

New Courthouse Dedication Ceremonies Calls Citizens Home Saturday



LOTS OF RECORDS—The pulse of life of Coos County from the beginning of Coos County, Territory of Oregon, are found in the millions of recordings kept by Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan, Coos County Clerk. Mrs. Vaughan, who is a Coos booster, is busy preparing exhibits for Saturday's open house at the new courthouse. (Sentinel Photo)



ASSESSING—C. G. (Hode) Caughell, Coos County Assessor, stands between his wife, Mrs. Caughell and Deputy Assessor Harry Johnson as they are busy opening personal property assessment returns. The Coos County Assessor's office is one of the spots where increased growth of Coos shows up first. (Sentinel Photo)



COUNTY TREASURER—Efficiency and courage are features of the office of Mrs. Clara Stauff, Coos county treasurer. Mrs. Stauff, and since then was elected by the voters of the county. (Sentinel Photo)



SCHOOL KIDS FRIENDS—Lillian Farley, Coos County School Superintendent, leads a busy life taking care of the thousands of school children in Coos County. The day her picture was taken she had just come from a meeting with the Rural School Board who were busy working out their budget for the next school year. (Sentinel Photo)

Coos County will dedicate its new modern, spacious courthouse Saturday. It will be a ceremony marked by music, reverence and satisfaction—a satisfaction in a job well done for a large and growing section of an expanding state.

The official program of dedication will begin at one o'clock Saturday, January 23 with music by the Coquille

High School band under the direction of Carroll Nickels. Rev. Jean Clark, rector of St. James Church, will give the invocation.

Judge James Harrison will make an introduction of prominent guests which will include among others, Justice James Brand of the Oregon State Supreme Court and Attorney-General Robert Thornton.

Mayor Donald Farr of Coquille will cut the ribbon opening the new courthouse and will then deliver an address.

Following the official ceremonies the entire courthouse is being opened to visits by the citizens of the county and each department has worked at preparing various exhibits of the duties it performs for the county official life.

The new modern Home Economics room in the County Extension Agent's office, said to be the most modern Home Economics room in the state, will be shown to the public, and at the same time coffee and cakes will be served without charge to all visitors.

The new courthouse is outstanding inasmuch as it is entirely paid for. The construction of this courthouse came

about through the foresight of county courts who put aside revenues from timber sales and O and C land revenues to build up funds to pay for the building.

The East wing of the courthouse, completed in 1951, cost \$177,968; and the present complete project of the West wing just finished cost \$258,000.

Coquille has been the coun-

ty seat since the election of 1896 when it was moved from Empire to Coquille. The picturesque wooden courthouse just torn down in the spring of 1953, was constructed at a cost of \$37,000.

