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Contract for New Gym Let For \$37,598

Barham Bros., of Salem, Were the Successful Bidder—Con- struction to Start January 7

Barham Bros., of Salem, were awarded the contract for the new high school gymnasium yesterday afternoon by the directors of school district No. 8. That is, their bid of \$37,598 was accepted by the directors but the formal contract will have to be approved by the Federal Relief Administration office in Portland. A representative of the F.R.A., Robert W. Neale, was present when the bids were opened.

Work on the new building must be started on January 7, and must be completed, set by the F.R.A., is August 10.

The amount which the district has to spend for the gym is \$37,598, after all other expenses including architects fee, advertising, etc., have been paid.

There were two other bidders, Tom Lillebo, of Reedsport, who was low bidder the first time the district called for bids, and the Tiller Construction Co.

Base bids submitted were—Barham Bros., \$47,100; Tiller Co., \$48,281; Lillebo, \$47,800.

This being more than the district had to spend, a process of elimination began, cutting out the folding bleachers for the main floor, ceiling of the main auditorium, and a great deal of equipment which had been included in the architects specifications.

When these alternates had been deducted from the basic bid, Barham Bros. stood at \$37,597, Tiller's at \$39,000, and Lillebo's at \$37,085.

As has been stated many times heretofore, the funds for the building were derived from a \$23,000 bond issue, approved by the voters of the district, and a grant of \$12,500 from the Federal Relief Administration.

One considerable item in the cost of the building, not figured at first, was the concrete wall which was required by the fire marshal's office. This wall is inside the building and forms a corridor or tunnel between the north end of the high school building, which is to be a party wall, and the playing floor of the gym.

The new building, which will adjoin the high school building on the north is to be 101 feet by 93 feet and eight inches on the ground and about 35 feet in height.

It is to be built of concrete, with eight inch walls, with paper built-up roof, and for windows will have glass brick which are practically as strong in supporting weight as the concrete.

The playing floor is to be 50x84 feet for regular basketball games, with baskets for two smaller courts for physical education drills.

A stage is planned for the east side of the auditorium, and in reducing the bid to come within the required figure a lot of accessories there was deleted.

It is estimated the seating capacity on the main floor, outside the basketball court, will be 650, but until the district is able to buy bleacher seats the spectators will have to stand, except in the balcony over the above mentioned tunnel.

The basement will be fitted up with locker rooms, showers, dressing rooms, etc., for both boys and girls, with stairways leading to the basement from the playing floor.

The new building will resemble the high school building, it to be finished in white, but will not be as tall as the high school.

Included in the contract also is a steel fire escape chute for the Tenth street end of the high school building to replace the wooden affair in

Lester Borgard to Be Buried Friday

Lester Arthur Borgard, a native of the Coquille valley who had spent the greater part of his life on the Borgard ranch on Lampa creek where he was born, passed away at the Coquille Hospital here at 1:05 yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

Death was due to a malignant tumor on the brain. He had been in the hospital here before being taken to Portland early in November, but nothing could be done to halt the spread of the tumor.

Funeral services, under the direction of the committee which consisted of Schroeder Bros., will be held at the Pioneer church, of which he was a consistent member, at two o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Howard L. Graybeal, assisted by Rev. G. A. Gray, will conduct the services.

Mr. Borgard was born Dec. 2, 1894. He attended school in his district and from which he graduated in 1912. He attended Oregon State College for a time but did not finish his course there.

On July 19, 1919, at Los Angeles, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen Law, who survives him. He also leaves three small children, Carolyn 7, Arthur 6, and Robert 2. His surviving sisters are Mrs. Mamie Miller, of Lampa creek, Mrs. Gertrude Monson, teacher in the Myrtle Point schools, and brothers are, Gilbert Borgard, of Fat Elk, and Conrad Borgard, of Lampa.

Mr. Borgard was a Christian and lived up to his profession. When he learned the nature of the malady with which he was afflicted he told Mrs. Borgard that he was ready to go if his case was hopeless and nothing could be done for him. He was a good man and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

10 Percent of Tax Notices Were Undeliverable

A week or so ago the tax collection department sent out 3,000 notices to property owners on the rolls for personal property taxes but who were delinquent for a year or more. Ten per cent of them or about 300 have been returned to the sheriff's office, the addressee either having moved away or passed away.

The total taxes included in the 5,000 notices was \$300,000. Just what percentage of that amount has been paid, the clerks do not yet know; they have been so busy waiting on people who came in to pay up that they have had no time to figure totals.

