

Coos Newspapers To Sponsor Giant Soapbox Derby With Finals At Coos Regatta

Those soapbox bugs will get a real chance for workouts this month. For it is being announced today that the five Coos county newspapers will sponsor a gigantic soapbox derby in Coos county with the championship finals to be run off during the Coos Bay Regatta the first week in August.

at Coos Bay-North Bend. A preliminary local contest in each city in the county under the direction of the local newspaper, in this case the Coquille Valley Sentinel, will be held the last of July. The first three winners in the city contests will be eligible to enter the

championship runoff at the Bay. Age limit will be 14 years, and both boys and girls are eligible to participate in the contest. Insurance will be carried on the participants in the races. Registration for the soapbox derby is requested at once, and may be

made at the Sentinel office this week. In order to make up lines and entries and other arrangements for the Coquille finals, it is necessary to get early registrations. More details will be carried in next week's Sentinel.

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THE QUEEN'S FLOAT—An attractive part of the 4th of July parade, was this float carrying the Queen, Rose Marie Peart, and her charming court. (Photos Courtesy Coos Bay Times)

Gorse Field Day Set For August

A Gorse Field day is scheduled to take place at Sixes Grange, Curry county, on Friday, August 13, at 1:30 p. m.

As a result of the gorse experimental project which is now in its third year, considerable information has been gained regarding the control of the plant. It is now possible to bring small infestations under control without too much difficulty.

Following the field day a meeting will take place when discussion will center on the question of support for future gorse research work and the development of the control program. Any organization interested in the project is being invited to participate. To accommodate those attending the meeting, a dinner, for which reservations must be made in advance, will take place at Castaway Lodge at Port Orford.

Gideons To Meet At Empire

The Coos County Gideons will hold their next meeting at Empire on July 18. C. C. Farr of Coos Bay will lead the team which will take charge of the service.

Sunday School Picnic To Be Held

The annual Sunday school picnic of the Coquille Christian church is being arranged for Sunday, August 1, at Norway Grove.

Transportation will be available for all who wish to attend. The cars will leave the church immediately following the morning church service.

In addition to the picnic lunch, races and games are being planned. Ice cream, coffee and soft drinks will be provided by the church.

Motion pictures of the day's activities will be taken and they will be shown at the August monthly meeting of the church.

There are still a number of open dates on the reservation list for Coos county youth camp, it was revealed at a recent meeting of the camp association. The open dates are in the latter part of the season and any organization wishing to make a reservation may contact Mrs. Wilma Hill, at Coos Bay.

Holiday Guests—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Laws had as their guests at the weekend their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Laws and two children of Corvallis, and Mr. and Mrs. John Billings of Ashland.

First National Bank Shows Big Gain In Loans And Deposits For Call Period Ending June 30

Deposits of \$5,162,675.58 and loans of \$1,299,306.78 at the Coquille branch of First National bank of Portland are shown by the June 30 report which answers the mid-year call of the comptroller of currency, according to Lewis Wiltshire, branch manager.

The figures of the financial statement show gains in both deposits and loans over the June report of a year ago. The increase in loan volume is substantial, up \$666,814.11, or 105 per cent during the twelve months period, Wiltshire says. Larger deposits are in contrast to a national trend which is also common in the Northwest.

A corresponding rise in the total loan volume for First National bank of Portland including all 44 branches throughout Oregon, is reported in the current financial statement. This is the third consecutive quarterly report in which the First National group has set a new Oregon banking record for volume of loans and discounts, according to word sent to Wiltshire by Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., president of First National. The June 30 figures are, loans—\$148,628,437.93 and deposits, \$480,910,106.10. Loan figures a year ago were \$108,146,996.98.

Wiltshire quotes Belgrano as saying that, these increased loans not only reflect generally higher price levels, but also represent added investment in the resources and economic expansion of Oregon. They are therefore an indication of the state's prosperity.

Coos Land Sales Total 206 Pieces

During the past six months, January 1 to June 30 inclusive, there has been a total of 206 land sales made by the county, according to information received from a report issued by H. R. Clark, county land agent. Of the full amount 76 per cent were cash and 23 per cent were contract sales.

Five hundred and eight parcels of land in North Bend netted \$25,964.60; 32 parcels in Coos Bay netted \$7,253.50; 24 parcels in Bandon netted \$2,220.00; 11 parcels in Coquille netted \$325.00; 258 parcels in Empire netted \$2,255.00; 61 Eastside netted \$1,200.00; 670 parcels in non-incorporated towns, \$7,952.00; a total of \$47,170.10.

The 216.02 acres of timbered land sold netted \$51,607.92, and 245.60 acres of non-timbered land netted \$25,413.34; a total of \$77,021.26.

The grand total amounted to \$124,191.36.

County Hearing Scheduled for Bovine Testing

A hearing to make compulsory the testing of all bovine animals in Coos county, except those on range and which cannot be made available for test except at unreasonable expense, will be held at 10 a. m. on August 9, it was announced today by L. W. Oddy, Coos county clerk.

