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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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"Buzz" Holmstrom Was On the Air Last Evening

Spoke On the "Thrills" Program Program at KFI at 6:30 --- Hopes to Be Home Christmas

Haldane "Buzz" Holmstrom, who expected to leave Los Angeles last night and arrive in Coquille in time for Christmas, was one of the speakers on the Union Oil Co. "Thrills" program at 6:30 last evening, over the National broadcasting system.

The announcer introduced "Buzz" by remarking that three weeks ago every newspaper in America had carried a front page news story of the daring Coquille young man, who is the only person in the world to have successfully navigated the Colorado river alone. He accomplished this feat in a 15-foot home-made boat.

He then asked Buzz "How did you happen to decide to make the trip?" "I had already made a trip down the Rogue in Oregon and had read so much about the Colorado river being the most dangerous in the world that I had always wanted to make this trip."

Q—"What kind of a boat did you use?" "I made it myself. Went into the hills, picked out a white cedar, took it to the mill and had it cut into lumber. Then began work on the boat and planning the trip."

"Left Coquille October 4 on the great adventure. Was so excited to reach Lake Mead, the reservoir back of Boulder Dam, on Nov. 25 that I didn't know it was Thanksgiving day."

"The trip was made down the narrow, rocky gorges of the Colorado, between towering canyon walls and over such rough waves that you would think no boat could survive. There were two air-tight compartments to my boat, and it did not upset once. Only large parties with several boats had ever made the trip before."

"After weeks of being alone I began to think of the river as my friend. Enjoyed the ruffles and began to see why the Indians loved Nature so much."

"One of the nastiest rapids of all was the Dubendorff, where a man of that name had lost his life while trying to run them."

"During that portion of trip tried to sing, 'Barnacle Bill the sailor man,' but couldn't think of the last four lines."

"The waves were 15 feet high and things looked serious. Took all the weight out of the boat. Looked down the river and saw two huge boulders that I had to go straight between or crack up. I planned carefully just how I would maneuver and my biggest thrill of the whole trip was when I passed between those rocks to safety. Everything worked out just as I had planned and I believe this was the most difficult part of the whole trip."

Clarence Bean, another adventurous Coquille young man and intimate of "Buzz," spent 12 days with Haldane at Boulder City, before starting for home. He arrived here last Saturday. He had been working in San Diego for five months since the boat (Continued on Page Ten)

January 10 the Dead Line

Not more than 25 per cent of the property owners affected by the gravel improvement made this fall on First and Elliott streets have made arrangements for bonding for the improvement, according to Recorder Leslie. January 10 is the last day for bonding and unless the assessment is paid or the property bonded by that date the entire amount automatically becomes due and the property will be sold to satisfy the city's claim.

Chamber of Commerce Committees for 1938 Appointed by President Stevens Tues.

President J. L. Stevens announced Chamber of Commerce committee assignments for the year 1938, at the chamber luncheon Tuesday noon, the following being listed:

Finance and budget—H. L. Claterbos, J. E. Norton, L. Bosworth, R. L. Stewart, Elbert Schroeder.

Membership and entertainment—J. A. Fitzpatrick, Elbert Schroeder, Fred Jensen, J. L. Smith, R. L. Stewart, Cliff Gulseth.

Agriculture—Geo. Jenkins, J. L.

It Was a Wonderfully Fine Concert

A lovely Christmas musicale was given by the choir under the direction of Miss Anita Pageler in the Pioneer Methodist church Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with small trees, greens and other lovely Yuletide trimmings, under the expert direction of Mrs. Esta Ellis. Rev. Howard Graybeal, pastor of the church, narrated the Christmas story, which was interspersed with beautiful Christmas anthems sung by a choir of 24 voices. Miss Pageler sang a lovely solo, "There were Shepherds," by Scott. Other special features which were much enjoyed was a lovely duet, "The Angels' Song," sung by F. G. Leslie and Orvin Grant; a quartette, "Underneath the Christmas Starlight," by Mrs. Roy Barton, Mrs. June Walker, Miss Enid Anderson and Mrs. Ruth Beyers, and a piano and organ duet, "Silent Night, Holy Night," by Miss Margaret Purvance and Miss Rose Naef.

There were three hundred or more who enjoyed this most excellent program.

Miss Pageler Directs Pageant

The high school Christmas pageant, "Christmas Symbols," directed by Anita Pageler, was a lovely symbol of Christmas and very well presented by a group of 34 students besides a chorus composed of 52 voices. The auditorium of the assembly room was a vision in blue and silver with decorative symbols along the walls and a huge silver bell suspended from the ceiling. The stage settings were lovely and in complete harmony with the Christmas story so ably told by the players.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wade, of Coquille, at the Coquille Hospital last Saturday, a 6½ pound son, who has been named Larry Leon.

