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NICE PEOPLE

Some friends of ours from McKinley stopped in to ask us to put a notice of a dance and party in the paper, and said they sure appreciated all the newsy notes from all the little settlements in Coos and Curry counties. We do, too, and if you'd like to write for us, drop us a note for details.

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Between the Deadlines



Shrunk from Statesman — Caught by a rain, a hunter crawled in a hollow log. Soaked, the log began to be tight. Hooting and shooting in vain, facing death, he remembered he had ducked his Community Chest contribution. Thinking about it, he felt so small he slid right out of the log, hunted up the chest, made his contribution and left a lot better inside. — Salem Statesman.

Big conversation around the city of Portland is the fact that meat prices are tumbling both hourly and daily, and the taxi driver is happy. Businessmen report an army of "lookers", however, and they say the extra help it takes to watch "lookers" "look" is eating up the profits they make from sales. One department store head told us the other night that they come in and look over every item in stock, and then says, "Guess we'll wait until after election." Men are no better either. They have picked up the habit and spend all their Saturday afternoons off now looking (that is, if they are in the market for a coat or something) and then walk out with a fifty cent pair of socks.

Which to our mind is the preclusion to a change in the buying habits of the nation. It used to be that you bought the first thing that you saw and didn't bother about color. Now even new car buyers are checking the color and if it isn't just what they want they sit that one out and wait for their favorite color.

The Portland waterfront is as quiet as a church after the Sunday service is out and people are gone home. There are a few boats tied up waiting for the day when the packed docks and warehouses can be emptied into the holds of the ships. Many sailors and steamship officers are "drydocked" waiting for shipping out. Payroll is down and longshoremen around the city of Portland are just as pessimistic about a strike settlement as are other citizens.

A strange thing is the fact that the unions by this latest strike have made many thousands of unhappy and the statement of one longshoreman to us that "Harry Bridges ought to be kicked out of the country" is found in many other men's thoughts.

Sid Brown, the traffic meter man for the city police department, recently pinned a courtesy card on the car of an out-of-city man and had the motorist gruffly order him back. "Here," said the 249 pound traveler, "couple of courtesy cards for you." The cards read, "Present this card at your grocer and get a free can of soup."

Reactions from Coos Bay people to the recent Sentinel's editorial in re the new highway and Coos Bay brought us a lot of interesting comment after the Times had borrowed our thoughts. After the U. of O.-USC game we got in the middle of a hot argument with some of Coos Bay's biggest big shots agreeing with us right down the line. But we still remember the warning of one of the Coos Bay-ites. "Brother you better drive slow when you go through our city." And we will.

We sort of enjoyed a comment by one fair member of an after-game party Saturday night who after hearing Ernie Detlefsen and others (all from Coos county) extolling Coquille to the other U. of O. boys and girls, made the cogent and to the point remark (which ended the conversation right now), "Well, after all we all can't live in Coquille, there wouldn't be enough jobs to go around." And the fact that she was a charming gal added to the finality with which she stepped all the local boasting about weather, people, sports, and everything else.

Delegates At Convention — Delegates from Coquille who will attend the Women's Society of Christian Service conference in Salem this week-end will be Mrs. O. L. Newton, Mrs. James Richmond, Mrs. Arthur Jacobson and Mrs. S. F. Stevens.

Magic Wand Hits Coquille Kiddies

Today, "Uncle Ben," emcee of Heart's Desire (heard Monday through Friday over Mutual network) announced that he was going to help out Mrs. W. J. Bonnell of McKinley Route, Coquille, Oregon, in her efforts to put through a Halloween dance and party for 82 teenagers.

Mrs. Bonnell wrote to Ben Alexander and asked his help, aid and assistance in putting over this party in a great big way for these children. In this community there is no swimming pool, skating rink or other entertainment of any sort except entertaining themselves. So, the children got together and went to Mrs. Bonnell. Mrs. Bonnell's home is quite large and has an upstairs room that occupies almost the entire second floor. These teenagers asked Mrs. Bonnell if they could use this room for a Halloween dance. Mrs. Bonnell consented with one stipulation—that the children let her give the party.

Since then, Mrs. Bonnell has been very busy planning, shopping and decorating. In fact, she has been given cause to wonder if she hasn't bitten off too big a bite! Plenty of entertainment and refreshments, and that includes a hayride before the dance—but where to get the prizes? McClary Appliance company provided the phonograph, but where to get the records?