De La Rhue Talked to Rotary

New members of the Coquille Rotary, which met in the Yellow Lantern yesterday noon, were Paul Trojel and Marlin Brandon. Visiting Rotarians were Ed Loney, of Marshfield, and Glenn Mitchell, of Grants Pass. Guests at the luncheon were Harry Oerding and Gross Wood.

The talk given by Dr. T. De La Rhue was interesting and gave new light on the characteristics of the people in South American countries, where he spent a number of years.

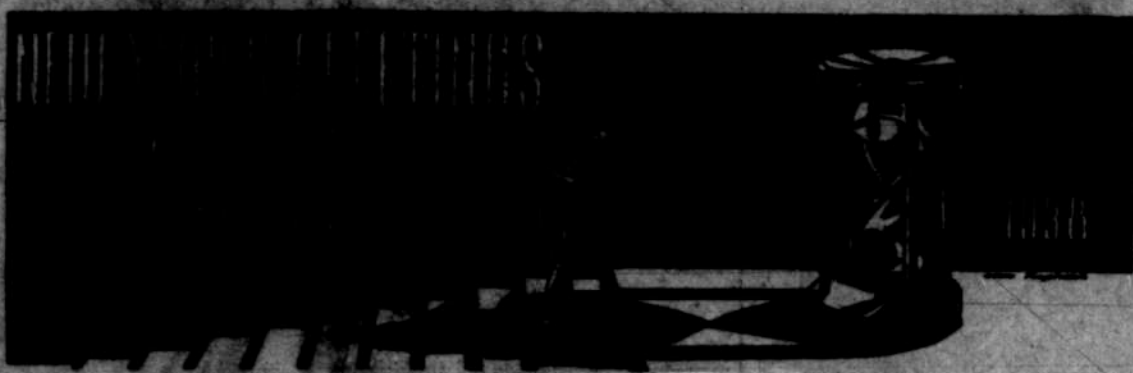
Holmstrom to Appear at Roxy

"Buzz" Holmstrom is to be an added attraction at the Roxy Theatre this week end, appearing on the stage of the theatre this, Friday and Saturday, evenings to tell of his thrilling experiences on that perilous solo trip down the Colorado river.

Scouts to Have Court of Honor

A Court of Honor, the first to be held for Boy Scouts in Coquille for a year or more, is scheduled to be held in the city hall on the evening of January 11.

use there since the high school was erected.



The Sentinel wishes all its subscribers, readers, patrons and friends a Very Happy New Year and a prosperous 1938

City Cleaners, Folsom, Ulett, and Rackleff Winners

J. A. Fitzpatrick's Christmas decoration of the City Cleaners business front received first prize from the decision of the committee which viewed all the outdoor decorations just before Christmas. Second prize in the business house class went to the Folsom Grocery.

In the residence class the Geo. A. Ulett home was adjudged first and the D. E. Rackleff home second.

The prizes, contributed by the Chamber of Commerce, were \$10 in cash for each first and \$5 for each second.

Visitors in Coquille during the holidays commented most favorably on the beautiful appearance of the Yuletide decorations here.

There was one lack, or rather two, which will be corrected next year. That is, that neither of the two entrances to the city on Front street were ornamented with stars.

Coos Co. Dairy- men Here Jan. 3

The annual meeting of the Coos County Dairymen's Association will be held in the Woodman Hall in Coquille on Monday, January 3, at 1:30 p. m., according to M. M. Schmidt, of Norway, president of the organization. Officers and directors of the organization for 1938 will be elected at this meeting, Schmidt stated, and a program of interest to all dairymen is being planned. A report will be given by the committee making arrangements for the meeting of the Oregon State Dairymen's Association, which will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall in Coquille on January 21 and 22.

Plans will be discussed for improving methods of keeping sire records for members of dairy herd improvement associations in the county. A report will be given on the progress made to date in testing dairy herds for Bang's disease and it is expected that practically all herds in the county will have been tested and reactors removed before this meeting. All dairymen or those interested in the dairymen's problems are invited to attend whether members of the organization or not.

Mails Late This Week

The mails have been late all this week, due to the storms which have caused slides along the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific. Previously this week the train would leave Eugene for Marshfield as soon as it became daylight, but at eight o'clock this morning neither last night's train out from Coos Bay nor the one which should leave Eugene at about one a. m. had been started.

