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## Oregon Coast Headache

(From The Oregon Journal)

Along the Oregon Coast highway the people are repeating a story. They do it with disappointment and disapproval.

The story narrates that the Automobile Association of Southern California is warning tourists from travel on highway 101.

The authority for the story is a bit vague. But testimony that travel is below expectation for this or other cause is abundant.

At a motor court with 16 apartments, four were occupied as evening came. At a restaurant, lights were bright, starched waitresses waited and the aroma of good food was luring, but only a few customers came.

Service stations and stores recorded long intervals between customers.

These are specimens of many instances.

But when the people step out or drive upon the Oregon Coast highway they find at least a partial justification for the warning they deplore.

This is the highway of which they were proud, in the name of which they organized an association. The broad highway, with 400 miles of seascapes, headland, rugged mountains, sparkling rivers and floral beauty beyond compare.

For the highway—or, at least, vital parts of it—is a broken, distorted track, with holes and thank-you-ma'ams, ruts and sunken grades.

The spring was long and wet with corresponding softening of the base and increased tendency to slides. Some of the tourists are rebelling at high prices and are registering their disapproval by staying away.

But search for the principal cause turns every pointing finger in the same direction.

The logging trucks may be loaded within limits that the law prescribes. This does not change the fact that forest giants loaded high on the trucks are pounding to fragments the winter-weakened highway surfaces. There are places where the heavily burdened wheels sink, pushing high the edge of the pavement. There are breaks and holes which to hit at ordinary driving speed foretell wrecks and promise blowouts.

In other words, the motorist must concentrate every instant on his driving, his opportunity to behold beautiful scenes reduced.

This isn't the ideal of pleasure driving.

Nor does it fulfill expectation to read of stately, columned forests and find in reality the wilderness of logged-off land reaching to the edge of the highway, with bulldozers and high-line logging creating in places the effect of shell-storm battlefields.

The forest industry is important. It represents about 60 cents of each payroll dollar. But this does not change the fact that state authority must study whether state-built public highways are to become more and more exclusively logging roads, or whether the business and pleasure of light cars are also to command official solicitude. For that matter, many motorists vent their displeasure because the logging trucks travel too fast for safety, too close together and with too little driver courtesy in permitting other cars to pass. Nor do they fail to comment that when a measure was brought to the Oregon legislature requiring rear aprons on heavy vehicles in order to minimize the backthrow of water, dirt, mud and gravel, the logging trucks by a clever and unsuspected phrase were exempted from the law when it was intended they should be first to comply.

Along the Oregon Coast highway too many "vacancy" signs tell graphically the seasonal disappointment of many who also would like to look in upon the prosperity the loggers enjoy. They know of but one way to do it—solve the highway maintenance headache.

We hear nothing but favorable comment on the proposed new Coos courthouse building behind the Hall of Records. The county officials should take pride in this fact. They are regarded as doing a good husbanding job of county affairs.

Don't believe half the rumors you hear about the Vanport disaster. Too much talk, too little facts. It will all come out eventually and then you can appraise the damage, the number of people lost, but remember rumors are not always the truth.

A "Soapbox" derby for the Coquille 4th of July under the able leadership of Rev. Larry Guderian and Father Robert Lessing will be a real drawer of the younger generation. In other communities soapbox derbies have had great appeal, and they are constructive. Registration is at Mason's Hardware.

Better make a date for Sunday at 1:30 and take in the Coquille Loggers versus the Evans Products team at the Coquille Baseball park. Competition is really strong this year, and the Powers-Coquille game saw real baseball come back to Coos county. Bill Fortier adds to the color and enthusiasm for the Coquille players.

A worthwhile exhibit of fine woodworking was done this week at the Farr and Elwood store by the members of the adult education class of the high school. Instructor was Paul Snider, capable manual arts teacher, and the work ranged from coffee tables to special cedar chests.

Highway 101 is getting less travel than usual, and two reasons appear to be found. One, that some people and businessmen in the Grants Pass - Crescent City area are re-routing Oregon Coast travel inland using the argument of flood as one main reason, and the second, the crooked condition of the Oregon coast highway. Calling this to the attention of Vern Tinnerstett of the Oregon Coast highway association was done by Clarence Osika, Chamber of Commerce executive, today.

## PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, June 15, 1928)

The attendance at the second annual Coquille Flower Show last Friday was practically the same as a year ago, upwards of 600.

