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## C. of C. Election To Be Held Nov. 28

The Chamber of Commerce board of directors, at the noon session in the hotel Tuesday, set Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p. m., as the date and hour for holding the chamber's annual meeting and election of officers. The committee on arrangements was instructed to secure a speaker for the meeting and also a musical feature. The report of the nominating committee presented the following names: For president, H. L. Claterbos; for vice president, J. L. Smith; for treasurer, R. L. Stewart; all to succeed themselves. For director, with 17 to select, J. P. Beyers, Lanis Bosworth, Lane Compton, J. A. Fitzpatrick, Don Gillespie, A. N. Gould, Cliff Gulseth, Geo. Jenkins, Fred Jensen, R. A. Jeub, Geo. A. Ulett, J. E. Norton, D. E. Rackleff, J. L. Stevens, O. L. Wood, H. A. Young, J. A. Lamb, Geo. Witters, Wm. H. Barrow, L. C. Eaton, Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dr. R. F. Milne, S. Gaulke, R. T. Slater and O. C. Sanford.

## Arranging For Christmas Baskets

A co-operative movement is again under way in Coquille to provide baskets at Christmas time for those unfortunate families who would otherwise have very little to be thankful for and not much in the way of a holiday dinner. Last year's efforts along this line were so successful that the Eagles lodge called a meeting of all organizations which was held in the city hall on Tuesday evening of this week. Eleven clubs and orders responded and more will be represented at next Tuesday evening's meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall, when it is expected final details will be worked out. Fred Bull was made general chairman and Marjorie Knight, secretary. A dance, to be held in the Community Building on Dec. 9, will provide the funds, except for donations which may be made to the fund. Mr. Bull appointed committees for the dance on music, hall, advertising and tickets and will name other committee assignments next Tuesday. Last year the dance netted something over \$220. Of that amount, around \$130 was spent for groceries, \$31 for beef, there were some contributions from the fund to needy families and \$5 was donated to the school milk fund.

## P.U.D. Meeting Here Eight P. M. Friday

The public hearing of the Hydro-electric commission of Oregon will be held in the circuit court room at the court house tomorrow (Friday) evening at eight o'clock. The result of that meeting will be the commission's decision whether or not to call an election, to be held at the primary next May, for the voters to decide whether a Public Utilities District shall be formed in Coos county. Petitions will be presented to the commission and if the demand is deemed great enough and the interest shown warrants it, the election will be called. Practically all of Coos county and all the incorporated cities of the county, except Bandon, is included in the proposed district. The purpose back of the formation of the district is, of course, to secure power from Bonneville in Coos county. The proponents of the measure will undoubtedly refer to it as "cheap power," but the figures recently released by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner for Oregon, which appear elsewhere in this issue, regarding electrical costs in Oregon, should make one stop and think what it will mean to have the Mt. States Power company annual payment of taxes cut off in Coos county. He also states that consumers in Oregon pay less for electricity than those of most of the states in the U. S.

## Health Association To Meet Here On November 27

The Coos County Health Association has set the date for a dinner meeting to be held in the Coquille Hotel on Monday, Nov. 27, at 6:30 p. m. Further announcement as to the program will be made next week.

## Myrtle Point Boys Are Persistent

Two of Myrtle Point's bad boys, Albert King, 22, and Vernon Bright, 19, were given 60 days in the county jail by Justice C. A. Barton here last week on a petty larceny confession. The boys have been in lots of trouble before, having served time for petty larceny here and elsewhere. Their thefts are usually in connection with car equipment, gasoline, etc., and one man had to buy their car in self defense, they even having gone so far as to steal the cylinder head off his when theirs went bad. Their last offense was that of stealing the radio aerial off of Ralph Porter's car as it stood in front of the Fred Belloni home one night. They took it to Don Strong and had it hooked up to their radio and installed in their car. One of the boys was picked up by Officer Kolkhorst for failing to answer a traffic violation summons and in the investigation the stolen aerial matter came up and both were arrested when Mr. Porter identified the aerial by the welded mark on it. The justice also revoked their drivers' licenses for six months. Officer Kolkhorst is now seeking a radio which the mother of one of the boys told him they said had been hidden in a Coquille alley. He has no information as to whose radio it is nor where it is hidden but declares it is "hot."