Sale at Gould Furniture Store

The Gould Furniture store is this week advertising a huge stock reduction sale with every article in the house drastically cut in price, except contract goods on which no cut is allowed by the manufacturer. It affords a fine opportunity for thrifty buyers to replace the old furniture or furnishings with new at a minimum of cost.

The sale opens next Tuesday morning, Jan. 4, at nine o'clock.

The Oregon State Employment Service agency at Marshfield announces that an interviewer to take applications and a senior claim deputy to take claims from those eligible for unemployment insurance will be in the Coquille city hall next Monday, Jan. 3, from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Those entitled to benefits from this service are thus saved the expense of a trip to Marshfield.

"Buzz" Says He Will Quit Now

"I'm glad to get back and get to work," says "Buzz" Holmstrom, "and I think I'm through running around the country on such trips," and he adds that he enjoyed every minute of that nearly four months' vacation, which seemed like a year to him.

"Buzz" reached home about 3:30 last Saturday, in time to eat a belated Christmas dinner with his mother and brother.

He left Monday for Portland to make arrangements for having the story of his trip put in shape and he got back home again this morning.

In view of the fact that he had an agreement with the Roxy Theatre management to make a personal appearance and talk this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, the Sentinel did not ask "Buzz" for any further details of that dangerous 1100-mile trip down the Green and Colorado rivers.

He says that the trip cost him \$1,000 and he hopes to make enough out of various contracts to reimburse him for his expenses.

He has an offer from the park commission at Boulder City for his boat, which he left there, but has not yet decided whether he will sell it or not.

Between times of waiting on trade at the Coquille Service Station, "Buzz" has been most busy shaking hands with his hundreds of friends who congratulate him upon the successful accomplishment of his desire. He looks to be the same Haldane, although there is a deeper, more mature look in his eyes which indicate that the experiences of the last few months have left an indelible impression on his mind.

Board to Consider Flood Control

The Coos County Planning Commission which numbers 15 citizens of the county and of which County Agent Geo. H. Jenkins is chairman, will hold its first meeting in several months at the court house tomorrow (Friday) morning at ten o'clock.

The chairman states that the primary purpose of the session is to consider the matter of flood control in the Coquille valley and the question of whether floods in this valley can be diminished in volume by cutting a channel from Beaver slough through the divide to Isthmus slough, will be discussed.

No announcement has yet been made as to what the army engineers who made a flood control survey this year will report, but the matter is being agitated by the state planning board which asks the co-operation of the county board.

Election of officers for the coming year may also take place at tomorrow's meeting.

Chief Pontiac Co. to Open Salesroom Sunday

The Chief Pontiac Co., with Walter Eagan, Wayne Loveless, of Coquille, and Nedolph Wilson, of Bullards, as partners in the firms, expects to open its Pontiac showroom next Sunday. It is located on the Front street end of the Roosevelt Service Station building, and will be under the supervision of Mr. Eagan and Mr. Loveless. Mr. Wilson will manage the Bandon branch.

A repair shop for servicing Pontiacs and general automobile garage work is to be opened by a mechanic, Mr. Johnson, in the room adjoining the Pontiac showroom.

Mrs. E. V. Hand Buried in Calif.

Lee Hand left Monday for Buena Vista, Calif., in response to a telegram that his mother, Mrs. E. V. Hand, had passed away there at the home of her son, W. D. Hand, at 4:30 that morning.

She had gone down to southern California for a visit a year ago last October, and the incurable trouble from which she died rendered her bedfast within a short time after her arrival there.

Funeral services and interment took place at Whittier, Calif., either yesterday or today.

Mrs. Hand was born in Oklahoma nearly 70 years ago and had been a resident of Coquille for several years. Mr. Hand, her husband, went down to southern California last January and had been there since, helping take care of her. He is expected to return to Coquille with Lee in a few days.

Besides those mentioned, Mrs. Hand is survived by a son, Ben, who lives in Oklahoma, and two daughters, Mrs. Orin Painter, of Marshfield, and Mrs. Hazel Layton, of Whittier.

Plant to Be Down Sev- eral Days for Repairs

All department of the Smith Wood-Products plant, except the Plywood, will close tomorrow (Friday) evening for five or six days. Repairs to the docks, machinery and equipment will be made during the shutdown. Mr. Ulett says the plywood will continue as usual and that the other departments will start up in five or six days.

