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Ralph Moore to Head County Chamber of Commerce in 1938

Elected at Dinner Session Held in the Coquille Hotel Last Evening—Sen. Chaney Speaks

All the towns which have chambers of commerce in Coos county were represented at the County Chamber of Commerce meeting held in the Coquille Hotel last evening, at a dinner session starting at 6:30. The election of officers for 1938 resulted in the following being unanimously chosen:

Pres.—Ralph T. Moore, of Bandon. V. Pres.—Geo. Vaughn, of Empire. Treas.—Elton Schroeder, of Myrtle Point.

When called and advised of his duties, Mr. Moore said that he would serve if L. D. Felsheim would act as secretary. The new president names the secretary each year. The treasurer's report showed expenditures the past year of \$41.37, with a balance on hand of \$83.73.

The retiring president, Jess Clinton, of Myrtle Point, and his secretary, Elton Schroeder, were given a vote of thanks for their efficient handling of the chamber's affairs the past year.

The chamber of commerce committee from Coquille and Marshfield which have worked on the labor arbitration agreement for the past few weeks were also given a vote of appreciation for their worth while services.

It was voted that the expenses of a delegate sent to a highway commission meeting in Portland to seek improvement of the Marshfield-Empire cut-off road, should be paid by the chamber.

Senator Geo. H. Chaney was one of the 20 who attended the session and when called on for a few remarks he told the assemblage that he was a self-appointed committee of one who had been investigating the status of Coos county's finances for the past year and he believed such a representative body of men as the Coos County Chamber of Commerce should take an active interest in seeing that Coos' outstanding debt of \$1,400,000 be retired more rapidly than the county is now doing. The interest charge on that amount is around \$75,000 a year, and his idea is that a reduction program should be adopted at once which would pay off at least \$150,000 a year. His remarks were warmly applauded by his hearers. He stated that he had given limited newspaper publicity to his views but doubted if any of those present had read the article.

Senator Chaney has been frequently mentioned in his home town as a possible successor to Judge Hugh McLain, of the county court, should the latter secure the appointment as collector of customs for Oregon.

Larger Compressor Installed

The new compressor plant which Wm. Ulett purchased in San Francisco a couple of weeks ago for the Coquille Gas & Power Co., was installed last week and was tested out Sunday. It will be put into operation within a few days and will more than double the capacity of the plant.

The business of the company has been growing so steadily the last few months that Mr. Ulett found it necessary to buy a second truck last week and put another service man to work. There are now five on the payroll of the Coquille Gas & Power Co.

The Baptist Church will have its Christmas tree and program on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m.

Christmas Concert to Be Given by Pioneer Church Choir Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening, December 19, the Pioneer Church will be the scene of the annual Christmas concert, preparation for which has been going on for several weeks, under the baton of Miss Anita Pageler, director of the Pioneer choir. This year's presentation will take the form of a musical, the program for which will consist of a number of Christmas anthems and special numbers, interspersed with readings from the Biblical account of the Christmas story by a narrator. The musical numbers to be used are:

1. Anthem, "Our Lord Immanuel," Wilson. Entire Choir.
2. Anthem, "The Christmas Story," Adams. Entire Choir.
3. Vocal solo, "There Were Shepherds," Scott. Anita Pageler, soprano.
4. Anthem, "To Hear the Angels Sing," Lorenz. Entire Choir.
5. Anthem, "The Angels' Song," Lorenz. Entire Choir.
6. Instrumental duet, "Silent Night, Holy Night, Organ, Rose Naef. Piano, Margaret Purvance.
7. Anthem, "The Song and The Star," Hines. Entire Choir.
8. Ladies' quartette, "Underneath the Christmas Starlight," Wilson.

Christmas Assembly at H. S. Wednesday

On Wednesday, December 22, at 1:30 p. m. the combined High School Glee Clubs of seventy-five boys' and girls voices will present to students, their parents and friends, a Christmas pageant entitled, "Christmas Symbols." Miss Anita Pageler is directing the glee clubs.

Included on the program will be the Angel Chorus, consisting of Yvonne Kern, Emma Frances Mulkey, Donna Getz, Leta Shults, Geraldine Holcomb, Annamae Holverstott, Jane Kramer, Beverly Norton, Joy Norton, Geraldine Cole, Margaret Stewart, and Elaine Gray. A violin quartet, composed of Ann Hawkins, Lois Young, La Velle Dale, and Helen Kyle, will present appropriate Christmas music. Glennis Finley will sing the loved "O Holy Night." (Continued on Page Ten)

Our Thanks to Advertisers

The Sentinel wishes to express its appreciation to the merchants of Coquille who by their advertising patronage have made possible a larger issue of the Sentinel this week, larger in number of pages and wider distribution.

