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## County Employees Banquet And Sing Last Night

### Christmas Spirit And Harmony Prevails At Party Held In Coquille Hotel Last Evening

One of the jolliest Christmas parties ever held in Coquille was that of the county officials and employees, from all departments, which took place in the Coquille Hotel last evening, starting with a banquet at seven o'clock.

Mrs. Host Compton had arranged the tables for the fifty guests so that all faced the speakers' table and an excellent dinner had been prepared in the hotel kitchen. The tables were decorated in holiday attire and paper caps for each were furnished by Mrs. Iris Elrod.

Each one present had brought an inexpensive gift so that everyone started his or her Christmas collection a few days early.

Judge Hugh McLain acted as toastmaster and interspersed talks by heads of departments, with community singing of old time songs, and County Treasurer Stauff says the songs were still older after being rendered by the assembly. He did not say "they were worn out."

Serious and humorous were the talks made by department heads in outlining policies for 1939, but they were all interesting and full of comedy.

Judge McLain called for a quartet to sing "Sweet Adeline" and insisted that he be one of the four. After some searching the four who rendered the four o'clock version were Judge McLain, County Treasurer Stauff, Roadmaster Robb and Ralph Harry. The rest of the crowd said they had heard "Sweet Adeline" many times before but many of them had never "seen" it sung before.

Sheriff Howell, who was ill at home, and District Attorney Flaxel were two of the county officials who were unable to be present.

The Sentinel is requested by the list of those present, as printed below, to express their thanks and appreciation to the Standard Oil Co. for the welcome gifts of cigars, cigarettes and candy:

Hugh McLain, R. H. Lawhorn, Thos. H. Thompson, Floyd A. Robb, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Stark, Mrs. Martha E. Mulkey, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ralph Harry, J. W. Leneve, Miss Beatrice Getz, H. C. Getz, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Oddy, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Beyers, Mr. and Mrs. Iris A. Elrod, Chas. Stauff, Miss Julia Bennett, Miss Julia Leatherman, Miss LaVerne Knife, Miss Myrtle Minter, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Caughell, Esta Stewart, Dick Melis, Mrs. T. H. Thompson, Gladys May, Tom Evans, A. G. Trendell, Marian Endicott, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gearhart, Miss Dolores Belloni, Stanley Furman, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McNelly, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Culver, Mrs. Leta Leslie, R. H. Mast, Mrs. Mae Waggoner, Mrs. Anna Rooney, Mrs. Jessie Lawhorne Smith.

## First National Bank Party Last Night

There were 40 in attendance at the Christmas party, held at the Coos County Club house near Coos City, last night, by the managers and employees, their wives and sweethearts, of the three Coos county branches of the First National Bank of Portland, those at Coquille, North Bend and Marshfield. A dinner and dance were the features of the evening which made it one long to be remembered by those present.

## Holiday Matinees At The Theatres

Christmas matinees at Coquille's motion picture houses will feature "The Cowboy and the Lady" at the Roxy, Sunday at 1:45, and a double feature at the Liberty on Monday, "Romance of the Limberlost" and "Peck's Bad Boy with the Circus." Also the usual Saturday matinee at the Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hazard left Sunday for Portland to see their new granddaughter and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sercomb. They left there Tuesday by train for Pasadena to spend the holidays with their son, Austin, and family and expect to be home the middle of January.

## Fine Musical Programs Sunday

The Episcopal church was crowded last Sunday morning by a congregation which appreciated and enjoyed the singing of English carols by the choir, with Mrs. Maud Woodyard at the organ.

The appreciation was enhanced by the fact that Rev. Geo. R. Turney, vicar, gave a description of each carol before its rendition and commented on the history of carols as distinguished from hymns.

In the evening last Sunday the Pioneer church was filled with another large attendance of those who came to hear the vested choir give the Christmas musicale on which the members had been practicing for weeks under the direction of Miss Anita Pageler.

From the candle light entry by the choir, each one bearing a lighted taper, until the closing benediction, the program was carried through with a perfection that made it a most interesting and enjoyable service to all who appreciate the value of good music and singing.

The personnel of the choir, as well as of the high school girls' antiphonal choir, was printed in the Sentinel last week and will not be repeated, but they all did splendidly and were the recipients of heartiest congratulations.

## Heavy Mails At P. O. The Past Week

Christmas mailing has pretty nearly swamped the postoffice this week, both letter mail and parcels post being quite heavy. Postmaster Hawkins was almost driven to set up a desk in the lobby, his flat top desk being surrounded with packages to a height of several feet.