Eagles' New Year Dance

The Eagles' New Year's dance Saturday evening will feature Babe's Melody Kings, a number of free dances, confetti, horns, caps, and a lot of unusual entertainment. It will be a splendid place to dance the new year in and you can be sure of a good time. The courtesy gift this week is donated by Biegger & Gunderson.

Biggest Mails Last Week

The heaviest of last week's mail did not reach the local office until the two days before Christmas. Thursday morning there were 143 sacks of parcels post and on Friday the total was 102, both days beating any previous year record for a single day.

Fairview Dance Friday Night

The Fairview Community Club is advertising a New Year's Dance to be held at the Community Hall there Friday evening. Their next dance will be held on Jan. 15 and every two weeks thereafter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Watkins Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Watkins celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Christmas day in Coquille. In all their fifty years of married life, not one death has taken place in their family or any of their children's families and all were present at the celebration, except one granddaughter, Miss Wilma Watkins, of Portland, who was unable to attend because of her mother's illness. Those of the family who were there were three sons, Earl Watkins, of Portland; Ray Watkins, of Eureka, Calif.; and Ernest Watkins, of Arago; one daughter, Mrs. Kennedy Baker, of Bandon; six grandchildren: Mrs. John Damron, of Bandon; Everett and Dorothy Belle Watkins, of Eureka, Calif.; Mary, Jean and Anne

Cost Him \$1.50 Per Mile for Wrecker Service

E. G. Opperman Has Thrilling Experience in Siskiyou--Had to Give up Christmas Trip

E. G. Opperman returned to Coquille last Sunday after some of the most thrilling experiences of his life. He had started last Thursday for California points to spend Christmas. A mild blizzard that night caused him to stop a few miles south of Ashland. In the morning a snow bank of more than four feet against the garage door necessitated a lot of shovel work and then he had to get a tow car to pull him on to the highway.

It was a real blizzard Friday morning but he was making slow time on his journey when an approaching car started skidding down toward him, all over the highway.

Mr. Opperman pulled to the left, went off the grade and was stopped by a fir tree with right side of his car lodged against the bank. He looked out the left and there was a sheer drop of 300 feet under the running board. He stepped on to the running board and gingerly climbed over his snow-covered car and back to safety, with the car teetering like a leaf in a gale. It required two slings to lift the car back on to the highway.

A third time that he had to get a wrecker on that unforgettable day was when he was following the tracks just made by another car around a bend. He went off the grade then, too, but the other car was way down the hill below him. He counted 35 cars which had been ditched by reason of the snow and slippery road.

"It cost me just a dollar and a half a mile for wrecker service," Mr. Opperman says, "for the 25 miles I made south of Ashland," so he turned around and came home.

It was the first time in 31 years of driving that he had ever had to be pulled out by a wrecking car.

Wreck Crushes Powers Lady

An overturned Ford truck about 3:30 last Sunday morning crushed life out of Mrs. Clyde Brown, 28, of Powers, as she and ten others were starting for home on the Catching creek road, ten miles from Myrtle Point, after attending a Christmas dance.

Mrs. Ralph McCall, of Broadbent, and Mrs. Milton Brown, of Powers, were others of the party who were seriously injured.

A chuck hole in the road, according to the truck's driver, Harry J. Earle, of Powers, caused him to lose control of the vehicle which plunged 15 feet over the grade and rolled over.

Others in the party were the dead woman's husband, Clyde Brown, Archie and Coney Brown, Powers; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Wagner, Myrtle Point; and Ralph McCall.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrison intend leaving Sunday for Davis, California, where the doctor will attend a veterinarian conference and school at the California agricultural college. Some of the highest ranking men in that profession in the U. S. are to be present for the sessions. The doctor plans to be home Jan. 7.

Hated Hoosier to Meet Al Szasz on Wrestling Card Here Jan. 5

After a lay-off several weeks over the holidays, wrestling will return in full force to the Coquille Community Building in a double main event program next Wednesday night, January 5.

It is a strong card which starts the new year off in the right way. In one feature of the double event Hoosier Jack Lipscomb, of Indiana, will meet Al Szasz, of Hungary, in a one-hour, best two-out-of-three

falls match.

This as a main event should pack em in for if there is any gent Coquille fans would like to see mauled it is none other than Mr. Lipscomb, who has a way of disposing of his opponents in a very impolite manner. A few weeks ago in Coquille Lipscomb lost to Ace Freeman in a two straight disqualification and left town in a rage. Now he returns.

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