It will pay the reader to look over their offerings in doing his or her Christmas or regular shopping.

Legion to Join in Giving Baskets

There were 65 American Legion and Auxiliary members and their families present for the potluck dinner held in the Legion Home Monday evening. The Legion session following the very fine dinner was interesting and showed the great interest ex-service men are taking in their organization this year.

One of the post commanders in Portland, who was present, made a statement that was news to many members when he said that not only the ex-service men himself but the widows of ex-service men are entitled to a thousand dollar exemption on the assessed valuation of their property.

The Legion voted to hold its annual Christmas keno next Monday, Dec. 29. They also voted to provide one of the four stars which the street decoration committee is hoping to secure this year.

D. E. Rackleff and Rock Robison were named as the Legion's committee to co-operate with the Eagles' committee in providing baskets where needed at Christmas time.

Commander Frank W. Martin announced that the Coquille post was the third to go over the top in its membership drive for 1938. The quota was 67 and the membership is now 71. The two posts ranking ahead of Coquille were quite small.

At Rotary Club Yesterday

Weldon Kline told the Rotary club, Wednesday noon, of attending a Rotary club dinner in Portland recently at which Gov. Chas. H. Martin spoke on the labor and strike situation in Oregon. The governor told his hearers that if the people would stand by him he would end the intolerable conditions in this state.

Dr. De La Rhue gave the Rotarians an interesting talk concerning his travels through Costa Rica in Central America and of the customs and life of the people there.

Guests of honor were two more of the high school seniors, Eileen Kendall and Lucille Sherwood. Other guests were Cyril McCurdy, Marlin Brandon, Paul Trojel and Mr. Eaton. Visiting Rotarian was Ed Gorke, of Grants Pass.

Met Car Rolling Toward Him On Its Side

E. J. Tilley Had Thrill Monday Morning But the Two Cars Barely Touched.

E. J. Tilley, secretary of the Coos and Curry farm loan associations, had the thrill of his life while coming up from his home in Langlois Monday evening. About a mile or more below Riverton—near the Panter ranch—he saw an approaching car round the curve while about 500 feet away, whip one way, then the other and then back again. After that it did two or three rolls, still on the pavement, and then righted itself and skidded on its four wheels right at him.

Mr. Tilley pulled clear into the ditch with one side of his car up on the bank, and the other car skidded to a stop alongside his with the bumpers slightly engaged.

A highway truck was required to pull the Tilley car out of the ditch. The young man driving the other car had his leg numbed during the rolling but did not seem to be seriously injured. Every glass in his car was broken, however.

A.F.L. Unions Have Get-Together Mon.

The local Union Charters affiliated with the A. F. of L. of this city held a get-together meeting in the L. O. O. F. hall Monday evening. The business session was called to order by President Wm. E. Foote, of the Carpenters Local, No. 1098. Harold Minter gave a brief report of the Plywood Workers' convention at Eugene and was followed by Mr. Hardbrook in a brief talk also on the convention.

The sense of the meeting was to provide a method by which all locals could work together in harmony and for a certain purpose. After some discussion a motion that each local appoint a committee of three to act together as a whole was adopted. This committee met in a body in the L. O. O. F. hall, where officers were elected. The whole purpose of this committee is to propose methods by which all charters working together may accomplish the purpose for which all A. F. of L. affiliates stand.

Coquille President Attends Portland Pro-America

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kline and family made a short trip to Portland last week. Mr. Kline had to attend to some business affairs so Mrs. Kline had a chance to attend the all-day meeting of "Pro America," which was held in the Woman's Building Tuesday, Dec. 7. There was a large representation of county presidents there Coos county was fortunate in having two present Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Albert Powers, Jr., of Powers. The meetings were most interesting and inspirational for the new Coos county president. Election of officers, yearly reports, etc., comprised the order of business.

Townsend Club Bazaar

Next Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, in W. O. W. hall the Coquille Townsend club will present a program and have a general good time and everyone is invited to come and enjoy it. There will be coffee, cake, pie, salads, popcorn, etc., for the eat; there will be fancy work, aprons and a lot of other things for the bazaar; floor entertainment, fish pond and games to suit. Old-time and modern dance music will be furnished as desired. Bring some change for lunch and bazaar. Come and bring your friends and let's see how many you have.

