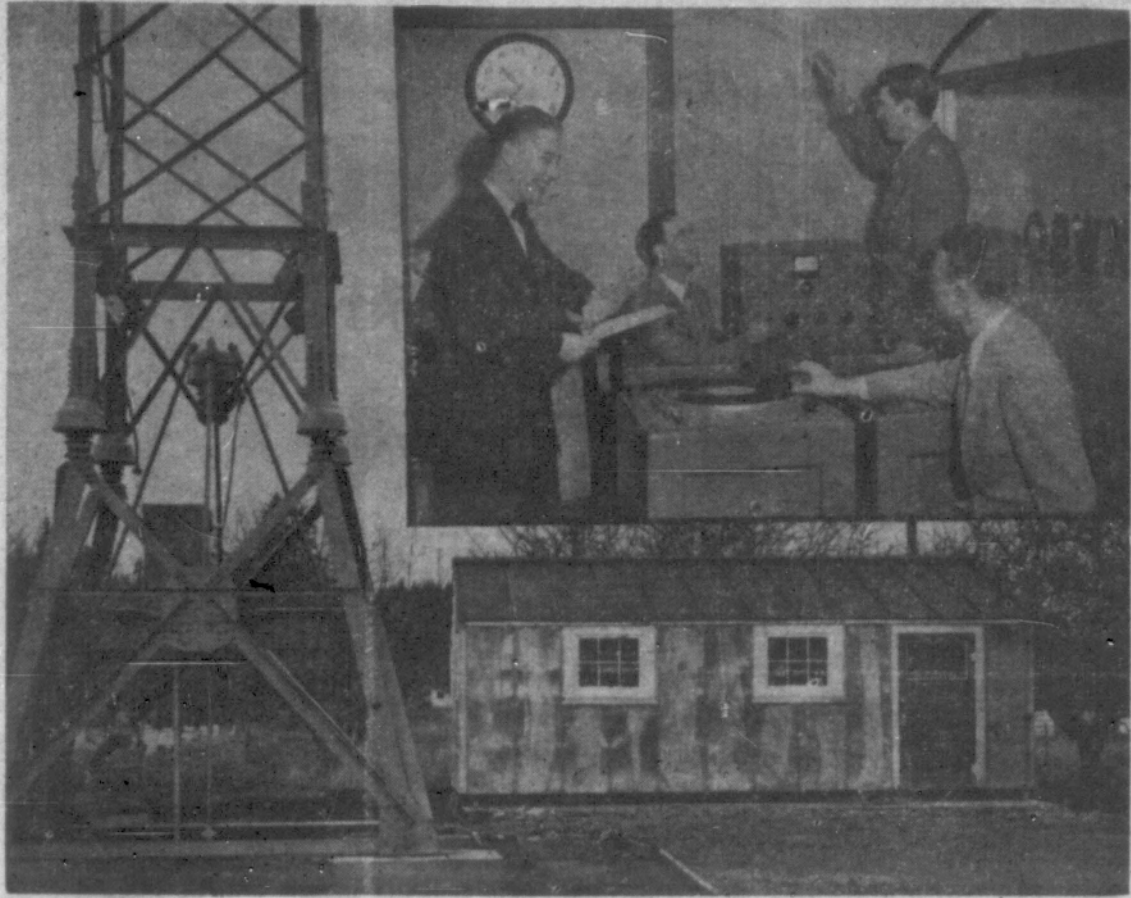




BASE OF THE 162-foot self-supporting KWRO vertical-radiating tower, adjacent to the Sanford Heights transmitter-studio building is shown above, shortly after completion of the structures. The tower was erected by John J. Hoke of Hoke Vertical Radiator Company. The building was engineered by E. L. Perrott & Sons, of Coquille. (Inset) KWRO Staffers (l. to r.) Bob Harris, Bill Cook, Ralph Brown, and Curt Raynes, go through their paces on a "dry run" rehearsal of the opening of a station studio production.

Heritage of Freedom Must Be Prized Safeway Official Tells Chamber Body

"The independent man producing in a stage of freedom is the first cause of our progress, and the heritage of freedom that has given birth to America can be lost by taking it for granted," Ted Medford, Salem, Safeway division sales manager, told a crowd of over 130 Chamber of Commerce guests Tuesday night.