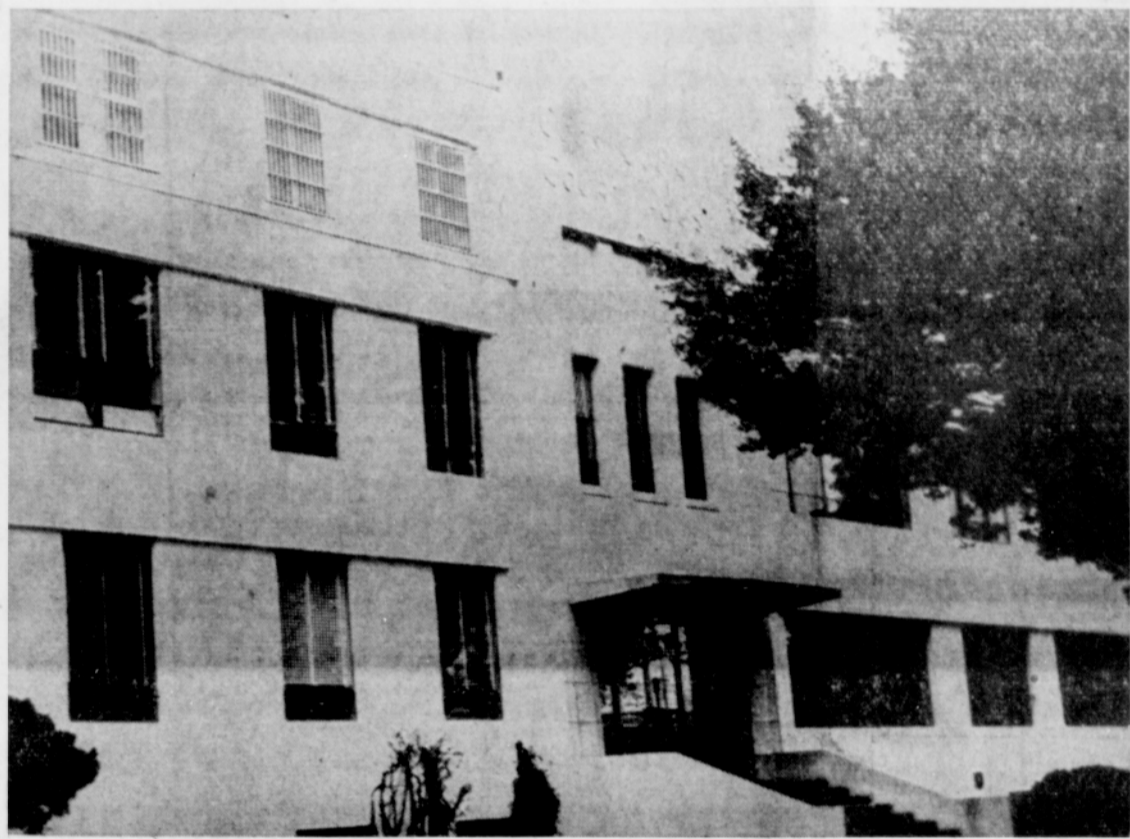
Contractor for the new courthouse was J. L. Hansen of Coos Bay and architect was Rowe Kennedy of Portland.

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READY FOR OPEN HOUSE—Coos County's new courthouse will be ready for the citizens of the area Saturday when a big "open house" program starts at 1 p.m. with the county court and county officials serving as hosts. (Sentinel Photo)

Barton Asks City To Get Out File On Coquille Park

City Councilman Clarence Barton asked that the city attorney, Tallant Greenough, get out the complete file on all correspondence and conversations with Herbert Ketell, builder of the Coquille Park subdivision, before any action be taken on a letter received this week.

Ketell had asked that new arrangements be made for the city's share of the cost on the access road from the highway to the park tract.

He also asked to put in an asphalt curb backed by cedar similar to those in some Portland residential areas.

No action will be taken until a complete study is made as urged by Councilman Barton.

Snow Reported

Coos county residents could take their choice of weather this last week. First part of the week was fair and warm; then came heavy rain storms; and followed up in the hills by a white covering of snow.



VISITING HERE—Attorney-General Robert Thornton of Salem will confer with District Attorneys John J. Pickett of Coos County and Samuel A. Hall of Curry county this weekend on a statewide study of law enforcement problems on the local level. District Attorney Pickett, one of the state's outstanding attorneys, has recently come in for much public commendation by Attorney-General Thornton. Thornton will also be a guest of the Coos county court at the formal dedication of the new Coos courthouse Saturday.

Mothers March On Polio Set For January 28

Once again local mothers will participate in the Mothers March on Polio which has been scheduled for the evening of January 28. All residents who wish to give money to the March of Dimes are requested to leave their porch lights on that evening. The mothers will stop to collect the donations.

Another part of this year's March of Dimes is the pancake breakfast. On January 21, the mothers and wives throughout the county will go on strike and the men will take the family to some local restaurant where they will be served pancake breakfasts. Half of the proceeds from the breakfasts will be donated by the restaurants to the March of Dimes.

