

Coquille Parent-Teachers Organization Gets Started Despite Floods and Rains

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Floods, a half hearted endorsement by certain of Coquille's citizens and a general nostalgia among not a few parents were not enough to discourage a group of progressive mothers in this valley town last fall who sought to organize a unit of the Parent-Teachers association.

The Coquille unit was organized despite the above impediments and after a year of banner activity it boasts the boosting of such projects as a new high school, a cafeteria for the Washington elementary school and a budget that would provide for a higher salary for teachers. All of these projects were approved by Coquille voters at the polls.

The Coquille unit of the Parent-Teachers association was born when an increasing number of parents began to feel an interest in their school system and realized that a concerted effort to provide an adequate, modern school system for their children was their responsibility.

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Secretary Clarence Osika and President Noble Chowning took the lead in the effort to organize the parents and teachers.

Leading individuals who took an active part in the organization were Mrs. Rose Gulseth, Mrs. Ralph Stuller, Mrs. Harold Busick, and the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Orth. Many others also contributed of their time and effort in the early days of the organization.

Ray Hunsaker, superintendent of schools, with Frank Nihil, high school principal; and Wayne Smith, elementary supervisor, offered advice when asked, to the group and worked tirelessly to bring the organization into being.

School personnel, however, stayed purposely away from the initial meetings of the group to allow the parents to work out an organization to their own liking. School

men observed that too many P. T. A. groups deteriorated into a teachers organization and that the Coquille unit would be a cooperative group with the parents taking the lead in the organizational activities.

The first general organization meeting was postponed because of the November floods and general high water, but after the weather cleared nearly 150 parents and school administrators met at the Coquille high school to elect officers for the year.

The outcome of the election saw Mrs. Rose Gulseth receive a unanimous vote into the president's chair while Mrs. Robert Crawford was unanimously elected secretary.

Mrs. W. R. Glass, Medford, district organizer for the PTA, spoke to the group at this meeting and had advised the steering committee of the Chamber of Commerce in the organization of the Coquille unit.

Parents of children in each of Coquille's four schools were to be represented by vice-presidents who would lead in the discussion of the problems of their respective school.

Representing Washington school here was Dr. Earl Hamilton, Lincoln Elementary was represented by Fred Brumbaugh, Lincoln junior high by Mrs. Mel Drews and Coquille high school by Mrs. Floyd Peterson. Leslie Bahr was elected treasurer.

With the organizational work completed the Coquille unit of the PTA started to function and its first business was to find out some of the basic needs of the Coquille public schools.

They did this by calling on Superintendent Ray Hunsaker to outline these needs and he told them of the new high school planned and needed due to the increase in school population, the need of a hot lunch program at Washington school—the only school not bene-

fitting from such a program, and the necessity of holding teachers in the school system.

With these needs outlined the unit set out to support the views of the school board, the citizen's advisory committee, and school administration. It was principally through the backing of the PTA that these measures were passed and that a record number of votes were cast in the Coquille school elections this spring.

The PTA made Coquille history in at least one event. The school budget committee neglected to place the Washington school cafeteria in the proposed estimate of 1951-1952 expenditures. For the first time a group met with the committee to propose a budget increase. This group was a PTA committee who wanted the cafeteria. Normally the only people discussing the school budget are dissenters.

In addition to pushing measures for school funds the PTA year was filled with meetings concerning visual-aids in the school, safety, civilian defense and the United Nations.

Not all the activity concerned business and school affairs as an attitude of friendliness between parents and teachers was created with a community sing at each meeting and many interesting informal conversations were held over a cup of coffee after the meeting.

As the year's end approached plans for next year became a topic for discussion and new officers were elected. The Rev. Norman Orth was installed president on May 16. To show inter-unit fellowship Mrs. Darrell Brodie, Myrtle Point PTA president, was the installing officer.

Others officers installed were Mrs. Rodney Creager, secretary; Mrs. Marion Clayton, treasurer; W. A. Earls, Mrs. Dan Fish, Mrs. Bernard Sapp, and Clarence Summers, vice-presidents.

The last activity of the school year was novel and festive as the parents entertained the teachers at a noon luncheon at their respective schools.