Beginning with Monday, Dec. 12, and omitting Sunday, the 18th, the daily outgo of parcels post sacks has been 30, 19, 21, 40, 45, 43, 78, 63 and 45 last night.

For the same period the parcels post arrivals have been 20 sacks, 57, 65, 60, 59, 55, 70, 97, 65 and 120 this morning. This morning's receipts fall short of last year's record of 157 sacks which arrived the morning of Dec. 23, but it may be exceeded tomorrow or Saturday. However, the early mailing has been more in evidence this year than ever before.

## J. P. Cases, Here And At Marshfield

Warren Edward Gilbert was brought down from his home near Powers yesterday on complaint of the other party in the case. He is held in the county jail on an old traffic law conviction on which he had failed to pay a \$5 fine, to give the county health officer an opportunity to make an examination to ascertain if a more serious charge is to be filed against him.

Other cases in Justice Clarence Barton's court the past week were those of Jess M. Baldwin, last Friday, who was given 30 days in the county jail on a drunk and disorderly charge; Wm. Johnson White, 12 1/2 days in the county jail on Saturday, for operating a set net in the river without having a license; Walter Smith, on Monday, 30 days for drunkenness.

Two others were brought from Marshfield to the county jail for intoxication convictions—Wm. F. Olson, Dec. 16, ten days; and Wm. Thomas, yesterday, ten days.

## Coffee Shop To Close For 10 Days

The Coquille Hotel coffee shop and dining room is to be closed just after the Lions Club luncheon this noon until Tuesday morning, Jan. 3. The purpose is to give the kitchen and dining room crews a vacation and to permit the renovation and redecoration of the rooms.

Every hotel dining room in the county is to be closed for the same period.

The two service clubs—Lions and Rotary—will be served their weekly luncheon by the Episcopal Guild ladies in the parish house next week and the Chamber of Commerce directors voted to cancel their meeting next Tuesday.

Although the thermometer went a degree below freezing last Friday night and two below 32 degrees Sunday night, it has remained above that mark since the intermittent rain started.

## Just Home Folks

### LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM!

By Elizabeth Gormley

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King, Let every heart prepare Him room; And Heaven and nature sing."

How often were sung these joyous words of Isaac Watts! And, of course, we will sing them again this year, for no Christmas is complete without them.

Nearing the Christmas season in or about the year 1700, a homely little minister, hampered always with physical infirmities, denied love and home, bent over his desk in his dingy cold study and penned these words of festive praise.

Again, Christmas is with us, and we are happy. Happy for the memories. Happy for the detailed preparation which takes place each year—decorating the tree, buying the gifts, hiding the gifts for the children, baking the fruit-cake, hanging the mistletoe, polishing the silver—and in our hearts preparing Him room.

Yes, that is the message the lovely old hymn brings: "Let every heart prepare Him room; EVERY heart! But we are so busy and there are so many duties before Christmas that perhaps the minister has time, you see, he must take time to prepare Him room. Then surely we can find time to observe Christmas Eve or Christmas Day!

I love the old story of St. Francis of Assisi, who longed to have the Christmas story enacted before his people. He pondered on this for years and finally received the Pope's permission to produce the sacred story in his churches. He prepared a stable, made a little crib, borrowed an ox,

an ass and a bundle of hay, and here with a group of his followers sang carols to the Christ-child. Throngs were inspired as they filed in and out of the quaint old church. And legend has it that St. Francis stayed in the little church all through the night experiencing unspeakable joy; and said at one time the Christ-child came and blessed him. The heart of St. Francis was prepared to receive him; and from these simple and sincere dramas come the greatest impetus carol singing and writing has ever known.

Somehow, I believe this will be the most joyous Christmas we have ever experienced, for we have come to appreciate our Christian nation, a nation that worships God. Again and again we have shuddered at the terror engulfing the nations whose leaders have forgotten God.

We have come to realize that Peace is priceless gift. Thoughtfully we remember His words, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." We remember that Peace must begin first in our hearts then it can enter our homes, our communities, our nations, our world, and so we are preparing Him room.

And we are happy! Happy we are not blind as was the Inn-keeper who turned the Christ away. Happy that our Christmas duties shall not engross us, nor rob us of smiles needed by dear ones around us. Thankful we can kneel in our churches and listen. Thankful we can sing the lovely old carols and ponder on their meaning! Happy for the love in the world at Christmas! Thankful for children; the stars; the Gift! Happy. He wants room in our hearts!

