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Coquille Stores Are Ready For Big Sales For Thanksgiving

Coquille food stores are fully prepared to handle the holiday trade this year for the biggest Thanksgiving in history. For the past month, these merchants have been buying, planning and promoting this one big event of November and now it is time to prepare the table for the occasion.

Safeway stores of Coquille are among the first to be ready and have very scrupulously planned this food season to the utmost. Cranberries, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, turkey and all the trimmings have been carefully stocked for the public by these leading stores of the city.

At the Busy Corner Grocery, J. E. Norton has had his livestock force prepared for the holiday season.

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Low Interest Rate On School Bonds

Again the Coquille Branch of the First National Bank of Portland submits a splendid bid for Coquille bonds, this time those which school district No. 8 will issue for the new building to replace the Washington building.

The issue is for \$41,350 and the bank offered \$100.00 for each \$100 worth of bonds at the directors' meeting Tuesday evening. What made their bid so outstanding was the rate of interest asked, 2 1/2 per cent for \$15,500 worth of the bonds and three per cent for the remainder, \$25,850.

That interest rate was substantially lower than the other bid received, that of the Bank of Southwestern Oregon. The first \$20,000 worth of the bonds will mature Dec. 1, 1943, and the final maturity will be Dec. 1, 1949, when \$6,750 worth will be paid.

Hot Wrestling Card For Friday Evening

Bull Venable, the roar of the Louisiana canebrake, comes to town Friday for his engagement against Jimmy Londe in the main event of Promoter Harry Elliott's wrestling fantasia.

The Bull, closest thing to Neanderthal man ever seen in these parts, is highly inflated with his sensational victories over Elton Owens, Walt Ashu and Ernie Piluso and is looking around for more worlds to conquer.

In Jimmy Londe—no relation to Jimmy Londe, the Greek champ—he will meet the pride of Wisconsin, for Jimmy holds the junior light heavy crown of that state. A handsome young chap who comes to Coquille for the first time in his life, Londe has huge arms and shoulders.

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Poor Mail Service To Coos Bay P. O.

There is something very putrid in the mail service between Coquille and North Bend. An important letter mailed here at 9:30 Tuesday evening, and which should have reached the Coos Bay Harbor the middle of the morning yesterday, was not put in their mail drawer in the North Bend postoffice until this morning.

This complaint is respectfully referred to the postal inspector in charge of this district.

Basketball Squad Called Out By Coach

Coach "Spike" Leslie has called all high school basketball players and prospective players for a first assembly next Monday evening. For the next month or more practice will be held in the Community Building while the finishing of the new gym is in progress.

Several of last year's lettermen and reserves will answer the call and Coquille should have a strong fighting quint again this year.

Mrs. Laird In Long Beach

Friends here have received word from Mrs. Mable Laird that she and her son, Lloyd, have moved from San Francisco and have gone to Long Beach, where he has a position with an oil company.

G. E. Griffith At C. of C. Election Next Tuesday

There was very little business for the directors of the Chamber of Commerce to clean up at the Tuesday noon session, the last before the annual election next Tuesday evening when three officers and seventeen directors are to be chosen.

The high light of that meeting, which starts with a 6:30 o'clock dinner in the hotel, will be the address by Geo. E. Griffith, head of the forest service publicity bureau. Mr. Griffith is a splendid talker and whatever he may decide to devote his remarks to, his message will be well worth while and interesting.

Ladies are invited and will be welcome.

"Buzz" To Return Home Next Week

Notwithstanding the published reports that Haldane Holmstrom's appearance with his boat at the San Francisco fair next year has been definitely settled, Mrs. Frances Holmstrom stated yesterday that "Buzz" has informed her that it is not yet settled, but that he is going to stop at San Francisco on his way home and that arrangements may be made then. "Buzz" expects to be home in a few days.

His latest newspaper publicity resulted from his falling from the dock at Boulder City into Lake Mead, after successfully shooting all the dangerous rapids on the Colorado river, some that he portaged around his first trip when he made it without companions.

Bryants Leave Dec. 1st For Scotland

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant are planning an extended vacation trip this winter, one which all of us would enjoy taking. About the first of December they will leave for Scotland and then while on that side of the big pond they expect to go across to France and see Paris. Their plans are for a ten weeks' absence and they will be home some time in February.

Mrs. Bryant left last Sunday for Burns and other points in eastern Oregon to visit clubs in her capacity as state president of the B. & P. W.

Legion Keno To Be In Sentinel Building

The American Legion annual Keno, to be held next Monday evening, Nov. 21, will be in the Southwestern Motors body shop, the corner room of the Sentinel building, directly across the street from the Liberty theatre.

Legion Commander Claire M. Gray states that a large number of prime A1 turkeys will be on hand for the games.

65 Per Cent Of Registration Cast Vote

While last week's election did not poll the largest vote ever cast in Coos county, with its 10,334 recorded, it was just under 65 per cent of the total registration of 15,986. In 1936 a presidential year, the total cast was 10,903.