## T. B. Figures Told To Rotary

Some startling figures on tuberculosis in the local school were given by County Health Nurse Lela Elrod at the noon luncheon of the Rotary club yesterday. "For the past ten years," stated Mrs. Elrod, "the graduating class of the Coquille High school has averaged one member a year being sent to the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem." "With the financial aid now being furnished by the committee in charge of the Christmas Seal sale, from the county and state, we would now be able to make tests of all the school children if we could secure the cooperation of the children and their parents, and with the reactors to the tests being determined we could save a large part of this terrible waste through death or loss of social usefulness," added Mrs. Elrod. Quoting the law passed by the recent legislature, requiring that all teachers in the public schools submit to health tests, Mrs. Elrod made a plea for cooperation through publicity and other channels, in making the T. B. tests compulsory for the children as well, to help free our schools from this scourge. Program Chairman Osika, in thanking Mrs. Elrod for her talk, added that in the past year less than one-third of the children in the high school took the tests when they had the opportunity. President Muri Pettit advised that plans for the Rotary-annual dinner were well under way and that details would be forthcoming at the meeting next week. Rotarian guests present were Harry Nasburg and Albert Matson, of Marshfield. Other guests were A. A. Bernard, of Portland; Chuck Beyers, of Eugene, and the speaker, Mrs. Iris Elrod, of Coquille.

## Abstract Office Is Moved

J. E. Axtell the first of this week moved the Title Guarantee & Abstract Co. office from its former location in the First National Bank building to the new office building just completed at the corner of Third and Elliott streets, across Elliott from the court house. The new office is light, commodious and comfortable and is located adjacent to the point where most abstract business originates—the court house. The most serious objection to the location is its distance from the 10 a. m. meetings of the coffee club!

## Legion Going To Bandon Saturday

The year's Armistice Day celebration or observance by the American Legion is to be held in Bandon, the Post there having invited the Coquille Post to come down. The usual eleven o'clock breakfast is the first scheduled feature on the program. Last year the affair was held in the Legion Home here.

## Coquille To Play Medford For Southern Oregon Championship, November 23

Agreement Signed Yesterday By Local School Authorities For The Thanksgiving Date --- Coquille Will Keep Receipts or All Tickets Sold Here

The post season game between Coquille High's Red Devils and the Medford Peapickers was assured yesterday afternoon when Principal Clarence Osika informed the Sentinel that C. H. S. had accepted the Medford proposal and would sign the contract submitted. The game, which will be played at Medford on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 23rd, is not of Coquille's seeking. Coach "Spike" Leslie stated last week, "I am not sticking my neck out by challenging anyone," but he and the players and the faculty were in a receptive mood if anyone else did the challenging. Under the terms of the agreement, C. H. S. will keep the receipts from all tickets sold over here, will have expenses paid for the team and receive a percentage of the take at the gate. Medford High's team averages something like 15 pounds to the man heavier than Coquille's and they are said by those who have seen them to play a pretty rough game. But the Coquille boys can tackle just as hard as any team in this conference and the Peapickers won't be able to get away with much if a roughing game is started.

There is talk locally of chartering one or more buses by the fans who will want to go out to the game. But before it will be certain that the Red Devils will not be scored on during the regular conference schedule, they must again shut out the Myrtle Point Bulldogs who meet the Red Devils here at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Bulldogs play a heads up game but in their first meeting with the local squad showed the lack of experience and staying powers which the Red Devils show. It will be a good game, the last on the home gridiron this year. Whether the winner of the Coquille-Medford game will play the winner of the Milwaukie-Portland school post-season game for a mythical state championship has not been announced.

## Home From Trans-Continental Trip

Mrs. Annie Robinson and Miss Bess Maury returned last Saturday from their very enjoyable five weeks' vacation trip during which they visited the New York world fair. Nearly all their traveling was by train. From here to Roseburg it was by car and from there by bus to Portland. A side trip from Niagara into Canada and back to Buffalo was by bus and from Eugene to Coquille last Saturday they came by bus. They went sightseeing in Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, D. C., New Orleans and spent ten days at the New York fair. The ladies say the only tiresome part of the entire month was traveling from New Orleans to San Francisco. They thought the Texas plains would never end.

## Stores Will Be Closed Nov. 11

Saturday, November 11, is the national Armistice Day holiday and, as usual, Coquille business houses will not be open that day. Many are going out to the football game at Eugene that day, at least all those who have been able to secure tickets for the game which is reported as a sell-out. The Oregon team is now figured to have an edge over Oregon State that day, due mainly to the disappointing showing made by the Beavers against Southern Cal. at Portland last Saturday.

## Drainage District Assesses For 1940

The Fishtrap Drainage District annual meeting was held last Saturday at the C. A. Keltner home on Fishtrap. F. B. Fish was re-elected president and Geo. Hampton supervisor. Assessments on land in the district will be the same next year as they were this, \$4.50 per acre on 201 acres of lowland and \$2.25 for the 50 acres of upland, the budget adopted being for \$1019.