Delivering the main address of the annual installation and annual meeting banquet in the Coquille Community building, Medford, who is president of the Salem Kiwanis club and past president of the Salem Toastmasters' club, told of visiting the Freedom Train in Salem last summer and coming away with a new realization of what had helped to make America as great as it is.

It was freedom of opportunity, freedom to create, freedom to share in the fruits of extra effort, freedom to think and to talk that gave birth to the rich state of the individual in America, the speaker said.

Tracing the history of freedom in America, the speaker told of the early Colonial days, the days of the Civil War and the difference in the way a German Kaiser and President Lincoln regarded the deaths of a mother's sons, reading both a letter from the German Kaiser and the famous Lincoln letter to Mrs. Bixby of Massachusetts.

"We're not great because we are intellectually superior, not because we work harder than other peoples—many work harder than we do—not because we have more natural resources—we have as much or more than we—but rather because we have freedom for effort, that we forge ahead," Medford said.

America has seven per cent of the earth's population but more libraries, more hospitals, 85 per cent of the automobiles, 67 per cent of the life insurance, one telephone for every four people, 48 per cent of the radios, 44 per cent of all electric power, 44 per cent of all daily newspapers, 30 per cent of all highways, and much more, the Salem man stated.

Scoring the apathy which caused so few people to vote on November 3rd, Medford stated that the right to vote was won by people with their lives. Such apathy helps a benevolent state set-up, which is the first step toward despotism, the speaker said, and Russia, Germany, Italy, all came about by people not regarding their privilege of freedom as important.

Medford was introduced by David Biegger, toastmaster of the evening. He was later presented with a myrtlewood lamp from the cranberry gift box from Ed Hughes.

Kenneth Talley, accompanied by his wife, sang two solos.

Compulsory Vaccination Urged for Calves

A group of Coos county dairymen went on record as favoring compulsory calf vaccination in infected herds and in herds in proximity to infected herds, when a meeting of the dairymen was held on Friday in the junior auditorium of the Coquille Community building for the purpose of discussing ways and means of combating the Bang's disease prevalent in this area.

A resolution was drawn up recommending that all calves be tested at the time of vaccination, be vaccinated with desiccated vaccine, and be retested ten days after vaccination. It was further recommended that all reactionary calves be branded and removed from the herd and that indemnity be paid.

It was thought advisable, too, that adult cattle, vaccinated as

Broadbent Stays Out of School Consolidation

Broadbent Consolidated school district No. 23, voted against consolidation with the Myrtle Point school when a vote was taken on January 6. Voting to consolidate were school district No. 23, Lee; school district No. 28C, Gravelford Consolidated; school district No. 33, Bald Hill; school district No. 41C, Myrtle Point Consolidated, and school district No. 43, Norway.

The consolidation will become effective on Wednesday, January 12, 1949, and the new district will be known as No. 41C, Myrtle Point Consolidated.

The count of ballots revealed the following: Broadbent, yes 22, no 36, challenged 1; Lee, yes 23, no 1; Gravelford, yes 15, no 9; Bald Hill, yes 8, no 0; Myrtle Point, yes 37, no 0; Norway, yes 29, no 11.

Power Situation Toughy Again

The power situation is "tough and go," Manager Bill Head of the Mt. States Power said today.

Lights were off for two hours Sunday morning, and during the evenings the Coquille district was packing 7,000 kilowatts which is two to three thousand in excess of the transformer capacity.

The extremely cold weather in Oregon has caused ice to plug the turbines at the Prospect dam and no relief is seen by Head from the power emergency until the Klamath river resumes its normal flow free of ice.

Chimney Fire Does Little Damage

A chimney fire starting at the collar of the chimney and flue at the house of Robert Bailey, Biegger Furniture employee, Monday night, did only \$25.00 of damage to the wall and wallpaper, Chief Craig Perrott said today.

The house is located at 475 N. Coulter.



BILL WALSH—Who is one of the owners of KWRO.

Ice Causes 3-Way Smash Wednesday

Three vehicles were wrecked on the Riverton-Bandon section of Highway 101 Wednesday afternoon as a result of icy roads. The smash-up occurred about three o'clock on the section of the road just before Lampa Creek.

