



VFW AUXILIARY — These women were members of the VFW Auxiliary who helped prepare a delicious potluck when a visiting state officer was here recently. They served it up, decorated the tables in lovely fashion, and made the evening a happy social hour. The Auxiliary members of the Coquille Veterans of Foreign Wars Post are active in all civic affairs and put on their poppy sale each May to help bring funds in for the Veterans of Foreign Wars who are hospitalized. (Sentinel Photo.)

OUT OF THE WOODS

by JIM STEVENS

Word of Haggai . . .

One day last summer there was a simple ceremony at Aberdeen's First Presbyterian church. It was to observe the raising of a spire on a new edifice—the crowning glory of a long task of work, giving and prayer by an inspired congregation. It was all done in the spirit of obedience to the ancient command, spoken through Haggai:

"Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may appear in my glory, says the Lord."

The new spire gleamed like silver against a summer rain cloud. It shone forth from the green hill, top site of the new church, looking down and away over the old skidroad streets, where hordes of loggers stormed into town from a hundred camps in the holiday seasons of long ago.

The gleam of the new spire was seen, likewise, from the Grays Harbor plants of prospering modern forest industries—makers of furniture, rayon, paper, plastics, fine woods for grand pianos and concert harps, as well as lumber plywood and shingles for America's record-breaking home-building program of our time.

Brick tower. Metal spire. But in the main the new church was made of wood brought down from the Grays Harbor hills, in the way of the ancient command.

"And the Lord stirred up the spirit . . . of the remnant of the people, and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of Hosts, their God," the word of Haggai, the prophet, also tells.

The way of Aberdeen's church folks, from foundation to spire in the years 1949-1954, was indeed a way of people who "came and worked," by ones and twos and organized large parties, women and men, young and old, the healthy and the handicapped alike. The deacons dugged, the preachers painted, and all hands sawed wood.

The actual start at Aberdeen was made in 1945 when, with peace in sight, the Presbyterian congregation selected a building committee and began the raising of \$53,000 as the financial base for a new edifice. Their goal was a \$139,000 project.

In the spring of 1946, under the leadership of the Minister, Rev. S. Charles Shangler, the nationally known consulting architect of the University of Washington, John Paul Jones, was retained. Three years later, after many drafts and conferences and campaigns, the congregation began to "build the house." A contract was let for the foundation on a handsome hilltop.

Blessing of Haggai . . .
The treated piling was driven and the concrete poured in the spring of 1949. But by this time construction costs had soared to a point that pegged the necessary building fund at \$228,000, instead of the original \$130,000 figure. A new program was devised to suit the change in conditions. First need was expansion of old pledges and addition of new ones. Second, plans were studied for organization of work parties within the congregation to beat building costs.

The new program was a long time in the making. The bare, yawning foundation stood there month after month, until people began to call it "The Presbyterian Polly." It was two years before contractors and skilled building labor gathered on the site to erect the Douglas fir framing, apply the red cedar shingle roof and install wiring and plumbing lines.

Then the work parties of men, women and children moved in on the job, each party directed by a person with the know-how for the task to be done. The Rev. James F. Moore succeeded Mr. Shangler and carried his inspiration on. There were periodic work stoppages, as financing lagged and held up phases of construction that could not be bypassed. One big blockage was a specification for brick sidewalls, all round. Its cost was set at \$25,000. At last the job was done with Western red cedar C grade bevel siding rough side out for a rustic finish. So the walls were completed at a tenth of the originally estimated cost.

And now the spire shines forth—from the newest of the 42 churches in the Grays Harbor area. And the builders may well believe that the Lord's promise through Haggai, "From this day on I will bless you," is for them.

Inductees Leave For Service

The local Selective Service office reports that on Monday, January 10, a large group of inductees, left Coos Bay for the Induction Station in Portland, where after being examined and "accepted" for service, they entrained for Ford Ord, California to undergo their basic training.

Also, on that date, a group left for physical examinations, after which they returned to Coos Bay. The inductees included: George Alen Halter, Arago; Jay Roderick Olsen, Jack William Jacobson and Ray Dean Forbes, Coos Bay; Duell Freeman, formerly Eastside, now in Arkansas; Ronald Elwood Hunt, William John Ellis, Rodney Dennis Collins, Gilbert Leroy Siewell, Terry Carlos Jenkins and Frank Walter Tucker, Bandon. William Alvin Young and Ronald Leroy VanDeZande, North Bend. David Ronald Gillaspay, formerly Coos Bay and now California. Robert Lynn Salmon, Stephen Allen Johnson, Lloyd Dicks Russell, Hugh Logan Dawson, Jr., and Richard Eugene McGinnis, Brookings. Francis C. Hicks, formerly Spokane, Washington and now of Ophir. Forrest Lee Couch, formerly Coquille and now Portland.

Polio Cases Rise In Coos Last Year

Coos County's need of money for Polio is due to the fact that Coos county had 21 cases of Polio last year, Joe Yost, Coquille chairman of the March of Dimes fund said today.

North Bend had seven cases; Coquille one; Myrtle Point one; Bandon one; Allegany three; and the balance throughout the county.

COQUILLE STUDENTS PREPARE FOR EXAMS
Lewis and Clark College, Portland (Special)—Merrill Brown, a 1954 graduate of Coquille high school, who is now completing his first semester at the college, is preparing for final examinations to be given January 21 to 28. A math major, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill A. Brown, 20 N. Adams Street. During his high school career he was active in basketball, football and golf and served as president of the Lettermen's club.

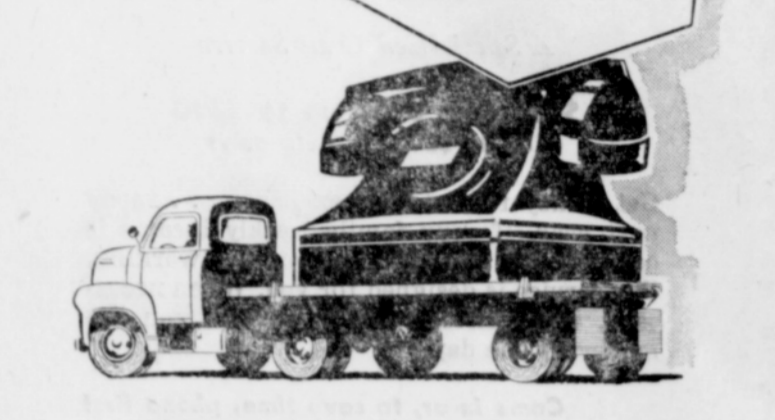
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