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## Random Lengths

Welcome Job's Daughters! The city of Coquille and the rest of Coos county is hanging out a welcome sign for the five hundred or more members of Job's Daughters who will meet for the Grand Sessions of the State of Oregon in Coquille today, Friday and Saturday. A group of the finest in young American girlhood, these young women are the pick of the state, and we feel proud that Coquille Bethel is to be the gracious hostess to the group. Needless to say, the work of Mrs. John Moore has helped much in bringing this signal honor to Coquille.

Getting little notice—in fact not as much as it deserved—was the Chamber of Commerce project in putting insurance on the Coquille fire department in order that that group would serve the rural areas while annexation talk was pending. Now that the annexation has fallen through, the insurance

is cancelled; but we still think the Chamber deserves applause and thanks from both the city and the rural areas.

More and more we are becoming convinced that a newspaper should "walk alone." Reading vitriolic and stupid partisan attacks on any and all things Democratic and/or the same type of attacks on things Republican (as concerns the party) does not give the many honest and highly competent men in each political party due credit for patriotism and high citizenship.

Since the Portland JOURNAL reprinted an editorial of ours on "Teachers and Teachers' Salaries," we've heard from several around-the-state school teachers. The common plaint: "You don't know what you are talking about. Teachers' salaries are a disgrace, and we are the most overworked, most underpaid profession in the world." Well, well! For the record, we taught school, we know what they are talking about. That's what worries us. Good teachers can't be held; the salary scale for poor teachers is the same as for good ones. Good teachers are made too infrequently. There's too much self-pity in the education ranks. It didn't used to be that way when we were young and a teacher came to school with a springy step and a grin on his face.

The case of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler who have renounced U. S. citizenship to seek "asylum in the free country of Czechoslovakia" has surprised the Reed college friends of the couple who were graduates of the Portland school. Why anyone should be surprised, we don't know. Sorry is the fact that too much so-called liberal bosh put out by long-haired college professors in the social science fields took already highly erratic minds and shoved them over the brink into an unreal world... and Reed college we think did plenty of it. You see we still remember the "Peace parades" in the days of Hitler by college youth egged on by so-called liberal professors who had never earned a dollar in their lives except by teaching in colleges founded by the savings of our hard-working and enterprising American "conservatives."

With lumber prices moving up, it appears that this area is in for another six months or more of boom prosperity.

Who said spring was far behind?

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Coos Assessor Points Out Reasons For "Discussion" on His Office and Rural Fire

It has been called to my attention that I have been unduly criticized at a recent meeting held in Coquille and pertaining to the formation of a Rural Fire Protection District.

As a word of explanation to the public concerned, I would like to state the matter first came to my attention about one year ago. A description in detail and a map was submitted to me at that time. The proposed district contained certain suburban properties together with certain rural lands with buildings extending in erratic distances around Coquille and extending in some instances for distances of eight or nine miles out of Coquille.

After studying the map and boundary description, it became quite apparent that the proposed district did not meet legal requirements as specified by law in compactness or in being a contiguous boundary. Not satisfied with my own impressions on the subject matter, I took the problem up with the acting Tax Collector, the County Court, the District Attorney, and the State Tax Commission. All held that the boundary of the proposed district was not compact and that it would be extremely doubtful to assume that the law could be construed to mean the area was contiguous.

The District Attorney for Coos County took the matter up with the Attorney General for the State of Oregon, Mr. George Neuner. His opinion was rather lengthy and ended as follows: "It follows that the County Court may reject a Petition for the formation of a Rural Fire Protection District on the grounds that the proposed territory does not constitute contiguous unincorporated territory within the meaning of this section." Mr. Neuner cited a previous court case in which it was held that to call such a boundary compact and contiguous was a mere subterfuge.

I feel that these facts have not been made clear to the people of Coquille or to the people in general who are interested in forming a Fire Protection District and they have gained the impression to some extent that we at the Court House are just stubborn. When in fact and in truth all that is necessary to form the Fire District is to revise the boundaries and make them compact and contiguous and according to statute.

I am enclosing a copy of a map outlining the proposed Fire District. Also, a copy of the opinion

from the Attorney General's office which was written to our District Attorney, Mr. Norman. I would like to have you post these in the window of The Sentinel office for all to read and study.

I would like to make a statement which should tend to clarify the reasons why our Oregon Laws call for a compact and contiguous boundary in the formation of a Fire District or any other taxing district. Contrary to the impression created by some of the sponsoring individuals of this proposed Rural Fire Protection District, this nor the tax collector's office, has no other purpose in mind other than the establishing of a district or districts which can feasibly be administered from an assessment and tax collection viewpoint. The boundary of this district as outlined would be practically impossible to administer without a great loss of time an inconvenience to this office and the tax collection office. It is not a legal district from compactness or contiguousness. The proposed district would create so many complicated segregations, dual code districts, and other hindrances, through its peculiar boundaries, as to make it quite impossible to complete our work in the time specified by law, and the district would therefore be the direct cause of the tax roll being placed in jeopardy of completion.

