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## COMMENCEMENT

### Sixteenth Annual Graduation Exercises Held Last Evening

Commencement exercises at the Coquille High School last evening were carried through according to program with the smoothness and dispatch of a well-oiled machine, and it is probably true that there never has been a more beautiful nor enjoyable occasion in Coquille's school affairs.

Thirty-three graduates—seventeen of them stalwart, upstanding young men, and sixteen young ladies, who were beautiful in their new frocks and sweet girlhood, filled the stage of the auditorium to a greater extent than any preceding class has done and it is doubtful if a larger class will be graduated in the county this spring. Marshfield's may exceed this class by one or two.

With greenery of fir backing the stage's rear wall, and masses of carnations, roses and other flowers banking the front, the scene presented was that of a fairyland, with the 33 as the center of attraction.

The assembly room and balcony was crowded to capacity, the lower floor being reserved for relatives of those who have finished their high school training.

Following the invocation of E. A. Palmer, minister of the Christian church, the High School Orchestra rendered an overture and responded to an encore which greatly delighted the auditors. Miss Ruth Nissen, who directs the orchestra, has certainly earned the plaudits of all friends of the school and lovers of music for the way she has brought the dozen students who comprise the orchestra, to their present high standing.

Dr. F. A. Magruder, of the Political Science department at O. A. C., delivered the graduation address in a very able and interesting manner.

His discourse was permeated throughout with the idea of what a man or woman can accomplish in this life if they have ambition. To give illustration to his remarks he used his own life as an example and told how perseverance and determination had overcome obstacles in the way of his securing an education and later in the acceptance of some of his writings by the publishers. So well informed is he, and so highly is he regarded as an authority (Dr. Magruder did not say this himself) that one of his treatises is to be used as a textbook in Oregon high schools for the next six years.

The speaker devoted some of his attention to the financial success which nearly every man and woman desires to make but he dwelt earnestly and forcefully on those attributes of honesty, clean living, friendship, stick-to-itiveness, sobriety and most of all, the ambition to do.

He was warmly applauded at the close of his address.

The handsome diplomas, in their castings of red, were presented to the graduates by the chairman of the board, H. A. Young. Each one was loudly applauded as they came forward to receive the prized sheepskin.

Those to receive diplomas were: Lyle Beyers, Lola Ball, Mabel Barnes, George Belloni, Iva Baker, Margaret Beyers, Myrtle Clayton, Lewis Donaldson, Gordon Epps, Hazel Epps, Eleanor Foley, Frank George, Marguerite Hersey, Avis Hartson, Hal Howell, Elmer Johnson, Eugene Laird, Clare Lehmanowsky, Wilfred Laird, Arthur McAdams, Layton Noaler, Evelyn Oerding, Verrell McCurdy, Lena Pinkston, Gladys Peart, Walter Paulson, Maxine Paulson, Earl Rice, Cora Staninger, Violet Shuck, Harry Varney, Mary Watson and Allen Young.

The Girls Glee Club, rendering "Greetings to Spring," made as favorable an impression as did the orchestra, and gave evidence of careful and painstaking training.

The awarding of the Mildred Parr and Alethe Ahlson cups, for scholarship and citizenship, has for several years aroused great interest among the students and their friends, and when Mr. Parr announced that Maxine Paulson and Layton Noaler were the winners this year there was unstinted applause in recognition of the merit of the award. Both have been prominent in all school activities and their school record was of the highest order.

After the singing of America and the benediction by Mr. Palmer, the class which had spent four very pleasant years in Coquille high descended to the assembly floor where

they received the hearty congratulations of their friends.

Final report cards were distributed in both the high and grade schools this morning and by noon both buildings were untenanted by students.

### The Pillars Presented

Following the assembly meeting at the high school this morning, the students gathered on the new walk in front of the building where Lewis Donaldson, president of this year's class, presented the two pillars, which grace either side of the walk to the school district.

Acknowledgement of the gift was made by the chairman of the board and he was followed by O. C. Sanford, who made a few appropriate remarks.

The pillars, finished in stucco, as is the building, and surmounted by electric lights enclosed in handsome globes, make a splendid addition to the appearance of the front entrance.

Bronze name plates, stating that they were presented by the senior classes of '24, '25 and '26, adorn each pillar.

### Death of Geo. H. Sell

The funeral of Geo. H. Sell, who died at Riverton on Wednesday, May 20, was held in the Ellingson Chapel here this afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Sell who lacked but 25 days of being 83 years of age, was a native of Germany. He has lived at Riverton for many years.

