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It's Fair Time Again

And now it's to the fair we're going, and we'll see the booths of giant corn, mammoth pumpkins, jar upon jar of shining canned fruit, and the rich exhibits of the talented 4-H clubbers and their fathers and mothers in the Granges.

True enough there will be a midway with candy snow, a carousel, and the always present sideshows that promise much and give little. The dusty pathway being kicked up by tired feet is a part of the county fair, too.

But to us the tingle of expectation, the pride of accomplishment, the hundreds of talents so proudly displayed by the men, women and children of the great county of Coos really make the fair.

It's a tangible in a world of stress, this reality of county fair time. Like the verity of the earth which revolves through season and season is the growth of the good things of the soil.

A place of strength, the county fair, where neighbors come briefly together to vie for the red and the blue ribbons, which once won are proudly displayed in the front room.

Yes, it's fair time again, and the roads to the Myrtle Point fair grounds will be busy with happy people.

Why, without a fair we'd scarce know that summer is fast fleeting, and the thoughtful winter is near upon us. Without fair, we'd forget and not remember, the talents, the industry, the friendliness of our farm neighbors.

We get much of understanding at a fair, and it's a gladome thing that there are still county fairs.

Such Men Are Dangerous

Henry Wallace is a chilling menace to all the liberties we cherish and have fought to preserve.

This so-called leader of a third party calling themselves progressives is a dangerous challenge to every man, woman and child in the United States.

This mystical screwball, unsecured, ranting, and ambitious is the topic of little concern by a much too large a group of Americans.

Henry Wallace, but by the grace of God, would have been president. Henry Wallace would be president and more. Henry Wallace today is a vain, ambitious, dangerous man who is the puppet in the hands of a militant Red group. His recent third party convention was a farce of democratic procedure.

The convention was primed and controlled from the beginning to the end. When one old New Englander farmer dared make a motion concerning our stand in the world today, he was completely bashed down by the pinkos who were on hand to stifle any free expression.

The danger to America is that Wallace is surrounded by unscrupulous, clever men who would control this country. Our danger is in not being more than mildly interested in the Wallace campaign.

A great and devastating depression could cause such groups as the Wallace group to sweep into power, and end freedom as we know it. There is altogether too much similarity between the rise of Fascist parties in Europe and the makeup of the Progressive party this year.

If you haven't read Sinclair Lewis' "It Could Happen Here," better get it out again.

They Aren't Too Bad

A favorite sport of a lot of people is sniping at the public utilities in their neighborhood. In the cities, it's the traction company; in the smaller towns, the telephone company or the electric power company. And it never fails to get a reaction.

Controlled by Public Utilities commission rules, the power and the telephone companies

have to go begging with a battery of lawyers to prove if they deserve a raise in rates.

If some disgruntled patron isn't too happy, he can kick and find a hundred backers to second his cries of "robber."

We know it was extremely unpopular in the past decade to say that a privately owned utility might be slightly purer than a lot of federal ones, but now the pendulum is swinging, and it is at least safe to say that the private utilities are doing a mighty fair job, and in many cases are making a good record.

So it is that we suggest that you consider the many kindnesses, courtesies, and efficient services your local telephone or power company has given you the past year.

We could recite them without end for many of you have told us. In a sense of fair play, why not call a spade a spade, the power company and the telephone company have had the same problems of unskilled labor, shortage of materials, and a seven year backlog to fill on top of an unprecedented growth in population that most of us have had.

They aren't too bad, these private utilities. In fact they sure help pay a lot of taxes that you and I might have to take over without them.

Up Early On Sunday

It's not enough, our friend the pipe smoker said the other morning as he viewed his tomato plants to have to nurture each drop of water on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, to pray that my neighbor doesn't have his soaker hose going when I can't see it running, and to worry about the city dads maybe turning off more water, now it's that I have to get up at 6:45 in the morning each Sunday.

You'd think, he puffed, that the boys who run this town, sitting downtown in their offices, would remember when they maybe stayed up late having some fun after a week in the woods. But no? They sort of pull a Benjamin Franklin on me, and say early to bed, and early to rise, if you'd get your water on Sunday for irrigating your garden.

So it is that I have to give up Saturday night parties . . . have to set the alarm, an unusual thing too for Saturday that makes it hard to go to sleep for it disturbs my routine of living, and then when the rest of the city is sound asleep creep out in my pajamas and start my watering.

