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COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, ORE. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1939.

\$2.00 THE YEAR

County Officials, Employees Hold Party Tuesday

Have Banquet For Themselves and Guests, and Program of Talks and Music

There were forty-two present in the hotel dining room Tuesday evening at which time Coos county officials and employees entertained themselves and a few guests. The evening's fun started with a most delectable 6:30 o'clock dinner and was followed by a program in which all official departments of the county took part through some representative.

The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Chas. Stauff, Mrs. Lela Elrod and Mrs. Anna Rooney, and Mrs. Stauff was a very entertaining toastmistress. The welcoming talk was made by Judge Hugh McLain, head of the county government.

R. H. Mast, for the juvenile department made a talk; J. N. Gearhart, for the county surveyor's office, gave a reading; a health department address was given by Dr. Edward J. Dehne; J. P. Beyers for the assessor's office gave a talk and read a few poems; the state tax commission was represented by Arthur A. Selander.

Mail Heavier Than Ever Before

The heaviest mail in the Coquille post office's history is this week preceding Christmas and to take care of the huge piles of incoming and outgoing mails the entire force has been working nights and early in the morning before most business houses are open. It was ten o'clock last night before the crew knocked off and they were not through then.

Postmaster Hawkins thought he had anticipated the office needs for the post and a half-century of stamps which are used for mailing greeting cards, but this morning the supply was entirely exhausted after \$5,000 had been sold.

The heaviest incoming mail so far was yesterday when 85 sacks of parcels post were received. One day's outgoing mail contained 91 sacks.

The heaviest incoming mail so far was yesterday when 95 sacks of parcellage found it necessary to stand in line and await their turn, so thick has been the congestion in the lobby.

To care for the last minute patrons the office will be open again this coming Saturday afternoon until 4:00 o'clock.

Free Show For Kiddies

The theatre management's free show for school children will be presented at the Liberty Theatre tomorrow (Friday), starting at 3:00 p. m. This will be a special show, just for the children, and will consist of cartoons and comedies. There will be a special treat for each youngster present.

Union Local To Have Children's Christmas Party

Lumber & Sawmill Workers Local, No. 2770, A. F. of L., announces a Christmas party for all children of its members. They will call at the union office in the Machon building on Front street, either Friday or Saturday, Dec. 22-23, and receive a Christmas bag.

Genevieve Chase Is Home For The Holidays

Miss Genevieve Chase arrived in Coquille Tuesday evening from New York city, where she is engaged with others in investigation work at Columbia university for the Rockefeller Foundation. It is two years since she was home to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Inez Chase and the two of them intend leaving Saturday to spend Christmas in Klamath Falls with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Maurice Harvey, and family. They will remain there a few days and then Miss Genevieve will return to New York.

When the Coquille schools close for the holidays tomorrow afternoon it will be for an eleven-day vacation. They will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Delinquent Tax List Is Out

Delinquent tax foreclosure notices have appeared the past week in newspapers of various counties in the state. The Coos county list which appeared in the Coos Bay Times last Friday and is printed in the Sentinel this week, is a 42-page affair, on which practically all the newspapers in the county started working early in November. It will appear, in addition to the paper mentioned, in the Western World at Bandon, the Herald at Myrtle Point and the Coos Bay Harbor at North Bend.

The Curry county list, which appeared last week in the Gold Beach Reporter, is just short of 21 pages and the Lincoln county list, in the Yaquina Bay News, fills 38 pages.

While the suit to foreclose on these hundreds of pieces of property in Coos county was filed by District Attorney Flaxel last Friday, there is still time for any delinquent taxpayer to call at the tax collection office and settle his debt with the county and keep his or her property from being foreclosed upon for the delinquency.

Road Show Here Tonight

"Relief Be Hanged," a three-act drama, plus five acts of vaudeville, will be presented tonight by the Rose City Players at the Community Building under the auspices of the Coquille Townsend Club. A free dance to patrons will follow the show. Music by Taylor's Troubadours.

Over Thirty Red Devils On Squad

A squad of more than 30 has turned out for the Red Devils basketball and Coach "Spike" is having a difficult time in deciding just how to divide his A and B squads.

This morning he listed a dozen from whom he expects to pick his starting line-up for the first conference game here with North Bend on January 3.