Fatal Wreck Tuesday Afternoon Kills One, Injures Four Others

Portland Car, Driven By S. E. Cox, Out Of Control, Crashes Into Jenner Ekblad's Chevrolet

Coquille people who arrived at the scene of that dreadful wreck, just this side of the Coos City bridge on the Marshallfield highway last Tuesday afternoon all refer to it as the most terrible sight they had ever seen.

One man, driver of the car which caused the collision, Samuel E. Cox, of Portland, was instantly killed when the engine of his Buick was driven back into the front seat. Cox had evidently been travelling at a high rate of speed and when two of the wheels got off into the soft shoulders he lost control while trying to get back on the pavement.

His wife was with him and they were returning from a trip to California. She suffered a fractured vertebrae.

In the other car, a Chevrolet owned and driven by Jenner Ekblad, of Cooson, were Mrs. Anna Ekblad, of Millington, Mrs. Jenner Ekblad, her son, Darrell, 4, and Mrs. Oren Ekblad, of Millington.

Mrs. Anna Ekblad was the most seriously injured, suffering compound fractures of both legs, brain concussion and terrible face lacerations. Mrs. Jenner Ekblad received head and back injuries, possible skull and vertebrae fractures.

Jenner Ekblad received rib injuries, cuts and bruises while Mrs. Oren Ekblad and Darrell escaped without serious injuries.

Both cars are said by those who saw them to be a heap of junk.

Plaintiff Receives Insurance Verdict

The first three days this week the case of I. N. Beebe vs. the Ohio Casualty Insurance company has occupied the attention of circuit court. The plaintiff was suing for destruction of a truck nearly two years ago on which the company refused payment on technical grounds. The verdict yesterday was for \$1,081.50, practically what was asked in the complaint.

Thanksgiving Union Service November 23

The union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Church of Christ, East Fourth and Coulter, Wednesday night, November 23, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. D. E. Smith, of the Assembly of God, will be the speaker and music will be furnished by the choir of the Church of Christ, directed by Mrs. Maude Skaggs Woodyard. A large crowd is anticipated.

Death Missed By A Miracle At Denmark

Clarence Van Houten, whose home is in Gold Hill, Ore., but who works at Dement for the South Bay Logging Co., was brought to the Coquille Hospital last Friday suffering from skull, rib and left clavicle fracture. He was hit by a log which struck him as a truck was being loaded.

Bishop Dagwell To Preach In Pioneer Church Thanksgiving

There will be a Thanksgiving service next Thursday morning when Bishop B. D. Dagwell of the Episcopal Church will preach at 10 a. m. in Pioneer Methodist Church, where Rev. H. L. Graybeal is the pastor.

Bishop Dagwell is resident bishop of the Oregon diocese with headquarters in Portland. He was formerly dean of the Cathedral in Denver but was elected to the Bishopric in 1926, and has since then been in charge of the work of the Episcopal church in western Oregon. Two years ago he was in Coquille as a member of the National Preaching Mission group and at that time preached in Pioneer church, and is a frequent Coquille visitor.

Special music is planned for this service which will be in keeping with the Thanksgiving season. Both pastors and members from the other churches of Coquille are planning to attend. The service will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and last for one hour only.

Traffic Violations for Week Numerous

Heading the list of traffic violators for the week that were tried in the court of Justice of the Peace C. A. Barton, is Antonio Salvatore Caruso, who pleaded guilty to a charge by state patrolman, E. W. Tichenor, of speeding while driving a heavy truck. He was fined \$15.00 and court costs. Tichenor also arrested Veri Shelton for driving with an overload. He was fined \$5.00 and costs by the judge.

Petrolman O'Mara arrested Joe Romano and Eben R. Massey for driving without an operator's license. Each was fined \$5.00 and costs but Massey's fine was suspended.

Murder Trial Starts

The case of the state vs. Ernest Dwight Byers, indicted for the murder of Frank Black, auto court proprietor, at Empire, several months ago, was started this morning with the examination of jurymen who may be accepted to hear the case.

Snow Drives Hunters Home

Drue Cunningham and Vernon Smith returned from eastern Oregon Monday evening without having bagged an elk. They were driven out by the storm prevailing in that section and the fear that if they delayed longer the roads would be blocked and that they could not get out.

New Jefferson Nickel Here

The new democratic nickel showing Thomas Jefferson's head on one side and his Monticello home on the reverse arrived in Coquille today when 200 were received by the bank here. It still bears the inscription "In God We Trust."

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Ulett left this morning for Palo Alto to see their son, George, Jr., who is attending Stanford university, and to attend that school's big game with California U. at Berkeley Saturday. They expect to be home Monday.

140 At Armistice Day Breakfast Last Week

The twentieth annual Armistice Day breakfast served by Coquille Post, No. 36, American Legion last Friday morning was the most largely attended and the most successful that the post has given. It was attended by 127 Legion members and several invited guests.

The district commander, Dr. E. J. Corcoran, of Reedsport, and commanders of the post at Bandon, Port Orford, Powers and Coquille were present as well as other members from each of those posts.

