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Coquille All Dressed Up For The Holidays

With apologies to the Cornfield Canaries for rewording their old Corn Show theme song:
Coquille will shine tonight,
Coquille will shine;
She'll shine with beauty bright all down the line;
She's all dressed up tonight,
Don't she look fine?
When Santa comes with all his fun,
We'll say she'll shine.

This is the thought aroused by the Christmas street decorations installed over the past week and which make the city's holiday appearance a matter of praise by every visitor in the city.

It is a splendid job that has been accomplished this year and all credit is due the progressive merchants of the city who made it possible to have such beautiful decorations and the Chamber of Commerce committee which worked out the details.

The electric stars, eight in number, the bells, wreaths, smaller stars, streamers of cedar, and the Christmas trees attached to all poles and posts make the business section of Coquille as beautiful a sight, day or night, as can be found anywhere.

There was a great amount of work connected with the making of the cedar streamers and hanging of all the decorations and J. L. Smith, chairman of the committee, stated at Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon that after the contractors had paid all their help and for all the supplies, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd and their son averaged 25 cents an hour for the time they put in and nothing for 32 hours use of their truck. Their contract was for \$346 and includes removal of the decorations after the holiday season is past. Business houses paid at the rate of 10 cents per foot of cedar.

The beautiful appearance of Coquille makes it money well spent.

And still another poetic fancy is stirred by the Christmas decorations. This one was written by a prominent Coquille young lady—one of the Bachelor club members—while receiving treatment at the Coquille Hospital.

COQUILLE'S CHRISTMAS
Up and down the coast we find
Christmas greetings of every kind;
Decorations hanging high—
Placed in view of passersby,
Sleighs and bells and bright red holly,
All to make the season jolly;
Mistletoe and trees of green,
All of these I'm sure you've seen.
But in Coquille you find the stars
Hanging high above the cars;
And here the stars just seem to say,
Merry Christmas in a "special" way.

Former Bay Rancher Buried in B. C.

Word has just been received of the passing of a once old-time resident of Marshfield and Catching Slough district.

Funeral services for the late Alfred Ernest Cavanagh, of Abbotsford, B. C., Canada, who passed away Thursday, November 14, in the M. S. A. General Hospital of Abbotsford, were held at 3:30 p. m., Sunday afternoon, November 17.

Mr. Cavanagh was born in Ontario, Canada, 74 years ago and had resided at his Mountainview road residence for the past two years. He is survived by his wife and one step-daughter, of Coquille.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. E. Roberson and were in charge of the A. F. & A. M., No. 70.

Attorneys Will Aid On Questionnaires

Many of the men who registered for the selective conscription are causing themselves a lot of trouble and in some cases future expense by not securing assistance in filling out their questionnaires. One registrant did not indicate in the proper place that he had two children to support and he was given the wrong classification by the board as a result.

Any attorney will assist any of the men in filling out their questionnaires, without charge, says Levi L. Bunch, member of the draft board, and he recommends that any draftee secure such assistance before swearing to his questionnaire.

New Chamber of Commerce Board Met Tuesday Noon

A seventy per cent attendance of the officers and directors elected at the annual meeting of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce was present for the dinner session of the chamber in the hotel Tuesday noon, 21 being present.

The secretary, Mrs. J. E. Norton, read the report she had prepared for the annual meeting, mentioning among other items that 1700 pieces of Coquille literature had been mailed out the past year, mostly in individual letters and small packages of the folders.

She stated that where some time ago nearly all requests by mail were from those desiring information about myrtlewood, by far the greater number now are from those seeking acreage tracts where they can engage in the chicken or gardening business.

As Coquille representative on the Coos county fair board, which will be chosen next month, the chamber asked that J. S. Smith be retained on the fair board.

Considerable discussion was indulged in in regard to the annual Christmas street decorations and the retiring president stated that there would be no effort to beautify the town for the holiday season another year if the same opposition existed then as does now.

In taking over the duties of president, R. L. Stewart said that his thought had been that the new officers did not assume their offices until the first of the year, and that he had no inaugural address prepared, something for which those present should be duly appreciative.

Down to 22 Degrees Two Mornings

The Coquille valley has had a touch of modern and northern winter weather this week, the thermometer registering 22 degrees both this and yesterday morning Tuesday morning it was three degrees higher.

The thickest fog in years made driving unsafe even on the streets here Tuesday morning, but just outside of town the sun was shining brightly.

Nearly Scalped In Auto Accident

Spencer Rackleff, of Norway, is going about with his head bound up in bandages as a result of an automobile accident Saturday on the highway between Coquille and Marshfield near Green Acres.

The car, in which he and three others were returning from Marshfield, skidded off the icy pavement and rolled over down the fifteen foot bank.

Rackleff had a divot taken out of his scalp clear to the bone and arrived at the hospital a gory sight. He was the only one injured to any extent.

