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## What Other Editors Say

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## Southwestern Oregon Visit Inspires Faith And Pride In Home State

Sixty-third annual meeting of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association held in North Bend last week provided an opportunity to again visit southwestern Oregon.

This small empire claims to be the fastest growing area in population in the United States although census figures are not without their disappointments. A good example was the release of preliminary figures which give North Bend a population of 5960 as compared with 5956 for its neighbor Coos Bay, less than three miles away. We can very well believe that between now and the issue of the final figures the Coos Bay Pirates will be out digging up four people from the graveyards, if necessary, to catch up with North Bend.

Community rivalries are serious matters in these parts no matter whether the competition is high school sports or matters of trade and business. However, this did not prevent the finest cooperation of the two cities in entertaining visiting publishers.

The Coos Bay harbor has won for itself the title of "Lumber shipping capital of the world." Fishing, dairying, cranberries and the unique myrtlewood are other features which impress a visitor to this area.

In the midst of a program largely devoted to trade subjects the appearance of Martha Ferguson McKeown struck a keynote which helped make the convention one which encouraged increased appreciation and understanding of our home state, its people and its character, and particularly the communities which were our hosts.

Mrs. McKeown, who is the author of "The Trail Led North" and "Them Was The Days" published by Macmillan, is working on her third book, "Alaska Silver."

We can recall when Mrs. McKeown a number of years ago came to Forest Grove as a Girl Reserve conference leader. She is just the same as she was as an Oregon high school teacher and leader of girls activities although she has won success in the field of writing which is highly selective. Mrs. McKeown in her books has been able to combine adventure with authentic American history and human interest. Her hero, Mont Hawthorne, who is her uncle living in Hood River declares, "Now, remember, I ain't no storybook hero. I'm just an oldtimer who remembers good."

For those who are fed up with some phases of modern so-called literature the books of Mrs. McKeown provide a wholesome antidote for redeeming one's faith in fellowmen. At least they encourage appreciation for ordinary people of integrity and character.

After Mrs. McKeown's talk with publishers we could better appreciate the pride which Coos Bay took in showing its new swimming pool in Mingsus park which was dedicated and opened last week. The pool has been designed to fit naturally in its park surroundings.

At Coquille we could join in appreciation of the community center which has been built with local labor and funds without aids or grants from government. We could also realize the effort which is going into construction of a nearby swimming pool. The community center which provides an auditorium-gymnasium, dining room, kitchen, library and quarters for boys and girls activities represent a valuation of \$250,000.

Needless to say those who have engaged in similar community enterprises were impressed with community leadership which made the Coquille endeavor successful.

Along with beautiful Oregon coast scenery, harbors, resources of timber and little-used as yet coal, southwestern Oregon like any other community must include among its greater resources people of enterprise, character and loyalty.

Our own loyalty to our state and appreciation for its various resources were stimulated by the few days spent as a guest in this part of the state.

## Just a Matter of Color

EAST BERLIN'S  
BLUE SHIRTS:

district had been boosted as much as 200 per cent in many instances and that the boost had not been made over all the county this year, that the 1949 assessment valuations should be used this year instead of the 1950 assessment.

### PRINTERS HIGHEST PAID

Wages of Oregon workers are higher than ever before and printers are the highest paid group in the state, the state bureau of labor statistics and the state unemployment compensation commission reported this week.

The average earnings of production workers last month touched an all-time high of \$1.75 an hour or \$68.79 a week in Oregon. In Washington the average was slightly lower. In printing and publishing workers averaged \$78.15 for a 35.3 hour week; plywood workers came next with \$74.97, all record high wages.

### NEW PRISON WALL

Completion of the new concrete wall enclosing the main buildings of the Oregon State penitentiary at Salem was announced this week by prison warden George Alexander. The wall is of concrete construction and 25 feet high. Construction was started nearly two years ago.

Modern floodlights installed on the new wall give guards a clear view of the entire enclosure which covers a total of seven acres.

Guards have moved into the new wall towers and the old wall has been torn down.

### SCHOOL FUNDS INCREASE

The state land board will distribute to the school districts of Oregon approximately \$252,000 this year, E. T. Pierce, clerk of the board, announced Monday. This sum represents the earnings of the

months, to keep the lawns which have become so common in Coquille, looking their best.



### ASSESSMENT ROLL IRONED

The state tax commission and the Clackamas county equalization board this week found the bug that has been causing most of the property assessment protests.

The trouble is that there have not been enough deputy assessors to do a complete job of appraising the whole county each year. With inadequate help it has been the practice in many counties to adjust valuations over only a portion of the county each year and take the assessment of the previous year for the rest of the county. Often this left one part of the county with higher assessments than the other.

The commission decided that in as much as 60 property owners of North Clackamas county showed that valuations of their property and that of others in the same

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The Mutual Creamery at Marshfield paid 36½ cents for May butterfat and 44 cents for milk for cheese.

A three-day holiday is to be in effect in Coquille next week, beginning on Friday, July 4, and extending through Sunday, July 6.

More than 80 per cent of the Lions club membership turned out Monday evening when a start was made toward removing the parkways in Willard street.

Supt. W. V. Ferguson announced yesterday that Miss Helen Pollock of Salem has signed a contract as one of the faculty of Coquille high school, to succeed Miss Beatrice Peters, resigned.

There were several hundred in attendance at the Masonic picnic in Chrine grove at Lee last Sunday. George Oerding and Theodore Clinton of Chadwick lodge carried off the silver cup which had been offered for the winning barnyard golf team.

Everything is set for the big Bathing Beauty contest dance at Bandon tomorrow evening in Silver Spray Gardens. The contestants here are Laura McLeod and Hazel Mansell; Louise Clark of Lee, with Beulah Cornwall and Devona Shaver as possible additions to the list.

A new mail route out of Coquille, or rather an extension of the star route to Leneve will be started next Tuesday when the route will be extended to Bullards and Bandon and then up the other bank of the river along the highway to Riverton and Coquille. R. E. Ward will be the new mail carrier, succeeding George Stewart.

The Business and Professional Women's club of Coquille has again been given recognition. Mrs. Belle Gould, state membership chairman, has been requested by the state president to be Oregon's representative at the annual directors' meeting of the national federation in Chicago. Mrs. Gould will be given the trip with all expenses paid.

A report on unemployment by Joe H. Koke, supervisor of the census for this district at Eugene, states that the total number of those without work and looking

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