

Pioneer Association Names Joe Laird As New President During Annual Picnic

Joe Laird, Myrtle Point, was elected president of the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical Association during the annual Pioneer picnic held Saturday at McCloskey Grove in Norway.

Other officers chosen were vice-president, Ivan Laird; secretary, Victor West, Jr.; treasurer, J. E. Norton and membership chairman, Mrs. James Maple.

In addition, the following directors were elected: Jack Kronenburg, Ed Detlefsen, A. N. Gould, Mrs. Bruce Purdy, J. H. McCloskey, John Carl, Henry Schroeder, Mrs. Minnie King, John Nielson, Al Volck, Louis L. Knapp, Victor West, Sr., Lester Clausen and Mrs. James Maple and Mrs. Grace Cain.

The nomination report was made by J. E. Norton. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Al Volck and Mrs. James Maple.

More than 200 people were in attendance and enjoyed a day of visiting, eating, singing and listening to the program which had been arranged by Mrs. J. E. Norton.

Mrs. Stephens Crowned Queen
Mrs. Ralph Stephens of Coquille was crowned Queen by president, Ed Detlefsen. The crown bearer was her own granddaughter, Christie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cooper of Camas Valley.

Mrs. Stephens comes of a pioneer family and has taken a very active interest in the work of the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical Association. For many years she assisted in keeping open the Coos-Curry Museum.

In his short address, Claude Giles of Coos Bay, paid tribute to the pioneer families and especially to those who, like the McCloskeys, Mast's and others, had set aside beautiful groves to be enjoyed by the present generation and future posterity. He urged his listeners to keep up this beauty.

Ira Carl of Portland, brother of J. D. Carl of Arago, was invited to speak and he stated that he had

been born just across the Coquille River from the picnic site. He made mention of several interesting instances of early days.

After singing "America" and giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the picnicers sang early day songs under the leadership of Mrs. Odella Wilson of Empire. Robert Burns played the organ which had been loaned for the day by Johnnie's Music Store. Also accompanying were Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCain of Arago with their guitar and accordion.

It appears that Mrs. Mary Burns, age 97½ years who came to Coquille in 1898, was probably the oldest person present although there were many who were eighty years and Mrs. Mary Randleman who is 91 years.