There is no reason a compact, contiguous, law conforming Fire District boundary cannot be formed which would include all lands, buildings, or personal property within those boundaries.

I beg of you to read the Attorney General's opinion at The Sentinel office and to study the map outlining the boundary of the proposed district before criticizing this office too severely.

CHARLES W. FORREST  
Coos County Assessor.

## SPRUCE BUDWORM CRUSADE

The state forestry department is readying for a June spraying operation for spruce budworm that has spread over nearly half a million acres of Oregon timber.

The Central Aircraft Co. of Yakima was awarded the first contract this week to spray 180,000 acres at \$2.5 and \$7.2 an acre, according to location.

Federal forest funds have been pared down \$130,000 from the amount deemed necessary to care for budworm infested federal lands in Oregon.

## Coquille Officer Assigned Okinawa

Headquarters Twentieth Air Force—Major Harold F. Beadner, whose wife, Irene, and children, David Louis and Suzanne Kay, reside in Coquille, recently arrived on Okinawa and was assigned to this headquarters.

Major Beadner attended Boise high school and graduated with the class of '33. He graduated from Washington State college in 1938. He worked in civilian life as a veterinarian with the Bureau of

Animal Husbandry in Oregon from 1939 to 1942.

The major was commissioned in the army in 1940 and assigned to the Medical Corps in 1946. His last assignment before arriving in the Far East was at Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona.

Okinawa Island is the largest in the Ryukyu chain. It lies mid-way between Tokio and Manila and is bordered by the China Sea and the Pacific. A vast construction program is being implemented there at the present time.

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## PARAGRAPHS OF THE PAST

From The Sentinel Files of 20 Years Ago

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, April 11, 1930)

Water Superintendent Epperson reported to the council Monday evening that 300 meters have already been installed in the residence section of Coquille and that the balance of the services would be metered as quickly as possible. He reported that water was still running over the spillway at the big dam, notwithstanding the past month's dry spell. Councilman Jeub came out flat-footed that unless a new water line is completed from the dam to the reservoir by summer that the city would have another shortage in August. He declared in favor of putting in a new pipe line at once, even before bonds can be voted.

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening the petition of the Henry street property owners between the bridge and Seventh street for a concrete pavement was approved and the city engineer instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates.

George H. Jenkins, new Coos county agricultural agent, arrived here with Mrs. Jenkins and their son from Hermiston, in Umatilla county, Wednesday evening.

Rev. Hale B. Eubanks, as a committee from the American Legion, submitted for the council's consideration Monday evening the

proposal that the Set-a-spell, now being used as a dwelling, be turned over to the Legion who would fit it up as a meeting hall for both Legion and Auxiliary. The proposal also carried the Legion agreement to keep the lawn in front of the Community building in shape.

A third drug store in Coquille was made a certainty this week when D. E. Rackleff announced that he and V. R. Wilson had taken a lease on the east room of the Grimes building, the one adjoining the First National Bank building.

Miss Aagot Hoyendahl, county health nurse, has been granted a six months' leave of absence and she intends leaving Saturday of next week for a trip and visit to her old home in Norway.

Graydon Anderson, junior mayor-elect of the high school, has appointed the following officers to assist in city government Tuesday, April 15: city engineer, Tallant Greenough; water superintendent, Martha Jane Webb; street commissioner, Maybelle Maiden; fire chief, Helen Caine; treasurer, Alda Sloan; attorney, Laura McLeod; deputy, Frank Schram.

C. A. DeLong, resident of Coquille for about twenty-two years, passed away at his home on Spur-deon hill Sunday morning at seven

o'clock after an illness of some duration.

Ground was broken this week for the English-type, story and a half house which Roy Neal is having built on his lot at the corner of Second and Division streets. From the plans it is to be a very fine-looking home.

## Mental Health Problem In Coos

Mental health is a major problem in Coos county—as in the rest of the state—the Oregon Mental Health association said today. Coos county had 16 first admissions to Salem in the male sex and 12 first admissions from the female sex in 1949, the organization said.

Mental health week is April 23-29 and a state-wide observance is planned.

## Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems\*  
By ERNIE SMITH



**QUESTION:** Could you tell me if there is any form of insurance which will reimburse an owner for loss of rental income in case a leased property is damaged by fire? Also if there is such insurance, is it a part of a regular fire insurance coverage or is it a separate policy?

**ANSWER:** Yes, you can obtain insurance against loss of rental income because of fire damage to the rental property. This insurance may be added to your regular fire insurance policy and you will pay a small additional premium.

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