

# EDITORIALS

## The Rain And It Came

News of most import was the sun that peeked through the willows along the river the other day as a small lad and his dad fished for catfish. It was first-class, page 1 news, and they knew it.

But, then, as always, it rained, and did it make news. Well not so you could see it.

There was the familiar pitpat on the window; the familiar swish of the car's windshield wipers, and the familiar puddles where people stood dripping in the hallway.

And the grumbling. Oh yes, it came too.

But up stood a tall and bearded gent from the hillsides. And he wiped his hand across his face as he adjusted his spot of snuff, and he said in loud and stentorian tones:

"Rain, sure enough, but that is the reason we grow trees down here, and who would give up the rain and not have trees. Not me. A tree is a thing to think about. Big, lovely, growing, and lots of work too. I like them."

So do we, and we like the rain. In fact, we all like the rain.

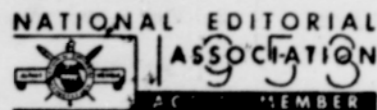
## Ben Chandler Day

Friday—all day Friday in fact—it will be Ben Chandler Day. He'll be the Man of the Hour and the Man of the Day and in our mind he'll be the Man of the Year and many years for Coos county.

Ben Chandler, logger, industrialist, banker, and foremost, public citizen, a Coos county man who stands for the life of doing and making big things come to pass.

Ben Chandler, highway commission chairman, and a citizen who is bigger than a county, who has served not only Coos county well, but the entire state in his thoughtful

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## Veterans Given Priority Of Farm Units To Open For Homestead Entry In Idaho

War veterans are offered priority in acquiring 72 farm units being opened to homestead entry in southern Idaho, it was announced this week by Vere A. McCarthy, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs service officer.

Veterans applications must be filed with the Bureau of Reclamation, 11th and E Streets, Rupert, Idaho, by July 20 to qualify for the public drawing to determine the winners.

The 72 farm units cover 7,289 irrigable acres in the Minidoka irrigation project and are situated about 40 miles east of Twin Falls in Minidoka and Jerome counties of southern Idaho. The units go free to qualified, successful applicants.

Veterans must have had 90 or more days or more of honorable service between Sept. 16, 1940, and July 3, 1952. They must have had farming experience and must

own assets worth at least \$4500 above their liabilities.

## Mary Gauntlett On High Honor List

Mary Gauntlett of Coquille is among 121 Oregon State college students selected to membership by Phi Kappa Phi, national all-school scholastic honor society.

Membership into Phi Kappa Phi is limited to 10 percent of the senior class and 3 percent of the junior class, graduate students and faculty members of all departments of American universities and colleges. Activities of the organization are planned around furthering scholarship and education.

Miss Gauntlett, senior in business and technology, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gauntlett of Coquille.

care of the duties he assumed in making a modern transportation for Oregon.

Yes, it is fitting that Gov. Paul Patterson is to be present. That all the cities of the county will have special programs mapped out for Friday. That a tribute is to be paid to Ben Chandler.

We like to think that the immortality of some comes in Heaven, while more important is the Greatness Men of Stature receive on earth. And how do they get it? By giving themselves unstintingly and unselfishly. And that Ben Chandler has done.

Friday is his day, and rightfully so.

## A City And How It Votes

Surprising to many of us was the vote on Friday when a decided majority of the city electorate turned out to defeat two money-raising measures on the ballot.

It had been an understood fact that the two fill bond issues would have a nip and tuck battle; but the new community building bonds were given an overwhelming chance of making the grade. And both got whipped.

In an analysis of the voting, we have come up with these rather surprising facts:

1. People felt the city council had not given out ALL the facts. They expressed a fear that the city was trying to "Shove" something over on them. And they wanted to know more about how the money was to be spent.

2. People from the recently annexed areas felt they had been taken into the city in time to assume what they consider a large new bite of indebtedness. They didn't want any of it.

3. People who had pumped for street naming and re-numbering felt that the city needed a lesson in cooperation with its own body, i.e., the planning commission.

4. The North End residents do not like the location of the Elliott street fill and are still wanting Henry street. In this they have a historic basis for their desire and only a complete and fair selling job will persuade them differently.

5. Higher water rates coming at a time with little or no warning, and without any chance for the people to be heard caused a certain number of voters to take the opposite side on anything the city wanted.