Pat Holverstott Given Honorary Degree

Pat Holverstott, retiring Honor Queen of Jobs Daughters was given an honorary degree by her fellow members at the organizations meeting Monday evening. The girls presented their Honor Queen with a nosegay of handkerchiefs. During a short business meeting, plans were made to hold a Christmas party Dec. 20. The installation of new officers will be held Dec. 23 at a ceremony which the public is invited to attend.

Tax Foreclosure List Next Week

Next week the Sentinel will publish the Coos county delinquent tax foreclosure summons for the year, as will the other weekly papers in the county. The suit is to be filed on Saturday this week and the official publication is to begin the same day in the Coos Bay Times.

Lions Entertaining Coaches, Team

John Warren, line coach for the University of Oregon football squad, the Coquille high football squad and coach, "Spike" Leslie, are being entertained by the Lions club at their regular noon session.

Man Fished From River Here Saturday Night

James Williams, a floater from Cincinnati, almost became a floater in the more sombre sense of the word about ten o'clock last Saturday night when he fell from the dock at the water front here. He was intoxicated at the time and when finally pulled out by Jerry Cronin, one of the "jungle" crowd, was unconscious.

The police rushed him to the hospital and when he became conscious he insisted on leaving, but an officer escorted him to jail. He was given a \$10 suspended fine by the recorder who allowed him to go up to Toledo where he said a job awaited him upon his promise to pay the hospital's bill.

Cronin on Monday was arrested on the same charge as was Williams—drunkenness and is serving a \$10 fine.

Frank John Egger, of Astoria, was also given a \$10 fine the same day on condition that he leave town.

County C. of C. Is Reorganized

Coquille was not represented at the reorganization meeting of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce meeting, held in Myrtle Point Monday evening, due to the fact the one here to whom the notice was sent was out of town and none of the appointed delegates knew anything of the meeting.

Wallace Dement was elected president of the county chamber and Clarence H. Coe, of Marshfield, vice president, and L. H. Pearce, of Myrtle Point, treasurer.

The delegates went on record as favoring asking the federal government for an early beginning of a civilian pilot training program at the North Bend airport.

Following the business sessions the group came to Coquille for a late meal at the hotel.

The next meeting is to be held in Marshfield in January.

Seniors Will Dance On Ferryboat

The senior class of Coquille high school and their invited guests will dance tomorrow night in the high school auditorium transformed for the occasion into the deck of the ferryboat, "City of Coquille." Dancing will take place beneath a huge southern moon to the strains of Tony Estes' "River Serenaders."

General chairman of decorations and arrangements is Arlie Knife, who was the originator of the dance theme adopted by the class in a special meeting. Arlie has been ably assisted by Patricia Holverstott, Marvin McClellan, Merrill Tozier, Marvin Kloster and Carl and Burton Johnson.

Chairman of other committees include Donna Dunn, music; Helen Nelson, refreshments; Marvin Myers, invitations; Patricia Holverstott, program; Mildred Smith, checkroom, and Burton Johnson, ticket manager. Mrs. Osika is adviser, and Mr. Snider is assisting with the decorations.

Police Tagging Overtime Parking

The local police are making a continuing drive on overtime parking during this pre-Christmas season and the recorder says he will be "tough" on those unfortunate enough to get tickets.

The officers say they are also going to give tickets for non-observance of the new stop signs at the northeast corner of the court house block.

Hopes That Strike May Be Averted

Hope that the lumber mills strike will not extend to other points in Oregon were raised this morning by the daily press announcement that the Pacific Lumber Co. had agreed to a 10 per cent wage increase. The mills over the state, according to reports, are ready to follow the agreements made in the settlement there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell and Mrs. E. C. Yarbrough left Wednesday morning for a short trip to Portland. They are expected home Saturday.

Lafe Compton left Tuesday afternoon on a business trip to Eugene.

Slack Wins Long Drawn Out Case In Supreme Court

Harry A. Slack received word from the clerk of the Oregon state supreme court yesterday that a case he had argued before the court on November 26 had been decided in favor of his client.

Mr. Slack originally represented J. Ellis Loreman when the case was first started back in 1934 and since Mr. Loreman's death, Mar. 24, 1936, has been the attorney for C. W. Ashton, administrator for the estate.

The amount of the judgment of the lower court was \$1,097.94 plus interest at six per cent since 1935.

The original case was that of Loreman vs. Baker-Lynch Mining Co. and A. C. Marsters, of Roseburg, and was for the foreclosure of coal mining liens on land in the Fishtrap section, owned by Marsters and under lease to Baker-Lynch.

The plaintiff secured judgment in 1935 and Marsters, through his attorney, B. L. Eddy, attempted to have the judgment set aside. Failing in this he filed a new suit against Mr. Ashton as administrator of the Loreman estate.

