

# Ben Chandler Day To Start In Coquille Friday Noon

Oregon's No. 1 Man

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THE HON. PAUL PATTERSON, Governor of the State of Oregon, always a booster for a better Oregon, with good highways, will be the main speaker Friday night at the concluding dinner of the Ben Chandler Day celebration. Here the genial governor is shown checking a copy of the JUNE HOLIDAY magazine which this month features the Oregon country in a story by H. L. Davis illustrated with colored photographs.

### Celebration Throughout County Finds Governor Patterson As Our Guest

Ben Chandler, Coos county's No. 1 citizen, is the man of the hour on Friday, May 22nd. And the highest dignitary of the state, Gov. Paul Patterson will be present to pay homage to the man who heads the Oregon state highway commission and its work. Plans are now set for a full Friday with everything needed to make it a memorable occasion. The program: Noon, Coquille community building: Sen. George Ulett will act as master of ceremonies at the luncheon sponsored by the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. President Jack Bowen of the C of C will welcome the guests and introduce visiting officials. Gov. Paul Patterson will speak briefly, and Clarence Osika Chamber manager, will review some of the history of the modern Coquille-Coos Bay highway. At two p. m. at Coaledo scales, the official dedication of the four-lane modern highway will take place.

Following this the dedication of the Graveyard Point bridge will be held at 3 p. m. Then the visiting officials and guests will be taken by the Coast Guard boats and private cruisers of Marc Shelley, Ben Stone, and Felix Duke on a tour of the bay and to Charleston and Empire where they will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce of that area for a tour of the state parks and a coffee hour. Following this they will return to North Bend for a social hour at O'Connors; and in the evening will be guests at a banquet in Coos Bay at the Harding school with the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce serving as hosts. Leonard Mayfield will act as master of ceremonies. The main address of the evening will be delivered by Gov. Paul Patterson.

### He Builds Highways



A REAL TRIBUTE HAS BEEN PLANNED for Ben Chandler, Coos county No. 1 citizen, who as chairman of the Oregon State highway commission has done much to make Oregon a better state. His part in securing the new modern four-lane highway between Coos Bay and Coquille will be particularly heralded Friday at the all day Ben Chandler celebration.

### Rotarians All Set



ROTARY SALE ITEMS and Rotarians—Busy checking over some of the many items the Rotary club will sell at the George F. Burr Motors Friday afternoon, Friday night, and all day Saturday are Iris Elrod, extreme left, chairman of the event; Clarence Osika, Harry Godard, and Elbert Schroeder. (Sentinel Photo)

### Weather Holds Up Lots Logging Throughout Area

Unsettled weather was holding up log prices in western Oregon last week. Summer shows, operating on dirt roads, have not been able to get into full scale operation so far this spring. With fewer logs than usual coming to the mills for this time of year, the seasonal price decline has not started yet. No. 2 second growth Douglas fir sawlogs at Willamette valley mills ranged from \$36 to \$50 a thousand, mostly \$38 to \$40. Eight-foot logs were \$16 to \$17.50 a cord or \$30 to \$36.50 a thousand. Camp-run prices in Roseburg area ranged from \$36 to \$42 a thousand for long logs, and \$34 to \$38 for short logs. Old-growth sawlogs brought \$50 for No. 1's, \$38 to \$40 for No. 2's, and \$27.50 to \$30 for No. 3's. Eight-foot logs were \$15 to \$16 a cord. Sixteen foot lengths were \$14 to \$15. Peeler logs around Roseburg were \$60 to \$70 and \$85 a thousand. One mill in northern Douglas county paid \$5 more for peelers.

### Budget And Fill To Get Together

Both the budget voting and the re-voting on the two bond issues will come at the same time it was decided by the city council Monday night.

### Poppy Day Set By Mayor Farr

Whereas three times in the past thirty-five years the young men of our city have been called upon to help turn back a threat to America on foreign battlefields; and Whereas -our young men answered this call with high courage and patriotism, some of the finest of them laying down their lives in the nation's defense; and Whereas the memory of these men and their sacrifices should live forever in our hearts; and Whereas our memory for our war dead and the honor in which we hold them is individually expressed by the annual wearing of the memorial poppy, now Therefore, I Donald H. Farr, Mayor of the City of Coquille, do hereby proclaim Friday and Saturday, May 22nd and 23rd to be Poppy Days in the City of Coquille, and do urge all citizens to observe the days by wearing of the memorial poppy.

Signed—DONALD H. FARR, Mayor.

John Ellis, formerly with Maynard Insurance company, has accepted a position with Ernie Smith Insurance.