## Red Cross Roll Call To Start

The annual Red Cross Roll Call which officially opens on Saturday, Nov. 11, will continue to Thursday, Nov. 30. Solicitation of memberships in Coquille will be started next Monday when the committee from the Coquille Woman's Club will begin a canvass of the town. Mrs. Ida Owen is roll call chairman in Coquille this year.

In a program designed to reduce the distressing number of accidental deaths, the American Red Cross swelled its number of qualified First Aiders over the two million mark during the past year throughout the country. Red Cross instructors trained 355,110 men and women in First Aid for the year ending June 30. Increased facilities for teaching methods of treating the injured had been provided by the organization to meet

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## Warrants Called In Four County Funds

Four Coos county warrant calls by Treasurer Chas. Stauff appear elsewhere in this issue, all being as of today.

The general fund call is for all warrants endorsed prior to Mar. 1, 1939, and the amount to be paid is \$24,533.74, of which \$700 is interest. The bridge fund warrants to be called aggregate \$4,041.54, endorsed prior to March 1 this year, and the interest payment will be \$120.

The general road fund warrants called are all those endorsed prior to Mar. 1, 1938. Interest payment will be \$1,120.09 and principal payment \$12,455.19.

Warrants on the Non-High school district fund up to No. 3995, and dated prior to Aug. 31, 1938, are called. Of the \$11,017.12 to be paid for the district's paper, \$551.13 is for interest.

## Library Program For Woman's Club

Honoring Book Week, Nov. 12 to 18, the Coquille Woman's Club at its monthly meeting in Guild Hall next Tuesday at 2:00 p. m., will devote its program to the Coquille library and those who helped in its organization. One of the features is to be given by Mrs. Roy Barton, who will tell in story form the 31 years of the local library's history. Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen, librarian, announces the theme of the program as "Story Hour at the Library." All persons interested in any way in the library at the time it was organized in 1908 are invited to be present at next Tuesday's session of the Woman's Club.

## Eight Confirmed By Bishop Dagwell

A class of eight was presented by Rev. George R. Turney to Bishop B. D. Dagwell at St. James Episcopal church last Thursday evening for confirmation. The list included Mrs. Bonnie G. Walker, Mrs. Ruth Sherwood, Geo. W. Sherwood, Mrs. Caroline W. Rowell, Mrs. Dena E. Pierce, Mabel Gosline, Mrs. Vervla Smith, all of Coquille, and Robert H. Van Orden, of Myrtle Point. A ninth member of the class, Mrs. Madeline J. MacKnight, who was unable to be present Thursday evening because of her recent injury, was confirmed at a private service at her home the next day.

## McCool Returns To The Asylum

Leo B. McCool was adjudged insane in probate court yesterday and was to be taken to the asylum at Salem today. Dr. Gerald E. Stark was called to the county jail yesterday to remove splinters from his scalp which he received when he started a ruckus at his former home the night before.

## 99-Mile R. E. A. Project Approved

Approval of the Coquille valley's R. E. A. project was given by the administration in Washington, D. C., on Monday and hopes are now held that Sitkum, Dora, Gavelford, Fairview, McKinley, Lee, Bridge, Remote and Sumner communities will be served with electricity by next spring.

The 99-mile project has been approved by a loan of \$119,500 for construction of the line, bids for the construction of which will be called for after a supervising engineer has been selected, states J. Arthur Berg, attorney for the valley group.

## Junior Play A Fine Performance

The very large crowd which attended the Junior Class play in the high school gymnasium last evening enjoyed a splendid performance, one in which each member of the cast did his or her part well, and it was an appreciative audience which was "with" the actors all the way.

Don Hurlbutt was possibly the hit of the evening, his comedy part which he carried out to perfection keeping the audience convulsed. As a chemistry student his appearances were usually accompanied by explosions of the chemicals he was working on, at the most inopportune moments, and his explanations and wisecracks were good.

The male lead was Charles Mulkey, a senior at Brookfield college, where the plot centered the day before commencement. He had a good voice for the part and made an excellent appearance. Patricia Holverstott, as a journalism student, played opposite Charles, was another outstanding character whose excellent speaking voice helped put the show over.

Still another fine characterization was that of Geraldine Cole, who took the part of the little boarding house landlady.