A car, driven by Margaret Frye of Bandon, travelling south, skidded on the icy highway and plunged head-on into a loaded grain truck driven by Abraham Berger of Langlois. The impact of the collision pushed the car back into its own lane and a loaded logging truck, driven by Donald Stoneburg of Springfield, which had been following behind the car smashed into the back of the car.

The grain truck careened over the embankment and turned over while the logging truck plunged into the opposite bank.

Drivers of the three vehicles, though badly shaken, were not seriously injured. The car and the two trucks, however, were all damaged and had to be towed from the scene of the accident.

Credit Group Will Banquet January 31

A Credit Association banquet on Monday evening, January 31st, will find the Retail Credit Association of Coquille swinging into action for 1949 with an introduction of new officers, including Donald Farr, newly elected president; a skit, and talks by Walter A. Jensen, J. D. Mac Ewan, and J. H. Fisher, all top-flight credit men.

Entertainment will be of a high caliber, according to P. McDonald, secretary of the group, and dinner tickets are on sale for \$2.00 each. The dinner will start at 7 p. m. in the Community building. Reservations for tickets can be made at Steinmetz Motors, Farr and Elwood's, and the Credit Bureau office.

All business men and their wives and members of the Women's Credit group, the Women's clubs and the Sceptimists are invited to take part in the program.

DRIVERS' EXAMS SLATED FOR COQUILLE TUESDAY

A drivers' licenses examiner will be on duty in Coquille Tuesday, January 18, 1949, at the city hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

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Iced Logs Don't Make Good Meal For Lumber Saws

Iced logs don't saw good at all, and they're no more palatable to the saws of the plywood division of the Coquille Coos Bay Lumber plant. So say plant officials as they turned off the last day crew Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 for a vacation from work until midnight Sunday.

All shifts will be "down" the company said today until the plywood shift goes back on Sunday midnight.

The logs are ice-covered in the booms and make poor sawing in the sawmill and are not satisfactory to work with in the plywood division, hence the quietness of the mill's whistle today.

Courthouse Funds Opposed For New Building By Bandon

BANDON — (Special) — The Bandon Chamber of Commerce voted at its meeting January 3rd, to protest to the County court opposing the spending of county money for the proposed addition and repairs on the county court house at the present time.

It is the feeling of the Chamber of Commerce that this money should be used in the construction of a bridge at Bullards over the Coquille river.

John Fitzsimmons, president of the Bandon Chamber of Commerce and delegate of the Seven Devils community, stated that if the Bullards bridge is turned down and that the court house addition is approved, that the people of that community would file a letter of protest to the County court and would ask the people to vote for or against the addition to the court house or building a new court house, and if the money is voted for a new court house, that a suitable site be picked between Coos Bay and North Bend as that section is the center of population.

Fitzsimmons further stated that over \$23,000 a year is spent by the county at the present time on a ferry at Bullards and one at Riverton. By building a bridge and eliminating this expenditure and applying \$23,000 a year toward the expenditure of the bridge, it would soon be paid for.

Approximate cost of the bridge is \$600,000 and Coos county would have to furnish \$300,000 of this amount.

Head Gets Trophy For Chamber Stunt

Better late than never might well be the slogan for the presentation of the Coos county fair trophy for the best Chamber stunt when it was presented Tuesday night to retiring president Bill Head of the Coquille Chamber for winning the 1948 stunt contest.

Ed Hughes was chairman of the Chamber stunt that beat out Myrtle Point, Bandon, Coos Bay and North Bend.

E. L. Clausen, veteran chairman of the Coos fair board, made the presentation at the annual Coquille banquet.

Water Supply Critical!

Water is running out of the city pipes in town — because people are leaving their pipes open to keep them from freezing — faster than the reservoir can fill up, City Engineer Joe Kuffler warned the people of the city today.

Extreme care should be observed by city water users, Kuffler stated if we are to have enough water to get over the cold spell.

The city of Myrtle Point had water trouble late Wednesday because of a frozen pump but had the situation in hand today.

