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**A New Chamber Prexy And
A New Mayor**

Coquille should see a lot of action in 1949 for the two top posts in town are filled with a couple of aggressive businessmen.

The mayor—and everybody knows him—is that former lumberman, now turned Fordman, Ray Jeub who in his first week broke down the resistance of a lot of people and managed to swing a council meeting through in time to hear the ten o'clock news-casts. He's pepped things up enough so it looks as if the projects of former Mayor Biegger to get some water and some new sewers will get a speed up under Mayor Jeub.

Another thing that a lot of the women are going to like is some attention to sidewalks that made good small water reservoirs in their various catch-holes and streets that help to keep you young by your constant dodging of traffic, such as Sixth from Taylor to Henry.

Ernie Kuntz, manager of the local J. C. Penney company, is a young man who in less than two years in Coquille was given the confidence of his fellow citizens by being named not only to the city council, but to the position of president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Aggressive and efficient, Kuntz will make a real leader for the Chamber of Commerce. Taking over from former President Bill Head who succeeded Evan Alborn, Kuntz will have an era of success behind him which should allow him full freedom, for the completion of many important projects during the year of 1949.

A lot of people feel that 1949 may be a year of decision for business. If so, the Coquille Chamber of Commerce can do much to see that the gains of the past decade are solidified and made permanent for our city and our county.

The booster group can work on new industries for Coquille. It can work on new small businesses. It can aid the businesses here in finding a permanent basis for full employment for our several thousand population.

We urge support and cooperation with Mayor Jeub and President Kuntz. Let's make 1949 the year that will be a decisive one and a year that will make the Chamber of Commerce even more outstanding for such groups in the state.

A Lumber Census

A region-wide lumber census is underway this week throughout the Northwest, and when it's done, the West Coast Lumber-

man's association will know the score on the lumber situation.

One thing we like about the American way of doing things, it doesn't take a directive from a local political big-wig to make private industry start to act.

In Russia, England, France, or many another country that you can name just as fast as we can—and a lot of people would like the procedure here—whenever an industry might face some problems, the government would step in to ask for an appraisal.

But not us, at least not in January, 1949. For according to H. V. Simpson, executive vice-president of the W. C. L. A. "Complete accurate information on the entire industry" is being gathered from 180 lumber producers in Oregon, Washington and Northern California. Each firm will list its total production by species for 1948, total stocks on hand, mill capacity per eight hours, number of production workers, and other important industry data.

We compliment the W.C.L.A. on their foresight and initiative. Such a census by the industry itself will help us during the next few years. Come to think of it, maybe a lot of other industries could well afford to follow the steps of the West Coast Lumbermen.

A Radio Section for KWRO

With a six page special Radio section, The Coquille Valley Sentinel is welcoming the addition of Radio Station KWRO to this area as a radio voice for the people of the community. To the owners, Walter Read of Coquille and William Walsh of Coos Bay, we say "howdy."

A radio station for Coquille is a step forward and should add much to the business and social life of a busy and prosperous town.

Walter Read is no new-comer to this area having at one time been associated with station KOOS, Coos Bay, and later at KVAN, Vancouver. William Walsh, is president of the state senate, a Coos Bay attorney, and at one time was district attorney of Coos county.

Coquille was selected for the reason that the businessmen in the city were among the most prosperous and foresighted in the county.

The radio station staff is headed by a capable manager in the person of Bob Harris, and we have no doubt but that the programs will be as good as it is possible to make them.

Communications have come a long way since the day of the stage coach over the old Coos Bay Wagon road.

Coquille broke a record this week with "unusual" cold weather and Tuesday morning found the river frozen over. We should be grateful that this "banana belt" doesn't have the great damages to it from frost that occur in Southern California. Another good reason for living here.

With clearance sales the talk of the town in many a Willamette valley village, it is interesting to return to Coos county and find little if any big-time clearance sales underway. Merchants up north are marking their stocks down. And some of them are wondering if they're going to get caught with higher prices come summertime.