A "Kangaroo Court" will be held again Saturday on Front street. Presiding judge will be "W. E. Sockum" who will sentence the guilty persons appearing before him to contribute to the March of Dimes.

At Powers, a donkey basketball game has been set for January 27 between the Lions club and school faculty. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and an afternoon parade is planned for 3 o'clock.

On Saturday, January 23, the Cub Scouts will sponsor a Block of Dimes in downtown Powers. A "Kangaroo Court" will be held there on January 30. Powers city chairman is Ray Getchell.

Sewer Line Start Ordered Monday By City Council

A resolution calling for the start of the \$44,039 sewer construction project on Sanford Heights was ordered Monday night by the city council.

The sewer line will serve Sanford Heights, White Cloud and other parts of the newly annexed area, and will run across to the site of the new filter plant at the end of Front street.

Commissioner True To Seek Re-election

Commissioner Fred True filed for re-election to the post on the county court this week. Commissioner True who is now completing a term filled with many activities building up the county, is a resident of Coquille. Before moving to Coquille he operated the general merchandise store at Broadbent.

He has been active in Coos county affairs, and is familiar with the problems of the county having come here when a young man to take responsible positions in the life of the area.

Mrs. Helen Payton Resigns School Post

Mrs. Helen Payton has resigned her teaching position in the Coquille public schools. No successor has yet been named.

Disney "First" Set For Roxy

One of the famous Disney films, this time the first in his exciting new series of "People and Places," The Alaskan Eskimo is set for the Roxy theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, it was announced by Lloyd Claver, manager.

In full technicolor, the movie is a sequel to the nature studies of Walt Disney. This time people and places of the world will be depicted.

Charles Watson Dies January 19

Charles Eugene Watson, 71, died here January 19 at the family home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday from the chapel of Schroeder's Funeral Home.

Watson was born April 12, 1882 at Bieber, California and came by wagon to the Coquille Valley in the spring of 1906. Accompanying him were his brother, Isaac and his family.

He had been a dairy and livestockman for the past 15 years near Myrtle Point.

Surviving are his wife, Nettie Watson of Coquille; two sons, Wayne W. Watson of Coquille and Floyd E. Watson of Redmond, Oregon; a daughter, Ellen I. Arrell of Brookings; three grandchildren, Elsie Watson, Louise Watson and Jerry Arrell.

Other survivors include three brothers, Handy Watson and Jay Watson of Gridley, California, and John Watson of Redding, California; three sisters, Margaret Whinger of Gridley, California, Rachel Love of Susanville, California and Julia Rodgers of Coquille.

Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Lions Club To Bring OSC Coach To City For Talk At Dinner Honoring Gridsters

Kip Taylor, head football coach at Oregon State college, will be the guest speaker at the Lions club's special luncheon honoring members of Coquille High school's "A" and "B" football squads. The event will be held at the Coquille hotel January 28 at noon.

Following the speech, Mr. Taylor will show a film to the guests of honor.

The Lions club will also be hosts to the football players for the movie "Crazylegs", which is scheduled to be shown January 29, 30 and 31 at the Liberty theatre. The film is the story of Elroy Hirsch, famous football star with the Los Angeles Rams. Also appearing in the picture is Norman Van Brocklin, former University of Oregon football star who now plays for the Rams.

Weaver, Riedel Named To Scouting

Earl Weaver, Kiwanis club president, and Bigger Furniture manager, and Dr. Robert Riedel, Coquille optometrist, have accepted appointments to the Coquille Valley District Boy Scout executive committee.

They will work on the committee on Scouting and Activities. One of the first projects they are to aid on will be the February Boy Scout week dinner-potluck in the Coquille community building at which Boy Scout people from Bandon, Powers, Arago, Myrtle Point, Fairview, McKinley, Broadbent and Coquille will take part.