Mr. Slack filed a demurrer to the suit, alleging that the new suit did not show sufficient facts to constitute a cause for action. The demurrer was denied by Judge Skipworth, Judge Brand having disqualified himself in the case, and the appeal to the supreme court was on Mr. Slack's demurrer.

The decision this week was the supreme court's affirmation of the demurrer and the result will be that the property will be sold to satisfy the judgment unless Mr. Marsters settles it by paying what the supreme court in effect says is due the estate.

500 Attend Girls League Conference

Five hundred high school girls from twelve towns in Coos, Curry and Douglas counties were here Saturday for the Southwestern Oregon conference of the Girls League. Guest speaker on the program was Mrs. Ray Jeub, who gave an interesting talk on "Patriotism."

Virginia Young, retiring president, conducted the business meeting, during which officers were elected for the coming year. The new officers are Jean Lockman, North Bend, president; Lois Perkins, Langlois, vice-president; Vesta Powell, Coquille, secretary; and Mavis Capp, Gardiner, treasurer.

Pat Holverstott announced the program features which were contributed by the girls from each of the schools represented.

The local girls' contribution to the program ranked as one of the most interesting and entertaining offered. They modelled snappy school dresses, sweaters and skirts and formals and other garments for the high school and college girl. Mrs. Marjorie Child of the Excel Dress Shoppe assisted the girls in putting on the show and supplied all the attractive costumes. The models were Betty Jo Thorpe, Roberta Stonecypher, Vesta Powell, Betty Miller, Beverly Farrell, Gloria Chapman, Barbara Barrows, Virginia Harmon, Annabelle Martindale and Marilyn Sage.

C. F. Mullen Passes At Myrtle Point

Claude Frank Mullen, 46, of Bandon, died Wednesday night at Mast hospital in Myrtle Point, reportedly from the effects of inhaling zinc fumes while welding logging equipment at Fairview.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Harold, Greyhound bus driver living in Marshfield, and Max, of Bandon; his father, George Mullen, Myrtle Point; two brothers, Lawrence "Chub" Mullen, Myrtle Point, and Harry Mullen, Coos River, and two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Button, Myrtle Point, and Mrs. Hazel Leep, Roseburg.

Shop Early, Mail Early

The post office department has issued a lengthy bulletin urging early mailing of Christmas packages, the utmost of care in wrapping and addressing, the use of air mail for speed. The air mail rate is six cents per ounce or fraction thereof anywhere in continental United States. That rate does not apply to Hawaii, Puerto Rico or the Canal Zone. The bulletin also recommends registering or insuring of valuable packages.

R. A. Jeub, W. M. Chadwick Lodge

At the annual election of officers for Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., held in Masonic Temple Tuesday evening, R. A. Jeub was advanced to the station of Worshipful Master. Other elected officers were Don McCune, senior warden; Pat McLarrin, junior warden; L. H. Hazard, treasurer; E. E. Leslie, secretary.

The other offices will be filled by appointment of the W. M., and the installation ceremonies will be held on the evening of St. John's Day, Friday, Dec. 27.

This Thursday evening the annual election of officers for Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., will be held following the annual turkey dinner to which all Masons, members of the Eastern Star and their families are invited.

Parole Board Officer Addresses Rotarians

Irl S. McSherry, deputy commissioner of the Board of Parole and Probation at Salem, gave some very interesting highlights on the work of the board, at the Rotary Club meeting at the hotel on Wednesday.

Mr. McSherry stated that last year the board considered 879 cases of men whose petitions came before them and that out of that number 464 were recommended for parole and that 279 were actually released to jobs, where they would have an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves and that at the present time there were 530 former inmates of the various penal institutions in this state on parole and under the supervision of the board through their four field men.

He stated that it was the policy of the present board not to release men to parole until they could be placed in self-supporting jobs and not thrown on their own with the possibility of drifting back into crime and being returned to the penitentiary.

The program and entertainment committee reported that they had completed plans for the annual Christmas exchange party next Wednesday and outlined their plans.

President Dutch Clinton announced a change of hour for the Christmas day meeting to be from eleven to twelve o'clock with no luncheon and everyone was asked to register during that time at the regular meeting place.

Rotarian J. E. "Deke" Richmond, of Eugene, was present as a guest, as also were Fred Pringle, of Salem, and Chuck Beyers, of Portland.

Lafe Is President Oregon Hotel Men

Lafe Compton, Coos county's best known hotel man, who in addition to being the most accommodating and popular manager of the Coquille Hotel is a booster for Coquille, Coos county and the Oregon coast, was honored at the annual meeting of the Oregon Hotel Association in Portland last Sunday by being elected to the presidency of the association for the coming year.