Others who kept the action of the comedy, "Spring Fever," at the proper tempo throughout the performance were Raymond Rowland, Donna Dunn, Virginia Young, Wayne Schrader, Helen Nelson, Marvin McClellan, Sterling Gruenewald and Howard Moy.

Mrs. Ruth Beyers, who has coached so many of the high school plays for years, is entitled to much credit for the splendid way in which each and every one took his or her part.

The check-up on the financial returns from the performance had not yet been made this morning.

## School Closed By Health Officer

There are two isolated cases of infantile paralysis at the county farm at the present time. One is a Curry county boy who was stricken while visiting in Coos county and the other is a five-year old from the Valley View district two miles and a half from Coquille on the highway to Myrtle Point.

Because there are other children in the family in the Valley View section who had been attending school there, Dr. James Richmond, as acting county health officer, on Monday ordered the school closed until all danger of spread of the disease in that section is over. He ordered that all children there must be kept on their own premises for the next ten days and that illness be carefully watched.

## Fire Department To Repair Toys

The Coquille Fire Department requests the Sentinel to announce that its members are going to assist in making some youngsters happier this year at Christmas time. The fire boys request that anyone having broken toys or toys that they are through with, to bring them to the city hall and leave them either with the city recorder or the police department. Early next month Chief Perrott says the men will begin to mend, repair and paint these toys and put them in first class condition so that they can be distributed on Christmas eve to young people whose Yuletide gifts might otherwise be pretty slim.

It is a most worthy project the firemen have undertaken but it will need the co-operation of everyone to make it the success it can be made. Hunt up the discarded and broken toys of previous years and take them to the city hall.

## City To Foreclose On Delinquents

The city council, with Mayor Milne and all members present Monday evening, granted the petition of the Willard street property owners, between Fourth and Sixth street, for a grading and graveling improvement for 490 feet which will permit them to get out of the bottom there to the higher ground at the J. P. Beyers corner. The cost of the improvement was estimated by Engineer Gearhart at \$273. Signers of the petition accounted for 97 per cent of the property to be assessed for the improvement and a call for bids on the job appears elsewhere in this issue.

"We are advised by the city treasurer that there is a greatly increasing delinquency in payment of improvement liens. Therefore, I make a motion that the treasurer proceed at once with the compilation of the necessary data for the sale of all real estate property found to be in this condition."

The above was a motion made by Councilman Pettit and it is a forerunner of foreclosure proceedings which will be started if the assessments are not paid. But before foreclosure is started the treasurer is giving notice by an adv. in this issue that delinquents still have an opportunity to meet their obligations to the city without the addition of court costs.

Property owners whose sidewalks are defective are to be given another warning to have them repaired at once. If they pay no attention to this second notice, the city's crew will make the repairs and charge the costs to the property.

Fire Chief Harry Perrott presented to the council the petition, signed by 67 local residents, asking that the city buy modern and up-to-date fire-fighting equipment for the protection of property in the city, with the probability that such added protection would reduce insurance rates in Coquille.

While the council would like to take action along that line, it is too late to do it this year. City Attorney Greenough informed the council for next year's budget has already been adopted by the city and certified to the county assessor.

The street committee reported that it had decided to leave the two grade street levels on Myrtle street, between First and Second, as they now stand and to leave to the city engineer's judgment the amount of earth it would be safe to move from the bank between the two levels.

The council supported the mayor in his contention with J. C. Stevens, Portland engineer, that the blue prints, plans, etc., made for the dam raising are the property of the city, and when Mr. Stevens sends the linen tracings which he agreed to do a few weeks ago that the warrant for \$400 due his firm will be signed by the mayor and forwarded to him.

## Legion Dance And Keno Evening

Coquille Post of the American Legion is having two public events this month. Saturday night this week will be the annual Armistice Day Ball with music by the Don & Spenny orchestra. On Saturday night of next week—Nov. 18—the Legion will have its annual keno which will be held in the Shelley building, formerly occupied by a Safeway store.

The committee has secured plenty of good plump birds for this event and furnishes an opportunity for 30 to 40 patrons to get their Thanksgiving dinner at small cost.

The Legion will not have a keno just before Christmas this year.

## Lions Told Of Police School

Harold Kolkhorst was a guest at the Lions club luncheon last Thursday noon and gave a splendid talk on what he heard and learned at the police officers' session recently held in Eugene.

## Carpenters Local To Entertain Council

Carpenters Local, No. 1096, will entertain the Oregon coast district council of carpenters next Monday evening in the Odd Fellows dining room here. The ladies of the Rebekah lodge will serve the dinner at 7:00 p. m. From 50 to 60 are expected to be in attendance.