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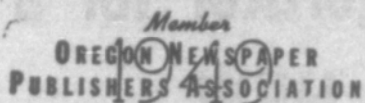
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Adult Education

Popular, and duly so, have been the classes in adult education that have been held in Coquille the past year or less. Under two sponsors, one the department of adult vocational education, and the other the extension division of the Oregon System of Higher Education, response has been highly gratifying to the state.

In a recent survey of Oregon, we note that Coquille's enrollment has been as high or higher than any other major city in Oregon, Salem and Portland excepted, and that is an interesting commentary on the intellectual side of our life down here.

We've been told with some pride by a number of Coos countians that we're a lot of fun-lovers and how we do like to party and dance. But the adult education records sort of prove that we also like to go to school as a form of recreation.

The latest class is one that will conclude on April 30th. It's entitled "Personal Problems in Everyday Life" and is psychology and mental hygiene brought home to everyday usage. Members of the staffs of the University and Oregon State college have done the instruction work, and comment from the students is that the classes are wonderful.

Adult education is growing in popularity in this area. Next year should see a successful expansion of the program. And it's a fine thing for all of us.

A Coos County Wedding

We think it of more than occasional interest, the story in this week's paper concerning the "Open House" of Mr. and Mrs. George Steward of 581 North Henry. For they're celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on April 23rd marking a lifetime together and all the time in Coos county.

These chipper and affectionate Coquille people were married on April 23rd, 1899, by a Coquille justice of the peace who rode out in horse and buggy over the Fish trap road

to the then thickly forested Fish Trap area where in the middle of a thriving and bustling logging camp the young George Steward and Miss Lillian Thomas, both native Coos countians, were married.

Whether it was Coos county weather that made their marriage prosper, or the fact that they hold a few of the tiny secrets of happiness in their hearts, it should be said that theirs is a tribute to a life well devoted to each other.

On their Golden Wedding anniversary we know all of their friends will be happy to wish them well; and we're glad that this week's Golden Wedding story is about a couple who were married in Coos county and have found it the best place to make their home for over half a century. It bodes well for the coming June brides that Coos county can be the scene of lasting marriages.

The Coquille Is Open

Backers of the move to have Senate bill 319 passed this session of the legislature are not too pleased over the fact that the bill was killed in the game committee and that the Coquille river will continue to remain open to commercial fishing for the next few years at least.

The action of Senator William Walsh in appearing as a "guest champion" of the bill made many friends for him, but it was not enough.

Big Columbia river commercial packers are not upset over the fact that by keeping the Coquille open they are helping to decimate the fish of this famous old stream. Closure of the Coquille would result in steps by conservationists to close other rivers where the fish census has dropped to alarmingly low numbers. And that the fish interests do not want.

The smoke has cleared away and we have found numerous Bandon people who wish that the river had been closed. Too late they realized that closure of the river to commercial fishing would boom their tourist business, something they need.

But... we do believe, that if a bill to close the Coquille is again put into the legislative hopper, then support from all Southwestern Oregon legislators should be forthcoming.

Water is getting harder to carry on both shoulders. Even Coquille water.

Recommended reading for the guys in Salem who get paid to work for the good of the state, "Good Fishing is Big Money in Michigan."—Nation's Business, April issue.

What Coquille needs, says our cigar-chomping friend from the Coos Bay Lumber company crew, is "A good water witcher. What kinda city council we got that don't get a water witcher when they dig for water?"

Senator Richard L. Neuberger, despite the fact that the Republicans don't like him, has come out of this session of the Oregon state legislature as strong potential Democratic timber for the governorship. And don't laugh. He's done more to get popular support than all the Republicans. When his case lost, the Republicans appeared to be going against the good of the people. In many respects the 1949 legislature is the 80th congress done over again on the state-scale. And it may mean a Democratic victory at the polls in Oregon.