## THE MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The following is the program for the services at the Liberty Theatre Saturday, May 30th, at 2:00 p. m. at which E. E. Johnson will be chairman:

Invocation Rev. E. N. Turner  
"America" Audience  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address  
Rolen Musgrove

Male Quartette  
Reading "Freedom's Flag"  
Marguerite Hersey

Address G. Russell Morgan  
"Star Spangled Banner" Audience  
Benediction Rev. J. S. Penix

Everyone who takes part in the morning services will meet at the Community building at 9:30 a. m. and from there will march to the waterfront, I. O. O. F. cemetery and then to the Masonic cemetery, if enough cars can be secured. There seems to have been a misunderstanding about the afternoon program. There never has been any charge and we are sure there never will be. Everyone welcome.—Woman's Relief Corps.

### One Pupil Not Enough

Mrs. James Fisher has forwarded to School Superintendent Mulkey her resignation as director of the Glen Junction district, No. 6, because she was unwilling to sign a contract employing Mrs. Fred Noah Jr. as teacher there at a salary of \$150 a month to teach one pupil. The Glen Junction district is north of Coos Bay and the school trouble there became acute when one half of the school population decided to get married.

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### Kelley Remains as Receiver

A meeting of the creditors of Jno. L. Assen was held in the circuit court room Tuesday morning to confer with Judge Kendall and H. L. Kelley, receiver, as to whether the latter's appointment should be made permanent. The discussion of various phases of Mr. Assen's business required the greater part of the day, but the final decision was that Mr. Kelley should be permanent receiver, and should have authority to continue operating, buying timber, logging and conducting the business in a way to make it profitable.

### 43.7 Per Cent Taxes Paid

Wednesday morning, W. E. Newberry, bookkeeper in the tax collection department finished tabulating and totalling the current taxes paid up to and including April 5. The figure was \$629,463.16. The total tax levied for 1924 was \$1,439,882.17 so that the amount paid was 43.7 per cent of the total. The figures given do not include a large amount of back taxes which were paid.

## NEARLY DROWNED CONTRACTS LET

### Watchmen at Mill Turn in Fire Alarm When Steam Pipe Bursts

When is a fire not a fire? Answer: When it's a bursted steam pipe.

And E. A. Myers and John Dugger will never again turn in a fire alarm or blow the Johnson mill fire whistle when a steam pipe bursts. Wednesday evening, about seven o'clock, the four blasts from the mill and the sounding of the fire siren called out the department to the mill.

But before the truck could get there, one line of mill hose had been run to the east door and another to the south door of the engine room and the place was being flooded, when two men emerged, gasping for breath, and wet as though they had been ducked in the river exclaiming, "For heaven's sake, don't drown us."

The reflection from the open fire box on the steam made it look as though the interior was afire and the volunteer firemen were doing their utmost to quench the apparent blaze.

When the steam pipe bursted the watchmen, Myers and Dugger, didn't know how to repair it and they sounded the whistle for help. They got it, with half the town there to witness their discomfiture as they emerged, half drowned, from the boiler room.

### The Baccalaureate Services

The baccalaureate services at the M. E. Church South last Sunday evening were in keeping with the other events which closed the last week of school in Coquille and were a semi-final to last evening's exercises.

Rev. M. F. Hill delivered a sermon well calculated to appeal to the minds and interest of the senior class as well as the throng which crowded every available seat, and in which he led from one point to another, to the ultimate end of a successful life, with service as the firm foundation.

Rev. J. S. Penix and E. A. Palmer assisted in conducting the services, while the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs favored the audience with song.

Very pretty decorations added to the pleasant effect of the services.

### Eighth Grade Graduates

The following Coquille students passed in the eighth grade examination: Marguerite Agostino, Theima Brown, Nina Butler, Vera Fortier, Blanche Gregory, Gloria Getz, Bessie Hollenbeck, Etta Marie Whobrey, Lottie Lee Lamb, Rosa McQuig, Elizabeth King, Gretchen Mehl, Jean Pierce, Keith Laird and Gerald Sandon. Besides these four were conditioned in one subject only.

### His Freedom Was Short

Verne J. Johnson, a prisoner in the county jail who the jailer had out working in the court house yard, took a chance on escaping last Saturday afternoon and started north on Henry street. The sheriff and two deputies started in hot pursuit and caught him in a barn down in the gulch near the L. P. Maury home.

Johnson began March 8, serving a sentence of 60 days, with a \$250 fine attached, for larceny and selling liquor.

### Monthly Baby Clinic

A monthly baby clinic will be held during the coming summer, the first to be at the city hall on Tuesday, June 9. The second will be July 14 and the third August 11. The hours will be from one to four and all babies and pre-school children brought will receive attention.

Dr. P. M. Drake, county health officer, will be in charge and will be assisted by one of the local physicians.

### Ted Burr to Stand Trial

Ted Burr, who was too ill to appear in court at the criminal session of the Circuit court, was arraigned here Tuesday and pleaded not guilty to the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor at North Bend. His bond was placed at \$1,000 by Judge Kendall, but he has not been able to furnish it.