That's where "Uncle Ben" comes in. Today he said: "What a wonderful woman!" And he proceeded to do something about Mrs. Bonnell's predicament. For prizes HEART'S DESIRE will send to pogs sticks, a box of sportshirts, a dozen pairs of nylons, 2 cosmetic kits, 2 leather military kits and 2 17-jewel wrist watches—one watch for the best boy's costume, and one for the best girl's costume. And also, Ben Alexander is sending a dozen of the latest Capitol record album! And it is hoped that the party will be one huge success!

Xmas Decorations After Thanksgiving

Christmas decorations and lots of them are to be put up shortly after Thanksgiving by the Chamber of Commerce, directors decided at their meeting Tuesday noon in the Hotel Coquille.

Letters have been written to numerous concerns to discuss street decorating plans and costs. The Chamber of Commerce feels that the Christmas promotion should be well done this year, and are planning extensive decorations.

Cub Scouts Plan Another Den

At a meeting of the Cub Scout committee which will be held at the Christian church on October 26, plans for the organization of another den will be discussed.

The Cub Scouts are being sponsored this year by the Christian church. Cub Master is John Shilling and Assistant Cub Master is Paul McNair. Other leaders include Den Mothers, Mrs. William Barrow, Mrs. Lewis Wiltshire and Mrs. Elmer Benham; Assistant Den Mothers, Mrs. Ernest James and Mrs. Dan Fish; Institutional Representative, Elwyn M. Noster; Park Chairman, Leslie V. Barklow; Committeemen, John Rhule, Earl L. Soward, William H. Barrow, and Lewis Wiltshire.

At Powers Dedication of Church Set For Sunday

POWERS, ORE., (SPECIAL)—Members and friends of the Open Bible church at Powers wanted a new parsonage for their pastor and family, so they started out to build one.

That was three years ago when building materials were hard to get. They determined their budget, even though it meant a longer period of time and the doing of the work themselves. They are now pleased to see the results of their faith realized—a faith that has had hands and feet and a lot of perspiration now and then.

Dedication services of the new parsonage will be at 11 o'clock Sunday, Oct. 24, according to an announcement by the present pastor, Rev. Gerald S. Pope. The public is invited to attend. Guest speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Roy E. Southard,



RED FEATHER MERCHANTS—Chairman Del Driskell of the Community Chest, to E. L. "Andy" Anderson, Coquille druggist, while Active club president, Alex Kreck looks on with pleasure. The Coquille drive this year is being handled entirely by the Active club as part of their contribution to the betterment of the community. (Sentinel Photo)

At Powers Logging Train Hits Gravel Truck

What could have been a very serious accident occurred Friday when the Coos Bay Logging train hit the gravel truck driven by Lyle McCulloch, Jr.

Lyle was dumping gravel on the right-of-way and did not hear nor see the train.

The truck was completely demolished. Young McCulloch suffered a few minor injuries.

World Prayer Day Set For Monday

"Redeem Thy world, O Lord, beginning with me," is the petition around which the Coquille day of prayer, which is set for Monday, October 25, will be centered.

In view of the political crisis, both national and international, Christian peoples everywhere are realizing the great need for divine intervention in world affairs, according to the Coquille Ministerial association. In this hour of insecurity and unrest, the individual and the masses of the people can turn to the loving-kindness of Almighty God and find the solution to their problems, spiritually or politically, individually or collectively, they say. It is for this reason that the Christian people of this community dedicate this day of prayer.

Four prayer services are to be conducted as follows: Catholic church, 7:15 a. m.; Methodist church, 10 a. m.; Episcopal church, 1:30 p. m.; Nazarene church, 2:30 p. m.

Hallowe'en Dance At Gravelford

A Hallowe'en dance at Gravelford free to all will be held at the Gravelford dance hall, it was announced by Mesdames J. F. Howard and Eunice Bartop. Open to all, the Hallowe'en dance is a get-together for all the residents of that end of the county. There is no charge.

Bandon Cranberry Festival Highlights Growth Of Burgeoning Coast Crop

BANDON, OCT. 21 (Special)—With the nation now observing its first National Cranberry Week, plans were announced today for the second annual Bandon Cranberry Festival to be held here November 5 and 6.

Folks from all over Southwestern Oregon are invited attend the harvest festivities by the Bandon Cranberry Festival association which is readying a program to include:

1. Selection of a queen and coronation ceremonies;
2. A Cranberry Fair, with prizes for best exhibits of fresh cranberries, cooked cranberries in pies, sauces, relishes, marmalades, canned cranberries, and others;
3. Tours of local bogs conducted by cranberry growers who will explain highlights of planting, growing and harvesting the ruddy fruit;
4. Exhibits of cranberry picking machinery, weed burners, cultivators and other commercial displays;
5. An all-out parade, led by a veteran color guard, the festival queen and her seven princesses, with the Bandon high school band and everything from decorated bicycles to six-wheeler trucks participating;
6. A Friday night Coronation Ball following selection of the queen and two Harvest Dances the next evening;
7. The second annual Cranberry Bowl football game, between Bandon and Gold Hill high schools.

