



PICTURED ABOVE IS A photo of the shovel used to start excavation work on the Coquille Community building with Bob Stewart and Muri Pettit viewing the work. The other picture shows the old community building which the committee decided should be replaced with what is now the Community Building as we know it. (All photos taken by George Ulett, chairman of the Coquille Community building campaign.)



CHAIRMAN GEORGE ULETT AND MAYOR RALPH MILNE pose for a photo. Jack Lamb who was active in the project is snapped on the spot. Third photo shows some of the clean-up work in preparation of the site for the building. The Community building main committee was headed by George Ulett, chairman; Clarence Osika, secretary; and Bob Stewart, treasurer. This group served on the committee until the building was completed.

4th of July Profits Go To Aid Coquille's Famed Community Building

Perhaps the greatest tribute ever paid Coquille was by its own people. And that was given the city when everyone got behind the project to build a civic center and helped erect a modern, spacious community building that today would cost \$200,000.00 to replace.

To oldtimers the story of the Coquille Community building may be familiar. To the newcomer, the story is not so well-known.

But familiar to all is the fact that all profits from the annual 4th of July celebration go to the upkeep and repair and improvement of the Community building. And that is the reason for Coquille's activity every 4th of July.

First discussion of the new Com-

munity building came about when the Lions club Civic Improvement committee consisting of Life Compton, Lloyd Claver, George Ulett met in July 1941 to discuss repairs to the old Community building.

It was proposed then that the old building be abandoned and a new one planned.

The committee then voted to put the matter up to a group of citizens of Coquille and ask for their reaction.

A meeting consisting of thirty-one people from thirty-one groups met on July 22, 1941 and the complete discussion of a building was held. The proposed method of financing was for a special city bond election to raise \$6,000; Public donations of \$9,000; Donations from private citi-

zens, labor unions, and civic clubs \$9,138. To this sum of \$24,138.00, \$40,000.00 of materials were given the Community building by the Smith Woods Products, (now Coos Bay Lumber plant), headed by George Ulett in Coquille.

Raising the money was easy. The city was divided into districts and donations from \$1.00 to \$100.00 were gladly made by the Coquille people.

Men and women of the Smith Woods plant donated their days off to make plywood and other lumber for the building. High school students poured the concrete for the basement and foundation.

Bob Harbison designed the building and drew the plans.

The July 4th celebrations the past

five years have contributed the following amounts to the maintenance and repair and expansion of the Community building. July 4th, 1943, \$4,263.94; July 4th, 1944, \$5,252.33; July 4th 1945, \$1,655.39; July 4th, 1946, \$2,887.03; and July 4th, 1947, \$2,645.60. What 1948's profit will be is up to the people of the Coquille area and Coos county.

Every cent of the net proceeds have gone into the Coquille Community building.

Today the building houses attractive Girl Scout rooms, Boy Scout rooms, a public library, a junior auditorium with a phonograph amplifying system; a modern stage complete with stage curtains; a modern \$3,000 public address system; a basketball court;

a full basement for sportsmen's gun clubs, a fireplace room in the basement; a complete kitchen; complete from dishes, silverware to pots, pans and modern gas stoves.

A custodian is on duty at all times and keeps the building in top shape. Children use the basketball floor at all times during the winter. The building is modern and lovely. Philippine mahogany is used throughout the library.

And Coquille, the county seat of Coos county, far down the Oregon coast, is known all through the Northwest for its modern city center. It is visited constantly by city officials of many Oregon towns.

But to date no other town has attempted to duplicate Coquille's feat

in raising a modern building valued at over \$200,000.

It was the result of a combined cooperation between all people and all clubs in Coquille. It was a result of a policy of a local industry to help Coquille's recreation facilities. And the Coquille Community building is the reason for 4th of July celebrations.

Complete detailed expenditures are on file in the city of Coquille recorder's office. The sums spent on the building are great. Much of this money has come from 4th celebrations.

So, that's another reason to have a good time this coming 4th of July—there is no better cause.

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City and Countryside Ready For Coquille's Gala 4th of July Celebration; Special Events Will Add Much To The Celebration Program

Coquille's annual Fourth of July celebration will officially open at 1 p. m. Saturday with a free children's matinee at the Liberty theatre, followed by a grand opening of all concessions at 7 p. m. on the Willard street Midway and the coronation of the Queen of the July 4th at 9 p. m. in the Coquille Community building.

One of six Coos county's loveliest young ladies will rule the three day celebration when the crown is placed on her head. Official sale of tickets ends at 4 p. m. Thursday afternoon. By reaching her full quota of ticket sales the candidate is assured of a full 25 per cent toward the 100 per cent needed to be queen. Three outside judges will pass on the other qualities of the queen candidates which includes talent, character, and personality, each 25 per cent.

Candidates this year who are out-selling last year's queen ticket sales include Laura Emily Ruble, the Rotary club; Rose Marie Pearl, American Legion; Leatha Froudt, IWA-CIO; Barbara Barton, Lions club; Colleen Ostrander, Active club; and Geraldine Ginn, Eagles lodge.