After the breakfast, the firing of the cannon at ten o'clock, and the posing for the group picture shown below, a dozen or more carloads of Legionaire drove to Bandon for the football game, which Bandon won from Florence 19 to 6, and then were entertained by the Legion post of Bandon.

In the evening there was a very fair attendance at the dance in the Coquille Community Building which was sponsored by the Bandon and Coquille posts. Although the attendance was not as large as had been hoped, it was a very fine dance.

R. H. Mast Surprised On 80th Birthday

Judge R. H. Mast was pleasantly surprised Monday evening with a lovely party in honor of his 80th birthday. During the evening the guests played bridge, hearts and Chinese checkers. Prices were awarded in all of the games. Twenty-two old friends helped Judge Mast celebrate his birthday. Tuesday evening was the cause of another celebration when a family dinner was enjoyed.

Former Mail Carrier Visits

Roy B. Gudmundson, who resigned his position as city mail carrier here five years ago, was a Coquille visitor on Monday. He is now living in Berkeley, Calif., and is in the railway mail service, his route being from San Francisco to Bakersfield. He was on a three weeks' vacation and had been north to Seattle.

Bids Called For New School

Elsewhere in this issue appears the call for bids for construction of Coquille's new grade school building, to replace the antiquated Washington building in the east part of town. Bids will be received by Clerk Keith Leslie until 2:00 p. m. on Thursday, Dec. 8. The estimated available funds for the job, the PWA grant and the district's bond issue, is approximately \$68,300.

Have Gone For Prisoners

Sheriff Howell left this morning for Eugene to bring a man arrested out there back to Coos county and Deputy P. W. Culver left for Burns on a similar mission this morning.

Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

A special communication of Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday, Nov. 22. Work in the F. C. degree.

Theo L. Clinton, W. M.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Don McKay, of Coquille, at the Coquille Hospital last Sunday, a nine-pound daughter who has been named Sandra Ann.

Survivor Of Panay Bombing Talked To Lions Club Thursday

Roy Squires, Friend of E. J. Loney, Made Intensely Interesting Talk On War In China

Roy Squires, a friend of Ed J. Loney, of the Smith Wood-Products, dating back to the time when they were both employees of the China Import & Export Lumber Co., was a guest with Mr. Loney at the Lions club luncheon last Thursday noon, and the hour's talk he made at that time was an intensely interesting one to the 35 listeners present. It was a talk that everyone in Coquille would have enjoyed hearing.

Mr. Squires, who is now a passenger on the Yang-tse river U. S. gunboat "Panay" when it was bombed and sunk by Jap airships a year ago, and was himself injured, a piece of shrapnel entering his shoulder and passing through his body.

As a representative of his company, whose headquarters are at Shanghai, Mr. Squires had been sent to Nanking to look after the company's interests and when the bombardment had become too close there, all the foreigners were being moved out. The better-equipped vessels had carried the women and children and most of the single men were on the Panay.

Certain spots had been agreed upon by the Japanese command as safety zones along the river and when the danger increased at the first and second zone the Panay had moved to the third.

When the bomb dropped on to and through the Panay it brought the passengers, most of whom were taking an after-lunch siesta, out with a rush and the life boats were manned, filled and started for shore, 200 or 300 yards distant. Most of those boats had been pierced by shrapnel and it required constant balling to keep afloat that short distance.

Taking the injured, the entire company started inland, not knowing when machine gunners might follow up the airplane attack which had continued for some little time. They managed to reach a small walled town some 20 miles distant when word reached them from British sources that the Japanese commander had apologized for the "incident" and they returned to the Yang-tse where first aid was administered—the second day after the bombing. But none of the injured would accept Japanese treatment for his wounds.

Mr. Squires told at some length of the economic conditions in China: The price of goods they produce or products raised has not increased during the war—in other words there has been no inflation on home goods, but imports received have increased in price about six and one half times. In other words the foreigners there have to pay \$6.50 in Chinese coin for what previously cost a dollar.

There is no stability to currency, each province issuing its own and the Japanese have opened a bank in one section, issuing money without any promise or redemption or standard of value back of it. Naturally it is not accepted unless it can be used for the purchase of goods in the same district.

Although his parents were Wisconsin people, Mr. Squires was born in Manila, and has lived in China since a boy, receiving his schooling in American institutions there. He came to the U. S. for his college study and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

When that fact became known, the Lions requested that the three Washington alumni present—Mr. Squires, M. M. Newdall and F. W. Martin—sing the famous Washington football song. Mr. Newdall had to make a solo of it, however, and accompanied by Bobbie Burns, he surprised the club with his splendid rendering of "Bow Down to Washington."

Judge James T. Brand is addressing the club at this noon's luncheon.

LEE EVANS HIT BY CAR

Lee Evans, Bear creek dairyman, was brought to the Belle Knife Hospital Tuesday evening, suffering from a fractured ankle and bruises which he received when hit by a car as he was driving his cattle across the highway to the barn. The car was driven by Mr. Chenoweth, of the Sixes district, but state police officers who investigated the accident state they found no reason for preferring charges against him.

Those Who Attended the Legion Armistice Day Breakfast Last Friday