Eight young contestants, representing various parts of the Bandon area between Riverton and Port Orford, have swung in to the ticket-selling phase of the contest. Tickets to the coronation and ball, and to the harvest dances are \$1.50 per couple; Cranberry Bowl game tickets are 80 cents per adult and 40 cents per student. Admission is free to all other events of the Festival.

Throughout the two-day event the festival association hopes to "better acquaint Southwestern Oregon residents with the relatively new industry that has made Bandon the 'Cranberry Capital of Oregon' and one of the two major cranberry-producing centers on the Pacific coast."

Candidates for queen of the festival and their sponsors are: Nancy Price, Coquille high school senior, Randolph Community Women's club; Diane Burrell, Bandon high senior, Bandon Veterans of Foreign Wars; Phyllis Pullen, Bandon high senior, Southwest Oregon Cranberry club; Florence Moore, Bandon high junior, Bandon American Legion; Betty Loshbaugh, Langlois high junior, Westmoor Grange; Lois Blakely, B. H. S. senior, Bandon Active club; LaVera Kinnett, L. H. S. senior, Langlois Sportsmen's club; Marie Fasnacht, B. H. S. junior, Bandon Rebekah and Oddfellows lodges.

Gifts and furnishings which have been donated by various organizations will be on display. Donors include the Ladies Aid, the Women's club, the Sunday school and Missionary Circle of the church, together with private individuals.

Hunt At Ophir—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bissett and son, Lee, with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Blair of Crescent City, hunted at Ophir at the week-end.

Highway Department Told Time Right For Pathway On Football-Town Street

The state highway department is aware of the danger on highway 101 from the high school football field to 10th street, Councilman George Burr told The Sentinel this week, and has been taken by him to see that the problem was remedied.

Following an editorial in last week's Sentinel, the city reviewed recent mail from the state highway department and said that both the city council and Supt. of Schools Ray Hunsaker had made many reports to the state requesting some action at once.

All the letters emphasized the need for an adequate footpath during football season, and the most recent letters pointed out that with the longshoreman's strike cutting down the number of truckers on the highway, now would be the opportune time to do the re-aligning of the road and the constructing of the footpath.

In September letters were sent to the highway department by City Recorder Hode Caughell who received the reply that the survey plans had not been sent to them yet, but that upon their receipt the highway offices would study the plans. They stated, however, that the press of business and the effort they were making to do work where federal funds were available would make the project slower in accomplishment.

Highway 101 from 10th street to the football field is a congested area following and preceding football games and traffic is a hazard to both itself and to the pedestrians who walk to and from the field. Poor banking near the Cunningham bridge also results in cars being thrown sideways and altogether the problem is one that needs immediate attention, according to the feeling expressed by many Coquille citizens to The Sentinel the past several weeks.

Coos Apple Tops Local Records

"One apple—one pie. That's what E. H. Peterson of 651 West 4th street says, and he proved his point by bringing one of his apples to The Sentinel this week in an attempt to wrest all honors for Coquille away from other parts of Oregon.

The apple which measured 1 1/2 inches around was a nice firm fruit and is of excellent cooking quality, Mr. Peterson states.

Truckers To Meet Here Saturday

A meeting of the Southwestern Oregon Truckers league will be held Saturday evening at 8 p. m., October 23, in the Coquille Community building.

It is an organizational meeting and all dump truck, log truck, lumber truck, and other truckers are invited to attend. Speaker will be L. W. Simpson, secretary-manager, of Grants Pass.

Director of the group from Coos county is Ronald L. Riley of Bandon.

Attending one of the first meetings recently in Grants Pass was George Burr, Rep. Ralph Moore, Ron Burr and Garland Rock.

Coos Tax Bill Sets High Record

Property owners are going to get the biggest tax bill in the history of Coos county this month. It calls for a total of \$1,836,534.00 for the 1948-49 years. The official tax rolls and statements were turned over to Sheriff William F. Howell for collection by Assessor Charles W. Forrest.

Coos county's levy, however, is only 8.8 mills, or a new record low for county activities. The tax roll includes a total of \$33,937,167.00 of value, and includes \$12,877,510 acreage property; \$7,781,168 platted property; \$9,878,545 personal property; \$3,521,719 public utility property. Exempted from the tax rolls was \$85,775 under the Veterans and Widows exemption law.