The list includes Marvin Goodman, Everett Smith, Ted Schaer, John Shambow, Bob Arnold, Eugene Crouch, Bill Ray, Dee Krantz, Billy Smith, Charley McIntee, Arlie Knife and Leroy Gilbert.

Others who are showing up well and from whom the B squad will be picked are Dale Stevens, Duane and Wayne Terry, Russell Kollar, Rolf Holmstrom, Alvin Hickam, Dick Ray, Glenn Goshline, Leon Backman, George Holbrook, Bob Kline, Robert McCarthy, Chas. Walker, Jerry Butler, Dan Bloom, Bob Dunkley, Darrell Fintley, Burton Johnson and Wayne Schrader. The name of Bud Trendell, who has previously showed up very well, will be added to the above list if he recovers from his recent illness in time to play this year.

Marriage Licenses

Five licenses to wed were granted by County Clerk Oddy this week to the following couples:

Louis Henry Teller, of Marshfield, and La Violet MacGreen, of North Bend; Harold Gebhardt, of Santa Monica, and Maxine Manos, of North Bend; Samuel Walling, of Marshfield, and Eljeene Geneva Wilhelm, of North Bend; William Stanley Pulford and Kathryn Wilson, both of Coquille, and Clarence Kiser, of North Bend, and Sylvia MacIveys, of Marshfield.

In J. P. Court

Three cases were tried in the criminal proceedings of Justice of the Peace C. A. Barton's court this past seven days:

Joseph Davis was fined \$10.00 and costs for disorderly conduct but was released and fine suspended when he remitted costs and the fine.

Harold Robbins was fined \$25.00 and costs for fishing without a license. Twenty dollars of the fine was suspended and he paid the balance and costs.

William Ford was fined \$2.00 and costs for driving without an operator's license. Penalty was suspended when defendant secured license.

daughter, Maxine, plan to leave early Christmas morning for Dallas, Oregon, where they will spend several days with the A. N. Newbilla, Mrs. Sias' parents. Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodard will make the trip with them, going on to Salem, where she will spend Christmas with her son. Mr. and Mrs. C. Adrian Sias and



Carl Ronning Buried Today

Carl Ronning, who was so seriously injured on May 20, 1938, that he has been paralyzed from his hips down since that time and has been a patient at the Coquille Hospital since, passed away on Tuesday this week.

He was taken to Portland a year and a half ago but the specialists there declared nothing could be done for him, and death must have come as a blessed relief from an existence in which there could never be any hope for improvement.

He was injured when the second floor porch at the J. E. Quirk place on First street collapsed, plunging himself and his mother and brother, Einar, to the ground. All were injured but Carl's was the most serious.

The deceased was two months and 21 days past 29 years of age. He was born at Beaver Bay, Minn., Sept. 28, 1910, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1920 and lived at Florence until three years ago when they came to Coquille.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ronning, who live on East Eleventh street; three brothers, Leonard, Einar and Harold, all of Coquille, and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Troxel, of Corvallis, Mrs. Kristina Troxel, of Elsie, Ore., and Miss Esther Ronning, of Coquille.

The funeral services are being held at the Gano Funeral Home at 1:30 this afternoon, Rev. G. A. Gray officiating. Interment will be in I. O. O. F. cemetery No. 2.

Basketball Clinic Well Attended

There were about 250 present for the basketball clinic in the high school gym here last evening, mostly high school basketball players from all over the county, and the officials who will work the games this winter.

Ernie Piluso, who conducted the clinic, is a Coast conference referee and an acknowledged authority on basketball rules. A great part of the time was spent in the asking of questions on various phases of the game and the answering by Mr. Piluso. He went over refereeing in general, gave interpretations of the rules and demonstrated by black board drawings and by the placing of players in possible positions just how the referees should rule on the many questions which come up in every game.

Jim Thomas Buried Mon.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in North Bend on Monday for Jas. M. Thomas, who was at one time game warden in this county, before those duties were performed by the state police. Mr. Thomas died suddenly at his home at Barview last Saturday.

NEW HOSPITAL AT COUNTY FARM IS READY FOR USE

Accepting invitations from the superintendent and matron at the Coos county farm, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McNelly, members of the county court, of the health department and of the newspaper fraternity assembled at the farm yesterday noon where they partook of a splendid turkey dinner, one which left nothing to be desired, and then they inspected the new and old hospital accommodations at the farm.