Smith, J. P. Beyers, J. D. Gillespie, L. Bosworth.

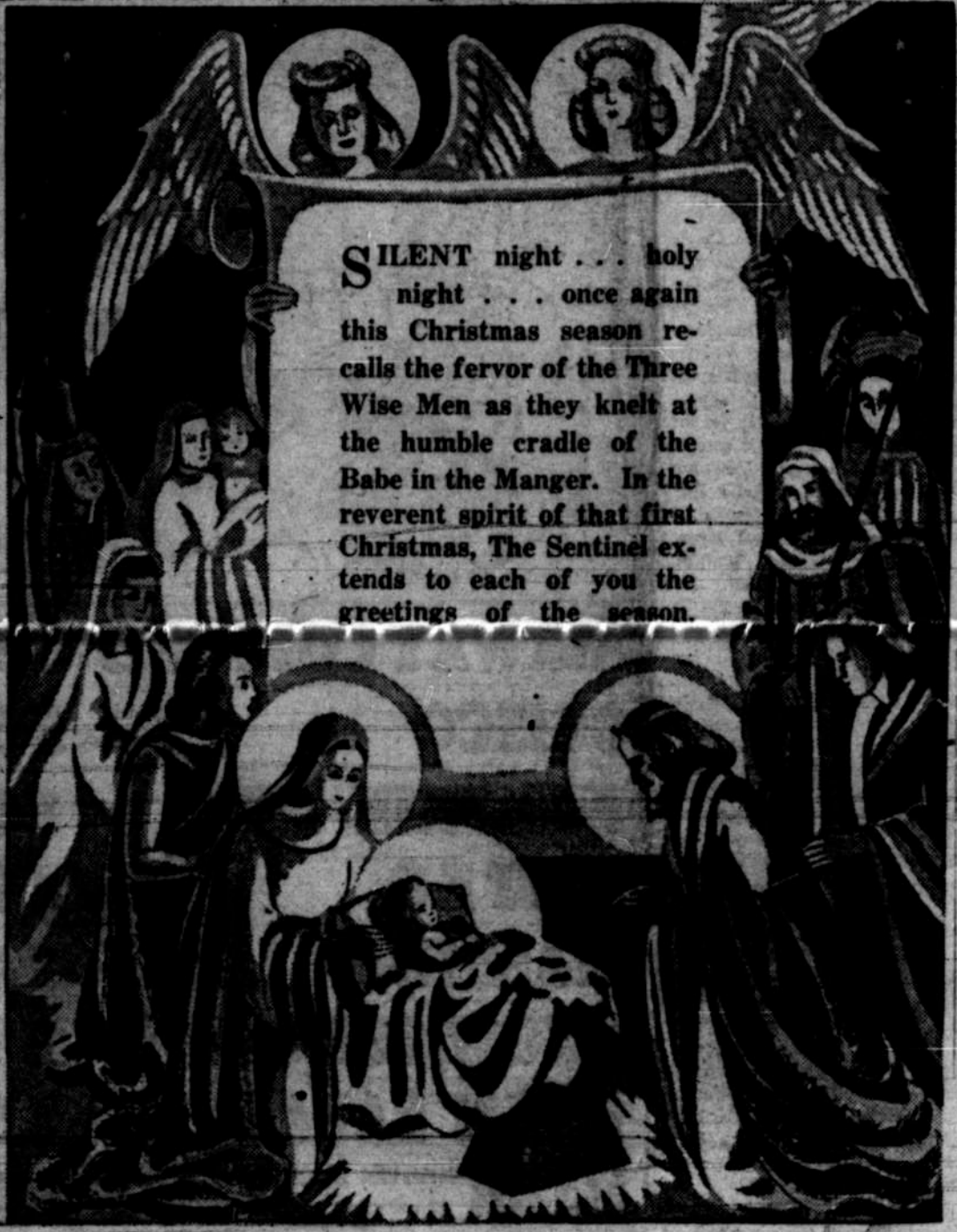
Roads and highways—J. E. Norton, J. A. Lamb, Late Compton, J. A. Berg, A. O. Walker, H. A. Young.

Industrial—J. A. Lamb, A. N. Gould, J. A. Berg, Cliff Gulseth, C. F. Farr.

Education—D. E. Rackleff, Dr. R. F. Milne, L. H. Hazard, J. D. Gillespie, H. A. Young.

Merchants—Fred Jensen, Wm.

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SILENT night . . . holy night . . . once again this Christmas season recalls the fervor of the Three Wise Men as they knelt at the humble cradle of the Babe in the Manger. In the reverent spirit of that first Christmas, The Sentinel extends to each of you the greetings of the season.

Hotel Lobby Space Much Increased

The Coquille Hotel lobby has already been made much more attractive in appearance, as well as being enlarged, but when the decorations are completed next month and the new lobby furniture installed, it will be as handsome a lobby as can be found anywhere.