"Western Windows" Off Press

The Sentinel is indebted to Mrs. Frances Holmstrom for an autographed copy of her book of poems, entitled "Western Windows," which has just been published by the Metropolitan Press of Portland. These poems, like a breath from the fir-crowned hills of Coos county, are invigorating, up-lifting and inspiring. They breathe the purity and steadfastness of this Coos county empire which has nurtured the author for so many years. Coquille, her home, and Coos county honors Oregon's foremost poet.

Bess Maury Chosen Worthy Matron for Beulah Chapter

Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers Set for January 4 --- Fine Turkey Feed

The annual turkey dinner of Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., which preceded the regular meeting and election of officers, was held in the banquet hall of Masonic Temple last Thursday evening and was enjoyed by a large number of members and their families. It was a splendid meal, served by a male committee of which W. E. Bosserman was chairman, and was one those banquets the memory of which linger.

During the dinner Mrs. Belle Gould, worthy matron for the past year, was presented with a beautiful past matrons pin by the chapter. Those chosen by the chapter for the year 1938 were:

- W. M.—Bess Maury.
 - W. P.—Wm. Ulett.
 - A. M.—Florence Sanford.
 - A. P.—O. C. Sanford.
 - Sec.—Emma Pierce.
 - Treas.—Susie Folsom.
 - Cond.—Maxine Jeub.
 - A. Cond.—Gladys Gano.
- Miss Maury, who is to be worthy matron of Beulah Chapter after the ceremonies of installation which will probably be held Tuesday evening, January 4, gave the following list of appointed officers who will be installed at the same time:
- Chap.—Elizabeth Hand
 - Marshal—Belle Gould
 - Organist—Maud Woodyard
 - Adah—Edna Taylor
 - Ruth—Gertrude Ulett.
 - Ether—Leona Bryant
 - Martha—Ettie Miller.
 - Elects—Vesta Johnson
 - Wardor—Carmilla Rietman
 - Sentinel—Dr. C. A. Rietman.

Masons to Install Dec. 21

Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election of officers on Tuesday evening this week, the following being chosen:

- W. M.—Theo L. Clinton.
- S. W.—H. A. Slack.
- J. W.—Julius Ruble.
- Treas.—L. H. Hazard
- Sec.—R. H. Mast.

Installation of the above and of the appointed officers will take place in Masonic Hall next Tuesday evening, Dec. 21. The same evening there will be work in the Master Masons degree.

Ministerial Association Elects

The Coquille Ministerial Association met last Monday in the study of Rev. Geo. R. Turney, vicar of St. James Episcopal church, and after discussion of business matters pertaining to the churches, the following were elected as officers of the association for the coming year:

- Pres.—Rev. W. A. Stephens, of the Baptist church.
- Vice Pres.—Rev. R. D. E. Smith, of the Assembly of God.
- Sec.—Treas.—Rev. Geo. R. Turney.

Mrs. Rover Improving

Mrs. Frank L. Rover is improving rapidly now and feeling much better. She suffered a severe head cut in an auto collision last Wednesday night as the family was going over to Marshfield. The car with which she collided just out of Coquille a mile or more, was driven by Orval Chard, of Delmar. He had to cut in to avoid hitting two children on bicycles and Mr. Rover could not get farther off the highway because of two pedestrians.

Scout Committee to Meet

There will be a meeting of Coquille Scout councilmen in the Scout cabin, in Myrtle Grove, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Plans for Scout activities in 1938 are to be discussed with Scout Executive Doman at that time. Rev. H. L. Graybea has been appointed as scoutmaster for Troop No. 63 and it is hoped to have one named soon for Troop No. 14.

To Be Open Till 6:00, Saturday

In order to accommodate the patrons of the office, Postmaster M. O. Hawkins announces that next Saturday, Dec. 18th, the postoffice will remain open until six p. m., instead of closing at 12:30 as is customary.

No Arbitration Agreement Signed

Progress has been made this week on final arbitration agreement in the local labor trouble, but the settlement has not yet been approved by the two C. I. O. unions, although it is possible it will be done this week. When the C. I. O. unions made some changes in the Marsh plan for settlement last week it was feared negotiations might be at an end, but the three chamber of commerce committeemen, J. E. Norton, J. D. Gillespie, and Lloyd Rippey, of Marshfield, held an all-day session Tuesday with the C. I. O. executive committee and two officials of the state organization, and good progress was made toward an amicable agreement on the arbitration plan.