The meal was so bounteous, so excellently prepared, that all attending were forced to cease operations at the table while it was still filled with good things. In fact, Judge McLain could eat only a segment of the whole custard pie which was set before him for dessert. Truth requires, however, the additional statement that the "whole" pie was of saucer size and had been baked especially for the judge.

The new hospital, 30x36, was intended originally for isolation cases,

Merry Christmas

To you, and you, and you. Two little words which have been said over and over again for generations, but they still express the spirit of the season! Merry Christmas to you and yours is the sentiment the Sentinel extends to all its readers, patrons and friends.

City To Settle Damage Case

Mayor Milne and all councilmen were present for the regular mid-monthly session of the city's governing body Monday evening, at which time City Attorney Greenough reported that attorneys for Mrs. Wm. Gaffey, who was injured a few weeks ago on the defective Taylor street sidewalk, had offered to settle her claim for \$245, just half the amount originally asked. The council voted to settle the claim on that basis.

A special letter from one of the insurance companies represented by E. E. Lealie's Coos Securities presented a plan to the council for liability coverage on every piece of property the city owns. It would include car, city hall, community building, dam, everything belonging to the city and would be protective insurance against any claim for injury or damage. He said he would have the exact amount of the premium required for such insurance at the next council meeting but thought it would probably be from \$350 to \$400 a year.

Card room licenses were granted W. H. Fortier, C. L. Elkins and S. Bice; restaurant licenses to H. R.

Urgent Appeal For Donations

Fred Bull, chairman of the Coquille Christmas basket committee, makes a strong appeal this morning for contributions for the baskets—clothing, toys, vegetables, fruits, meat, anything which will add to the cheer of the less fortunate in this Yuletide season. Cash in the hands of the committee is less than \$80 and the need for more contributions is urgent. Articles contributed may be left at his office, or at union headquarters on Front street, or at the Community Building, and if the donor is unable to bring it, he or she may call Mr. Bull and it will be sent for. Let's all think of others less fortunate than ourselves as did the One whose birth is honored next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant intend spending Christmas with relatives in San Francisco and will leave there for home next Tuesday.

C. of C. Committees For 1940 Named

President Don Giles named the following Chamber of Commerce committees for 1940 at the noon session on Tuesday. The first named in each instance is the chairman:

Fish and Game—Geo. A. Ulett, A. N. Gould, M. F. Pettit, Fred Hudson. Merchants' Committee—Geo. Witters, Wm. Barrows, Dick Slater, H. N. Lorenz.

Publicity—H. A. Young, Lafe Compton, J. L. Smith, R. A. Jeub, H. L. Claterbos.

Industrial—Ray Jeub, J. Arthur Berg, J. L. Stevens, Serge Gaulke, J. A. Lamb.

Roads and Highways—J. E. Norton, J. A. Lamb, Lafe Compton, Geo. A. Ulett, H. A. Young.

Education—J. P. Beyers, George Jenkins, D. E. Rackleff, A. N. Gould, C. C. Farr.

Membership and Entertainment—H. L. Claterbos, R. L. Stewart, Cliff Gulbeth, J. L. Smith, Serge Gaulke, J. A. Fitzpatrick.

Civic Affairs—Dr. Ralph Milne, L. H. Hazard, L. W. Claver, Burton W. Dunn, C. J. Fuhrman.

Transportation—Lanis Bosworth, Wm. Barrow, Geo. Oerding.

Finance and Budget—R. L. Stewart, H. L. Claterbos, J. E. Norton, Lanis Bosworth, J. L. Stevens.

Agriculture—George Jenkins, Chas. Selbig, J. L. Smith, C. C. Farr.

Solicitations—R. L. Stewart, D. E. Rackleff, H. E. Norton.

Coos County Chamber of Commerce—Lafe Compton, J. E. Norton; alternates, H. A. Young, R. L. Stewart.

Adjournment—D. E. Rackleff.

State May Help On Sidewalk

K. D. Lytle, state highway engineer for this district, was present at the city council session Tuesday evening to confer with the city in regard to the sidewalk desired on North Taylor, the highway route from the north.

The highway commission had turned down the city's application for co-operation in the first place, but a letter to Mr. Lytle that day stated that if the city would do either the oiling or grading the highway department would consider co-operating.