Three Big Dances Slated
Dances will begin with the coronation ball Saturday evening with dances to be held also on Sunday and Monday evenings. An orchestra, Wes Lang and his band from Portland, will furnish the music for the entire celebration dances at the Community building.

Concessions Bigger
Bigger and better concessions have been promised for the 4th this year with new prefabricated booths housing the different club's offerings. Earl Carroll is chairman of this part of the celebration.

Church Services Set
Special church services will be held Sunday morning. In the afternoon Coquille Loggers will meet the championship team of the Tualatin valley league, the Forest Grove baseball nine at the Coquille baseball park.

Monday a ball game is also scheduled with Bandon in the Southwestern Oregon league.

Fireworks Best Ever
A mammoth display of fireworks has been purchased for Sunday evening and will be shot off at the high school football field. There will be approximately twice as many fireworks as were shot off last year.

Monday Big Day Too
Monday will be the big day of the celebration with Bud Griffin's parade with over sixty entries and bands and the Knights of Pythias drum and bugle corps from Roseburg making a two hour Independence Day march through downtown Coquille.

Street sports for the younger generation will be held at 1 p. m. followed by the Bandon-Coquille baseball game.

Musical Talent, Tumblers
Immediately following the ball game at the ballpark on Monday afternoon the famous Roy Jackson's Northwesterners will appear with their Western styled music. Isabel Brooks, prominent and lovely Ry-Mac, club vocalist, will also be on the program. Following the Northwesterners, the Bounding Olympians will stage their thrilling and exciting tumbling and gymnastic acts.

At 5:30 there will be a Coquille fire department water fight, followed by a soapbox derby for the youngsters on 2nd street.

Dancing will again be on the program Monday evening.

All profits from the Coquille 4th of July celebration, as in the past, go to the Coquille Community building fund and are used for upkeep, repair, and addition of new facilities to this popular and beautiful city center.

At present the Community building is experiencing one of its busiest years with clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, the public library, and scores of groups using the building. It also serves as a meeting place for banquets and other important civic affairs.

Chairman of the 1948 celebration is Ernie Kuntz, J. C. Penney manager.

Forest Group To Take Message Out

Adopting the name Coos-Curry Independent Timbermen's association, an organizing committee headed by Ben A. Bailey, Myrtle Point logger, this week put a full time field manager on the job to develop a strong local organization as quickly as possible.

Glen Decker, identified with logging operations for a number of years in the Reedsport area, has been assigned to the post. He will make his headquarters at present in the office of R. E. McKeever in the Laird building, Coquille. McKeever is secretary of the temporary organizing committee formed about two weeks ago, of which Bailey is head.

Decker, recently returned from Alaska where he served as head accountant for a major logging operation.

Bailey said serious problems threatening the future of the independents in Coos and Curry counties made it urgent to develop a strong organization quickly.

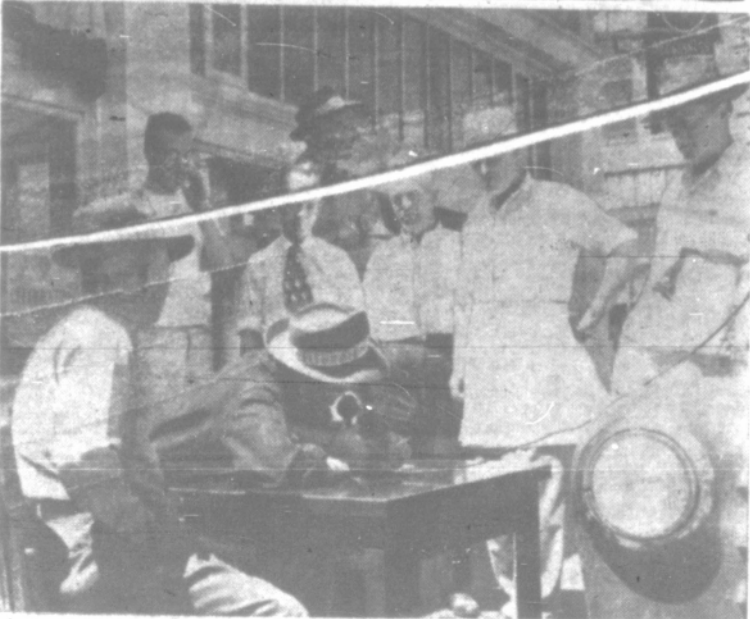
"Mr. Decker will take the story directly to operators, who at this time of the year are often too busy to attend meetings," Bailey said. The local organization will function as a section of Western Forest Industries association, regional organization of independents.

Rubbish Burning Forbidden In City

The fire season is now in effect throughout the Coquille area, according to Claire Perrott, Coquille fire chief.

Anyone wishing to burn rubbish must apply to the city Police department for a permit, Perrott stated.

Burning is strictly forbidden between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.