Raspberries Are Still Ripening

Raspberries—ripe, green and in the blossom—are still in evidence around Coquille. Some people bring in to the Sentinel branches containing the berries in all stages of development, as well as the blossoms, while several others have commented to this reporter that they have them growing in their gardens. The flavor is not the same as in early summer, but the fact that they do blossom and ripen here during our coldest winter weather, and early December usually finds the thermometer touching the winter's low figure, cannot be too often told. You won't find berries ripening in the middle west or east at this time of year.

Snow Resembles Cow's Horns

In the Sentinel's front window appears a potato 14 inches long which rivals in appearance that pictured in Sunday's Oregonian which was called an airplane spud. This one, which was grown on the John Lenje place on Rink creek, looks more like the horns of a cow with a small portion of the skull to which the horns are attached. It's a freak growth all right.

Mrs. Sanford Endorsed For Federation Head

Holly and Christmas greens formed the decorations for the Coquille Woman's Club meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Guild Hall. Mrs. R. E. Boober, first vice president of the club, presided in the absence of Mrs. Geo. Chaney, who is in California for a few weeks. Following the singing of the club song, "America the Beautiful," led by Mrs. Roy Barton, with Mrs. Leland Peart at the piano, the flag salute was given.

The club members unanimously sponsored Mrs. O. C. Sanford, past president of the club and first vice president of the State Federated clubs, for presidency of the state organization at the 1941 convention of Woman's clubs to be held at Corvallis in June. If Mrs. Sanford is elected, this will be a great honor for Coquille and Coos county.

The club voted to give \$10.00 toward the Eagles benefit dance and \$2.50 for Christmas toys for the youngsters at the Doernbecher Hospital. Anyone having toys not in use could leave same at Hand's Shoe Shop; they will be much appreciated by the club.

The club decided to buy a new standard and Eagle head for the flag. Mrs. Ralph Taylor, reporting on the recent food sale, said \$45.00 was cleared. Mrs. T. B. Currie, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported that Sam Gordon could be in Coquille Jan. 23, 24 and 25, to conduct a series of bridge lessons.

The membership committee reported 111 members to date. The welfare committee, under the able leadership of Mrs. J. R. Bunch, sent several baskets to needy homes at Thanksgiving and has calls for boys' clothing of the "teen age." Mrs. Jenkins reporting for the education committee, said the teachers would be guests of the club at the next meeting. Mrs. Godard, youth co-operation chairman, told of the recent Campfire council and ceremonial. The club voted to purchase a \$5.00 Christmas seal bond from the Junior Woman's club. Mrs. J. A. Berg, contact chairman for the Junior club, gave a splendid report of their activities.

Following the meeting, several Christmas carols were sung and a splendid program presented by the Junior Woman's club under the direction of Mrs. D. G. McEniry. Verene Bailey, a popular pianist, played two lovely solos, "Serenade" and "Impromptu." Ariel Crook, a 13-year-old junior high school girl, sang most pleasingly, "Star of the East" and "Annie Laurie." She was accompanied by Juanita Wardrip.

Four Junior club ladies presented a delightful comedy, "Passing the Buck." They were: Edna Sandall, Cys Biegger, Eunice Barrow and Evelyn Elliott. Last but not least, Miss Inez Rover played an excellent piano solo, "Christmas Fantasia," by Karle.

Following this most interesting and entertaining program, tea was served at a beautifully appointed tea table, covered with a lace cloth and a beautiful red and silver centerpiece. Mrs. R. L. Stewart and Mrs. Geo. Oerding poured. Mrs. O. C. Sanford was chairman of the hostess committee.

Present were: Mesdames Elton Savage, G. E. Stark, G. W. Taylor, Leland Peart, O. B. Harriman, Luckey Bonney, A. J. Sherwood, R. B. Rogers, B. W. Dunn, W. M. Sanford, R. C. Vaughan, Charles Stauff, D. G. McEniry, Louis Holliman, L. A. Lundquist, R. A. Barton, L. P. Fugelson, C. V. Smith, F. A. Pook, F. G. Kuntz, Emily Hersey, Harry Godard, Julius Ruble, J. D. Gillespie, G. R. Hartley, of Murtaugh, Idaho, W. W. Ulett, J. A. Berg, Leo Sohler, M. H. Mansell, C. W. Kline, Maud Jarvis, F. S. Emery, Harold Zeigler, Ralph Taylor, R. E. Boober, Frank Leslie, Harold McCue, Kate Fletcher, Norman Stewart, Roy Fox, K. P. Lawrence, Geo. Oerding, O. C. Sanford, A. O. Walker and Birdie Skeels.

Attended Warren Brandon's Wedding

Mrs. Laura Brandon and her son, Marlin, returned Sunday evening from Klamath Falls, where they had gone last Saturday to attend the wedding of their son and brother, Warren C. Brandon. The latter who was a Coquille High graduate nearly a score of years ago, is now employed as bookkeeper in the Weyerhaeuser plant at Klamath Falls.