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Lloyd Oddy, County Clerk, Has Record Of Eighteen Years In Office Behind Him

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Improved systems of filing, accounting, and recording have marked the 18 consecutive years of L. W. Oddy's tenure as Coos county clerk. Since 1933 he has maintained his staff at four persons including himself, but the volume of business passing through his office as shown by fee receipts has increased by many thousands of dollars.

The greatest factor influencing this increase has been the work of a photostat installed in 1947. This device saves countless typing hours and produces neat accurate work for the records.

Photostat Machine Good

The machine which can enlarge 100 percent or reduce 50 percent, is almost entirely automatic, and produces on both sides of the



sheet at once by means of a moving drum. Mercury vapor-light is employed and the special filter on the lens takes all kinds of writing. Turning out a finished product takes about 30 minutes, and two hours of operation three times a week fills requirements.

First one in the office to become versed in the operation of the machine was Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan, who is deputy and bookkeeper. Mrs. Josephine M. Bruce, deputy and recording clerk, now takes most of the pictures. Mrs. Vaughan still likes to help out.

Saves Much Money

The photostat machine was purchased at the installed price of \$4,000 and has been a tremendous saving in supplies and labor since the sheets need only be bound and inserted in a ledger. No darkroom is necessary.

The activities of Oddy's office are as varied as the activities of people's lives, for it is his job as clerical officer for the county to keep a record of everything from marriage licenses to county proceedings.

Cupid's arrow hasn't been as true this year as last. In the first six months of 1948, 228 licenses were bought, but for the same period this year only 164 are on the books.

Although there is no dog catcher who goes around and picks up stray dogs, canines are checked on in this county by Dave Adams and Mrs. Della C. Reiley, both of North Bend.

When election time rolls around, its success depends on the action of Oddy's office since registering voters, preparing ballots, canvassing the vote and issuing election certificates all fall under his jurisdiction.

The number of ledgers and filing cabinets filled with legal records which line the walls of his office is nothing short of amazing, but no one ever gets lost because of the effective filing systems in use. Since Oddy has been there a flat filing system and an improved method of indexing legal instruments have been established as well as a better accounting system.

Within the ledger covers and drawers are records of all business done by the circuit, probate, and commissioners' courts, as well as legal instruments such as mortgages, deeds, bills of sale, executions, attachments, liens on chattels, articles of incorporation, notary commissions, certificates of assumed names, doctors' certificates, farm names, and soldiers', sailors' and marines' discharges.

Attends Court Sessions

Another of Oddy's jobs is to attend circuit court sessions which are concerned with both civil and criminal action. For these sessions, it becomes his job to draw a jury from the 250 to 500 names in the jury box.

"Some women are too busy for the job, and men's availability varies with the season," observed Oddy. "It is not his duty however to decide whether or not they will be excused."

A graduate of Holmes Business college in Portland, and lifetime resident of Coos county, Oddy began his career of county work in 1938 when he went to work in the sheriff's tax office.

"I felt familiar with the clerk's

their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown, Jr., and little daughter, from Coquille. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Geitner and Carol Ann Griggs, attended the anniversary party given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevenson of Myrtle Point. It is their first anniversary and the guests will be the same ones that attended their wedding.

Carol Ann Griggs will return to her home in Coquille next week to prepare for school. She has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Geitner for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Van Orman went below Bandon Sunday on a picnic.

Mrs. Virginia Stillwell went to Florence with her grandson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Holverson. While there she attended the annual picnic of the Lane county extension.

Mrs. Bonnie Buoy's Sunday School class spent Thursday in painting the wood work of their class room. They had a pot luck lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell are leaving Wednesday for a month's vacation. They will join a son at Klamath Falls, and from there they will travel together with the son and family. Among other places they intend visiting a daughter in Missouri and a brother in Phoenix, Arizona, friends and relatives in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dungey of Coquille were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dungey over Sunday. Thelma Hatcher's Sunday school class went to La Verne park Saturday evening for a swim. The class composed of Jimmie Judd, Arland Shutt, Decky Nelson, Barbara Schragg and Dennis Buoy, others attending were Mrs. May and three children Ramona Kadletz, Johnnie and Sandra Nelson.

Calf Scramble To Draw Boys

Biggest drawing event of the Coos county fair is apt to be the Calf Scramble, says Orvus Miller, in charge of the event which will see Coos county boys trying to win themselves a \$75.00 calf which they will take home—if they catch it—and raise to bring back next year to be auctioned off with the proceeds going to the boy.

Rules for the calf scramble at the Coos County Fair are: entrants must be 13 to 20 years old inclusive, and have the consent of their parents or guardian and the approval of a county agent if engaged in 4-H or of their FFA instructor. Only boys engaged in county fair enterprises are eligible.

Approval will include a rating on their ability to properly care for a calf if caught. Boys who will be too old for 4-H or FFA work next year or plan to enter

military service are not eligible. There will be twice as many boys as calves entered in each contest. Halters and 10-foot ropes will be supplied by the management. A 15-minute limit is placed on each contest and boys catching calves must be able to lead them out of the ring before that time is up.

Three progress reports will be required of the sponsor of the calf and to the fair board during the year as well as a complete cost report. The animals must be provided at next year's fair. Premium money will go to the boy. Orvus Miller, FFA instructor in Myrtle Point, is in charge of the scramble. Back From Los Angeles—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Menning have returned after spending a ten-day vacation in Los Angeles.

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John L. Davis, 18, of Coquille was enlisted at Eugene after a preliminary screening at the Coos Bay office. He had been waiting for some time to enlist under the restricted monthly quota placed on all Air Force applicants. Davis was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he will receive fourteen weeks basic training.

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Mrs. Dave Tostin has returned home from Portland where she went on business.

Mr. and Mrs. West of Myrtle Point, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. Isaacson.

Mrs. Pauline Noah and daughter, Bonnie Ellen, moved into their new home Sunday. It is built on a part of the Noah farm. Mrs. Noah recently sold her home on Sanford Heights in Coquille. She works at the Safeway store.

Callers at the G. C. Wyant home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Donaldson of Gravelford on Wednesday.

Fairview Northford Grange No. 739, held a regular meeting Saturday night, August 27. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hill, were voted in. There was square dancing with the old time music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Judd. A fine pot luck supper was served also.

Visiting the W. H. Van Orman home over the weekend are Mr. and Mrs. W. Fowler and two children from Portland.

The Juvenile Grange voted in two new members Saturday night. They are Mickie Wilson and Robert Vigue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Buoy and Dennis, went to Roseburg Saturday. The new addition to the Buoy home is nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norris have as their guests over the weekend



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