Awards were given the following for their exhibits of potted plants and cut flowers: Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. George Bohrer, Mrs. J. P. Beyers, Mrs. W. S. Sikes, Mrs. Esta Ellis, Mrs. Charles Ashton, Mrs. George Bryant, Mrs. Coats, Mrs. Nellie Harry, Mrs. James McGuffin, Mrs. Emma Lyons, Mrs. Sarah Wickham, Mrs. William Candlin, Mrs. Ella Schroeder, Mrs. Frank Lane, Mrs. S. M. Nosler, Mrs. James Watson, Mrs. Bernhardt, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. L. E. Brown, Mrs. C. T. Skeels, Pauline Chase, Mrs. J. T. Nosler, Rosanna Schroeder, Geraldine McCarthy, Mrs. George Leach, Mrs. Flora Dunne, Mrs. S. D. Walters, Mrs. Maryette Morse, Mrs. J. J. Stanley, Mrs. J. A. Lamb, Mrs. A. N. Gould, Mrs. Ida Owen, Mrs. H. N. Lorenz.

Mrs. F. W. Stevens, Mrs. R. B. Rogers, Fay June Nosler, Mrs. Clyde Gage, Mrs. Hattie Ross, Mrs. George McGuire, C. A. Gano, Mrs. Hal Baxter, Mrs. Z. C. Strang, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen.

Just what steps have been, or will be taken to accept the Department of Agriculture's offer to send an engineer to the Coquille valley to make a survey and outline the procedure necessary for flood control, the Sentinel is not informed. But that the engineer is to be asked to come is certain. The Coos County Chamber of Commerce has started an agitation which will continue to increase until this valley is made the bread basket of southwestern Oregon. Perhaps it will cost more than a million dollars to so dike and ditch the valley, put in flood gates and provide for the rapid run-off of winter rains, that the land can be cultivated the year round but it would be worth it, hundreds of times over.

For the first time in the history of the United States, where the candidate was not already holding the office, a republican national convention last night nominated its candidate for president on the first ballot. With a total of 837 votes out of a possible 1000, Herbert Hoover swept the convention and became the republican nominee.

Does anyone know what the annual import of vegetables from California into Oregon amounts to? Henry Huggins tells us that when he had charge of a dock in Marshfield some years ago, that \$1,400,000 worth of produce came into Coos Bay annually.

Herman Siefert, New Zealand raiser of flax, and manufacturer, who was here last Saturday evening, says that on a conservative basis, the production of flax in this valley would pay \$20 for every one dollar now being received in the dairy business. He was speaking of the flax native to New Zealand which differs somewhat from that grown in the Willamette valley.

Students from the university who returned home last week were Misses Maxine Paulson, Avis Hartson, Jean Young, Harriet Gould, and Layton Nosler, George Belloni and Maurice Corthell. Those returning from

O.A.C. were Misses Georgianna Johnson, Margaret Beyers, Fredah Baxter and Marietta Hufford.

A. C. Most, coal man, has moved to Coquille with his family from Ashland. He is figuring on the location of a briquette plant here.

Officers chosen at the election held by the Lions club yesterday were H. C. Gant, Frank A. Pook, A. L. Hooton, Frank Osmond, N. C. Kelley, P. C. Roper, J. L. Stevens, William Zosel, Lyle Compton, Lyman Carrier and Fred Wimer.

J. B. Van Winkle, who comes here from Eugene, has opened a photograph and art shop in the Drane building across the street from the city hall.

Five Coquille young men left Wednesday for Vancouver Barracks, where they will attend the citizens' military training camp. They were Paul Riemann, Randolph Lorenz, Jack McCue, James Jorgenson and Harley Jones.

## At Powers Legion Auxiliary Elects Officers

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Lorraine Shepherd Friday evening, June 11th, at which time the following officers for 1948-1949 were elected: Alecie Shepherd, president; Alvina Bushnell, vice president; Frances Shorb, second vice president; Lillian Ross, secretary; Margaret Wyland, treasurer; Nannie Quilbaugh, chaplain.

These officers are to be installed on July 23rd when Mrs. Grace Detlefsen of Coquille will be present.

Three boxes of clothing were sent to the Vanport disaster committee. Mystic chapter, No. 147, O.E.S., met June 10th. With Mrs. Marjorie Lane, worthy matron, in Portland, Mrs. Rosa Frey, associate matron, filled the chair.