The new counter desk and back fixtures, the coat rack, the customers' writing desk are of beautifully-finished walnut. A new telephone booth is in keeping with the other improvements.

The hotel desk has been moved from the north side of the lobby to the west and under the overhanging mezzanine floor, leaving a clear space for entrance to the coffee shop. In order to remodel and redecorate the Coffee Shop and dining room, Mr. Compton intends closing them both this evening for ten days. They will be reopened January 3.

It Was 29 Here Monday

The coldest morning so far this winter was Monday when the thermometer registered 29 degrees above zero. The mercury climbed to the 54 mark that afternoon, stood at 32 Tuesday morning and was only 16 degrees higher at the warmest time of the day that afternoon. Yesterday morning the minimum was 36, and it was practically the same this morning.

Snow was reported in Camas valley yesterday morning and on the high hills back of Powers, but here in the valley there was only rain, but not one of the warm Chinook variety.

Business Good This Week

The Christmas business in Coquille which had been pretty slow up till last Saturday, picked up immensely this week, as shoppers from Coquille and all over the Coquille valley filled the streets with their cars and kept the clerks on the jump from early morning until eight o'clock in the evening.

While the volume for the season is not up to that of previous years, the past week has probably equalled previous totals for the week before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hazard left this morning for Newport and Toledo to spend the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. Hale B. Eubanks. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sercombe will be there from Portland and Mrs. Sercombe and son will come down with her parents for a visit in Coquille.

Agricultural Economic Conference

A program which will call for greater agricultural development and better farm homes in Coos county will be the result of an agricultural and home makers conference, which will be held in Coquille on January 28, as a result of action taken by a group of farm leaders who met with representatives of the extension service in Coquille on Tuesday, December 21. E. L. Peterson, of North Bend, was unanimously elected to serve as general chairman after being nominated by J. A. Larson, who has served in this capacity for the past two Coos county conferences. George Hampton, of Arago, was elected vice chairman and George Jenkins, county agent, will serve as secretary.

The purpose of this conference is to study the agricultural situation and to outline a program of greater agricultural development along sound lines and for improving home life on the farm, Mr. Peterson stated. (Continued on Page Seven)

Heaviest Mail Record Again Broken

The parcels post mail into and out of Coquille this Christmas season has broken all previous records and pretty nearly swamped the facilities of the local postoffice and necessitated the force working until nine o'clock or after every evening so far this week.

The following record of parcels post sacks received and dispatched, does not include the first class mail nor does it include the mail for the McKinley, Arago and Bullards post-offices which passes through the Coquille office, but is the count of parcels post sacks emptied and filled in the local office. The first figure is for incoming parcels post sacks in the morning and the second figure is for those sent out in the evening

December 16—46 - 46.
December 18—65 - 62.
December 20—60 - 70.
December 21—66 - 72.
December 22—84 - 63.

Stamp sales were the heaviest known in Coquille. Ten thousand 3-centers were sold on Monday and nearly as many of the cent and a half denomination.

Ward McReynolds will be at the Coquille city hall again next Tuesday, Dec. 28, between 10:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m., to examine any who apply for drivers' licenses.

Home Folks

Does He Come?
"Christmas—I dread it," she hissed, "Is it merry its maddening. For days I dash wildly about buying gifts I can't afford, desperately asking myself 'will they suit?' The big day finds me in a competitive whirl, masked in a 'charged' gown, laughing, dancing, pretending it's a grand, grand time! Then the let-down, the headaches, the heart aches, the bills!"

"What is Christmas? It's a silly, useless celebration. But for children, you say—Yes, I've seen them smothered in gifts that will not please their pampered hearts, or soothe their speed-torn bodies. I see them, poor, hungrily gazing into gift-blazoned windows their little hands empty."

"Is Christmas real in the churches today? It's all a grand show. I know it. Do people fill the churches on Christmas or do they crowd the clubs, theatres and cocktail bars?"

"Look at the world rocking with war, strikes, poverty, greed, doubt and fear! Wasn't Christ's message 'Peace on Earth, Good-will toward men.' Where is Christ? Does He come? Does He come at Christmas?"

"But," I cried, "But she was gone. Her frantic words, 'Does He come, does He

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E. D. Webb Resigns Council Position

The regular mid-monthly meeting of the city council Monday evening was adjourned till six o'clock last evening because of lack of a quorum, and Wednesday evening there were fewer councilmen in town than there were Monday.

E. D. Webb, who has served on the city board for the past year, tendered his resignation, effective Jan. 1, to Mayor Rankin on Monday, and that day moved to his cranberry bog, a mile east of Bandon, which he purchased last summer.