Someday, maybe, there might be water enough to last all summer, our friend said, and when that day comes maybe I'll be able to go out late on Saturday and sleep late on Sunday. And when that day comes Coquille can call itself a city for it will be a city when it has lots of water as every city should.

The sincere friendliness of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry which was shown to Coos county residents last week when he was here proves once again that sometimes the majority of people can really be right when they pick a man out. Secretary Newbry is surrounded by capable executives and he gives them complete responsibility which makes for good works and good harmony. He's a good man to vote for in Oregon.

Logging today is a tough job. We recently drove up a Coos Bay Lumber company road that would have held Engineer Baldock up for twenty years if he had had to build it. But be that as it may, there are logging roads in Coos county that would be tough roadbuilding problems to anyone.

With a grand total of 106 young swimmers taking advantage of the Red Cross swimming school in the Coquille river this summer, the members of the Active club are to be complimented on their backing of the project. It will cost this small service club over a hundred dollars and it will gladly be paid.

What Other Editors Say...

No Right to Concealment

Reprinted From The Oregonian

When the 1943 legislature gave state milk control to the state department of agriculture, it intended the director to be the representative of the public, not of the industry. But now one finds the director barring the public from hearings for milk distributors charged with violations of regulations and law.

The milk section attorney's defense, on behalf of Director E. L. Peterson, is that publicity might hurt some distributors who may have innocently violated milk control regulations. Bosh. Fair reporting is all that anyone can expect, and the public does not pillory the innocent. In any event, the milk industry which sought and benefits from state control has no right to concealment of any of its activities under a system in which the public guarantees profits in exchange for a pure and adequate supply of milk.

It is disconcerting, to say the least, to find a public official placing himself in the position of an industry apologist and protector. Mr. Peterson says that his only recourse in event of violations is revocation of licenses. There is another weapon, equally effective, for inducing producers and distributors to obey the rules. That is public knowledge of the facts. The director of agriculture, a public employee, has neither the legal nor moral right to conceal them.

cial at a salary of \$2500 for the full year, with a two weeks' vacation during the summer.

Also an ordinance was adopted calling an election to vote on the proposal to issue \$5,000 worth of bonds to finish paying for the Henry street bridge. City Engineer Vinton was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of gravelling the road from the end of Second street to the city dump.

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening a petition containing 44 names was presented asking that the section of the city's parking be either enforced or repealed.

It has been announced by the state highway department that the heavy oiling of the road between Coquille and Myrtle Point would start next week. The highway department has also decided to oil a five mile stretch from Bandon south this year.

Services for the late George A. Robinson who died in Germany last month were held yesterday afternoon.

This section was on the outer edge of an electrical storm last night. About 3:30 this morning there were frequent lightning flashes. A heavy mist before six o'clock seems to presage that the dry season will be broken before September 1, the date usually counted upon as the beginning of the rainy season.

Archers of Coos county and southwestern Oregon are going to hold a tournament at Bandon Sunday, near the Queen Anne cottage, and anyone interested in archery is invited to be present.

A big 90-gallon still attracted a lot of attention in front of the hotel here Wednesday evening. Federal and state officers had brought it up from below Bandon that evening.

Coquille was full of tourists last night and all available rooms were taken.

Baxter and Barker are getting ready to open their camps next month to cut logs for the Coos Bay Lumber company.

The sale of 23,000 acres of timber land, cruising about 200,000,000 feet of Port Orford white cedar, and 900,000,000 feet of fir, to E. C. Dant, of Portland, and A. E. Adel-sperger, of the Western White Cedar company, is the largest timber deal made in the county for years.

Portland men have been in Marshfield the past week conferring with the directors of the Marshfield company as to the possible purchase of that towering structure on Broadway which has not been completed. No terms have yet been agreed upon, but if the sale is made the hotel building will be finished this winter.

Letter to the Editor

Editor, Valley Sentinel
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Sir: Although information regarding the hunting seasons this fall, the special seasons, and the times of filing of applications for said special seasons has been sent out to all newspapers through news releases we feel that certain items might be of special interest to your readers. Along this line, I would

News Views

By DAVE BIEGGER

A Dr. Mauchly, of Philadelphia, is now demonstrating his Universal Automatic Computer . . . UNIVAC. The machine is a robot brain about the size of a piano . . . and it's just the thing to own, if thinking gives you headaches! It can add, subtract, divide, write letters and even figure the odds on a poker hand. It handles 300 multiplications of 12 digit figures per second. That's faster than you can ask the questions! Now, if the scientists can only figure out a machine that will answer a few thousand and national, international and personal questions, we can all sit back in the shade and relax. How about it, Doc?