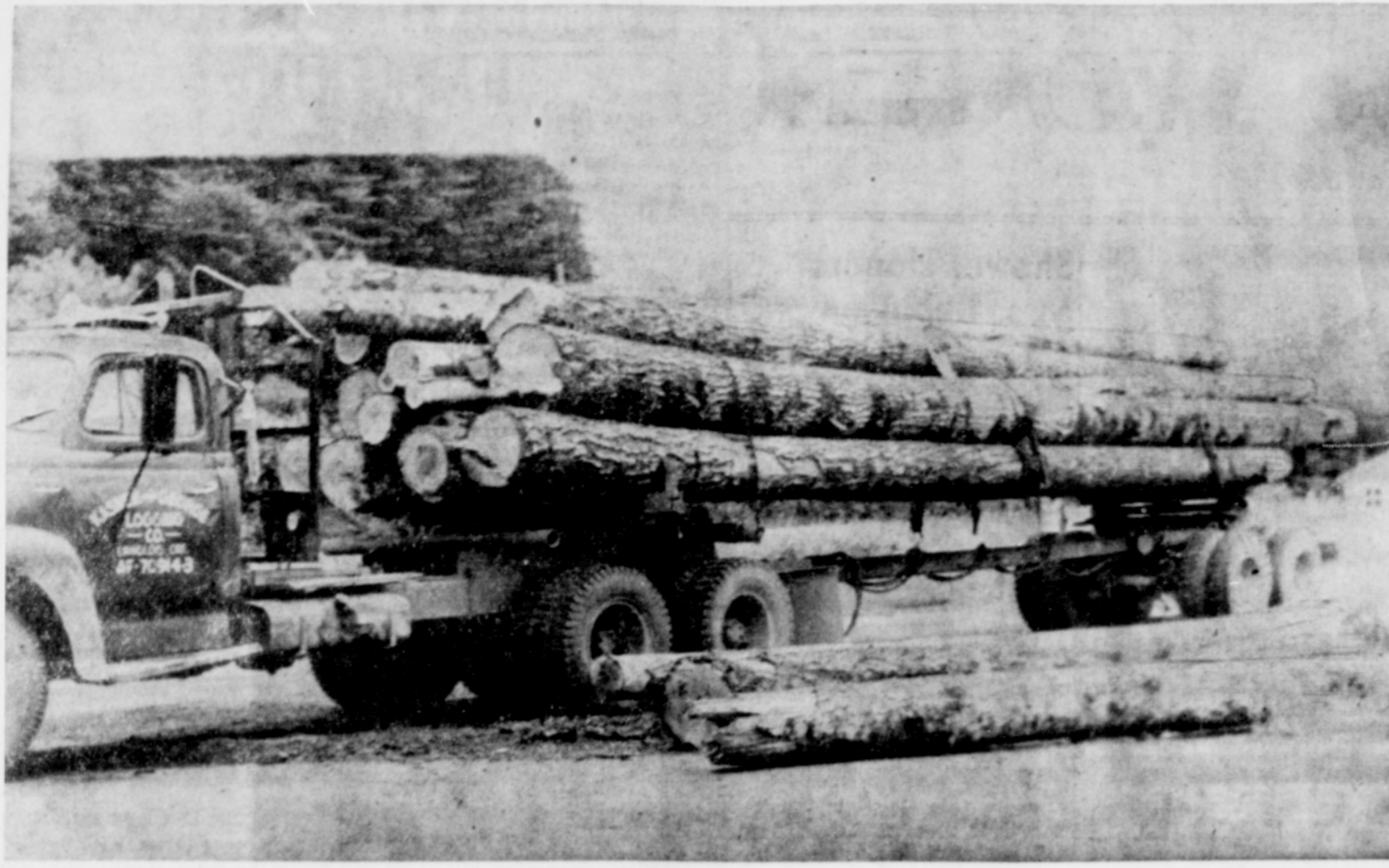
Many Guests Attend

Those from outside of Coos-Curry were the following: Vernon and Pearl Hazin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knight, Springfield; Miss Jessie Perkins, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller and Mrs. A. M. Neal, Roseburg; Burke Willoughby, Salinas, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Carl, Portland; Christine E. Dobbyn, Trail; Mrs. Marie Curran and Alice L. Dement, San Jose, Calif.; Anna Masters, Richmond, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lafferty, Moses Lake, Washington; Percy Schroeder, Tillamook, Mrs. S. S. Norton, Redding, Calif., and from Camas Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cooper and daughter Christie, Mrs. Don LaBranch and Mrs. Noble Standley.

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ROLLING LOGS off his truck parked at the Coaledo scales between Coquille and Coos Bay caused apparent back injuries to Eugene Creamer, Bandon, July 12. The logs which struck Creamer are in the foreground beside the truck. He was injured while legalizing an overload. Otto and Jack Curtis are investigating the accident which may point up a possible change in the law.

Agness, Curry County. The meeting will be held at the Henry Schroeder cottage with Mr. Schroeder and Don Lucas serving as hosts for the barbecue dinner.

Those who are planning to attend should notify Mr. Lucas at Agness or in advance of the date. Point well in advance of the date.

At Powers Shower Party Held For Mrs. R. White

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Sending gifts but unable to attend were Mesdames Fred Hyde, Kenneth McKenzie, George Lowes, Robert Walker, W. Spencer, Bernice Cowan, Joy Waldren, Val Southward, Thomas Grove, Lois Ray and Hazel Lewis.

Postmaster and Mrs. A. L. Burch returned home recently from a vacation to Yellowstone Park.