Bill Fortier last week gave back \$100.00 that had been given him in over-payment. Friends say that in the time he has been in business, overpayments totaling \$1,000 have been made, and every time, Bill makes the refund even before the payor finds it out. He usually collects a slight liquid token of esteem for the refund, however, which is cheap enough.

tary effect of alerting the majority to possible deficiencies in language and policies that might otherwise have gone unnoticed. However, the delaying tactics have in the main been of no constructive purpose and have obviously added substantially to the total cost of the assembly. But that is democracy at work and no one can justly complain.

The most distressing result of the long session is the serious hardship imposed on members whose modest means could not well bear the financial strain. The growth of the state means ever lengthening legislative sessions and greatly expanded costs of service to the members. The people of Oregon should move quickly to assure compensation for our legislators in such amount as will enable any worthy citizen to serve his state. It would be neither timely nor wise to automatically confine such service to the subsidized or the well to do.



By The Hon. Harris Ellsworth U. S. Representative

The House is in recess this week but in the last ten days or more, before the holiday, business was transacted at a rapid rate. The business, however, was not the adoption of any part of a legislative program. The House worked mostly on appropriation bills and during the last three or four days before recessing accounted for the expenditure of some 29 billions of dollars. Just exactly how much money that is cannot readily be understood unless the figure is divided into simple, small and understandable terms. Twenty-nine billion dollars is equal to \$200 for every man, woman and child in the United States—or \$800 for each family of four. But the twenty-nine billion is only about 69 per cent of the total budget for the next fiscal year. The total budget, the amount of money to be spent by our federal government during the 12 months beginning July 1 this year is 42 billions, in round numbers. This, divided by the total population, estimated at 140,000,000, equals a cost of \$300 per person.

Think of it—federal government expenditures for the coming fiscal year will amount to an average of almost exactly \$100 PER MONTH for each family of four!

The ancient philosopher Solon wrote: "No more good must be attempted than the state can bear." I wonder just how much more we CAN bear.

Nevertheless, only the existing program of federal expenditures is accounted for in the above gloomy figures. The program on which President Truman was elected last fall, and which he is trying frantically to get enacted by Congress, would if passed increase

News Views



By DAVE BIEGGER

Some U. S. police officials are experimenting with radar equipment to check up on speeding. As you pass-through the radar zone your speed will be recorded as accurately as a Bing Crosby transcription of "Am I Blue?" The whole affair would be picked up by a little black box. Obviously this interferes with the free right of a citizen to talk back to the traffic cop... if you feel big enough. Talking back to a black box would be sillier than putting smoked glasses on black-eyed peas. It would be like shadow boxing with an echo. But if it stops speeding and saves lives, it's get a lot of support.

Plan now to attend the Coquille Woman's club's great benefit May Day program the evening of Saturday, April 30th. For it is this benefit May Day and dance following that will help pay for the new modern lighting system the Woman's club recently placed in the Coquille Public library. Mrs. Ardis Sherwood is chairman of the May Day, and we compliment her on the beautiful affair coming up next week-end.

The American Medical Association claims "neither massage, mechanical devices, tonics, lights, hormones or vitamins" will grow hair. That's a mighty bald statement. Dishes, dishes, dishes, they are enough to give any woman gray hair. Why not get a GE dishwasher from BIEGGER'S, 3rd and Taylor. Let it do the work. Phone 420.

the above figure by at least one-fourth.

We already have a debt burden greater than the combined total debt of all of the other peoples of the world. Unless this congress refuses to travel further down the road toward bankruptcy and denies the passage of the "Truman spending program," we shall become the most tax ridden people on earth.

Just to make a gloomy picture complete, we must not forget that state income taxes and property taxes must be paid annually in addition to the Federal levy mentioned above.

The legislation to authorize the continuation of our program of aiding the economic recovery of Europe (known as ECA) has been completed. If carried on with a

careful regard for the welfare of our own economy, it is good business. In addition to being a fairly good business venture, it has the benefit of being most destructive to the Russian ambition to communize Europe.

