

Highway 101

Repeated stories of Californians routing tourists up through Grants Pass have come to our attention, both from Oregonians and from tourists. The truth seems to be somewhat in between all the stories.

It seems that Californians are saying that highway 101 is crooked, broken in spots, and not too well taken care of. They recommend for more peaceful driving the inland route.

Action by the Oregon Coast highway association and by local Chamber of Commerce bodies up and down the coast has been to protest the actions of the California service stations and others.

We have found little in the record to show that the heavily subsidized Oregon Coast highway association with headquarters in Tillamook county has done anything to protest the condition of the Oregon coast highway. This, it appears to us, would be the best solution to the problem of tourist travel.

With one of the most dangerous and poorest pieces of highway being between Coquille and Coos Bay we have yet to hear of any action by the Oregon Coast highway association to attempt to speed up the program of construction on it.

The latest highway plans show that a small \$600,000.00 piece is due for completion by the end of 1949. At that rate we can expect to see the entire job finished by 1959 if we are still here and haven't been atomized.

With the Hon. Ralph Moore being chairman of the interim highway committee, and our representative to the Oregon legislature, we think it high time the people politic put a little pressure on Mr. Moore. We think the people of Coos county who pay taxes which in turn pays out a nice chunk of Coos money to the Oregon Coast highway association have a right to ask the highway group to get busy.

Not only should the people get busy, they must if tourist business is to improve next year, and it has been poor this summer.

Coos county 4-H clubbers made an excellent record at the 4-H summer school at Corvallis. It speaks well for Assistant County Agent Ken Beeson and his work with the many clubs in this area.

Riverton's tiny postoffice has gone up to over \$3200 for the first quarter of 1948. Mrs. Hazel Hudson, a genial and friendly lady, is the postmaster, and is doing a fine job for that area.

Progress keeps moving, and the Biegger Furniture company's new store is another evidence that Coquille keeps growing.

Warm sultry weather makes it important that fire hazards be removed from your premises. Watch rags, papers, flues, and all other things which might cause a fire.

Letter to the Editor

Plight of Old People Without Pension Checks Related By Writer Who Tells Their Story

To the Editor: July 5, 1948.

What appears to me to be the most disgraceful thing that ever happened in Oregon has happened when the old age assistance checks didn't show up on July the first.

The checks our old people are getting are always used up before the first of the month, so how are they to live for the next ten days or two weeks. Many of them couldn't buy a hot dog, let alone a real meal. It is surely a reflection on this wonderful state of Oregon, which has a greater population and a larger tax income than the state of Colorado which pays eighty-three dollars per month to their aged people without any strings attached, such as liens on property.

Am going to cite you to two cases right here in Coquille: One lady in her eighties is paying fifty dollars a month for an apartment. The rent has been raised from twenty-seven to fifty dollars a month. She gets

fifty-two dollars pension. If you have a recipe for living on two dollars a month, she wants it.

Another lady who owns her own little home gets twenty-five dollars per month. Yes, I can tell you who they both are and can prove what I have just told you. I hope Mr. Hilstrom reads this, for he can't come out with a denial. Now Mr. Hilstrom, when you and your welfare commission won't give people enough to live on who have a place to live in Coquille, why do you urge them to go out to the Clymer home where the charge is eighty-five dollars per month? It just don't make sense to me.

According to the Oregon Journal of July 4 Oregon has an unexpended balance of \$1,017,974. This survey was made by Aiken for the state board of control. Yet our aged people must live on scenery and climate for some ten days or two weeks. Still we are sending billions to the needy of Europe.

S. S. HARDENBROOK.

PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 6, 1928)

Fatalities in southwestern Oregon totalled four on the Fourth. Mother and child drowned near Reedsport when auto drops 150 feet into river. A 15-year old Bandon boy was drowned at Roseburg and a Powers man was killed in a motorcycle accident.

The many friends of the E. L. Detlefsen family were shocked Sunday morning to learn that their son, Paul, had been fatally injured in an automobile accident the night before.

The county health department announces a baby clinic at the city hall next Thursday, July 12, from 1 to 3 p. m. Dr. P. M. Drake states that it is necessary for all children who will enter school next fall to be brought to the clinic in order that defects may be corrected before that time. Mrs. G. E. Low, Mrs. Edw. Lorenz and Mrs. H. C. Getz will assist at the clinic.

Realizing the need of golf links adjacent to this city, five progressive Coquille citizens this week took an option on the 148-acre Houghton ranch, adjoining Norway school house on the east and north. These men had previously been in consultation with Myrtle Point citizens with the

idea of forming a golf club with members in each town. The Coquille men are J. L. Smith, Lyle Compton, Lyman Carrier, Homer C. Gant and James M. Caughell. Clark Fensler and Charles Harlocker were two of the Myrtle Point men consulted.