Taxes to be collected are: ad valorem tax, \$1,796,782.44; drainage districts, \$16,394.04; fire patrol, \$14,682.68; reforestation tax, \$3,724.90; and penalty for late filings, \$4,950.

Will Name Officers

A nominating committee of Fred Lorenz, Andy Anderson, Dr. Ralph Milne, Ernie Kuntz, and Harry Johnson were named this week by President W. J. B. Head of the Chamber of Commerce to nominate candidates for the 1949 Chamber of Commerce officers.

Gum Chewers To Help City's Youngsters As Lions Place Gum Machines about Town

Members of the Coquille Lions club are launching a new program in the near future through sponsoring of penny gum ball machines, to raise money for its Child Welfare projects.

According to Lion President Harry Slack 50 gum dispensing machines will be placed in stores, restaurants and other business places where free locations have been secured, so that the retail profit can be paid directly to the club.

"We are deeply grateful to the merchants and other business men of Coquille who are cooperating with us in this endeavor," Slack declared, "as it will provide hundreds of dollars annually for the beneficiaries: under - privileged children, blind, handicapped, etc. of this community. At the same time the plan obviates need for the expense and effort of personal solicitation in fund raising. "These attractive chrome machines require but a few square inches of counter space. Each one will display colorful labels with the official club emblem and showing the purpose for which proceeds will be used." At the same time, he explained in a confidential remarks to mothers, the gum offered for sale positively is not a bubble gum, but is pure and wholesome and guaranteed to be equal to the best package gum. Known as the Fordway Share-the-Profits Plan, this method of (Continued on last page, section one)

Honor Roll Named At High School

Three students received grades of straight Ones in all subjects taken during the first six weeks period at the high school, entitling them to a High Honor Roll rating. They are Faye Borgard, Mary Gauntlett, and Sandra McCurdy.

Those achieving a place on the honor roll by receiving no grade under a Two in any subject being taken during this first period are as follows: Marilyn Atkinson, James Brewster, Gay Cedarquist, Eldon Chowning, Bob Christensen, Virginia Corrie, Carolann Creager, Beverly Davis, Patsy Detlefsen, Joan Gauer, Alfred Gauntlett, Ray Gilkey, Nancy Godard, Mae Deane Greene, Lucille Haga, Jim Jenkins, Leota Johnson, Pat McGahan, Larry Moore, Jo Ann Newton, Lorraine Reininger, Joe Sayre, Pat Shaw, Georganna Smith, Lois Spalding, Clara Stonecypher, Joyce Taylor, John Watzling, Yvonne Watzling.

Smith Named On Logging Group

Allen C. Smith of Coquille was one of five Oregon men named on the directors' board of the Pacific Logging conference at the convention of the Pacific Logging Congress at the Multnomah hotel this week.

Others include: Robert P. Conklin, Weyerhaeuser, North Bend; Victor Torrey, Cascades Plywood, Lebanon; Bruce Moorehead, Mount Emily Lumber, LaGrande, and Robert Wilson, Warm Springs Lumber, Warm Springs.



CRANBERRY QUEEN Candidate is charming Nancy Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Price of North Bank road and a senior at the Coquille high school. Miss Price is being sponsored by the Randolph Women's club as their candidate for the Bandon Cranberry Festival Nov. 5-6. She is a tap dancer having appeared on the stage in Sacramento, Calif. The Coquille senior has light brown hair, blue eyes and stands five foot, three.

Simmons Cleared Of Shooting Charge

A grand jury in session Monday returned a "not true" bill in the involuntary manslaughter charge against Lawrence W. Simmons of Broadbent. Simmons had been bound over to the grand jury by a coroner's jury following the death of Arthur Cotter, 17-year old Coquille youth, who was shot in a tree near Broadbent Oct. 6th. Simmons was exonerated and released.

Testifying before the grand jury were Simmons, Byron Cotter, Carl Marney, Ansell Duey, Tony Barclay, Sheriff William F. Howell, and State Officers Lloyd White and James Davidson.

Frank Leslie Takes California Bride

Married on October 7th in Oakland, California, was Frank Leslie, former city recorder and long time resident of Coquille, to Mrs. Myrtle Derr of Oakland.

The romance was the end of a story of school day friendship in the Middle West after which both Mr. Leslie and Mrs. Derr went their way, marrying and rearing families.

Last year Mr. Leslie again met Mrs. Derr after many years of not knowing where she was. Both had been widowed for several years.

In Town From Roseburg — Sam Carmichael was in town from Roseburg on Saturday visiting friends.