A Flag Day ceremony was held. A beautiful new blue floor covering has just been laid in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple by the Masons. Mrs. Annona Dalrymple of Coquille, Mrs. Louise Johnston and Mrs. Rachel Rolfe were hostesses for the evening. Mrs. Helen Gamwell, Mrs. Jane Burch and Mrs. Marie Shepherd will join Mrs. Marjorie Lane and attend grand chapter this week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Grady of Tacoma are visiting at the home of Mrs. O'Grady's mother, Mrs. Bella Barklew.

Mrs. Harry Griffin returned home from Portland where she has been visiting her daughter, Corrine, for the past three weeks. Corrine is attending the Northwest Business college.

## News Views

By DAVE BIEGGER

FROM the hard work the national pocketbook is getting these days it looks as though we'd better enjoy our lower taxes while we can. Taxes were whittled for this year on the theory that Uncle Sam's expenditures would go down like an elevator with a snapped cable! The picture is beginning to look vice versa. New appropriations for the armed services and increased international support are running up the budget like a thermometer in the fever ward. And when the outgo gets ahead of the income, somebody has to make up the deficit. Don't look now, but we could be elected for the job!

Baseball takes the limelight in Coquille these warm days, and Jess Barton's Junior American Legion team is one of the hottest little aggregations to appear on local fields in many a summer.

Last Saturday saw them all out playing, and they were happy little players. It was a young team, for most of them still have from two to four years of play yet in the Legion circles.

And just a word: don't miss Bill Fortier's Coquille Loggers this Sunday at 1:30 on the Coquille Baseball park diamond. A large crowd of Coquille people drove up to see the Coquille-Powers ball game Sunday, and got in on one of the most exciting ball games in the history of the Southwestern Oregon Baseball league.

A St. Louis man won a divorce because his wife criticized his cooking. That's a great way to kill a man's burning enthusiasm. Which reminds us . . . you'll be chock-full of bubbling enthusiasm when you visit the BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street, where you find "Only The Best!" And the best is what Dad deserves on Father's Day . . . so why not stop in now and pick out that easy chair he's had his eye on for sometime . . . he'll really like it! Phone 262.

Mrs. Ida Matthews returned home Sunday. She had spent a week visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. S. M. Mellin, and family of McMinnville.

Mrs. Audrey Wilson of Klamath Falls is visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Root.

The Powers bus line has changed its schedule to comply with the Pacific daylight time. The following is the schedule:

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| Daily except Sunday        |            |
| P.M.                       |            |
| 1:00 8:25 Lv. Powers Ar.   | 12:15 6:15 |
| 1:20 8:40 Gaylord          | 11:55 5:55 |
| 1:30 8:55 Broadbent        | 11:40 5:40 |
| 1:45 9:10 Myrtle Point     | 11:30 5:30 |
| 1:50 9:15 Norway           | 11:15 5:15 |
| 2:05 9:30 Ar. Coquille Lv. | 11:00 5:00 |

Attend Coquille Wedding  
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wiggins and daughter of Portsmouth, Va., came to attend the Hofess-Parry wedding last Sunday.

Sunday At Sixes—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barton and Mrs. Stanley Fitzgerald spent Sunday at Sixes, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pook.

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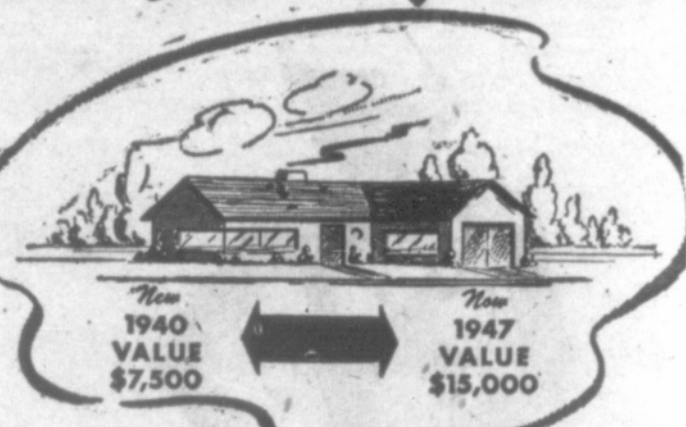
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