks Cat At City Dump

"When a rat licks a cat, that's news," so say Bill Nelson, Coos county rodent control specialist, who said he had to see it to believe it.

And see it he did, a large brown rat took the measure of the cat of the city of Coquille's garbage dump caretaker, and left the cat minus whiskers. Problem now is to get the cat to even stay near the city garbage grounds, Nelson said.

Coquille Man Serving In Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN TOKYO, JAPAN, April 28—Technician Fourth Grade, Ezra S. Smith, Arago Route, Coquille, Oregon, is now serving with Headquarters Troop, 8th Cavalry Regiment APO 201 Unit 2 which is part of the fighting 1st Cavalry Division.

The famous 1st Cavalry Division holds down the occupation in the ten prefectures of the Tokyo-Yokohama area Honshu Island, Japan.

Smith was employed by the Coos Bay Lumber company prior to his entering the Army July 15, 1942.

T/4 Smith sailed overseas Nov. 2, 1946, on his present tour of duty and is assigned as a truck driver in his unit.

Cooked Food Sale Set By Women

Arrangements for a needlework and cooked food sale to be held at Coquille Electric on May 6, were discussed at an all-day meeting of the Adventist Dorcas society held at the home of Mrs. Mary Gage on Wednesday.

During the day the ladies worked on needlework for the sale and rolled bandages to be sent to the Far East. Contributions of linen or cotton material suitable for bandages are being sought by the group at this time in order that they may aid in relieving the shortage in the Orient.

OBITUARIES

HARVEY EDWARD JAMES
"Listen for the Echo," is a phrase which will recall to the oldsters along the Coquille's reaches, all the way from Bandon to Myrtle Point, those hallowed days when the "Echo's" whistle meant transportation far easier than the rugged trails.

Long since the "Echo's" echo has been stilled, and now stilled is the hand which not only wrought the "Echo's" whistle's welcome but assured both traveler and farmer, merchant, fisherman, and valley dweller of their sustained lifeline.

Harvey Edward James, who was pilot and deck crew of the old "Echo," released the 72 year hold on his own life line, the afternoon of April 22nd, and his spirit went off on the breeze as his "Echo's" echoes did.

Harvey, the son of James Henry James, and Elizabeth McClure, both of whom were the children of caravans who came the hard way from Illinois, was born at Aden, Modoc county, California, Dec. 21st, 1876, but when Harvey was about five years old, the family started land hunting

in Oregon, by horse and wagon, crossing vast areas not yet designated as counties, to arrive in Douglas county in 1881. There the family lived for a short while, migrating to the Coquille mouth area, not long after, where Harvey and his brothers and sisters were practically reared at Parkersburg. Father James having employment there at the huge mill then building. Parkersburg and Empire were at that time the centers of industry. Bandon was not yet, and Coquille but a scattered settlement; with, far up the narrow winding trail, a hamlet stopping place—a day's hard ride from either way, later to become Myrtle Point.

In terms of modern times, the children had no schooling—three or four short summers—and under stern teachers; yet their children's mature knowledge of their parents' wisdom sometimes breeds wonder if scant schooling didn't leave their elders' fertile minds freer to think surer paths through those problems of life which really count.

The boys and girls, as their fellows did, early learned the virtues of honest work, prudent thrift, and a modicum of those things young people of all ages rightfully claim as a portion of their lives.

It was then that Harvey courted and married a Coquille girl, (who came west from her native Kansas City when too young to remember the trip), Fannie Lavina McDuffee, Feb. 8, 1899; to become the parents of Warren, Dollie Gladys, Clyde McD., Naomi Ruth, Walter H., Harold A., and Vernon W. Vernon was lost to them over Germany in the last past war.

The other children survive, Dollie as Mrs. M. S. Brainard, of Brookings, and Ruth as Mrs. Theodore Wimmer, of Ophir. Of his brothers and sisters there survive Mrs. Emma Westbrook, Mrs. Laura Hamilton, Mrs. Alice Weir (Verity), all of Coquille, and Mrs. Etta Dayton, of Crescent City, California; brothers, Walter, of Watsonville, Calif., and Charles, of Yoncalla, Oregon. Charlie was the "Echo's" engineer department. Three grandchildren and a granddaughter and all the children but Dollie and Warren, the latter a Portland resident, live at Ophir.

Mr. James turned his hand well to any job that came his way, variously working in the woods, sawmills, shipbuilding, steamboating, ranching, and his reputation as a loyal worker was his busy agent. He worked and moved variously at Coquille, Bandon, Port Orford, Four Mile, at which latter location he won national recognition for his exceptional ability as a shingle sawyer.

In 1916 his growing family needed more room and he moved them to the old Stewart ranch about a mile south of Euchre creek, in Curry county, the father working at Port Orford, commuting week ends, on horseback, the 30 miles intervening, until he could get his ranch into production. In his 30 years of ranching Harvey built up an enviable reputation, and with his wife, reared a family reflecting their parents' uprightness and industry.

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During the war years, the parents took Harvey back to his Ophir ranch, where he passed a way with most of his family, including his brother, Charles, at his bedside. Funeral services were conducted at

Schroeder's chapel, Coquille, the following Monday, with interment in the family plot of the Masonic cemetery. M. S. Brainard, Brookings

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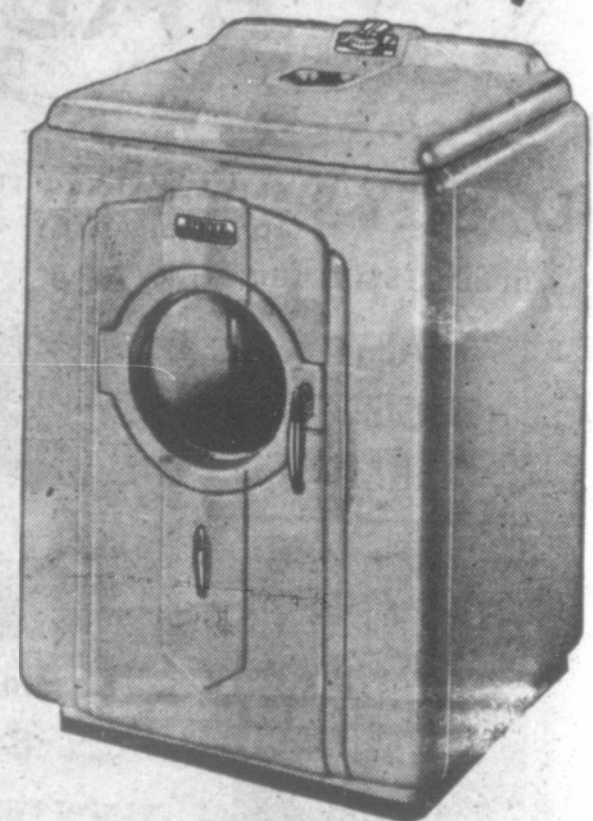
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