PENNEY MEETING MONDAY AT MEDFORD

A district meeting of the J. C. Penney company will be held Monday and Tuesday night in Medford and will be attended by Manager and Mrs. Ernie Kuntz of the Coquille store.

At Powers Coldest Weather In History (?)

Powers experienced the coldest weather in history. It was three degrees below zero on Eden Ridge, two degrees above at the Coos Bay shops, three degrees at the Ranger station. Schools have been closed Monday and Tuesday due to inability to heat rooms.

All kinds of grief from broken pipes!

At Langlois Schools Closed

It was cold down here in Curry county and for the first time in many years the pipes in the schools closed. So, it was no school for all the children the first part of the week. Temperature stood at a low of 15 degrees.

At McKinley Water Pipes Won't Give Out Water

McKinley is almost like the saying goes, "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." Pipe broken and frozen, and in other words, no water where it should be. We have lots of snow and ice, though! No school and no work so we hope it doesn't last very long!

At Riverton Woodcutting Takes Priority This Week

With cold weather everyone is kept busy cutting wood, keeping fire a-going, etc.—fixing frozen and broken water pipes, etc., and oh! the cars are giving troubles. But the children and older ones have enjoyed the snow-sledding and making of snow-men.

Abner Johnson Nearly Loses Leg

A slip into the chipper saw which he was running at the Coos Bay Lumber plywood Monday morning at 1 a. m. nearly caused Abner Johnson to lose his leg.

Johnson slipped and caught his leg in the chipper saw which cut it in many places, and cut it very dangerously. Every effort is being made to save his leg, and over two hours surgery was needed to sew up the cuts.

Johnson is at the Falk hospital and will be hospitalized for several months, attending physicians report.

Free Matinees End On January 22nd

Saturday, Jan. 22nd, will see the end of the free movie matinees at the Liberty theatre, and the first Saturday show that kiddies will pay for will be on Saturday, Jan. 29th. So stated Lloyd Claver, manager of the Liberty today.

Started last May the free movies were a part of the Retail Trades committee program to expand the Coquille trading area and to furnish more activity for the youngsters of the area.

Assessments levied against members of the Chamber group individually paid for the shows. A recent ballot from contributing merchants showed that they were not in favor of continuing the show.

UPHOLSTERING CLASS POSTPONED UNTIL JAN. 15

Due to illness, both the day and evening adult classes in upholstery have been postponed until Tuesday, January 18.

There are vacancies in both the upholstery classes. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. George Taylor, phone 140L; Mrs. Archie Walker, phone 14M, or Mrs. Walter Laird, phone 64.

HAVE NEW FURNACE

The old furnace at the Coquille Christian church broke down this week and a new furnace is being installed immediately.

Kuntz Installed As President of Chamber At Annual Banquet Meeting Tuesday

New president of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce is Ernie Kuntz, J. C. Penney company manager, who was installed at the annual banquet and installation ceremonies by retiring president W. J. B. Head Tuesday night at the Community building.

Project Chairmen Named By Kuntz

Chairmen for the important committees of the Chamber of Commerce were named today by President Ernie Kuntz and announced by Executive Secretary Clarence Osika.

Named as chairmen were: Membership, Noble Chowning; Retail Trades, U. E. McClary; Finance and Budget, Ralph Stuller; Highways and Roads, George Burr; Agriculture, Ed Detlefsen; Auditing, Jack Bowen; Civic Projects, Clarence Barton; Legal, J. Arthur Berg; Boathouse, Paul Snider; Publicity, Chuck Pritchard; Parks and Recreation, J. D. Rankin; Tourist Promotion, Bob Mason; Education, Craig Perrott; Transportation, Buzz Smith; Postoffice, Harry Slack; Housing Projects, L. G. Scharfer; Highway Safety, Carl Hooker; Fish and Game; Ernie Smith; Youth Camp and Activities, Donald Farr; Industry, Ed Parent.

Xmas Seal Money Still Coming In

Contributions in the Christmas seal sale are still being received, according to chairman, Mrs. Clara A. Stauff. Those wishing to contribute who have not already done so, are asked to mail their dollars immediately in order that the books may be closed.

Judge A. H. Boice Services Today

Services for Judge Allen Howard Boice, 67, who passed away late Monday afternoon at Gold Beach will be held this afternoon at the Langlois high school.