## CONTRACTS LET

### Resurfacing of Second and Spurgeon Goes to United Contracting Co.

In the absence of Mayor Johnson at the regular mid-monthly meeting of the city council Monday evening, Chairman E. G. Opperman presided, and H. A. Young was sworn in to act as city recorder, J. S. Lawrence being out of town.

A deed for the piece of property at the end of Coulter street in front of the J. S. Barton home having been presented to the city by Mr. Barton, who secured it from Mrs. Henry Bengtassen, the council was ready to start proceedings for the improvement of that street, and the city engineer was instructed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for a little over two blocks of that street—from the south side of the Barton property north to Second street.

The plans for an improvement on First street had been filed that day by Mr. Vinton, but as they did not include that stretch of planking from Noeler's Grocery east to the bridge, they were referred back to the engineer that he might include all of First street, from Hall to Maple—the Dr. G. E. Low corner—in the improvement. It will also include sidewalks.

The hearing on the petitions of Fred Hickok and E. W. Gregg for the vacation of a portion of Hall street, at the Front street intersection, and of Geo. B. Ward for a portion of Fourth street was postponed until the next meeting of the council.

Bids were then opened for the Second street redressing improvement and for the Spurgeon street scarifying and surfacing job.

United Contracting Co. was the only concern to submit a bid on either street.

Their bids, however, were lower than the engineer's estimates, and the council voted that they be accepted.

Their bid for the Second street job was \$9,146.28. The estimate was \$5,471.00.

On Spurgeon street their offer was to do it for \$5,991.04, while the engineer estimated the cost at \$6,037.36.

Dr. C. A. Reitman offered the city \$1200 for the two Roy lots, across the street southwest from the Grade school. This was not quite as much as the city has invested in the property for improvement taxes but on recommendation of City Treasurer Sanford that it was a very good offer, the council instructed the mayor and recorder to sign a deed transferring it to Dr. Reitman. He expects to erect a five room building for a home there in the near future. Whether it will be frame or stucco he has not yet decided.

In order to start action on the Coulter and First street improvements as quickly as possible the council adjourned till 8 o'clock Monday evening, when it is their intention to pass resolutions declaring their intention to improve those streets.

### A Good Show

It has been quite a time since a good tent show played in Coquille, so the news that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company is to exhibit here on Wednesday, May 27, will be welcomed by our citizens.

Mr. Havall has offered his production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to the public for the past thirty years and has been recognized as the only manager who produces the time-honored drama in its entirety. Played just as written, not one line, act, scene or character omitted, using spectacular scenic effects and wonderful mechanical devices. Positively the most perfect cast and production ever offered of Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous story.

The company numbers 40 people and a train of motor cars, trucks and trailers are used to transport this mammoth aggregation from town to town. Playing in their big waterproof tent, seating more than 2000 people.

8:15 p. m., Wed., May 27, at Willard and Front streets.

### Attend Grand Lodge

Mrs. Isabelle Kay left Monday morning to attend the sessions of the Rebekah Grand Lodge held in Ashland this week. J. S. Lawrence and George Oerding left at the same time for the meeting of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., and H. C. Getz left Tuesday morning as a delegate to the Grand Lodge from Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F.

### A Close Call

A miraculous escape from serious injury was that experienced by two little girls on the highway here in town last Sunday afternoon about four o'clock. They were Hazel and Violet Smith, daughters of W. R. Smith, and are about twelve and nine years of age.

The accident happened just at the Spurgeon street intersection with the highway. They had been to the home of an uncle on Spurgeon Hill and after waiting for a car coming this way to pass, stepped out immediately in front of the one, driven by Rollo Sailor, going north. He was not travelling more than 20 miles an hour and stopped within a few feet, but the girls were only six or seven feet from him when they ran across the street.

One of them suffered a cut on her temple and the other was quite badly bruised and cut about the face but fortunately the wheels didn't touch her as the car passed over her body.

Both are recovering and no serious result is anticipated. No blame was attached to young Sailor by the officers who investigated.

### Prepare Coquille Literature

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce is preparing to issue a four or six-page folder telling of the resources and opportunities to be found in Coquille and the Coquille valley. When printed they will be in the hands of the secretary, Ned C. Kelley, and those desiring copies to send to friends in other sections can secure them from him.

### THREE PARTIES YESTERDAY

Three separate parties were entertained in the Hotel Coquille yesterday by Manager Life Compton in a manner which brought praise from each of them.

In the evening the officials of the Coos Bay Lumber Co., about thirty in number, held their regular monthly meeting in the large dining room.

At the same time the smaller one at the rear was occupied by the service station men of the county, about twenty of whom were holding their regular semi-monthly meeting.

The other affair was the one o'clock luncheon given by Mrs. O. C. Sanford to the ladies of the J. G. W. club in honor of Mrs. F. G. Jennings. For this occasion the dining room was most beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and the whole presenting a most fascinating picture.