It must be clearly understood that the legislation just enacted is only a law to AUTHORIZE the continuation of the ECA program. That bill did not appropriate money.

Many people, including some members of Congress, have taken the attitude that the sum named in the authorization bill is the amount we are putting into the ECA program. That is not the fact. The actual appropriation bill comes later. I did what I could to keep the record straight on this point by

taking the floor. A portion of my statement to the House follows:

"... I feel satisfied to vote for the bill as a continuation of a program we have started but the record must clearly show, and the people of the country must clearly understand, that we are not today dealing with an appropriation but we are setting a figure which is a maximum for the program."

I feel certain the appropriation for ECA will be considerably less than the five and one-half billion figure in the bill.

Spend Easter In Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. Louis McCuskey and son, Lauren, spent the Easter week-end in Eugene, visiting at the home of Mr. McCuskey's sister.



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PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, April 19, 1949)

R. E. Koon, consulting engineer, spent Wednesday here going over the city's present water system. The only point on which he was willing to be quoted was his statement that the selection of the well site along the highway was unfortunate, that it was practically impossible to secure better than class C water from that location.

There were sixty sportsmen who participated in the shoot here last Sunday morning, coming from Myrtle Point, Bandon, Marshfield and North Bend. Coquille's high guns was C. D. Ray, 24; Charles A. Baer, 24; E. A. Woodyard, 23.

The petitions for the paving of 17 or 18 blocks in the north end were laid over by the council Monday evening. City Engineer Staver's estimate of the cost of grading, sidewalks, curb and paving was \$49,267.95, and for sewers along the same frontage, \$10,948.42.

Rainfall since last September totals 46 inches, which is 20 inches short of our annual crop, although there is two months of the season yet to go.

P. E. Drane and Mrs. Ada Barklow were quietly married by Dr. J. E. Snyder at North Bend yesterday morning upon the arrival of the morning train.

A new real estate and insurance firm has been formed in Coquille which opened its office in the Nosler Building last week. It is the Nosler & Walker, composed of S. M. Nosler and C. D. Walker.

The Marshfield Gun club has issued an invitation to both the other gun clubs in the county and to all target marksmen, to attend the shoot next Sunday at the Marshfield club grounds. This shoot is complimentary to A. J. Sherwood, the dean of Coos county marksmen. More than 40 years ago Mr. Sherwood organized the first gun club in the county, here in Coquille.

At the quarterly meeting of the bankers of southwestern Oregon in North Bend Tuesday evening it was unanimously voted that the closing time for banks in the county should be at noon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Stonecypher are packing up their household goods, preparatory to leaving tomorrow for Malin, 35 miles southeast of Klamath Falls, where he has a homestead.

E. L. Vinton this week purchased the northeast corner lot of the Harlocker place, across from the J. S. Barton and A. O. Walker homes, and expects within ten days to begin the construction of a modern residence, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$5500.

Timely Topics

BY HON. R. T. MOORE

The session draws to a close in its fourteenth week and weary legislators disperse to their respective homes with the usual feeling of frustration over lack of accomplishment. This assembly will go down in history as one that has worked more conscientiously on more important legislation than any other session to date. Any failure of accomplishment is most certainly not due to lack of effort. A tremendous amount of study, research and listening to testimony accompanied every important measure. There was determined effort to evolve all of the facts before final action. Such a policy makes for slow progress as a legislature but for better government.

The measures which have seemed so important at the moment of consideration fade into relative insignificance when there is realization that statutes have a guaranteed life of but two years. The next session can, and often does, amend or repeal. This circumstance is both a protection against ill-advised statutes and safe-guard of the people's liberties.

The closure of the session was not without the frantic maneuverings to secure the passage of favored measures nor was it free from the usual minority tactics of delay with purpose to discredit majority action. There has been more partisan politics exercised during this session than for many years and the efforts of the militant minority have had the salu-