## Christmas Baskets Are Assured

That needy families of Coquille will be cared for was virtually assured this week when announcement was made regarding the proceeds received from the Christmas Benefit Ball early this month.

Fred Bull, general chairman, reports that \$177.20 has been netted so far after all expenses were paid. This will enable the committee which is comprised of representatives from every civic, fraternal and labor organization in Coquille to make up about 50 baskets to be given away to various families.

Mr. Bull announces that the committee will still accept contributions in the way of food. Farmers of the valley who might desire to donate in this form can do so by dropping off any foods at the office of Mr. Bull on Front street. They will accept these donations up to Friday afternoon only.

In co-operation with the Salvation Army, a thorough check-up has been made of the needy families here and it is certain that everyone will be taken care of. The project of taking care of Coquille's needy is sponsored by the local arm of the F.O.E.

## Coquille Decorations Most Attractive

There are more outside decorations around homes in Coquille this year than ever before and a ride around town in the evening shows many beautiful Christmas decorations. The display is not confined to any one section but they are to be seen in all parts of town. And scores of others have lighted trees inside the house that are beautiful and add to the city's festive appearance.

The judges for the Chamber of Commerce awards will make their rounds Saturday evening.

The business district, too, with its street intersection stars, lighted trees, and other forms of electrical decorations, present a fine holiday appearance but the practice is not as universal as it once was and it would be when it sponsored the idea.

## Budding Poets At Rotary Meeting

That rumbling noise heard around the banquet room of the Coquille Hotel Wednesday noon must have been the shades of Shelley, Keats and Byron turning in their respective graves at the effusion of verse put out by the members of the Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon and annual exchange of Christmas gifts.

Everyone present received a gift with an original verse attached and that the gifts were appropriate and the alleged poetry clever is putting it mildly. President George Turney and Clarence Osika acted the role of Santa Claus, the latter reading the accompanying verse.

Rotarian guests present were Jack Stevens, of Portland, who is superintending the raising of the water works dam, and E. J. Loney, of Marshfield.

Other guests included Earl Sandner, of the engineering force of Stevens & Koon, Jesse Barton, Jr., and Late Compton.

The club will meet next week at the Gull Hall, as the hotel dining room is being closed for redecoration and renovating.

## Plant To Close Down For Week

The Smith Wood-Products plant will be closed down for the week between Christmas and New Years for repairs and improvements to the power boiler house. Some departments for which juice can be furnished by the Mt. States Power Co., may be operated during the week but the greater part of the plant will be idle.

## SENTINEL 16 PAGES

This issue of The Sentinel is 16 pages. It carries greetings from virtually every merchant and enterprise in the Coquille valley. We have taken special pains to bring this number to you and trust that you will read it, read the advs. of the public-spirited firms that have made this contribution possible. Due to an influx of advertising the morning of press day, we were forced to add another two pages and have placed the insert inside of the first section and it is numbered "4-A" and "4-B."

## A Well Beloved Coquille Woman Laid To Rest

### Funeral Services For Mrs. J. E. Paulson Held Tuesday—Lived Here A Third Of A Century

Funeral services were conducted at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries at two p. m. on Tuesday this week for Mrs. J. E. Paulson whose passing occurred last Saturday morning at four o'clock, and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Reidar Bugge, reader in the Church of Christ, Scientist, at Marshfield, read the service, and Mrs. June Walker rendered a vocal number. Pallbearers were J. Arthur Berg, F. C. Hudson, F. L. Greenough, O. C. Sanford, Fred Belloni and Bert Folsom.

A wealth of beautiful floral pieces and sprays were mute tribute to the loving and high esteem in which Mrs. Paulson was held by all who knew her.

Christina Lund was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, on October 4, 1878, and was two months and 13 days past 60 years of age. She came with her parents to Wisconsin when three years of age and was married to J. E. Paulson, in Superior, Wis., on Dec. 16, 1903. They came to Coquille to make their home, following a year's residence in Roseburg, in 1905, and have resided at the corner of First and Coulter streets practically the entire third of a century here.

Besides Mr. Paulson she is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Maxine Mauney, of North Bend, Miss Margaret, who is a student at Stanford University; one son, Walker, of this city; two granddaughters, and three sisters, Mrs. Geo. Knudson and Mrs. Oliver Spire, of Superior, Wis., and Mrs. Clarence Williams, of Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Paulson was a lovely character, beloved by all her friends, and she had a legion of them; she was gracious, kindly, and one who made the world better for her having lived.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to her bereaved family in this dark hour.