Judge Boice who retired January 3rd after twelve years as Curry county judge was born on Floras creek on August 5, 1881. He attended school at Langlois and was married to Caroline Priscilla Guerin on Jan. 1, 1906. The widow survives as do twelve children.

Judge Boice had been active in the truck and logging business in Coos and Curry counties and had served as county commissioner of Curry county before becoming judge.

The Schroeder Bros. mortuaries are in charge of the services.

Cranberry Dope On KOOS Saturday

If you're one of the cranberry growers who has been interested in what was happening to the cranberry market the past few months, then you'll get the dope right straight from the source when M. L. Urann, president of the National Cranberry association, talks over RADIO KOOS, Coos Bay, at 12:45, Saturday, Jan. 15.

M. L. Urann delivered the same talk in the East last week and the transcription was sent to Coos county for local growers this week.

MEASLES HIT CITY

A number of cases of measles have been reported among the younger children in Coquille during the past week. Over sixty youngsters were absent from Washington school, although there were no noticeable absences among students in the higher grades.

Plumbers Busy During Cold Spell

Coquille plumbers have been working overtime this week in an endeavor to keep up with the broken pipes and pumps and frozen drain lines, caused by the wintery weather so unusual in this section of the country.

Local hardware stores have completely sold out their supply of blow torches, and pipe clamps are becoming scarce.

The entire Coos Bay Lumber company mill in Coquille closed down Wednesday and will remain closed until Monday in order to repair the broken pipes and mains. The difficulty of peeling

Other officers installed were Noble Chowning, vice-president; Donald Farr, treasurer; and Clarence Osika, executive secretary, and directors Andy Anderson, Dave Biegger, George Burr, Ed Detlefsen, A. N. Gould, Ed Hughes, George Jenkins, William Head, Fred Logsdon, U. E. McClary, W. C. Mason, Jack Moore, Harry Slack, Ivan Smalley, Ralph Stuller, Lewis Wiltshire, Orville Wood, Delbert Driskell, Chet Murray and Evan Albarn.

Retiring president Bill Head was presented an old-fashioned lantern as a joking gesture for the effort he has put forth to light up the city in his capacity as manager of the Mt. States Power company in a period of critical power surpluses, and in a serious vein a fine wristwatch band.

A gift to the Chamber of Commerce was a colored lighted photograph mounted in a myrtlewood frame presented by Evan Albarn, former president and director of the Chamber who was not present due to the fact that he is on a vacation in the South at present.

Treasurer Donald Farr reported a balance of \$3901 as of January 1st, 1949, as compared to \$1981.94 on January 1st, 1948.

The annual report given by Executive Secretary Clarence Osika told of the work of the Chamber of Commerce during the past year when 3583 bulletins were mailed out and 453 letters written to people asking pertinent questions about the Coquille area.

Listed as number 1 project was the gaining of the start on the highway 101 Coquille to Coos Bay sector and the seeing to it that the highway would be completed to make a modern connecting link between the county seat and Coos Bay area.

The formation of a definite trade booster group was related by the secretary in which he listed the special promotions of the year by that group under the leadership of Fred Lorenz, the sponsoring of free matinees, and other events.

Number three was the definite policy of the fish and game committee on closure of the Coquille river and work with the state fish and game commission to establish hatcheries in this area to make the fishing more of a tourist attraction.

Flood control, agricultural work, sponsorship of the Farming Report in conjunction with other civic groups in the county, promotion of industrial growth and the addition of many new businesses were cited also by Osika. A net gain of 40 new businesses were reported by the secretary.

As a preliminary 1949 program, Osika said the development of tourist trade through advertising and better facilities was a must for the year. He also cited that the chamber group would work for water, sewage disposal, better hospital facilities, and growth and diversification of industry in the community.

Kimsey's To Talk To Church Group

On Sunday evening, January 16, Mr. and Mrs. James Kimsey of Northwest Christian college, will be guests at the Coquille Christian church. Mr. Kimsey, who is a Coquille boy, will speak on "Christian Education." Musical selections will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Kimsey.

Leave For Eugene Wednesday—Mr. and Mrs. Lin Swain left on Wednesday to visit in Eugene.