Mr. Lytle's estimate had been that the whole job of excavating, filling, drainage pipe, graveling and oiling, would be about \$3200, of which \$1200 would be for moving dirt. The sidewalk contemplated would be similar to that from Fitzgerald's service station to the Smith Wood plant on the Myrtle Point highway.

It was finally agreed between the engineer and the council that if the city would secure the easements needed along some portions of the street and pay \$1000 the highway department would do the job, provided it was approved by the state highway commission.

There should be no cost in connection with the easement or right-of-way requirements for the property owners will be getting off at much less expense than if the property was all assessed for putting in a new walk for the seven blocks which is one of the most urgent needs in street improvement just now.

The sidewalk when laid will be on the east side of Taylor street.

Mr. Lytle expressed the opinion that when the new North Bend-Coquille highway is built that it will not enter the city by the present route on Taylor street.

Coffee Shop Closed Ten Days

The Coquille Hotel coffee shop and dining room is being closed after the Lions club luncheon this noon and will not reopen until Tuesday morning, January 2. During the ten-day period the two rooms will be redecorated.

The Lions and Rotary clubs will hold a joint session in Guild Hall next Wednesday noon, but the Chamber of Commerce meeting has been cancelled for December 26. The board of directors will not meet again until January 2.

Service Stations To Close Christmas

Continging the same policy inaugurated on Thanksgiving day, the service stations in Coquille and vicinity will be closed on Christmas day from 1:00 p. m. until the regular hour on Tuesday morning.

Two Arrested For Early Monday Morning Burglary

Harry Purtell and Nick Ali Thought To Be Ones Who Stole \$118 from Rex Tavern

Harry Purtell, janitor at the Rex Tavern, and Nick Ali, a Greek who acted Saturday evening as dealer in one of the card games at the Tavern, were arrested by Coquille police Tuesday afternoon. They are held on gambling charges while the police investigate their complicity in the robbery of \$118 from the strong box of the Tavern, about six o'clock Monday morning.

Entrance to the Tavern was effected through a door, which opens toward the Coquille Service Station and which was broken open. Then the glass in the next door was broken out so the latch could be reached and the glass in the third door was already broken out so that that lock could be turned there.

The money was in a cigar box in a large metal chest which formerly held a slot machine and the lock on that was broken with an axe.

The arrest followed when the police recovered the axe and two cartons of cigarettes which Ali had been seen secreting under the wharf plank at the old Johnson mill site.

Purtell's arrest followed when he paid up a delinquent account with his landlady and announced that he was leaving town. He seemed to have more money than ever before.

The time of the robbery was just when the night force goes off duty and the day force comes on and all officers were at the city hall.

In pulling the cord to extinguish the night light in the tavern, the burglars also pulled the string attached to the electric clock, the breaking of the juice flow stopping the clock in about half an hour. It had stopped at 6:45.

Tax Delinquencies Wiped Out

The county court at its session Monday decided to abide by Judge Brand's circuit court decision cancelling all delinquent Bandon taxes for 1938 and prior years. His decision was the result of a friendly suit filed by the city officials of Bandon and the county court's decision, after meeting with a delegation of Bandon citizens, decided not to appeal the case to the supreme court, and the taxes were ordered cancelled except for what is needed for bond commitments.

The question as to whether these taxes would be collected or not has been one of the barriers which has prevented a start toward the rehabilitation of Bandon and it is now more than three years since the conflagration which wiped out that city on Sept. 26, 1936.

Holiday Garb Is Outstanding

The Sentinel man has been unable to check all the homes and business houses' Christmas decorations, but several new places have been beautifully decorated this year and the committee which will judge the displays and award the Chamber of Commerce prizes will have a more difficult job than heretofore on their hands this year.

Frankie Edgmon Receives Good Citizenship Medal

Frankie Edgmon was yesterday elected by the members of the C. H. S. senior class as the one to receive the D. A. R. good citizenship medal which makes the holder eligible for the trip to the D. A. R. national meeting next year. The primary election by the high school student body resulted in Miss Frankie, Mary Jane Dunn and Jeanne Claterbos being nominated for the honor which Frankie won at the senior class election.

Flu Closes Norway School

The Norway school, of which Mrs. Grace Greenough is the teacher, was closed Tuesday because of the prevailing flu in that section. It will reopen after New Year's.

Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.