## Deserving Of Jail Sentence

There is little incentive for a home owner to decorate for the holiday season when common thieves will destroy the beauty of the decorations. Last Saturday night some hoodlum or degenerate took 18 of the bulbs, all he could reach, from the front of the C. M. Gray home on North Coulter.

But an even more dastardly trick was that of the young fellow who in broad daylight went up into R. H. Creager's yard, this way from LeRoy Rice's service station, sawed down a seven or eight year old fir tree, rolled it over the bank, put it in his truck and drove away before any one could get the license number.

That these petty thieves were probably boys does not lessen their culpability one whit.

## Bank Of Powers To Move To Sweet Home

The Bank of Powers has arrangements completed, with the state banking department and its ownership, to move the institution to Sweet Home. Its officers and nearly all the board of directors will also live in Sweet Home—F. W. Powers, president; Dean McWain, cashier; and D. M. Grant, assistant cashier.

It is expected to have the move completed so that the bank can open in Sweet Home on January 3.

## Clarence Barton To Head Coos County Young Democrats

The Coos County Young Democrats club which held its annual meeting and banquet in the Chandler Hotel at Marshfield, Monday evening, elected Clarence A. Barton, of Coquille, as president for the coming year. Senator Geo. Chaney, of this city, made the principal address of the evening.

## Stores To Be Closed Monday

Christmas falling on Sunday this year, and New Years also, Coquille business houses generally will be closed on December 26 and Jan. 2.

## County C. of C. Hears Dr. Erb

### County Chamber of Commerce Hears Him And Elects George Melville, Empire, As President

The social dining room was completely filled Monday evening, the occasion being the bi-monthly meeting of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce, at which Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, spoke on "Big and Little Business."

The music preceding the dinner was provided by Mrs. Maud Woodyard and George R. Turney, accompanied by Miss Edythe Farr at the piano, who were called upon to sing again in response to hearty encore.

Geo. Melville, president of Empire's Gateway Chamber of Commerce, was unanimously elected president for the coming year to succeed Ralph T. Moore, of Bandon, who has made the chamber's sessions so interesting the past year, by always having a well-informed speaker to address the meeting.

Mr. Melville will appoint the secretary.

Dr. L. C. Garner, of North Bend, was chosen as vice president and Elton Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, was re-elected treasurer.

The latter brought up the need for road signs at Roseburg, Drain and Crescent City which brought Edw. Miller, manager of the Coast Highway Association, to his feet with the statement that such signs were to be considered by the association directors at their first meeting.

J. E. Norton, the association's retiring president, also stated that such signs would have been provided the past year had the communities to be benefited provided the funds.

The Coos county members of the Highway Association board of directors were unanimously chosen as named by a committee consisting of Walter Chiene, R. L. Stewart and John G. Mullen. Those elected were R. T. Moore, J. E. Norton and L. A. Cutlip, of North Bend.

Dr. Erb was introduced by Mr. Moore as the man who put an end to "country club days at Oregon," and the latter's son, a student there, says

the results of the winter exams seems to bear out that designation.

Dr. Erb's address was a scholarly and very interesting discussion of the recurring trust-curbing activity in the United States—whether the public is better served by huge combinations of capital which can produce their outputs at lower costs, or whether the United States should break up these gigantic corporations into smaller units. In other words whether competition or combination is the best policy. The United States has held longer to the competitive system than any other nation on earth, but whether the tremendous combinations will wipe out all competition is something that the people must consider.

Most any individual questioned will express opposition to monopoly for the other fellow. He might want it for himself but unrestrained competition is best for all others!

At the present time there are approximately 400,000 corporations in the United States. The greater part of them can be classed as "little businesses," those doing under a \$100,000 business a year. Three hundred thousand of these corporations have earnings of around \$5,000 per year.

Less than 200 of these corporations are in 100 million, or over, dollars class, which means that one-fortieth of one per cent do approximately 35 per cent of the nation's business.

One idea (political) is that the power of giant corporations is incompatible with the democratic form of government, and if these pyramiding combinations of capital are not stopped that the U. S. system of government will break down as the old form did in Germany and Italy, and may in England, but Dr. Erb's contention was that it was not impossible for the United States to continue its democratic form of government, notwithstanding the monopolies, if they were checked. But that leads to regulation which is incompatible with democracy.

Dr. Erb talked for an hour or more and wound up with the statement that the United States can have big or little business, as it desires, if the people will just make up their minds as to whether free competition, monopoly, or a mid-way policy, is desired.

Today is the shortest day of the year but not until next month will the lengthening days become apparent.