The testing was requested by petition and asks that Chapter 355, Oregon Laws, 1945 be made compulsory.

Cleanup Prizes Awarded By City

First prize winner for the Chamber of Commerce cleanup contest in June was V. N. Call of 395 North Henry, it was announced today by Clarence Osika, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Second prize went to Thale Sanford of 563 N. Henry, and third prize went to Mrs. C. Peart of 908 North Coulter. Basis of judging was for the most improvement during the month of June. Dr. Ralph F. Milne was chairman of a committee which also included Mae Barton and Harry Johnson.

Prizes were \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$7.50 and were given by the Chamber of Commerce.

LEAVES FOR VISIT

Mrs. Laura Brandon left Wednesday morning by bus to visit her daughter, Mrs. Mella Ramsey and her family in Sacramento, Calif. After a few days she will go to Kansas City, Kansas, to see her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, to be gone all told about a month.

Ninety-Five Visit Pioneer Museum

Ninety-five visitors registered at the Coos-Curry County Pioneer Association museum at the side of the Coquille Community building over the 4th of July holidays, Mrs. Mary Randleman stated today.

Surprise was voiced by a number of the visitors at the unusually complete and well-preserved relics on exhibit in the museum, Mrs. Randleman said.

New additions to the museum include a grandfather's clock, several local pictures of interest, and some other precious items.

Mrs. Randleman, a pioneer daughter of Coos county, is serving as curator of the museum and maintains the museum in top shape.

Lois McCuskey Heads Reading List

Lois McCuskey heads the list of girls who are taking part in the summer reading course at Coquille Public library, according to the librarian, Mrs. B. L. Barkwell. Leading the boys in the same course is Donald Beal.

At the completion of the course on September 1, the boy and girl who have gained the most from their summer reading will be presented with a book and all those taking part will receive a diploma.

Away For Week-End—Mrs. Aina Eckholm was a week-end visitor to Crafer Lake and to the Oregon Caves.

Queen Rose Marie Peart Rules Three-Day Celebration At Coquille's 4th of July

Comely and vivacious Queen Rose Marie Peart ruled a successful 4th of July celebration for three days, beginning Saturday evening. Miss Peart was the candidate of the American Legion post, and was chosen queen by Mrs. Stella Cutlip and Jack Irvine of Coos Bay, and Wes Lang of Portland, leader of the celebration dances orchestra.

Princesses in the court were Laura Emily Ruble, Leatha Trout, Geraldine Ginn, Colleen Ostrander, and Barbara Barton.

Queen Rose Marie was crowned at the coronation ball Saturday evening by Mayor David Biegger. Her chaperone for the celebration was Dr. Eleanor Gutman.

Official cars during the celebration to carry the Queen and her court were furnished by Wayne Smith and Jim Bunch.

Highlight of the Sunday celebration was the huge fireworks display at the Coquille football field which found over 10,000 people watching the pyrotechnics.

Monday's parade was a colorful one and despite the handicap of rain which sprinkled the crowd now and then it was outstanding for the number of entries and the care with which the floats had been designed. Bud Griffin in charge of the parade expressed himself as well pleased with the results.

Judges of the parade were Mrs. Verne Lundy and Logan White, Myrtle Point, and F. W. Linklater, Coos Bay. Their selections for prizes, listed first, second and third in each classification, include: Men's marching, American Legion; 4-H club, Cunningham Livestock club and Roy 4-H club; Granges, Coquille Grange; comic entries, Coquille fire department E. L. Perrott & Sons, and Mrs. Walter Laird; commercial, J. C. Penney company, Farr & Elwood, and National Cranberry association; education, George F. Burr Motor company; fraternal groups, Coquille Eagles auxiliary; civic clubs, Active club, Rotary club, and Business and Professional Women; farm machinery, Pacific Feed & Seed, and J. A. Lamb company; decorated autos, West Coast Telephone company, Mountain States Electric company; patriotic, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Special mention was also given to the Roseburg Knights of Pythias drum corps and to the Coos Bay Lumber company's industrial display.

The Burr Motor's education winner was a Keep Oregon Green float, showing the comparison between a green forest and one into which fire had entered. A large fish model, a boat and motor made up the Perrott float, with a legend that said the firm will do its best for customers on weekdays, but that "Sundays and holidays are ours."

A girl, Sue Throckmorton, took honors in construction of vehicles entered in the soap-box derby. She came in fifth in the race but had the best-built "bug," judges decided. Stanley Carrillo, who won the event, made the five blocks down the east Second street course in 45 seconds. Arthur Pierce was second; Fritz Peterson, third; James Sinko, fourth, and Sue Throckmorton, fifth. First prize was \$15 in the race with \$10 for best builder.