Forestry Scientists Visit At Goulds

Bruce Anderson and Don Barnett of the Experimental laboratory at Oregon State college visited at the Pete Gould home last week. Pete Gould is one of the outstanding myrtlewood lumbermen in the southern area.

S.O.S. Sounded When Oil Tank Has A Collapse

A big s.o.s. was sounded for Mike Huddleston, city engineer, when the oil tank in the front yard of the new Community building collapsed on Tuesday.

City Engineer Huddleston with assistants got the Lloyd Bros. busy on the job taking off dirt and put in a rubber hose and meanwhile hoped that the removal of the weight of dirt would allow the heating system in the community building to continue to get oil.

P.S. Temperatures were cold too, this week.

Boy And Girl Scout Rooms Underway

It seems slow, but blame it on the weather, the city council said Monday night when asked by the Coquille Valley District Boy Scout chairman when the new Boy and Girl Scout room would be completed.

Councilman Barton said that as soon as weather permitted the concrete roof would be poured, and then actual inside.

In the meantime, the council voted to allow the Boy Scout and the Coquille Valley Boy Scout district council to use the facilities of the community building without charge.

New City Bonds

Sale of city improvement bonds was awarded to the Charles Tripp firm Monday night when bids opened. Tripp bid \$100.15 for the B3 bonds for which he will pay 5 per cent interest; and he also bid \$100.25 for the larger sum of bonds and an interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent.

There was only one other bidder who asked 5 1/2 per cent.

New Car Comes To Town

Coquille Auto Company Now Shows New General Motors Oldsmobile

Newest car to pick Coquille as its home is General Motors Oldsmobile. Announcement was made this week at the time of the showing of the new 1954 Oldsmobile that Coquille Auto company, former Studebaker agency, would handle the fast sleek new GM line for this area.

The cars which have been completely redesigned are now being shown at Coquille Auto on Front street.

In addition to the Oldsmobile line, the firm has also taken the franchise for the GMC trucks and pickups.

City Will Continue Elliott Street Fill Development

Coquille will place a culvert pipe at the bottom of the gulch on Elliott street and continue to buy right-of-way easements for the continuation of the project, the council voted Monday night.

The action was taken following a report on fills and bridges by City Engineer Mike Huddleston and a request that the city take action on a fill for the North End.

Councilman Jack Bowen asked that three bond issues, one for Elliott, one for Heath, and an issue for Beach street be placed on the ballot.

This was rejected in favor of a continuing plan to fill Elliott as dirt was available. It would mean no bond issue for the taxpayers, and main cost would be the \$5,000 now which can be taken from a bridge and street reserve fund.

It was also pointed out in the discussion that Elliott will eventually connect up with the new Myrtle Point highway near the Coos Bay Lumber company plant.

Former Councilman George Burr is going to Salem this week to ask that the state make the connection as a part of the highway 42 construction improvement project they are planning to do this coming summer.

Original plans of the city planning commission, approved by three councils, have asked that Elliott street be filled as the most satisfactory site for a crossing to allow for a North End traffic artery.

Several months ago Heath street residents and other North End people had signed a petition asking that Heath street be filled and modernized.

Training To Start

Leaders training courses for Cub Scouters of the Coquille Valley Boy Scout district will start Monday night at 7:30 in the Odd-fellows hall, it was announced today.

The meetings will be held for six weeks, and the first meeting will be under the direction of the Bandon Cub Scout pack.

Films and activity periods mark the training.

This will be the first time Cub Scout den mothers and others from the newly formed PTA cub pack will have a chance to take training.

Justice James T. Brand To Give Speech At Dedication Of New Circuit Courtroom

James T. Brand, associate justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, is scheduled to give the main address at the formal dedication of the circuit courtroom in Coos county's brand new courthouse Saturday, January 23.

The big event is slated to get underway at 3 p.m. when the Honorable Judge Dal M. King enters the courtroom from his quarters and calls the court to order.