New Grand Jury Named

The grand jury for the year 1938 term of district court was drawn last Saturday from members of the petit jury. The seven men are S. M. Noller, Coquille, foreman; Glen C. Hutton, Bridge; Chas. A. Needham, Marshfield; Chas. Randall, Bandon; R. C. Bowers, Myrtle Point; Howard Berry, McKinley; Kaye J. Horace, Hauser.

Tree Decorations Rapidly Appearing

The Christmas trees which line Coquille's business streets were placed there last Sunday by George McClellan and Ross Kistner, who brought in the best-shaped and finest looking bunch of trees Coquille has yet had on its streets at the holiday season.

Many of the business houses are getting their trees and Christmas decorations in place and the private home outdoor decorations will probably begin to appear the end of this week. The offer of a \$10 first prize and \$5 second prize for both the business house and the homes' class, is an incentive in addition to the honor of winning mention for the artistic preparation of Christmas decorations and lighting.

The five star program was assured this week when the Woman's Club voted to provide one. The Lions will contribute another this year and the location for the stars' setting will be the central point at the intersection of First street and the highway, with a star at the intersections a block from there in each direction. The stars will be placed the coming week-end or as soon as the new ones are made. The Rotary, Lions, Woman's clubs and the American Legion are the contributing organizations. The stars cost about \$22.50 each.

Legion Keno Next Monday

With 60 or more fat turkeys provided by the Cow Bell Dairy for the occasion, the Coquille American Legion is advertising its annual Christmas Keno for next Monday evening, Dec. 20, starting at 8 p. m., in the S. W. Motors used car repair shop on Hall street—the former K. P. garage building, where the Thanksgiving Keno was held. Everyone is invited to drop in and enjoy the evening.

City Warrants Called

The Coquille city warrant call which Treasurer Sickels is making in this issue of the Sentinel is for the warrants issued in January, February and March this year. The amount to be distributed, for principal and interest, is approximately \$4600.

Suggestion Made That Stores Open Friday Evening and Close Saturday Noon

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Junior Women Present Program for Woman's Club

Senior Organization, Mrs. J. L. Stacer, President, Held Good Meeting Tuesday Afternoon

The Coquille Woman's club met for its regular meeting in the Guild Hall Tuesday afternoon. The room looked beautiful with holly, Christmas wreaths and greenery. A gayly lighted Christmas tree added to its attractiveness. The club meeting was opened by the singing of a Christmas carol, "Joy to the World," led by Mrs. Boober, accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Rietman. This was followed by the salute to the flag. It was decided to invite the high school senior girls to the next meeting, which will be in charge of the past presidents of the club.

Mrs. J. L. Stacer, president of the club, reported that \$174.00 was raised by the Woman's Club during the recent Red Cross drive. Twelve members canvassed parts of the city. The club decided to furnish a "lighted star" toward the Christmas decorations for the city.

The Junior Women's Club presented the program for the afternoon, which was a most enjoyable one. Mrs. Ted Hornecker gave a very pleasing Christmas poem, "Jabez Dawes," which was followed by the singing of Christmas carols, led by (Continued on Page Three)

G. E. Trott Back From Portland

Geo. E. Trott, who has been in Portland since last March being examined by and taking treatment from physicians for the State Accident Commission returned to Coquille last Friday, with instructions to be there again today for final examination. It is three years since Mr. Trott suffered that almost fatal fall from the Coos Bay bridge to the waters of the Bay and he will never be a well man again but he has surprised everyone who has come in contact with him that he is able to get around as much as he does. "One of the happiest days in his life, he says, was when he returned to Coquille last week. He expects to make his home in this city and is advertising his stock and dairy ranches for sale with an offer to take a Coquille house and lot as part payment. Mr. Trott says that the Coquille "Letter from Home" was a real benefit to him during the nine months in Portland.

J. L. Smith Started as County Agent in 1913

J. L. Smith left yesterday noon for Corvallis to attend the county agents banquet at the college last evening. Besides the conference of all the county agents in the state this week at O. S. C., all the past county agents were invited for the twenty-fifth anniversary of county agricultural work in the state. Mr. Smith, who began his work as county agent for Coos county back in November, 1913, antedates any of the past county agents now living in Oregon, and was accorded a place of honor at the banquet. Geo. H. Jenkins, present county agent, went out to Corvallis last Sunday to spend the week there.

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