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City Faces Drastic Shortage Of Water Again

Fall Festival Draws 3,000 People To Help Coquille Celebrate, Parade, And Dedicate New \$60,000 Swim Pool

There never was a doubt in the minds of over 3,000 people from Coquille and the surrounding Southwestern Oregon area that Coquille's First Fall Festival was a success.

From the opening of the Festival with the crowning of Queen Marilyn Atkinson, with a lovely style show featuring new clothes for both tiny tots and oldsters as arranged by Mrs. Helen Holmes, and the clever showing of Jantzen Knitting Mills period old-fashioned bathing suits to the final night of dancing and concessions, Saturday, the affair was an unqualified success.

Queen Marilyn I was crowned by President Noble Chowning of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, following the appearance of the six girls on the stage of the community building. Lloyd Wood acted as master of ceremonies and was assisted by Bobbie Burns at the Hammond Electric organ.

Following this ceremony, Mrs. Patsy Barkwell acted as commentator for the style show which had been arranged by Mrs. Holmes and a committee from local stores.

During the showing of the Jantzen Bathing suits, which brought long and loud chuckles and laughs from the audience of some thousand or more people, Bill Head acted as master of ceremonies.

Saturday, too, was a big day with the parade, said by many to be the finest even seen in Southwestern Oregon, a giant free barbecue, and the dedication of the Coquille swimming pool during the daytime, and the concessions and a dance that evening.

The barbecue, arranged and prepared by Stan Sherwood, general chairman of the Festival, saw 2,600 people having free steer beef and there was still enough on hand to feed another 400, Sherwood said. The beef which weighed over 1,000 pounds dressed was especially selected for the barbecue by Robert Bones of Coquille, and it was delicious.

Under the direction of Chuck Adams the parade was a thrilling sight, and the Rotary club gave away \$34.00 to over 90 entries in the pet parade which they sponsored as their contribution.

The Coquille Lions club won the sweepstakes prize of \$15 at the parade. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Meier, Coos Bay; Dr. V. E. Smalley, McMinnville; Henry Schroeder, Myrtle Point, and Mr. Gasner, Fairview.

The Coquille fire department, with an ancient fire truck and long red undercar, won the comedy division. Farr's was second and the Coquille Food Center, third. The J. C. Penney company won the commercial-industrial division, with West Coast Telephone company, second, and the Bootery, third. For organizations, the Active club was first, high school Stinkers club, second, and the junior grange, third.

Cooper's Gardens took the prettiest float award. The Eagles auxiliary won the marching groups division, followed by the junior high school drum and bugle corps, second, and the junior high marching group, third. The Lincoln elementary school Indian Summer group won the schools division, with the high school band, second, and the Washington school, third.

Winners of the Rotary Pet Show: Seven year and under group: 1st, Joe Stonecypher, for bulldog; 2nd, Colleda Couch; 3rd, Diane Ralph; 4th, Sunny Christiansen; 5th, Marlene Jaskari; 6th, Flicky Starrett; 7th, Zoeman Haddix.

Eight year old and over: 1st, Judy Haumschilt; 2nd, Gail Schroeder; 3rd, Cecil Flesher; 4th, Ardie Sherwood; 5th, Ronald Mauro; 6th, Esther Johnson; 7th, Elizabeth Alderson.

C. Eugene Fields was chairman of the pet show, held in connection with the parade. Ed Hughes assisted in listing winners, while judges were Fred True, Elbert Schroeder and Alton Grimes.

Street races, held under the direction of Carl Hooker, included regular sprints, 3-legged races, potato relays and scrambling in straw for pennies.

Results of the races with winners listed in order as first, second and third:

Boys and girls under seven: Shirley Perrott, Gerald Mints and Shirley Stevens; boys and girls 7-10: Dicky Roberts, Darrel Sanders and Philip Clark; boys 10-13: Allen Dews, Tommy Johnson and Ronald Paul; girls 10-13: Gayla Winn, Shirley Hancock and Velma Schneider.

Three-legged races, girls under 10: Betty Cotter-Carol Jones; Judy Thrift-Shirley Roten, and Elaine Spough-Charlotte Spough; girls 10-13: Nola Ice-Sandra Volk; Shirley Hancock-Gayla Winn, and Jeanette Johnson-Verna Frenier.

Three-legged races, boys under 10: Dickie Hancock-Jeffie Wood; Billy Cleland-Dicky Roberts, and Michael Pearl-Don Londize; boys 10-13: Gene Simpson-Allen Dews; Ronald Paul-Tommy Creager, and Ronald Haddix-Gary Rhule.