The Slater Variety store will occupy the west room of the Shelley building, now approaching completion at the corner of First and Hall streets.

Coquille was visited by a slight rainfall on the Fourth, but nothing like the Brewster valley section received.

Many cars were in the ditch in Coos county between Tuesday evening and Thursday morning, some of them the result of mixing moonshine and gasoline.

G. Russell Morgan and his mother have rented the Fred Lorenz house on east First street and have mover into it.

With the initiation of J. E. Norton into the Lions club here yesterday noon, local membership reached 30.

Before a crowd of 1,000 people Coquille moved into first place in the Coos County Baseball League Wednesday by defeating the Bandon club, down there, 8-5.

At Powers

The Powers Woman's club met June 30 at the Rebekah hall to hear the report of the national convention held in Portland the last of May. Mrs. W. C. Thorp, president of the club and delegate to the convention, gave an interesting and instructive outline of the convention and among the 13 resolutions the most impressive adopted into law were that the General Federation of Women's Clubs in convention assembled protest the undesirable literary trend and call upon all book publishers and authors to assist in elevating the type of current literature.

Mrs. Thorp told very entertainingly of Powers guest, the state president from the state of Rhode Island, Mrs. Sweetland. She was much impressed with our state and appreciated the myrtlewood plaque with the Women's club collect engraved thereon, presented to her by Mrs. Thorp from the Powers women's club. It was decided that the Powers club have a booth at the Coos and Curry county fairs, Mrs. Roy Robison to be in charge.

Mrs. Dolly Davis, formerly of Powers but now of Santa Cruz, California, and daughter, Beverly of Coquille, spent the 4th vacation with friends in Powers.

Miss Joanne Barber returned home Monday from a visit with Ona Belle Barton in Myrtle Point.

Eugene Boggan who just completed his course in a Portland barber school has accepted a position in the Shepherd barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shorb are parents of a baby girl born July 1st in the Mast hospital.

Miss Helen Coldiron who is attending vocational school in Eugene, is spending a month's vacation with her parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Coldiron. Dr. and Mrs. Howard Varney of Bakersfield, California, arrived this week to spend their vacation with Dr. Varney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Varney. Their daughter, Mary Ellen, who has spent the last two months with her grandparents will return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bealle are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Magnusson of Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shepherd visited in Roseburg with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edell Bryant.



By DAVE BIEGGER

Army and Navy offices report that recruits are coming in faster than weevils in a cotton patch since the Draft Bill was jockeyed through Congress. The lads who leap into uniform now sign up for only one year of active service, but if they wait for a personal invitation from Uncle Sam, they'll be eating Army or Navy chow for 24 months. On the other hand, there's a chance they won't be paged at all. The bill calls for 200,000 to 225,000 men the first year out of a pool of 7½ million men. It's a coin-flipping problem, and there are a lot of lads shuffling around muttering, "To be or not to be, that is the question."

Our congratulations to V. N. Call, Thale Sanford and Mrs. C. Pearl for winning the first three prizes in the Chamber of Commerce cleanup contest. Such people make Coquille a more beautiful city, and one to be proud of. We wish there were cleanup contests every month.

A symphony conductor in Springfield, Illinois, gave a downbeat so hard that he dislocated his back. Now he needs sympathy more than symphony. We've plenty of sympathy for you in these high-priced days, so our prices are kept low at the BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street. Our selection of General Electric Radios will be of great interest to you, because we believe you get more for your money in one of these well-made sets. Come in and listen to the model you like. Phone: 262.

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which will be held in Seattle July 19-23, according to Jack O. Lynch, president of the Northwest Furniture Manufacturers' association, sponsors of the annual affair.

As plans move toward the final stage this week, all indications were pointing toward the event being the

most successful yet held—with particular significance to home owners, who will feel the effect in new offerings by furniture dealers soon afterward.

Expected to attend from here are Mayor and Mrs. David Biegger of Biegger Furniture.

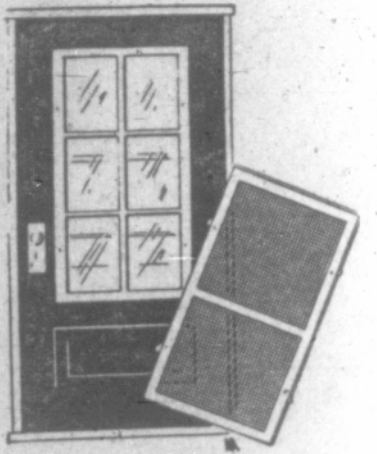


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