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## Bandon Has A Festival

Nothing could be nicer than the news that Bandon is going to have a great big Cranberry Festival again this year, and we of Coos county are particularly happy about the fact.

So many of our fine neighbor-subscribers live in the Bandon area that we feel like it's going to be a particularly fitting homage to them to go down and help them pay tribute to their people who have developed the Southern Coos and Northern Curry areas as an outstanding cranberry center of the West.

A full program has been planned, and why take up space here when the story is rightfully and fulsomely told in The Sentinel's news columns? But what we do want to say, is you should plan to go down to the sea, to the gallant Bandon town and help have a good time come November 5 and 6 and help crown a Queen to rule for two days of real Western festivities.

We've no choice for your Sentinel editor will be a judge of beauty, and 'tis a lovely task, but even if we weren't to pick the fairest from eight of Oregon's most bonny lasses, then we'd be there any way.

Such pride in accomplishment deserves applause from us all, and jealous it is, just a little, that Bandon has such charming Queens and so much spirit and yes, so many cranberries.

## Joe Had a Bottle Stolen

One of our best friends down here in this wild and woolly and extremely individualistic Coos county is backing Bill 314 to allow the dispensation of whiskey, (wild wild, whoa) by the glass. Says he: "Now take my friend Joe, he had a bottle, and he went to a joint one night and had a couple of drinks. Then he went home. The next night he wanted a couple of drinks, but when he got back to the joint, his bottle was almost empty. These d—mn bartenders in some of these joints steal your liquor. So I'm for it, this bill to let them sell it right over the counter."

And there are lots of people whose main argument in support of allowing a saloon to come back is based on just such a fact as some bartender in a "joint" as they call it, have put a little siphon down a bottle of good Scotch.

One of the remarkable things in our mind has been the fine manner in which a drinking state has behaved itself. For that matter, the exemplary way in which night clubs and dine and dance spots maintain a highly respectable and often attractive surrounding. We feel sincerely that drinking by the glass would be the opening door to saloon days, and then prohibition.

If you want the eventual return to prohibition, then legalize drinking by the glass. You'll get it much sooner. If not, defeat this bill.

And if you know Joe, tell him to watch his bottle.

## Invitation to Bankruptcy

Oregon has defeated unwise old-age pension bills three times in the past ten years. A defeat should be handed the newest invitation to bankruptcy on the ballot next Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

## PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, October 28, 1948)

Coquille's two days' Fall festival morning. D. C. Smith of the farm crops department at the Oregon State college, began scoring the exhibits of corn, potatoes, fruits, farm crops, poultry, etc., at the Corn Show this morning. The poultry show also has a great variety of chickens, ducks, turkeys, bantams and rabbits.

The annex adjoining the Com-

munity building has been taxed to the limit to accommodate the community, individual and industrial exhibitors who have arranged splendid displays for this year's Corn Show. Twenty-three exhibitors are using the twenty-two stalls in the annex.

Miss Mary K. Watson of Coquille will be crowned Queen Cornelia of the Corn Show by Mayor C. T. Skeels at the city hall, just prior to the parade this afternoon.

Maids-in-waiting for Queen Cornelia will be Miss Leath Thorn of Bandon, Miss Cecelia Werth of Branch of Myrtle Point, Miss Gladys Willis of Marshfield.

Many beautiful windows are displayed by Coquille business houses today.

Mayor C. T. Skeels issues a warning to the small boys, and others not so small, that depredations and destruction of property will not be permitted Wednesday evening—Hallowe'en. The police force will be largely augmented for that night and anything in the nature of vandalism will bring sure punishment.

The only reason we have heard advanced for not voting for Frank

It is the Oregon old-age pension act, Nos. 310 and 311.

If you don't believe it, read the entire bill, and not the ballot title.

According to the rhetoric of the bill, any needy male citizen over 65 would receive \$50.00 per month, and any needy female citizen over 60 would receive \$50.00 per month. "Needy" is defined as any one who has less than \$50.00 a month. It seems that a husband could earn a good income, but still have a "needy" wife.

The bill also would appear to make no provisions for the financial responsibility of children to their parents, as it appears to make no provision for financial responsibility from the spouse.

The bill violates the principal of the state constitution in directing the assembly to enact legislation to take from other state funds the finances needed to give out the pensions and other assistance.

Conservative estimates as to the cost of the new pension plan is set at \$50,000,000.00, and without a sales tax the new demands if enacted as law by the voters would bankrupt all other state sources of money.

But perhaps one of the most dangerous parts of the bill is the fact that oldsters from all over the land could flock to Oregon and settle down on the generosity of this state.

No qualifications of "citizen of Oregon" has been made. Oldsters coming here would almost immediately be able to get the pension grants.

It would be a pip!

## The Senate Race

As the last week of politics makes the final races become more thrilling, the outstanding battle in Coos county is developing between Senator William Walsh and Mayor Elton A. Schroeder of Myrtle Point. Senator Walsh who has served Coos and Curry counties is a Republican and an attorney by profession.

Mayor Schroeder is a native Coos county resident coming from a pioneer Coos family. This is his first real venture into politics, having done his civic duty and accepted the mayor's post at Myrtle Point upon the insistence of the people of that town.

Both Senator Walsh and Mayor Schroeder have some outstanding boys on their sides. And like two major baseball teams in the league finals, the campaign this week is the hottest in many a political year.

Lest you resent the candidates named for city offices, disapprove of measures passed on the state code of laws, and do not like the actions of your new state and federal officials, fail not to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. You have no right to criticize if you are too careless to exercise the right to vote given you by the blood of men and the tears of women.