George Bryant is in Florida at the present time and Everett Seelye is in Portland this week with Chas. Gaffas on business for the Ideal Bakery. That left only Mayor Rankin and Councilmen Drue Cunningham, O. L. Wood and T. S. Harrington available Monday evening and Mr. Cunningham was summoned out of the city yesterday, necessitating the calling off of the adjourned date. Probably there will be no effort to hold a meeting now until the regular Jan. 3 date.

Mayor Rankin has not indicated whom he will name to succeed Mr. Webb but he and the council have conferred on the appointment. This will be the second appointment to be made by the mayor, Jack LeFevre having resigned last spring when he removed from Coquille.

Council Chamber Improved

The removal of that heavy X beam just beneath the ceiling in the council chambers in the city hall and the painting of the ceiling and walls an ivory and cream tint has made the greatest difference imaginable in the appearance of that meeting place. With the installation of modern fixtures, the removal of the posts at either end of the mayors desk, and the brightening, the room appears to be larger than it was and it certainly is not dingy and drab-looking any more. The installation of Venetian blinds also adds a pleasing touch.

Penney's Christmas Bonuses

In keeping with its usual custom the J. C. Penney Co. is making Christmas gifts to its employees this week which amounts to two weeks' pay for its regular employees and proportionately for those who have worked for shorter periods.

The Coquille store clerks are a part of the army of upwards of 30,000 J. C. Penney Co. clerks in the United States who participate in this annual Christmas distribution.

Homes and Business Houses Beautifully Decorated

A Larger Number Than Ever Before Have Holiday Lighting Displays --- Judged Tonight

It is with fear and trembling that The Sentinel attempts to list the many beautiful Christmas decorations around homes in Coquille for we do not want to miss any, and may unintentionally do so.

One of the most beautiful is that at the D. E. Rackleff home where the outdoors shrubbery planted by the late Jas. W. Laird lends itself so effectively to Christmas lighting.

The Dr. C. A. Rietman home decoration has been extended this year to cover three sides of the house but we miss the Santa Claus who for two years has been just ready to descend the doctor's chimney.

Last year—two or three of the windows in Geo. Ulett's home on east Second street displayed a row of lighted candles in the evening. This year every window on the west end and south side is so emblazoned and the effect is beautiful in the extreme.

Geo. W. Taylor, Jr., has again this year one of the outstanding lighting (Continued on Page Eight)

Masons Install Tuesday Evening

There was a good attendance, with about 50 present, for the installation ceremonies of Chadwick Lodge at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening. Preceding the installing of officers for the coming year, the M. M. degree was conferred upon Albert Rhule.

The retiring master of the lodge, George E. Oerding, installed Theo L. Clinton as worshipful master and the latter conducted the rest of the installation ceremony, assisted by E. A. Walker as acting marshal. Those installed by the new W. M. were:

S. W.—H. A. Slack
J. W.—Julius Ruble
Treas.—L. H. Hazard
Sec.—R. H. Mast
S. D.—R. A. Jeub
J. D.—M. M. Newdall
Chap.—Geo. R. Turney
S. S.—E. D. McCune
J. S.—W. B. McLarrin
Marshal—H. A. Varney
Tyler—J. E. Quick

W. E. Boeserman was named by Mr. Clinton as captain of the team, which has been operating so successfully in the initiatory ceremonies.

The evening closed with a splendid lunch served in the lodge's banquet hall.

Baseball to Have Come-Back in 1938

W. H. Fortier attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday noon to discuss the possibilities of baseball next summer with the directors.

In view of the probable lighting of Athletic Park for night baseball next summer, there has been a strong revival in baseball interest in Coquille and Mr. Fortier is planning, if financial assistance is guaranteed, to enter a club in the Oregon State League in 1938. There is a nucleus of a very strong Loggers team in southwestern Oregon and Bill plans to bring in some of the players who are continually writing for an opportunity to play with the Loggers—the whole plan contingent, of course, on the fan interest producing the financial support.

A committee consisting of Life Compton, Ray Jeub, Elbert Schroeder, and Harry Claterbos, was appointed by Pres. Stevens to assist Mr. Fortier in financing a state league club in Coquille.

Mrs. Basil Arnold Found a Wildcat Also Has Nine Lives — Or More

Mrs. Basil Arnold had to take every one of the cat's nine lives Sunday before she could carry her kill home. She was at the upper end of their place on Rink Creek when she found a good-sized bob cat caught by one foot in one of the traps put out by the government hunter. Her first thought was to go for Mr. Arnold but that meant a mile walk home, another one back and still another home, so she decided to see

what she could do toward killing the snarling beast.

She found a club, longer than the trap's chain, and finally got in a blow back of its ear. The animal dropped but soon recovered, still full of fight.

She doesn't know just how many blows she struck but it was at least nine.

The varmint measured three and one-half feet from tip to tip.