

COQUILLE JUNIOR LEGION IN DISTRICT FINALS

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Between the Deadlines

Credit for sparkplugging the Red Cross Swimming school goes to Mrs. LeRoy Swinney. It appeared that the annual school, started last year by the Active club with the help of The Sentinel was going to go by the way when Mrs. Swinney started her campaign to get it again. And she did. The Active club will underwrite the project at a cost of close to \$100.00 to them. Mrs. Swinney is chairman of the arrangements and is working hard. One of the finest things about Coquille is the fact that there are people willing to give their time to just such causes. We hereby grant her our Orchid for the Week.

Councilman Claude Mason was the object of some good-natured joking last Saturday morning. And it wasn't really his fault. He was pursuing his customary efficient preparation of cans of paint by taking them out back to his electric shaver which sits up in the bottom of the can. All his clerical staff stood around waiting for Councilman Mason to start the shaver. After turning on switches, checking wires, checking motors, and generally checking, Mr. Mason remembered that Mr. States Power wasn't delivering power that day.

An interesting thing about Saturday shoppers for paint, Mr. Mason says, is the fact that the buyers are men with their wives along. It's the feminine drive that drives them to painting on Saturday afternoon, and incidentally one reason America is such a modern, up-to-date place. The woman's touch.

Some evidence of the reasons for the Coos Bay-North Bend arguments over sportsmanship at Legion ball games, and support of the Coos Bay Harbor's premise that adults egged it on, could be seen when the Coos Bay Legion coach started kicking about the home run of young Newton which bounced over the fence. He insisted on a two base hit, not a home run, regardless of the fact that Coos Bay early in the game had had two home runs credited to them when the ball rolled out of the gate past the fence. We liked the attitude of all the Coos Bay youngsters though who said, "Play Ball."

Speaking of baseball the feat of annexing a county American Junior Legion baseball title for Coquille came about through the efforts mainly of one man — and that's Jess Barton. Taking over three years ago when there was no Junior Legion ball in Coquille after a long dry spell, Jess really went out and beat the brush for support. A number of local firms dug into their tills and found enough money to uniform a member. Then the Legion post dug up the rest of the needed money, and Jess started out with a lot of green youngsters who had hardly seen a baseball.

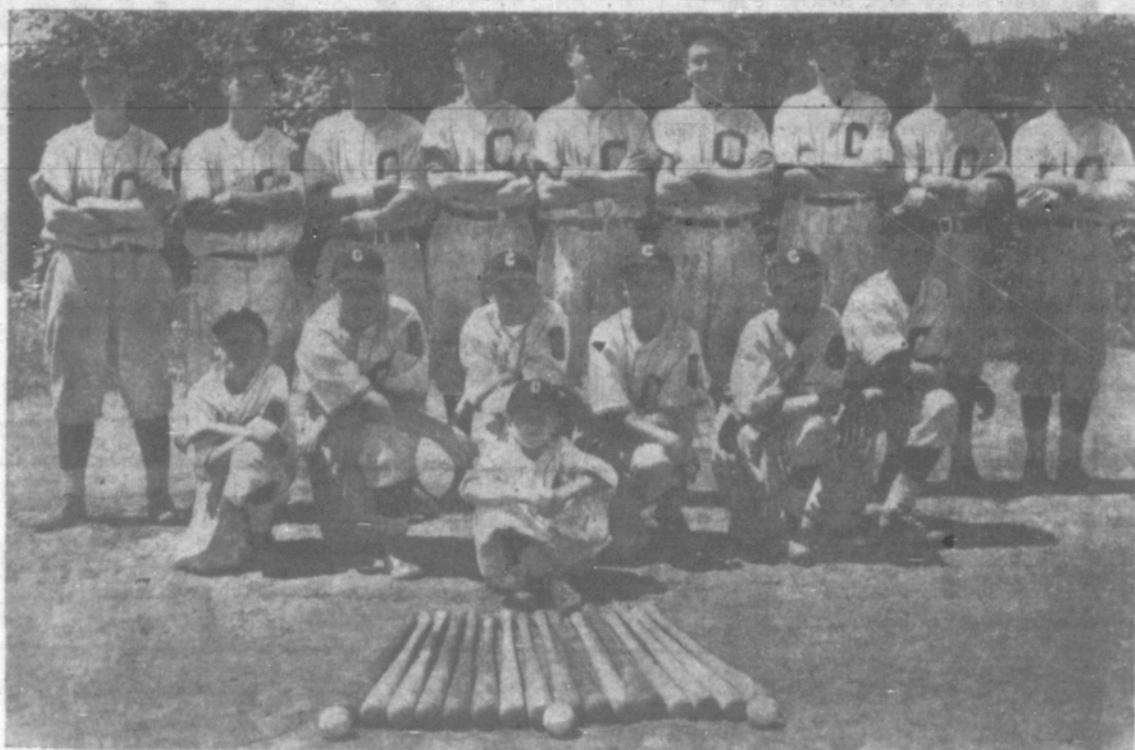
The first two years were pretty ragged, but this year Coquille has a mighty nice ball club, and some of the players are doing an outstanding job.