Progress must be served and the approval of the new school for elementary students of the Coquille districts marks a step forward for Coquille. There is no turning back in progress and such a step bodes well for the future of this thriving industrial and agricultural empire.

A Japanese man climbed 12,000 foot Mt. Fuji in 6 hours on a pair of bamboo stilts. That's really taking the hill in high gear. Our service to you is definitely not stilted! Courtesy and friendliness is the keynote at the BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street, where we offer you Only The Best in Appliances and other items for the home. A General Electric Automatic Dishwasher, for instance, would eliminate your having to do any more dishes by hand! In ten minutes, you can do a WHOLE DAY'S accumulation of dishes! Amazing? It really is . . . and YOU can have one! See them tomorrow. Phone: 262.

like to call your attention to the special elk season in the Ten Mile Lake area of Coos county. There will be seventy-five permits issued to shoot elk of either sex in this area from September 4 to September 7, inclusive. Application closing date for this season is Friday, August 13, at 5:00 p. m. If more than seventy-five applications are received a drawing will be held on Monday, August 16, at 1:00 p. m. to determine the successful applicants. As that terrain is rough and difficult to hunt in the area where this special season is to be held, it is thought that hunting success will not be high for those who are not familiar with the country. However, in that many of your readers are very familiar with this country and would probably be successful in this hunt we believe that their attention should be called to this early closing date for applications.

It is also pointed out that this year parties of not more than four persons may apply as a unit provided that each member of the party signs the application. If it is necessary to hold a drawing the group will be issued a number and if this number is successful in the drawing each person in the group will receive a notification to send the required fee, personal description, and type and number of his 1948 hunting license. The make up or membership of the party cannot be changed after filing an application. These applications may be secured at any authorized Game Commission license agent or from the Game Commission offices in Portland, Oregon.

Sincerely,
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EARL CARROLL

For countless centuries man used his eyes out of doors under the natural light that nature provided for him. He used his eyes for distant seeing or for the performance of simple eye tasks. Then almost overnight in the reckoning of time, man became an indoor creature, living and working by artificial light.

"There is no darkness," it is only the absence of light. After sunset the rooms of a home take on new life with carefully planned lighting. In fact the night time appearance of a room can be more attractive than its daytime appearance.

Residential lighting may be divided into four general classifications:

Portable lamps
Ceiling fixtures
Wall brackets
Architectural lighting

These in turn are classified according to the manner in which their light is distributed, as Direct, Semi-Direct, Indirect, Semi-Indirect.

All too often light fixtures are selected only on basis of cost and appearance, with too little consideration for their primary purpose—TO PROVIDE USEFUL LIGHT.

Maintenance feature of a light fixture is very important:
Is it easy to clean?
Is the bulb easy to replace?

As dirt or dust accumulate on a fixture it gradually absorbs more and more of the light and by so doing reduces the efficiency of the fixture.

A number of people prefer styles of the past and period design but influence of modern design is having its effect. This is particularly true in lighting. Light sources and lighting effects, many of them here and others to be developed which are primarily the essential for seeing, will brighten tomorrow's world.

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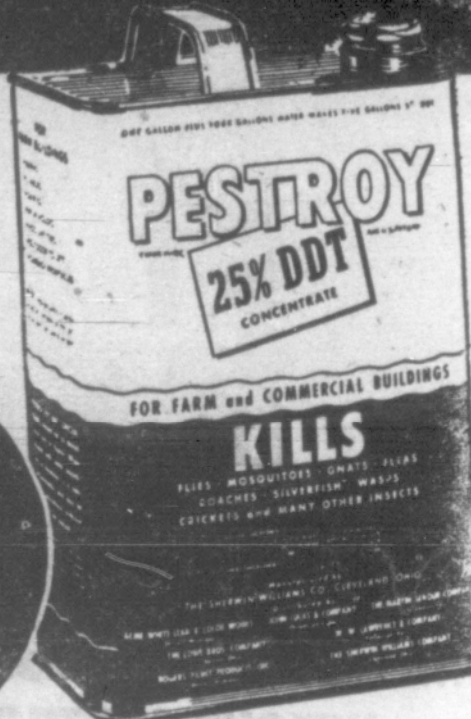
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From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, August 10, 1928)

At a meeting of the school board Wednesday morning, W. V. Ferguson,

son, newly elected superintendent of Coquille schools, agreed to accept the combined position of superintendent and high school principal.