Potato relay, girls: Betty Cotter-Gayla Winn; Jeanette Johnson-Shirley Hancock, and Nola Ice-Sandra Volk; boys: Jimmie Fughatt-Allen Dews; Gene Simpson-Dicky Roberts, and Ronald Finley-James Farney.

At the swimming pool dedication, Ralph Stuller acted as master of ceremonies. The program opened with the high school band playing the Star Spangled Banner. The Rev. Robert Lessing gave the invocation. Clarence Osika, chairman of the Rotary club committee that started the community organization, talked briefly. He credited construction of the pool to all the people of Coquille, stating that no organization could claim credit for itself alone.

George A. Ulett, chairman of the community committee, then told of the committee members who had done the work, mentioned that \$2,500 is still needed to clear all debt from the pool, valued at \$60,000, and turned the keys to the bathhouse over to the city. W. C. Mason represented the city in accepting the pool, and the pool was opened to public inspection. The pool was officially open for the first time Sunday for swimming, although swimming had been permitted earlier on an unofficial basis before necessary licenses were obtained.

Booster Night Set By Coquille Grange

An outstanding program is being arranged by Coquille Grange members for booster night scheduled for October 13. All Grangers as well as a number of guests have been invited to the affair which will be held in the junior auditorium of the Community building at 8 p. m.

Included on the special program will be an agricultural outlook review, a resume of Grange activities of today and highlights of Coquille Grange history. A humorous skit, readings and musical selections will add spice to the entertainment.

Tax Assessors Set Coquille Meeting To Talk Problems

Coquille will be the gathering spot of county assessors, September 26 and 27, when the assessment and taxation division of the state tax commission, gives its third in-service training program this month.

Other "schools" have been held at Baker and Burns. The final school is scheduled for Portland, immediately following the sessions at Coquille.

The in-service program is sponsored by the legislature for the benefit of the assessors. The state is so large that it has been advisable to distribute the meetings. For this area, for example, attendance is expected from Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane and Lincoln counties.

Commissioner Robert D. Maclean has selected some of his heaviest weights for the Coquille program. For example, he is bringing his two top chief appraisal engineers, Harry J. Loggan and Jesse S. Gilkey. They will discuss tax lot methods and building appraisal. Robert V. Nelson, research engineer, will present an appraisal program for a city, and Mrs. Mildred A. Roos has been assigned the subject of uniform procedure in assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes. Bernard Shevach, assistant attorney general, will handle legal questions.

VISIT IN COQUILLE AND RENEWS SUBSCRIPTION

Mrs. Alma Halter of Myrtle Point was a Coquille shopper Wednesday and while here renewed her subscription to The Sentinel. Visiting here with her was Mrs. Eva Morgan DeSims who is a former newspaperwoman having been associated with the old Portland News-Telegram.

Mrs. Docia Sweet of Sixes was a Coquille visitor on Wednesday, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hilton.

County Court To Ponder Public Housing Commission For Low Income Groups

Being studied this week was the proposal which will be sent to the Coos County court asking them to set up a five-man, county-wide commission on Public Housing which would make a survey to determine if the need exists in this area for a public housing project.

It is unofficial, but understood, that various veterans' groups on the Bay plus several unions and private individuals are to take action this week petitioning the Coos county court to appoint a commission, for Coos county.

The present housing problem is acute in Coos Bay-North Bend areas and the action follows a public meeting there at which Roger Spalding, Seattle, regional director of the public housing administration, appeared and spoke.

The housing, if put into effect, would be concerned with low income groups. Coquille could have a public housing development if the commission felt the need justified it.

Today's Tickler

Telephone Operator (To new girl she is breaking in): "No, honey, you say, 'Just a moment, please,' not 'Hang on your pants, mister.'"

"Sneak" Irrigators Using Up Vital Water As Supply Dwindles With No Rain In Sight

"It might be anyone's neighbor," said City Engineer Joe Kuffler today, "who is using up the last drops of water this city could need desperately tomorrow." He was talking about the fact that Coquille faces a sudden emergency unless it rains soon for there are only 16,000,000 accessible gallons of usable water left in the city's reservoir. And at the present emergency use now allowed that means at the maximum only twenty-four days supply.

City officials in commenting on the shortage of water said that the irrigation by various people in the city without regard to irrigation restrictions and hours was one cause of the shortage at the present time, though Coquille has been periodically short of water for the past thirty-five years.

"A lot of mighty swell people observe the irrigation rules religiously," Kuffler stated, "but a lot more don't, and that is one thing that leads to more violations. One fellow gets away with it, and another tries it."