Archie F. Matthews and Mrs. Gladys Binegar were married Sunday at Gold Beach. Following a short wedding trip to the Rogue, they will make their home at Gold Beach where they are both employed.

Mrs. Matthews arrived recently from Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Matthews attended the newlyweds. Mrs. Fay Tolson and daughter, Daisy of Saskatchewan, Canada are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Rolfe.

Robert McCray is a patient at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland where he recently underwent surgery.

Carpenters 1096 Set Camping Trip
Carpenters Local 1096 and the Auxiliary 643 and their families have scheduled a caravan camping trip for July 29, 30 and 31 at Loomis Lake. Further information may be obtained by phoning 8202 or 8644.

OBITUARIES

RUFUS EDGAR MATNEY
Funeral services for Rufus Edgar Matney, 78, late of McKinley Route, were held Monday at Schroeder's chapel. He died last Thursday after a month's illness.

Born in Illinois on February 4, 1877, Mr. Matney had been employed by the railroad most of his life. He had been a member for 30 years of the Brotherhood of Locomotive, Firemen and Engine Men.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Clifford Gulseth, Coquille; sons, John Richard, Walnut Creek, Cal., and W. M. Matney, Coquille; a sister, Mrs. Will Barnett, Miami, Okla., and three grandchildren.

PVT. PUFFER FINISHES ADVANCED TRAINING
Fort Knox, Ky.—Pvt. Samuel H. Puffer, Jr., 22, whose father lives at 775 N. Birch, Coquille, Oregon, recently completed ten weeks of advanced training at the Armored Replacement Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky.

He was trained under the new packet platoon system. Present plans call for him to be a permanent member of his training tank crew during his tour of duty in the Army.

Private Puffer completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Schroeder are in Portland on business. They left Coquille Tuesday and plan to return Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hazen of Springfield attended the Pioneer picnic at Norway Sunday.

Mrs. Jerry McGahan, Sr. has arrived from her home at Tacoma, Wash. to take care of her daughters, Mrs. Jim Crouch and Mrs. Ronald Sayler who have been quite ill. The convalescents are at the home of Mrs. Crouch.

Drivers' Exams Set

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Coquille Wednesday, July 27, 1955, at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

PVT. DENZAL COUCH FINISHES MP TRAINING

CAMP GORDON, GA.—Army Pvt. Denzal K. Couch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard R. Couch, Coquille, Ore., recently was graduated from the Military Police Training Center at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Private Couch, who attended the school after completing basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., was taught unarmed defense, traffic control and other law enforcement duties.

The 18-year-old soldier entered the Army last February.

RETURN FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelson returned from a trip along the Alcan highway into Canada. They were bound for Alaska, but were forced to turn back as the road was flooded above Prince George.

However, Mrs. Nelson reports the fishing was excellent. They went up through the Fraser canyon and returned through the Okanogan country. Making the trip with them were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sprague of Roseburg.

Local Boys Attend Encampment Of Oregon "YTC"

Gordon Hudson, David Driver and Norman Ferry attended the first annual encampment of Oregon Youth Temperance Council held last month at Jennings Lodge. They were sponsored by the members of the Coos County WCTU.

Driver was elected state treasurer of the YTC and Hudson was made "king" of total abstinence by the camp.

At an informal gathering at the Church of God Monday night, the boys told of their trip and camp activities.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by the WCTU members following the meeting.

PVT. JERRY MCGAHAN NOW IN GERMANY

Pvt. Jerry B. McGahan, a Coquille High school graduate last year is now stationed in Germany and would like to hear from his school friends. His address is: Pvt. Jerry B. McGahan, RA 19508621, 57 Ord. Ammo. Gp., APO 227, New York, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biegelow and Mrs. John Chiorritte of Auburn, Calif., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ballah last week.

Don't Forget—Baptist church Vacation Bible school opens Monday at 9 a. m. for youngsters 3 to 17. "Sailing With Christ" is this year's theme and all children and young people are welcome to attend. 281tc

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