A study of the voting would certainly bring out the salient fact that if the city of Coquille is to merit and receive the support of its populace at the polls, it must therefore take the people into its confidence more. It must make a definite attempt at giving them credit for both intelligence and ability to make judgments too.

Coquille has a council of thoughtful intelligent men. The councilmen are busy and have had many duties thrust upon them when they assumed their posts. This the people do not see.

Elections such as Friday's have a good effect. They will bring into focus the close interplay necessary in a town between the governmental body and the electorate. Out of it should come a closer understanding, and more progress, if the council and the people are willing to sit down together and make a fair appraisal of what serves the interest of ALL.

## THE POOR RELATIONS



## Seniors Will Hear Rev. Norman Orth At Baccalaureate Services May 31

Rev. Norman Orth of Faith Lutheran church will give the Baccalaureate sermon for 66 Coquille high school seniors May 31 at 8 p. m. at the Pioneer Methodist church, according to Frank Nihil, principal.

The invocation will be given by Rev. B. J. Clark, St. James Episcopal church; Rev. George Wilson, Church of the Nazarene, will offer prayer; Rev. Donald Campbell, Pioneer Methodist church will give the scripture reading and benediction will be given by Rev. Walter Naff, Christian church.

Music for the service will be provided by the mixed chorus under the direction of Millard Kinney. They will sing the Lord's Prayer.

Graduation ceremonies will be June 4 at 8 p. m. at the new high school gymnasium. Dr. Thomas Ordeman, registrar at Oregon State college will be the commencement speaker.

## Casey's Service Has New Operator

Dick Carmichael took over the operation of Casey's Associated Service Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Carmichael was formerly a salesman for the Firestone company here.

He plans to continue operating the service as a truck stop and is having the station grounds surfaced with a black top. Tidewater Associated is also installing two new loop bays.

## County Exceeds Quota In Recent Red Cross Drive

Since Finley, Coos county chairman of the American Red Cross fund drive, reports this week that the south end of the county well exceeded its quota, with collections totaling \$6,266.51.

He expressed his personal appreciation to all who donated, and to all who solicited the funds.

In Coquille, with Don Estes as chairman, \$3,778.26 was collected. Dr. B. E. Grant at Bandon and his co-workers netted \$823.22, while Myrtle Point with Leonard Ensel as chairman collected \$1,122.33. Mrs. Ken Rolfe at Powers and her helpers totaled \$541.70.

At Lonsberry of Coquille Motors returned Monday from Medford where he spent the week-end attending a Shrine meeting.

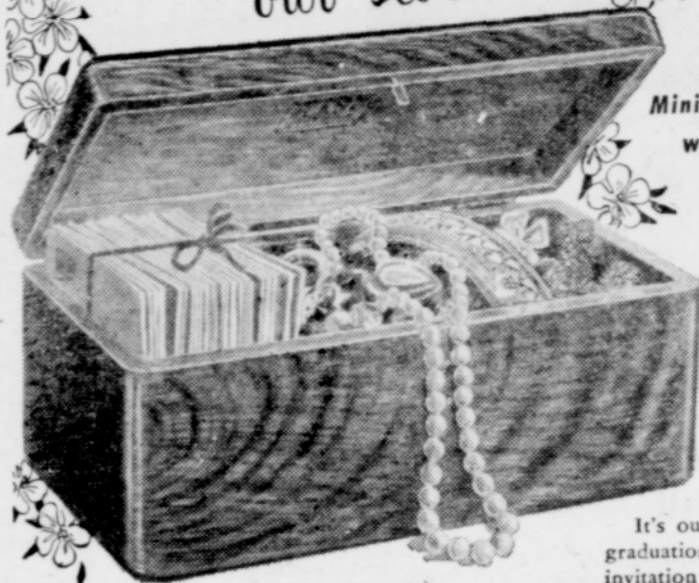
Helen Holms was in Portland last week on business.

Bill Ellis of Coquille was among the Yale University baseball players who recently participated in an exhibition game with Cornell University at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. The teams also played against the University of Santo Domingo and an all-star team from Ciudad Trujillo.

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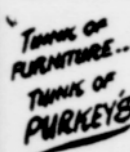
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