Mr. Compton is most fortunate in having the services of so artistic a chef as he has, and the ladies were unanimous in praising the luncheon, every item on the menu being prepared by the chef himself and the most delicious it is possible to produce.

### Examine 8th Grade Papers

The state examining board, consisting of Mrs. Martha Mulkey, Mrs. Mary Harvey and Mrs. Emma E. Easton, has been busy this week in Superintendent Mulkey's office going over the eighth grade examination papers. They expect to finish their labors tomorrow. All the schools in the county, except Marshfield and North Bend, are represented in the list of 700 or 800 pupils whose papers are being passed upon. Powers alone submitted the work of 91 students. This is by far the largest number that the state board has ever examined in Coos county.

The subjects include physiology papers by sixth grade pupils, geography from the seventh, and all the others are eighth grade subjects.

### Stout Company Plans

Jas. E. Stewart, special agent from the State Land Board, at Salem, was here last Friday and with S. D. Pulford, Coos county representative of the land board, made a trip to the headwaters of South Slough, where the Stout Lumber Co. is desirous of purchasing some tide flat land as a dumping ground. The lumber company is getting ready to build a railroad from their extensive timber holdings, three or four miles north of Beaver Hill, which will run to South Slough and they need the flats to unload their logs, from whence they can be rafted around to their mills at North Bend. Their timber lies near the Boutin tract on the peninsula.

Graham's Dance Hall is advertising a Hard Times Dance in Coquille tomorrow night. Calico and overallis, any hard times costume—except caulk shoes—will be in order. Admission will be \$1.10, ladies free.

## CROWDED STREET

### Rules Sought by Council to Relieve Congestion on Front and Taylor

Coquille's traffic problems were brought to the attention of the city council Monday evening by two delegations. Messrs. J. E. Norton, J. P. Beyers and A. T. Morrison were representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, who requested that parallel parking be ordered on Taylor street so that traffic would not be obstructed as it is now.

Jno. W. Miller and Wm. Brown were present to complain of conditions on Front street. They stated that many of the men employed in that district would leave their cars parked for four hours or more along both sides of the street east from the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and that those who had cars for business frequently could not get up to their front door. The congested condition there interferes with the delivery of freight, results in a loss of business and makes that section of the Coos Bay Highway a difficult one for travellers to traverse.

There is plenty of room a block or so back from Front where cars would not interfere if left for four or five hours and some rule of this kind may be adopted.

As to the Hall and Front street bridge, Mr. Norton informed the council that the highway commission was considering the idea of dividing Bandon and Marshfield traffic, coming from Myrtle Point, at the bridge, and that the commission might make Hall street to the city hall a section of the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, leaving Front street for Bandon traffic on the Roosevelt Highway.

In that case the commission would probably assist in the repair of the bridge and he urged that the matter be taken up with the county court and commission at once.

Councilman Chaney suggested that the council invite Highway Engineer Chandler to meet with the city body and make suggestions as to what should be done to make that entrance to the city more safe and attractive.

Mr. Norton stated that in private conversation Mr. Chandler had recommended that the pilings of the bridge be recapped and a laminated decking be laid. This would last for two or three years by which time the commission would be ready to cut off points just above town, in straightening the highway, and would have plenty of dirt to fill the hole.

The city engineer was instructed to invite Mr. Chandler to meet with the council.

For the purpose of a more satisfactory regulation of parking, the street committee was requested to confer with those interested and make suggestions at the next council session for a revision of the traffic ordinance.

### Grand Jury Meets Monday

Judge John C. Kendall has ordered the grand jury to meet here next Monday, May 25, for the June session of Circuit court. On Tuesday he will set cases for trial which are to come up at this next term of court and Monday, June 1, the regular term will open.

The grand jury is composed of the following: Carl G. Golder of North Bend, Austin A. Ray, of Cooston, A. O. Kjelland, of North Bend, J. A. Wilkerson, of North Bend, Harold Young of Bandon, J. T. Jenkins, of Bandon, and C. W. Wolcott, of Marshfield.

### It's a Standard High School

W. M. Smith, assistant state superintendent of schools, was here yesterday from Salem, conferring with County Superintendent C. E. Mulkey. He had just been down at Riverton, checking up on the facilities and equipment of the Union High School there and found that it was up to specifications. He said he would recommend to the state superintendent that it be accredited as a standardized high school.

### Marking Time on Bridge

Judge Mast says there is nothing new this week on the proposed bond issue nor the Eastside bridge matter, and that nothing definite will be done until after Roadmaster W. A. Gilbert's return from Salem. The latter is going out Tuesday to consult with the market road bridge engineer, Mr. McCulloch, and secure what data the latter has as to the cost of a bridge across Coos Bay.