With no rains forecast in the near future, Coquille is not far from a serious state of water shortage, the city said today.

They emphasized the fact that if you have a neighbor who doesn't play the game, why not ask him to consider the safety of all by conserving water.

BERGS RETURN FROM TRIP TO CALIFORNIA POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Berg returned this week from a trip to Northern California that saw them visiting the San Francisco Bay area and taking their son, Joe, to the University of Santa Clara where he enrolled as a freshman. They also visited their daughter, Martha, who is a laboratory technician in Mt. Zion hospital in San Francisco. Weather throughout the entire trip was lovely and enjoyable, Attorney Berg said today upon his return to Coquille.

Standard Time Comes Back To Town

Sunday morning you can turn back your clock one hour and though you get up at nine, DST, you'll actually be able to eat an eight o'clock breakfast at 8 a. m. PST.

Mayor Ray Jeub announced that he was issuing the order to put into effect the regulations set last summer when Daylight Saving Time in Coos county and Coquille would end Sunday, September 24th.

It's good news to the farmers, lots of workers, and the people who like to attend the Drive-in theatre.

Change in time will cause the local postoffice mailing hours to change too, Postmaster Don Estes said today. Outgoing mail will need to be in the postoffice by 4:50 p. m. PST if it is to be sent out the same day, he stated. Under Daylight time merchants could get their mail in by 5:40 DST and catch the mail.

Salt Water Ends Near Riverton, Lab Tests Show

Salt water ends near Riverton. That was the result of extensive tests taken last week by the firm of Cornell, Howell and Merryfield of Corvallis who are conducting an extensive and exhaustive research program into all possible sources of water for the city of Coquille upon orders of the Coquille city council.

A Coos Bay lumber company boat was used to make the tests of water up and down the Coquille river, and a second set of samples was sent to a private laboratory for tests and reports for the city.

The Corvallis firm which is making the survey has spent much time in the field making studies, and this week are again checking the North Fork of the Coquille. They have contacted A. N. "Bert" Gould for information, and state that their report will be unbiased, and will have full information about all sources.

It is expected that it will be finished soon.

Sports Editor Plans Extensive Coverage

Plans are under way to give minute, colorful coverage of all sports activities of Southwestern Oregon and particularly the southern end of Coos county and northern part of Curry county covered by The Sentinel by The Sentinel's newly appointed sports editor, Jim McMahon.

McMahon will take over next week on a part-time basis. He is a former sports editor of the Lewiston, Idaho, Tribune and in addition to his teaching duties is handling public relations for the local school system.

"However," says Editor McMahon, "we'll write 'em as they play 'em." Messages and news tips for McMahon may be left at The Sentinel office.

DINNER MEETING SLATED

A dinner meeting will be held at the Hotel Coquille to tell interested lay people about the Children's bill which will be on the November ballot to give an additional \$30.00 per chool child to each district in Oregon.

What's Buzzin'

Fri., Sept. 22: Coquille Grange, junior auditorium, Community building, 8 p. m.

Fri., Sept. 22: Regular meetings of Coquille Eagles lodge and auxiliary, Eagles hall, 8 p. m.

Sun., Sept. 24: Coquille Soroptimists' Corn Feed, Frank Burbank home at Arago, 6:30 p. m.

Tues., Sept. 26: Mamie Rebekah lodge meets Oddfellow hall, 8 p. m.

Tues., Sept. 26: Coquille Soroptimist noon luncheon, Coquille hotel, Ray Hunsaker and Father Robert Lessing, guest speakers.

Tues., Sept. 26: Coquille Toastmistress club meets city hall, 7:30 p. m.

Wed., Sept. 27: Fat Elk Duck club meets at Lamb's Hardware store, 8 p. m.

Wed., Sept. 27: Brownie Scout organization meeting, Community building, 8 p. m. All invited.

Thur., Sept. 28: Coquille American Legion Auxiliary will go to Powers. Members wishing to go, contact Mrs. Ed Hughes.

Thur., Oct. 5: Mamie Rebekah lodge, "Three Links Club" meets at home of Christina Smith.



QUEEN OF THE FESTIVAL—Marilyn Atkinson ruled the two-day Fall Festival as Queen of the Festival last week-end after being selected by a group of four judges. The contest was close and the fact that Miss Atkinson led in ticket sales helped make her the winner. (Coquille Studio Photo)



Tests taken on the water of Laurel lake in preparation for some fish planting have brought out the unusual fact that this lake is one of the few in the lower coastal plain area that seems to be free from all bacteria.