People who drove out to see the first of the two games Saturday (which Coquille won to give them county championship) with Coos Bay found themselves staying for the second game and not getting home until after eight that night. The ball game was just too much fun.

And not to mention the fact that some Frank Merriwell playing was added: once when young Howe knocked in a couple of runners in a tight spot with two downs, and again when young Newton put himself up in the big-time stuff by knocking a ball over the fence.

Newton's over-the-fence home-run is the third time in the history of the Coquille ball park that the hit has been duplicated.

Ways to beat the water shortage



CHAMPIONS OF THE COUNTY—Here they are, the Coquille American Legion Junior baseball team who Saturday annexed the Coos county title from the Northern county division leaders, Coos Bay, in a thrilling double-header that featured exciting well-played baseball. Friday and Saturday nights this team augmented by eight other county players will meet Drain's Junior Legion nine at Drain at 8:30 in a two game series to determine the district championship. If each team wins one, loses one, a playoff to determine the Albany game team will be played here Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Coquille Baseball park. Left to right are Jimmy Newton, center field; Larry Moore, right field; Buzz Oerding, catcher; Jerry Jeub, first base; Eddie Howe, third base; Bob Allard, substitute; Keith Johnson, pitcher-shortstop, and Johnny Knight, pitcher-short stop. Kneeling in front row from left to right are substitutes Bobby Burr, Chris Christiansen, Buddy Liday, Donald Fish, Jerry Waterman and Sammy Duncan. Billy Graves, batboy, is pictured in front. Tom McCauley, regular left fielder, was absent at the time the picture was taken. (Photo courtesy Coquille Studio)

Tomorrow Last Day To Sign Up For Red Cross Swimming School Free Lessons

Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. (tomorrow) will be the closing date on signing up for the annual Red Cross swimming classes at Sugar Loaf, near Myrtle Point. Registration was open Wednesday, today and will be open Friday from 2 until 4 p. m. at the offices of the Mt. States Power company.

Limit for the classes has been set at 100. Mrs. LeRoy Swinney, Woman's club chairman, announced, and when this total is registered, the books will be closed for the summer. Shortage of instructors and lack of space makes it advisable to teach only this number to swim, Mrs. Swinney said.

Children ten years old or older may purchase bus tickets for \$3.00 for the ten day swimming school. Children nine years old must furnish their own transportation and be accompanied by parents each day.

Classes will run from August 9th to August 20th, and instructors will be Janice Leverage, Joann Bennett, and Laura Lee Cutlip.

The school is being assisted by the Active club with the aid of the Coquille Woman's club. Chairman is Mrs. Swinney and assisting her are Mrs. Joe Sinko and Miss Laura Emily Ruble.

The Red Cross is paying the cost of instruction at the swimming pool.

Shrine Picnic

The annual Shrine and Daughters of the Nile picnic is set for Sunday, August 1st, at the Shrine Grove at Lee, it was announced today by Shriner Theodore Clinton. All Masons and Eastern Star families are invited as guests. Foot racing, horseshoe pitching, and ball games are on the program. Ice cream, coffee, cream and sugar are to be furnished. Box lunches should be brought to the picnic.

which plagues householders and gardeners in Coquille every summer (even though we're in a wet belt) can be reduced to one simple method, says Don Smith, M. and W. Auto company office manager. "Dig a well." He kibitzed on County Sanitarian Eugene Fields' well which Fields dug himself in his backyard. A clogging of the well showed that a spring stream had been tapped. People on 4th street are waiting now for a laboratory report on the water to see if it gets a grade A rating.

Why is Supt. Ray Hunsaker hoarse this week? All he did was attend the Seaside Miss Oregon bathing beauty contest with the Coos Bay Pirates. But he sure can't talk above a whisper.

Almost Walks Home From Flying Trip

Genial Al Smith, general logging superintendent of Coos Bay Lumber, is getting kidded this week. He almost had to walk home Tuesday.

It all came about when he took off in a Beachcraft plane for a morning's hop to San Francisco and back again. They got there all right, transacted the business at hand, and started back. Around Yreka the fog clouds rolled up, and at Roseburg, the plane destined for the North Bend airport was grounded.