KANGAROO COURT—Top photo shows Chuck Adams of the Coquille Cafe busy paying off for not helping enough in his wearing of the Red Hats for the 4th of July by wheeling Bill Fortier, also a culprit, down Taylor street Saturday when the Kangaroo court, presided over by Judge William Head, passes sentence. Looking on are Constable Dick Barklow and Ray Olson. Bottom cut, Judge Bill Head presiding over the court while Victims Adams, Cliff Yarbrough, Freddie Logsdon and Wally Moore await their sentences. (Sentinel Photos)

Water Shortage Hits City of Coquille

Drastic water shortage Tuesday of this week caused an emergency alarm to be sent out by the city water department. Hours for irrigating were set from 7 to 9 a. m. and from 8 to 9 p. m. each day.

Violators will be haled into court.

Rapid drop in the water at the reservoir prompted the emergency measure, Mayor David Biegener said today. Water was used faster than it was replaced, and with the hot season coming on, Coquille's safety depends on a full reservoir.

Will Reside In Coquille—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Talbot arrived in Coquille from San Francisco on Monday and will make their home here.

Louis-Walcott Fight Shows At Liberty

Exclusive pictures of the decisive return match between Champion Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott will be an extra attraction on the screen of the Liberty Theatre next Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon., July 2-5, when the RKO-Pathé cameramen bring the round-by-round, blow-by-blow record of the world's heavyweight title to the public in ringside seat close ups.

Attend Convention—Rev. and Mrs. Earl Soward and son, Wayne, left on Monday for Turner to attend the state convention of the Christian church. They will return to Coquille on Saturday.

Kangaroo Court Gives 'Em Heck

It was Judge Bill Head, and a toughie he was, when Marshal Lin Swain and Policemen Ray Olson and Dick Barklow brought in a lot of culprits for failing to properly advertise the annual Coquille 4th of July celebration.

Bill Fortier sweated it out by pushing a wheelbarrow loaded down with Culprit Chef Chuck Adams of the Coquille cafe, and on the return trip from Luckey Bonney's, Chef Adams sweated under a burning sun with Bill in the bosun's chair.

Freddie Logsdon and Wally Moore look off their shoes and stockings, rolled up their pants, and put on hats of an old and ancient vintage and told all the Saturday shoppers that July 3, 4 and 5 would be big days in Coquille.

Cliff Yarbrough and other boys who failed to wear their red hats were duly chastised, and all in fun, the kangaroo court drew a lot of laughter from the crowds.

Youngsters To Have Section In Parade

There will be a special section for children in the big Fourth of July parade next Monday, according to information received today.

Prizes will be given for the best and most novel entries. All children are eligible to enter the parade, and any vehicle such as bicycles, tricycles, wagons, buggies, etc., will be acceptable.

Any child or the parents of any child wishing to place such an entry should contact Ernie Kuntz, Lloyd Claver, Bud Griffin or call the Sentinel office immediately.

Rev. Grice Resigns Chuch Pastorate

Rev. Floyd Grice has resigned his pastorate at the Coquille Church of God and with his wife and family will leave shortly for Colorado and Kansas. He will visit with relatives and attend a Church of God Youth conference, and hopes later to take another pastorate.

COQUILLE'S Seventh Annual Fourth of July CELEBRATION PROGRAM

July 3:

1:00 P. M.—Free matinee for children at the Liberty theatre. OPEN HOUSE AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND THE MUSEUM ALL SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

7:00 P. M.—Concessions open in front of the Community building.

9:00 P. M.—Coronation of the Queen—Community building.

9:30 P. M.—Dance starts — Wes Lang Orchestra — (Dancing continues until 1:30) — Community building.

July 4:

CHURCH SERVICES—All Churches—during the entire A.M. 2:00 P. M.—Baseball Game — Coquille Baseball Park (Coquille Loggers vs. Forest Grove).

9:30 P. M.—Fireworks display at the Coquille Football Field.

10:00 P. M.—Dance — Community building — Wes Lang Orchestra (Dancing continues until 1:30).

CONCESSIONS WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY.

July 5:

10:00 A. M.—Parade—Downtown streets.

1:00 P. M.—Street Sports—2nd Street between Taylor and Willard.

2:00 P. M.—Baseball Game — Coquille Baseball Park (Coquille Loggers vs. Bandon).

BIG SPECIAL ATTRACTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BASEBALL GAME.

Roy Jackson's Northwesterners, Isabel Brook, and the Bounding Olympians—At the Coquille Baseball Park.

5:30 P. M.—Firemen's Water Fight—Next to courthouse on Elliott.

SOAP-BOX DERBY FOR THE YOUNGSTERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WATER-FIGHT.

2nd street.

9:00 P. M.—Dance — Wes Lang Orchestra — Community building. Dancing continues to 1:00.

THE BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS WILL CONDUCT SIGHT-SEERS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON SATURDAY

PARKING METERS WILL NOT BE IN OPERATION ON MONDAY, JULY 5th.

MIDWAY CONCESSIONS OPEN DAY AND NIGHT