Reaction to President Harry Truman's message to congress is varied. A lot of people like it; others are frankly afraid that he will toss us into more inflation without thought for the good of the country. We personally think he's not as dangerous as a lot of people think; and the stock market generally reflects the theory that another four years with the fighting Missourian will not be all bad.

January 15th is the date a lot of farmers have circled with a red ring on their charts. It's their 1948 income tax reporting date. As a whole, Coos county farmers have been blessed with a good year and the prosperity of the farm area helped Coquille and Myrtle Point during the longshoreman's strike.

The First National Bank held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday evening and re-elected the same board of directors—A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, O. C. Sanford, E. D. Webb, C. T. Skeels and R. C. Dement—as have been acting. The bank's affairs are in a very satisfactory condition with deposits \$54,000 more than they were a year ago.

At a short session of the city council at 5 o'clock last evening it was decided to lay an eight-inch main from the reservoir on the hill to the Smith plant.

At the ripe old age of 91 years, Mrs. Mary Ellen Goodman, a pioneer resident of Coquille, passed away last Saturday afternoon.

The total business for the year at the Coquille post office was \$12,944.64 as against \$12,871.65 for 1927.

J. D. Bergen of the Marshfield Florist shop has been busy for some time planting shrubs around the lattice work on the north and east sides of the court house and it is beginning to look very attractive. The Coquille Woman's club feels grateful to Mr. Bergen who has planted a great many more shrubs than the \$150 appropriated by the county court would have provided.



By The Hon. Harzis Ellsworth
U. S. Representative

The principal newsworthy happening of this new 81st Congress thus far was the speech on the state of the Union by President Truman. There have been some behind-the-scenes skirmishes on the Democratic Party side of the House of Representatives, but Speaker Sam Rayburn and his lieutenants are capable people, and succeeded in handling such situations so that what reached the public gaze was mostly sweetness and light. The Republicans in the House, being very definitely in the minority, held a brief and routine caucus, elected former Speaker Joe Martin to the position of Minority leader, and will now await the onslaught of Administration legislation.

Before Congress convened, it was rumored that drastic changes might be made both in the House Committee on Rules and in the Un-American Activities Committee authorization. Neither of these rumors materialized as advertised. Nothing at all has been said as yet about the Un-American Activities Committee. House rules governing the functioning of the Rules Committee were considerably modified by an overwhelming vote of the House, but that action was clearly unimportant, because the Rules Committee will be heavily weighted with Administration members.

There are three noticeable divisions of the majority side of the House, namely, the Left-Wingers, the Southern Democrats, and the 100 per cent Trumanites. Since the latter group is by far the largest, it obviously dominates the majority side of the House. The result of this will be a complete control, not only of the House itself, but of all committees by the Truman forces. This fact is what makes the Truman speech to Congress on January 5th so extremely important. He can secure the passage of any legislation that he really wants, and his message to Congress clearly indicates that he wants a great deal.

I have endeavored to make a rough tabulation of the total additional annual federal expenditure involved in the requests made by the President. Apparently, if Congress passes all of the legislation requested, the federal government will be obligated to spend a minimum of 15 billion dollars per year more than at present, or, in other words, a 30 per cent increase in federal expenses over a federal budget that is already outrageously high. If this program is carried out, the President's original demand of an increase of four billion dollars in taxes is only a starter.

One sentence in President Truman's



By DAVE BIEGGER

Scientists, or agricultural engineers, are speeding up the sugar beet industry by developing a beet that is more agreeable to being pulled up by machine. When they get through with that, how about designing square peas that'll stay on a knife, or ears of corn with handles or knobs on both ends? The possibilities for improvement in the agricultural field areas obvious as a bowling ball in a dish of caviar. How about a new kind of celery that doesn't sound as though you're stepping on a wicker basket when you eat it? And while we don't want to tax the experts, couldn't something be done about the radish?