Al was due at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Tioga that evening. But he was in Roseburg. And he finally caught a ride home, but not by plane.

"Bug Derby" Set For Tomorrow

Coquille's own bug derby with winners, the first three, to enter the Coos county finals at the Coos Bay Celebration in August, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the end of 2nd street.

Prizes of \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50 will be awarded by The Sentinel to the first three winners in the derby. All application blanks must be filled and signed and at the Sentinel by tonight in order to qualify to enter the race.

To date eight boys have entered the race.

\$135,000 School Levy Vote Slated

Approval or rejection of the three year serial bond levy of \$45,000 a year to build a six room elementary school building at the high school football field will be decided Friday, August 6th.

The plan which calls for the first unit in a series of building programs as the need grows would build six rooms at present with complete heating and other facilities for the completed unit. As the need develops, additional units could be constructed.

Need for the new building has been repeatedly pointed out by school officials who tell of the overcrowding at the present time in Washington and Lincoln schools. Stricter enforcement of the new elementary school standards also require that the first three elementary grades be reduced from the present size now operated by Coquille to twenty-five students each.

Over \$52,000 a year is granted the school district by the state and it is believed this sum would be endangered if a new building was not erected.

School census figures of last fall show that the full impact of the younger generation is due this fall and for the next few years.

A public meeting was held last night to explain the plans for the building to the public. The election on the bond issue will be held from 2 to 7 p. m. at the Washington grammar school.

Homemakers' Camp Called "Indian"

The "Indian" theme has been worked out for the Homemakers' camp which is scheduled to start on August 4th at Camp Myrtlewood, according to word received from the office of Ella Winkels, Coos county home extension agent.

The camp will be in session from 6 p. m. on August 4 until Saturday evening, August 7. Registration will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p. m. on Wednesday, following which there will be a sack lunch around the campfire.

Sugar Loaf Pool Is Open To Swim

There is no basis to the rumor that Sugar Loaf swimming pool in the Coquille river is closed or dangerous, Dr. Eleanor Gutman, Coos county health officer, told The Sentinel today.

Dr. Gutman reports that she has received numerous calls concerning the Sugar Loaf swimming pool which is located in the Coquille river above Myrtle Point. Rumors have persisted that the swimming place was closed because of infantile paralysis. Dr. Gutman states that there have been no cases of polio in Coos county this season, and that the outbreak of polio in the state as a whole has been very small this summer.

There is no direct contamination of the water at Sugar Loaf, and the health department regards it as a safe place to swim.

Visit In Coquille—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fields and family, formerly of Coquille, are visiting here with relatives for two weeks.

Coquille Juniors Will Attempt To Take District Honors From Drain Baseballers

Having taken that first big Paul Bunyan step in their march to the little World Series by defeating Coos Bay, Coquille's battling American Legion junior baseball team now turns toward Drain, and the next big test on the road to victory.

A three-game play-off will start next Friday, July 30th, between Coquille and Drain, winner of the title in the eastern half of district ten. The game will be played under lights, starting at 8:30 p. m.

The second game will also be a night affair at Drain, Saturday, July 31st and will start at 8:30.

The third game, if such is necessary to decide the district championship, will be played on the Coquille diamond, Sunday, August 1st at 2 p. m.

The Drain team piled up a formidable record during the 1948 season by winning every game of regular league play and losing two post-season games to strong contenders from Roseburg and Albany, which team, incidentally, is already assured of a berth in the sectional tournament to be held August 5, 6, and 7.

Coquille's record is itself quite enviable and comparative to Drain's. Although the local boys lost one game during the regular season, they vindicated themselves completely by defeating that same team, Bandon, twice. Only other defeat suffered by the Coquille nine was the initial encounter with Coos Bay in the three game series playoff. That game was lost 4-2, but the sting of defeat was wiped out by a thrilling double-header in Coquille last Saturday afternoon when the local boys won the county championship by the scores of 9-8 and 8-7.

Jess Barton, coach of the Coquille team, will take the cream of Coos county junior Legion players with him to Drain.

Regular members who will make the trip are Buzz Oerding, catcher - outfielder; Keith Johnson, pitcher-shortstop; Johnny Knight, first baseman-outfielder; Bill Oweh, infield; Eddie Howe, infield; Tom McCauley, outfielder-catcher; Jim Newton, outfielder, and Larry Moore, outfielder.

Players from other teams in the county who will go along to augment the staff of the championship team are Warren Hunt, pitcher; John Perkins, outfielder; Dave Card, catcher - outfielder; John Huggins, first baseman-outfielder; Don Harris, infield; Philip St. George, pitcher-first baseman; Don Hull, pitcher-third baseman, and Claude Liday, utility player.