In summing up the year's activities Mrs. Rose Gulseth, president, observed that the purpose of the organization had been fulfilled as it had brought parents and teachers closer together in seeing the needs of the Coquille school child.



BLONDE SHELLEY WINTERS plays a frontier gambling hall operator in Universal-International's Technicolor "Frenchie," an outdoor thriller which co-stars Joel McCrea and features Paul Kelly and Elsa Lanchester.

Mrs. Helen Holmes has returned from a buying trip in Seattle.

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Coquille Soldier Says It Rains In Japan

Pfc. Robert W. Kuenzli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kuenzli of Coquille, writes from Camp Haugen, Japan, where he is stationed with the 160th Reg. of the 40th Inf. Division that since his outfit has been in Japan they have been training quite hard and recently received orders to cut the training somewhat. Also Kuenzli says it can rain harder in Japan than Oregon. He sends home many snapshots and Kodachrome slides of the camp and the countryside in the area where he is stationed. He receives The Sentinel by the special military rate and says to

tell his many friends in Coquille "hello."

GEORGE LAIRD TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Laird of Coquille are attending the Standard Insurance company convention in Vancouver, B. C., June 19-20.

The party is gathering in Seattle and will proceed from there to Vancouver on the steamship Princess Marguerite via Victoria.

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Relative Appears In Movie This Week

Paul Harvey has a part in the picture "Family Honeymoon" coming to the Myrtle Lane Drive-In Theatre this week.

He also has a part in the Caruso picture with Mario Lanza. Mr. Harvey says that it is a wonderful picture and the music is grand.

He is also working in Television and Radio work.

Paul Harvey is a brother of Mrs. Ralph Southstone and an uncle to Sydney Glenn of Coquille.



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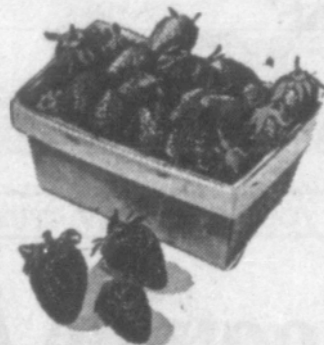
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Log Shutdowns Ordered by Stickney

Violations of regulations on load limit for log hauling on roads of the Siskiyou national forest resulted in one-day shutdowns for two logging operations on the south fork of the Coquille river. Donald B. Stickney, ranger in charge of the Powers district, gave shutdown orders last week to the Standley Brothers operation and for one side of the Sykes Logging company camp.

Load limits for the forest provide maximums of 13 feet in height and 9 feet in width. Each of the offenders had loads exceeding the maximum by one foot each way, Stickney said.

New State Park In Willowas

SALEM (Special) — Dedication ceremonies at Willowas Lake in the heart of the Willowas valley, will be held on the Fourth of July. Marshall N Dana will be the principal speaker.

The ceremonies will stress appreciation of improvements at the park by the Oregon State Parks department. Picnic facilities are found in the park, a boat dock has been built and overnight camping facilities for both trailer and tent camping will soon be opened.

Willowas Lake State park comprises 118.6 acres on the south end of the lake and is the gateway to the Eagle Cap primitive area in the Willowas mountains. The beautiful Willowas lake is more than three miles long and three-fourths mile wide, with a surface area of approximately fourteen hundred acres, within its moraine borders.

Oregon's travel information department reports that Willowas lake is fast becoming one of the state's greatest tourist attractions. More than 116,000 persons visited the park in 1950 and attendance promises to equal or better this number this year.

Check List For Picnic Needs

Mustard on a wienie roast won't be missing if these suggestions from Miss Jessalee Mallalieu, extension specialist at Oregon State college, are followed.

Keep a picnic hamper packed and ready to go at a moment's notice. Inside the lid, paste a list of necessary equipment — plates, cups, silverware, can opener, napkins, etc.—another list of such standard supplies as sugar, salt, pickles, coffee cream, and grease for frying.

Storing as many of these items as possible in the basket will save an hour's time in preparation, and a quick check of the lists will avert the tragedy of arriving at a distant picnic site only to discover the coffee pot is missing.