Coquillites are reminded this week of the winter of '32 when the Coquille river froze over. Some oldtimers are predicting that this'll be another of those frigid seasons. If you can overlook the extreme cold, the "biggest" event in Coquille during the week was the opening of our new radio station. Should be a big boom to the community. Among others, you'll find Biegger's mentioned from time to time with some real outstanding bargains.

A company in Atlanta shipped 200 dozen baby diapers to Birmingham. Supposedly they were to cover an emergency. That's a change. If you want to give your kitchen that "new look" cover it with Armstrong linoleum from BIEGGER FURNITURE COMPANY, 460 West Front Street. We have many designs to choose from. Phone: 262.

man's speech was particularly alarming to me. I refer to the paragraph wherein he requested legislation "to authorize an immediate study of the adequacy of production facilities for materials in critically short supply, such as steel; and, if found necessary, to authorize Government loans for the expansion of production facilities to relieve such shortages, and furthermore to authorize the construction of such facilities directly if action by private industry fails to meet our needs." Quite unintentionally, I am sure, the President has used a phrase that is extremely popular with American Communists and Left-Wingers—"if private industry fails, the government must do it." This phrase is particularly deadly to our way of life and our system of government when taken together with a government policy of discouraging private industry and private capital by every known means, including high taxes, regulation, and a "swat business" attitude.

**Bonneville Power
Coming Closer**

Markers carrying EPA, meaning Bonneville Power administration, are making their appearance throughout the hills south of McKinley toward Norway and the surveying and engineering crews have been busy checking the terrain in that area.

A high powered Bonneville Power transmission line is the plan of 1949. It will connect up near Norway.

**New Owners At
Peart Service**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cross, recently arrived from Southern California, have, during the past week, opened the grocery and service station business which they operate in conjunction with the Peart Auto court, on North Taylor street. A complete remodeling of the place of business is being undertaken by the couple. During their stay in Southern California, Mr. and Mrs. Cross, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. William Peart of Coquille, made an intensive study of ceramics, and since coming to Coquille have set up their own kiln in the Peart home. A show case, at the store displays specimens of their work. Mr. and Mrs. Cross hope in the future to conduct classes in ceramics in Coquille.

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**PARAGRAPHS
OF THE PAST**

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, January 11, 1929)

About sixty Coquille citizens were present at the city hall last Monday evening to bid farewell to the outgoing administration and to welcome the incoming. The retiring mayor, Charles T. Skeels, thanked one and all for their cooperation in handling city affairs. He complimented Frank Dungey with the statement that the streets have been kept cleaner than ever before and that on only two mornings has the trash not been hauled from the streets before 8 p. m.; he praised Fire Chief C. W. Gardner as being head of the best volunteer fire department in Oregon and said that Marshals Hickam and Bernhardt had enforced the city's laws more rigidly than had been done prior to their term of office.

Mayor J. Arthur Berg made the following appointment: marshal, William Howell; deputy marshal, William Brown; water superintendent, S. V. Epperson; treasurer, W. S. Sickels; attorney, Grant Corby; engineer, J. Loy Stacer; street commissioner, Frank T. Dun-

gey; fire chief, C. W. Garner; health officer, Dr. P. M. Drake.

The increased business activity in Coquille is shown by the larger bank deposits at the end of last close of 1927. The report of Dec. 31, 1928, shows deposits of \$844,546.65 in the two local banks, while on the same date of the preceding year they were \$751,992.45, a gain of \$92,554.20.

E. L. Vinton, who has just completed his sixth year as city engineer of Coquille, has decided to open an office here for the practice of his profession.

The state fish truck came in Wednesday with 15,000 Eastern brook trout fry from the Roaring river hatchery. Yesterday morning the truck began delivery of these fingerlings and 400,000 additional fry from the Bandon hatchery. They will be liberated in all fishing streams over Coos and Curry counties. Rainbow, cutthroat and silversides are included in the fish from the Bandon hatchery.