### Voters Knock Down Two Bond Issues With Record Outpouring Of Citizens

A record number of voters turned out Friday to snow under two bond issues totaling \$145,000 in the city elections. The proposal to raise \$70,000 to build earthen fills on Elliott and Beach streets was defeated by 180 no votes to 164 yes marks. The issue of a \$75,000 bond issue to complete the new community building and to buy additional land for expansion of the city park system got 200 no votes with only 145 favoring the issue.

### Council Goes Along With Remonstrance

Plans to develop and pave Elliott street from 2nd through 1st were dropped last Monday night when Darrell D. Cox appeared before the city council with protesting petitions. Cox who owns property on 1st and Elliott had nearly half of the property owners signatures. The council accepted the remonstrance. A letter from Bert and Susie Folsom protesting the paving and widening of Third street near their apartment property was over-ruled after it was read. That street will be improved.

### Lost Powers Cat Found This Week Close To Home

American Surety company owns a 20 ton D-7 Model cat, and it's in Coquille this week at the Interstate Tractor and Equipment company plant.

The big dirt moving monster was reported stolen by George and W. E. Clark, dba, Clark Brothers and Stanley Logging company of Powers in March. The insurance firm through its agent, Ernie Smith, paid off for the loss to the tune of \$14,500. And the company continued its search with plane and other means. Last week the cat was found. Only a mile or so from the spot from which it disappeared. Sequel: There's a good buy no doubt in a cat.

### City Council Asks Bids On Streets

Coquille is asking for bids on street work this week. Improvements on Heath from the north line of 7th to the south line of 8th is advertised.

Coulter street will be improved with work to be done from north line of 10th to the north terminus of Coulter.

Moulton street beginning 150 feet north of the north line of 2nd will be improved to Taylor including the piece of 3rd.

In the north part of the city, 11th street from the west line of Holly street to the west line of Carter avenue will be up for bids for work.

### Annexations Due From New Platting

Annexations of land contained in two new subdivision areas is due for Coquille. Both Rod Creager and Cecil Little have filed their intentions of seeking annexation for properties each man has platted for new building development.

### Senator Ulett Speaks At PEO

Procedures of the legislature of Oregon, work of various committees, and details of several bills passed during this session were explained by Senator George A. Ulett to members of Chapter CC of P. E. O. Sisterhood at their meeting Monday evening. Senator Ulett drew a most vivid picture of the people in both house and senate and their personalities. Chairman of the evening's program was Mrs. George Ulett. Mrs. Hal Mabie of Myrtle Point was elected delegate to the Oregon State P. E. O. convention in June.

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### Street Naming Gains Some Ground In Council With Councilmen Barton, Laird Giving A Smile

The touchy subject of the street naming—proposed by the city planning commission—gained a bit of ground Monday night following an impassioned plea for the project by Jack Bowen, Chamber of Commerce president, and Lud Scharfer, planning commission vice-president. Councilmen Clarence Barton and Wilfred Laird reported they would favor the plan if it were actually put into effect, but that they felt that the people of the city had the right of a democratic body to cast their vote on the matter.

A motion by Councilman Ivan Smalley to rescind the action of the council two weeks ago in voting to put the measure on the ballot was defeated.

However later in the evening it was voted by the council to have a straw vote taken at the time of the community building election on both street re-naming and street re-numbering.

The topic of street naming has been a hot one. Much talk was started when various women's groups went on record opposing it and a petition containing 200 names was presented to the council on May 11.

Scharfer in his talk to the council Monday night said he had talked to many of the people who signed the petition and that they reported they did not actually oppose re-naming the streets.

Barton challenged the statement of Scharfer.

### Street Sweeping Schedules Made Up

Street sweeping schedules for the city have been set by the council with the new sweeper on downtown work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Residential areas will be swept twice a month, but often if needed to keep the streets clean. The city street department now has a new sweeper purchased from the Howard-Cooper corporation.

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### VFW Men To Get Aid On Flag Holes

Veterans of Foreign Wars who plan to put flags out in a number of business firms' sidewalks on patriotic holidays will get some help from the city. The council voted this week to aid them in boring holes in the concrete sidewalks for the flag stands.

The VFW plans on making Coquille one of the most patriotic cities in the nation. They have a small charge for the service and furnish all new flags for the work.

### School Budget Given Big O.K.

School voters Saturday gave a big vote of confidence to the schools of Coquille district 8-C Saturday when they favored the 1953-54 budget by 161 "yes" x's to only 11 "no" votes.

The budget which will exceed the six per cent limitation is one of the largest in Coquille school district history. This came about due to the constant growth of the area, plus the need of five extra teachers next year.

Levy approved Saturday was a little more than \$330,000. Total cost of operating the schools next year will be \$565,618.