County Judge James W. Harrison will give the welcoming speech. Other county officials and judges will also speak.

State dignitaries coming for the dedication include William Perry of the Oregon Supreme Court; Lawrence T. Harris of Eugene, former circuit court judge and supreme court justice; William G. East and G. F. Skipworth of Eugene and Carl Wimberley of Rose-

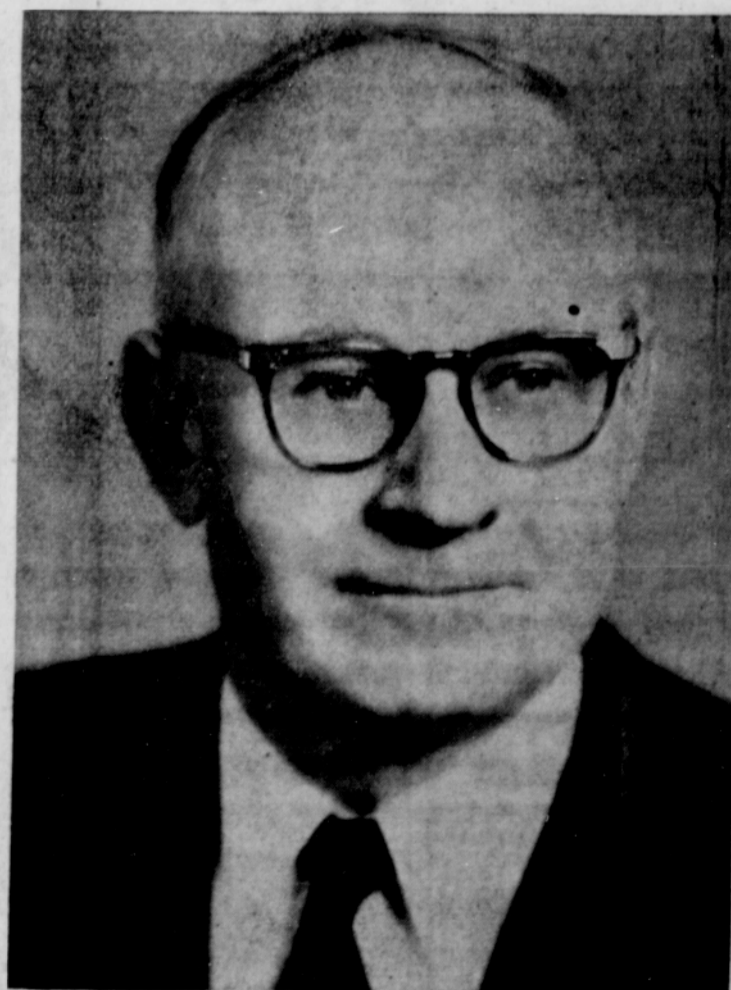
burg, circuit judges of the fourth district.

Judge King will introduce the guests. The Rev. Jean Clark will give the invocation and Mrs. Clark will sing the national anthem.

A banquet has been planned for 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening at the community building. Invited guests will include members of the Coos-Curry Bar Association; members of the Douglas County Bar Association; and visiting supreme court and circuit court justices. An invitation has also been extended to their wives.

Tallant Greenough, president of the Coos-Curry Bar Association, will act as master of ceremonies.

J. B. Beddingfield Sr., of Coos Bay is in charge of the dedication program and Harry Slack is chairman for the banquet.



METHODIST SPEAKER—"Why Our Church Needs Men" will be the subject for the address of District Supt. Meredith A. Groves at the Methodist Men's Club Supper Friday evening, January 22 at 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Methodist social rooms. Rev. Groves is a graduate of Willamette university and Kimball school of theology. He has held successful pastorates in Cottage Grove, Seaside, Roseburg, Medford and since June has been district superintendent of the Methodist church for this district. He is also a Mason, Oddfellow, Kiwanian, and member of the Grange.