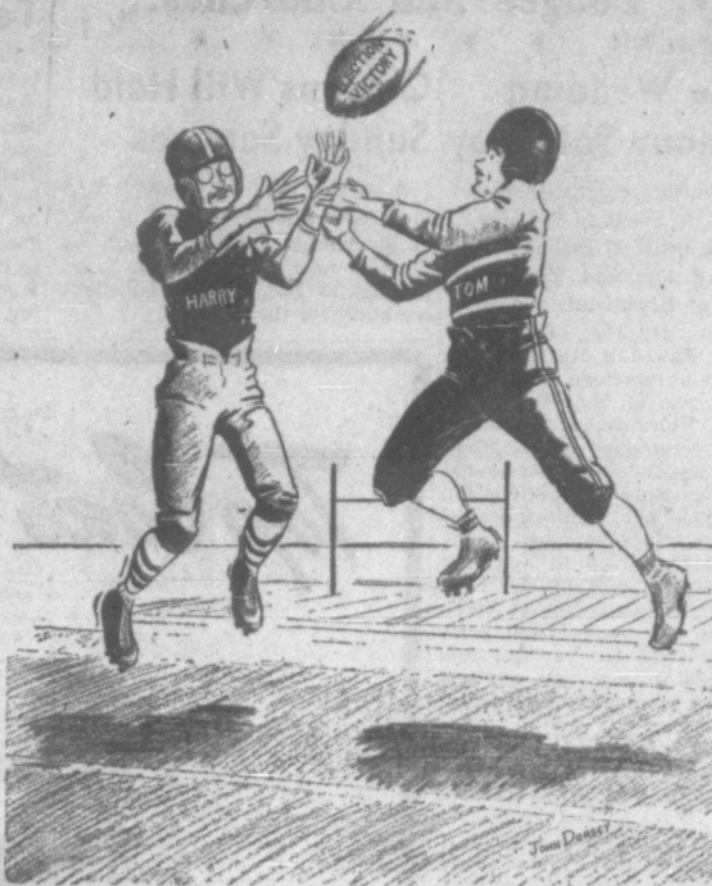
So rapid is progress that the new "LP" or long-playing records have excited gasps of protests from dealers in phonograph and record merchandise, and also the same response from music lovers. With the obliging help of U. E. McClary this week our console is now rejuvenated and Carmen never sounded more true nor more thrilling. It's a life worth living, this 20th century one, and it's little things like music that make it well worth striving to protect and fight for. Another reason to vote Tuesday, November 2nd, in the general election.

A charming and petite lady is holding a party for 82 Coquille youngsters Saturday night. It's Mrs. W. J. Bonnell of McKinley route, and the youngsters, all from Coquille, will start out from the city in a hayrack loaded with hay. Freedom and enough money to live fully is a part of the heritage, we all have. It's a good reason to use your citizenship rights by voting Tuesday, November 2nd. Your vote may help to make many more Hallowe'en parties for many more youngsters.

Ducks have been singing their swinging way across the heavens these last few night and the music from the darkling purple clouds is one of freedom . . . freedom to hunt and to own and carry a gun. Free citizens as we may do just that; but to continue free we must vote Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

Never did a fall come but that the singing blood rises high and the sound of hushed fulfillment of a glorious nature's promise makes the heart cry. Crimsons, gold-flecked bronzes, reds and the fiery paint-orange enflame the hills. It's nice to be able to go for a ride any time one wants in any car one wants without getting permission from a commissar. One thing we have to do, and that is easy, just vote on November 2, Tuesday.

## The Last Play



Leslie for city recorder is that he Johnson.

shut off the water of those who were delinquent. The city recorder is acting entirely under the city laws and the council's instructions. He is allowed no leeway.

Butterfat prices as paid by the creameries which make monthly report to the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, for September were: Swift & Co., 57 cents; Coos Bay Mutual, 57 cents; Humboldt county, Calif., 56 cents.

One hundred oak chairs were received by the Pioneer church Tuesday morning which practically completes the seating arrangements for the new edifice for the present. With 400 individual chairs and the balcony seated with pews, the building is well equipped for both the main auditorium and the community hall downstairs.

The Cornfield Canaries, to the number of eight, called at the J. L. Smith home Monday evening and gave him a real serenade. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Smith's birthday and to celebrate his return from the hospital. He is one of the original Canary cast which was organized at the time of the first Corn Show, thirteen years ago. Those in the party were H. C. Gant, P. M. Drake, F. G. Leslie, O. T. Gant, E. D. Webb, Aaron Wilson, C. W. Kline and Robert



By DAVE BIEGGER

If you're thinking of being sick, hold off for a while . . . because the hospitals of the future are really worth waiting for! Atomic generated electricity will furnish heat and power. The entire hospital will be hermetically sealed, and air will be sucked in and sterilized before you breathe it. One-way glass will let you look out, but no will be able to look in. Wonder drugs will reduce operations to a small percentage. A vibrator will exercise you in bed. When you ring for your nurse, she'll appear on a television screen and ask what you want. Shucks, sometimes it seems science can be carried too far!

Politics will end abruptly Tuesday and on that day the largest number of voters in history will give their attention to marking the ballots. It's important that every registered voter turn out and vote for the people and the issues at this election. Only by casting your vote, can you show your appreciation of having the right to vote.

Chicago police haven't figured out yet who stole 6½ tons of cement from a busy loading platform. Anyway, they have a concrete case to work on. Why don't you stop in and get a load of the top-notch service we offer? Patronizing a friendly place is always fun, especially when the best is available at prices you like to pay. It's our pleasure to wait on your needs, so come to the BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street. Wouldn't you like to prepare those Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners on a 2-Oven Monarch Range? This Electric Roaster Range is kitchen efficiency plus . . . is handsome, dependable and completely automatic controlled. See the MONARCH Ranges next time you come in! Phone: 262.

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