Of the new budget, \$270,882 is for instruction, school operation is only \$39,859. Debt service to pay off cost for the new high school come to \$66,160.

### Social Security Official Due Here

A representative of the Eugene Social Security office will be in Coquille at the city hall on Wednesday, May 27, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and noon to assist claimants in filing for old-age and survivors insurance benefits and to answer any questions regarding the Social Security Act.

### VFW Auxiliary To Sell Poppies

Annual event of the VFW Auxiliary is their Poppy Sale which will be held Friday and Saturday of this week. Mrs. Bert Pinkston is chairman of the event.

The poppies were all made by veterans at Camp White hospital and proceeds from the sale will go to the hospital, the National VFW home at Eaton Rapids, Mich.; the local VFW group for their general welfare fund and a portion to the VFW Auxiliary for their help in selling the poppies.

Veterans at Camp White who will benefit from the sale include men who saw action in the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean War.

### Music Director Will Stay In City

Carroll Nickels, popular director of music for the Coquille public schools, and leader of the high school band, will remain in Coquille.

Supt. Ray Hunsaker announced that Mr. Nickels had decided to attend summer sessions for his graduate work and not take a full year off for study as he had originally planned.

### Art Association Members Will Meet With Percy Manser

Percy Manser, "dean of Oregon artists" will be on hand to give instruction to members of the Coquille Valley Art association, Wednesday, May 27.

This will be an all day painting session, held in the Valley View school.

A showing of Mr. Manser's work will be on view in Coquille the latter part of June.

### Retail Trades Committee Of C Of C Set Big Western Day For June 6

### 4-Lanes Due Soon For Highway 42

A modern four-lane highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point on highway 42 is due within the next three years. The information was released in discussion at the city council meeting Monday night.

### Legion Auxiliary Poppy Sale Starts

A worthwhile event is the Buddy Poppy sale which will be held here Saturday. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will sell the poppies and chairman this year is Mrs. Fred Kunz.

The patients in various Veterans hospitals made the poppies and the funds realized from the sale will be used for the aid of disabled veterans and children of veterans.

This is an annual event and is held the Saturday preceding Memorial Day as a tribute to the war dead.

Mrs. F. Rushton of Kelowa, B. C. was a Coquille visitor last Saturday. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. Whitehead of Vernon, B. C. and the two women stopped here to see a friend, Ellen Nesbitt, before continuing their trip South.

Judges of the beard growing contest will be Coquille barbers.

### Ben Barton Sparks 4th Celebration Planning With Queen Contest, Parade Plans Completed

Sparking the 1953 Fourth of July celebration with plans for a bigger and better event than any of the past seven was Ben Barton, co-chairman with Stan Sherwood.

Meeting Tuesday night, the 4th of July celebration committee voted to put out a souvenir program containing a complete history of the three community buildings.

It will be published on high grade magazine type book paper and will contain photographs printed in color. The writing and editing will be done by Ralph Stuller, editor of The Sentinel.

Bernice Moltz, chairman of the Queen contest, was empowered to purchase lapel pins for the queen contestants to sell and was also given the green light on setting up a prize system for the girls who will take part. Voted also was a ten per cent commission on all ticket sales.

The committee decided to enlarge the parade for the 4th of July event and Jack Bowen, parade

Earl Linge led the retail trades committee of the Chamber of Commerce in three meetings this week setting forth plans for a gala frontier day celebration with plenty of fun and excitement for all youngsters; free (with sales tickets) mechanical horse riding; a pancake breakfast (and free) and many other events including stores of Coquille who will have special bargain events.

To herald the event, beards, mustaches, and various other kinds of hair growing contests are taking place with nearly every one in town taking part.

Women are of course competing in the event with the wearing of levis and flannel shirts, and at least one, who didn't comply with the interests of the group was fined in a mock "kangaroo" court ceremony Tuesday noon at the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Earl Linge announced that plans are going ahead rapidly for the event. Interest appears high. And many bargains will be put on during the big day. It will be a part of the commemoration of 100 years of Coos county history. And says, Earl, if Eddie Neufeldt of Safeway can grow a beard, then anyone can.

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### Contest Opens For All Kids

Mrs. Stella Cutlip has invited all children of Coos county up through 12 years of age to participate in a local slogan, poster and essay contest on "How To Keep Coos County Green."

Mrs. Cutlip, chairman of the Keep Oregon Green committee, has posted a \$10 prize for the winner.

Entries may be a slogan, a theme of not over 100 words or a poster and may be mailed to the Coos County Keep Oregon Green Contest, P. O. Box 539, Coos Bay, or taken to Room 217, Post Office building at Coos Bay.

Entry deadline is June 12 and the winner will be announced on June 19.