Coquille has lots of man and wife partnerships and not so long ago we ran a series on them. We happened to think of it when we stopped in for a pleasant chat with Mrs. Spike Leslie the other day while she was capably operating the Leslie Insurance agency.

With one of Coquille's school teachers living in the basement of the Valley View school, it appears that the Valley View building could well be a "teachorage" for District 8-C. It would be a magnificent place for a teachorage. Looking over the green Coquille Valley, High. Dry. And on a good highway.

Toughest spot of the week was the judging of the Queen contestants last Friday night. Not more than ten points separated all of them. Final winners won mainly on their ticket sales—that being the difference between them in the final addition of points.

Pleasant surprise today was a note from Mrs. Morgan of the Soroptimist club to thank The Sentinel for our mention of the club in the past few weeks. It was pleasant to receive, but undeserved. The Soroptimists are one of Coquille's finest groups and we have been constant admirers of their work on helping the swimming pool.

And speaking of helping the swimming pool: Soroptimist President Mae Barton of Miss May's gave George Ulett a personal check for \$1,000 as her personal donation to the Coquille swimming pool last Saturday afternoon following the official dedication ceremonies. Mae is out of town so we can't give you an interview on her gift, but needless to say, she's going to have a lot of youngsters growing into fine young womanhood and manhood who are going to think of her as a real friend.

Despite the attacks on Earl Newbery's "around the state" auto licensing buildings and offices, the cause of the Democrats has not gained much. Most people like the ease with which they can transact the business of buying plates for their cars and trucks; while others think the saving in money is also worthwhile in this day of mounting inflation. Austin Flegel won't win a governorship on this point of attack.

Ellis Selander will be missed at the county assessor's office. As chief deputy for the past eight years he has done a real job, no doubt why Clarence Barton hired him to go to work for the West Coast Title company.

Taylor street isn't a bit safer than it was a month ago. How many people have to get mangled before some action is taken to slow 'em down, stop racing, squawking and the et cetera's?

Coquille is fortunate in having Noble Chowning's little FHA approved subdivision going at the end of 5th street on Spurgeon hill. Housing is critical. People are sleeping in cars and some in cold basements.

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Shrub Planting Topic For Meeting

The first project leader meetings of the year on "Landscape Planning" or "Landscape Uses of Ten Basic Shrubs" will be given September 26 and 27, according to Mary Agnes Ainley, county extension agent. Project leaders in the south end of the county will meet at Myrtle Grange hall in Myrtle Point, Tuesday, Sept. 26. The leaders from the north end of the county will meet at Empire Civic center, Wednesday, Sept. 27. Meetings will be held from 10:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. with a sack lunch at noon.

New City Heads To Be Nominated At Caucus Monday

A gathering of citizens at the Community building junior auditorium Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. Sept. 25 will name an election slate for a mayor, city recorder, and three councilmen for four year terms.

Political dope points to both Dr. L. B. Gould and George Burr, councilmen, being named on the first ballot for the top post of mayor now held by Ray Jeub, who it is understood, will not accept nomination again.

For the council Clarence Barton, John J. Pickett, Ivan Smalley and Stan Sherwood are all named as possible candidates, plus Mrs. George Maynard, Ernie Smith and Clarence Osika.

The Coquille city charter allows a second caucus to be held following the first citizens' meeting at which time an opposing slate can be named to appear on the November 7th ballot.

Osika Plugs New Freedom Crusade

Clarence Osika, acting for City Chairman John J. Pickett, told the story of the Crusade for Freedom, and urged Rotarians to take part in signing the freedom scroll which will be hung near the Liberty Bell at the Templehof airfield in free Berlin this coming month.

Osika gave a stirring and excellent presentation and said that in the psychological war with Russia we must use such means as the Crusade for Freedom to prove to the people of the world that America is a united group of working people.

The scroll is on his desk in the Hotel Coquille and can be signed here.

Treasurer Lud Scharfer of the swimming pool committee reported that \$1300 was still needed to finish paying for the swimming pool.

County Roads Viewed By Experts

County Commissioners Fred True and Fred Kruse, County Road Superintendent Floyd Robb, and County Forester A. F. Moorehead inspected forest roads and bridges and looked over county timber in the area south of Powers on Monday.

With the four county officials were Hershall Obie, superintendent of Siskiyou National forest, and Don Cameron, road engineer of Grants Pass. The party traveled the Wooden Creek road to Eden Ridge and looked over the Iron Mountain and Johnson Mountain roads.