Jack Hansell will go along as general manager; Hal Sowers will represent Coquille on the umpire staff, and Bill Fortier and Jess Barton will coach the Coquille nine.

The winner of the district ten championship will journey to Albany next week to participate in the sectional tournament. There they will play a round-robin affair with Medford, Albany and Eugene.

Winner of this sectional series will gain a berth in the State tournament which will be held in Salem some time during August.

From the Oregon State tournament, the surviving team will go to Yakima, Washington, where the top Northwest junior Legion teams will battle for a spot in the Pacific Coast sectional tournament to be held in Lewiston, Idaho.

The little World Series will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana.

State Officials See Big Timber Being Cut In Coos Bay Lumber Sitkum Area

It was "big timber" day Tuesday for Secretary of State Earl Newbury, Deputy Secretary Bill Healey, and George Penson, assistant manager of the department of motor vehicle registration. As guests of the Coos Bay Lumber company and the George Burr Motors, the state officials were escorted on an all-day trip through the Coos Bay Lumber operations and into the Sitkum timber show with a special "lumber camp cookhouse dinner" at noon at the Sitkum camp.

The party which went in two cars, one furnished by the Southwestern Motors, also included Al Smith, general logging superintendent of Coos Bay Lumber; Theodore Clinton, Stan Sherwood, George Burr, Fred True, Jack McCarthy, Mayor David Biegger and Ralph Stuller.

First stop was at the Myrtle Point-loading docks on the Myrtle Point-Powers rail line. A later stop was made at the Coquille river near Sitkum where ponds were being filled up with logs and then into the Sitkum woods where the party spent several hours going through the entire operation from falling and bucking to loading onto the trucks in the woods.

At noon a dinner of fried chicken

Schroeder Named Pioneer President

New president of the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical association for the coming year will be Henry Schroeder, pioneer son of Coos county, and prominent Myrtle Point merchant. He was named at the elections held Sunday afternoon at the annual picnic in Myrtle Grove at the Coquille Community building.

He succeeds J. Albert Matson, Coos Bay, who has served two terms as president of the group and seen it progress much during his term of office.

Other officers named were A. N. Gould, Coquille, vice-president; Mrs. Inez Chase, Coquille, secretary-treasurer; William Vaughan and Edgar McDaniel, North Bend; Ralph Moore, J. Albert Matson, Coos Bay; David Biegger and Fred True, Coquille; J. H. McCloskey and Jesse Clinton, Myrtle Point; William Sweet and John Nielson, Bandon; Mrs. Wanda Volck, Langlois; Louis Knapp and Mrs. Ed Lindberg, Port Orford, and George Bickerton, Gold Beach, all directors.

All people over 80 years old, and all people married over fifty years were honored by the group which had Mrs. Walter Laird present flowers to the men and women. There were 31 present who were over 80, and four couples present who had celebrated their golden weddings.

The program consisted of an address by Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University of Oregon; singing by Mrs. J. P. Beyers, and old-time numbers on the violin by Walter Laird.

A life biography was presented to Mrs. Inez Chase by Historian Emil R. Peterson.

Grocery Operator Hurt In Accident

Mrs. Helen Skeuchenpflug was admitted to Falk hospital on Wednesday, following an automobile accident which occurred just out of Coquille on the Bandon highway.

Mrs. Skeuchenpflug, who is suffering from cuts and bruises about the face and head, went to sleep at the wheel. Two children, who were riding with her, suffered only minor injuries, and were taken home.

Mr. and Mrs. Skeuchenpflug recently took over the Armstrong's Grocery.

Revival Services Set For Coquille

Revival services will start Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Church of God. They will be conducted by the Rev. Amor Perry of Moscow, Idaho, who is a former Coquille pastor.

complete on a groaning table was served in the Sitkum cookhouse of the Coos Bay Lumber company. According to Secretary of State Earl Newbury, it was the largest and most delicious meal he had ever eaten.

The cars then drove over the old Coos Bay Wagon road to Tenmile and returned via the Roseburg highway.

Secretary Newbury was in the county this week and on Monday night spoke to a dinner meeting of sixty members of the Southwestern Oregon Dealers' association.

Discussion at the meeting centered around the sale of used cars by unlicensed dealers which included some service station operators and curbstone salesmen.

Safety in driving was stressed at the meeting by the secretary and his staff and stiffer penalties with no return of the operator's license for one year was discussed.

Stan Sherwood was chairman of the dinner and served as toastmaster. Jim Scott is president of the group.

In From Portland—Miss Dorothy Newton is in town from Portland, called by the illness of her grandmother, Mrs. R. B. Knife.