Firemen taking part in their department stunt included Ludwig Scharfer, James Howe, A. E. Fisher, Clarence Summers, Leroy Swinney, Ross and Guy Mintony and Chief Craig Perrott. They had a small structure on the street near the courthouse, arriving (fortunately) about the time fire broke out. After baby buggies depicting the city department failed to quench the flames, one labeled "rural fire department" rushed up and did the trick. The firemen, (and some bystanders) got wet, as water went here and there, everywhere but on the fire.

Street sports, held in the rain, attracted a goodly number of contestants. Queen Rose Marie gave out candy bars to all runners, and awarded the prizes. Results were: 25-yard dash: Keith Smith, Charles Cross and Jimmie James. 25-yard dash: Dixie Rose, Gary Morris and Frank Hobbs. 75-yard dash: Don Beale, Allen Cunningham and Dennis Sharp. 75-yard dash: Kay Simmons, Shirley Sanders and Don Christensen. 3-legged race: Don Beale and Jack Sisk, Loretta Griffith and Dixie Rose, Yvonne Watzling and Kay Simmons. Potato race: Donald Christensen, Frank Hobbs. Potato race: Walter Lindsay, Ray Sanders and Paul Harry. Girls' race: Kay Simmons, Suzanne Cedarquist and Joanne Newton. Milk can rolling: Glen Griffith, Guy Mullen and Paul Harry.

A crowd-pleaser was the four-man music group of the Legion, headed by Lee Cross, bag-piper. Other members were Ben Barton, bass drum; William Goodwin and Louis Gilbert, snare drums.

Ned Kelley Passes Away Wednesday

N. C. Kelley, pioneer Coquille business man, and active civic leader, passed away at the Clymer Nursing home at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Kelley was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and came to Coquille in 1906 where he entered the insurance and real estate business, selling out a few years ago to the George Oerding company.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Kelley was a charter member of the Coquille Lions club, was first scoutmaster of the Coquille Boy Scouts, and helped organize the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors. He was a member of the Coquille Christian church for the past 38 years, and also was active in Red Cross and the Oregon Tuberculosis association work.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nina Nosler and Mrs. Vera Hooton, and a son, Guy Kelley. Also surviving are five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Date of services will be announced later this week by the family. The body is at the Schroeder Bros. chapel in Coquille.

Decker To Manage Timber Association

H. G. Decker has been appointed full time representative for the Coos-Curry Independent Timberman's association as a result of a meeting held in the office of Ivan Smalley, accountant, at Coquille on Wednesday, June 23.

The association, which up until this time has been operating on a temporary basis, has now been made into a permanent organization.

Mr. Decker is widely experienced in the lumbering field, having been connected with logging and sawmill work in Reedsport and vicinity for a number of years. He returned May 15 from Alaska, where for the past year he has been doing similar work.

Eubanks Will Move To California

The Rev. and Mrs. Hale B. Eubanks and daughter, Adrienne, left on Monday for Southern California, where they will make their home. Fr. Eubanks will supply at Trinity Church, Santa Barbara, for six weeks, then will take charge of the work at St. Michael's church, Montebello.

Shower To Honor Vanport People

A shower honoring Mrs. Farrell Hughes Lewis will be given at the Coquille Community building Junior auditorium at 8 o'clock Tuesday, July 13th, it was announced today by the hostesses.

Mrs. Lewis who has two children and an ill husband lost all household possessions in the recent Vanport flood.

She is a graduate of Coquille high school and is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Newton of Coquille.

Hostesses are Mrs. Ray Detlefsen, Dr. Eleanor Gutman, Mrs. Ed Hughes, Mrs. Louis Hollimon, Mrs. Raymond Jeub, Mrs. Marshall Kennedy, Mrs. William Klenz, Mrs. Orville Newton, Miss Elynor Oerding, Mrs. Julius Ruble, Mrs. Ralph Stuller, Mrs. Frank Thrift.

Council Hears No Objection To Budget

At the first hearing on the 1948 city budget Tuesday evening the city council heard no objections. One visitor was present, and Councilmen John Furkey and Allen Smith, both on vacations, were absent. Next meeting of the council will be in two weeks unless a special meeting is set.

The new city engineer was authorized to spend up to \$100.00 at a time for emergency materials needed in conducting his departments for the city.

Discussion of the Watson rooming house was tabled pending a more complete study of the building by an appointed committee.

LEAVES FOR PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smalley and family left today for Portland where Mr. Smalley will consult with the Internal Revenue department for several days, and the latter part of next week will attend a convention of the Oregon Association of Public Accountants.



HOLLYWOOD'S VOCAL SENSATION, Modi Da Costa will thrill dancers at the Red Nichols dance at the Coquille Community building here Saturday, July 10th. Miss Da Costa will join forces with a prominent film studio at the completion of her tour. It is believed in Hollywood circles. Unabashedly lovely, the charming songstress is a real sweetheart in appearance and has a lovely voice.

Oregon Historical Society Auditorium