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Committee Thanks Those Decorating

No awards were made by the Christmas decorating committee of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce for either home or business decorating this holiday season. There were many which deserved honorable mention but here again the committee did not wish to slight anyone and merely thanks the scores of both householders and business men who co-operated in making Coquille one of the most beautifully decorated cities along the coast, and it might be better to make it "in the entire state."

"Sabotage" is the best definition to be applied to the destruction last Friday night of light bulbs taken from in front of various homes. The globes were just smashed on the sidewalk. The police are seeking the youthful perpetrators of these outrages.

The committee hopes that next year there will be funds available so that some cash prizes can be offered.

But the destruction of light globes by foolish children—certainly no one with a sense of decency would pull such stunts—is going to be a deterrent hereafter to those who would like to dress up their places for Christmas.

Grange Officers Installed Saturday

A group of North Bayside grange members, headed by Henry Gustafson, put on installation ceremonies Saturday evening for the local grange and the Bridge grange. Despite many people being kept away from the meeting on acocunt of high water, there was a fine turnout for the meeting, and representatives from several granges were here.

The new grange officers are master, Henry George; overseer, George Steward; lecturer, Effie Shindoll; steward, Paul McNair; assistant steward, John Martin; chaplain, Aurora Willard; treasurer, Lola McNair; secretary, Ida Oerding; gatekeeper, J. W. Ruble; Ceres, Paul Ruble; Pomona, Grace Barber; Flora, Cora Mulkey; lady assistant steward, Effie Wheaton; musician, Florence Hallock; executive committee, Joe Harney, W. L. Kistner and George Gilman.

B. B. Season To Start Next Week

Next Tuesday, January 7, Coach Leslie takes the Red Devils basketball squad to North Bend where both A and B squads will meet the ferocious Bulldogs in two games. The North Bend quint has had some strenuous games with outside teams and will be set to start a winning streak from the start. The Red Devils are in good shape and will make it an interesting game every time they play.

A week from tomorrow night, Jan. 10, the Myrtle Point Bobcats will furnish the opposition, the game being played in the Coquille gym. B-squad game will start at seven o'clock.

Couple Did Not Want Publicity Of Their License

It is to be hoped the Sentinel reporter did not spoil the culmination of a romance Tuesday afternoon. This reporter was looking over records in the county clerk's office when two young men and a young lady came in. They talked about getting a marriage license, which they did not want mentioned in the paper, but went out without securing one.

Two Taken To Pen Tuesday

Sheriff Howell and Jailer Bert Mead went out to Salem Tuesday morning, taking Joseph Potter and Larry Vern Snyder to the penitentiary. Potter was sentenced last week to a year in the pen for theft of an automobile, and Snyder, who pleaded guilty on Monday this week to purse snatching at Marshfield, was sentenced to two years.

Check Artist At Bay Brought To Jail Here

Frank Ramus, an itinerant, was brought over from Marshfield last Friday and lodged in the county jail on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He issued three or four fictitious checks over there, and Judge Bolt set his bonds at $1000, which he, of course, could not furnish.

O. E. S. To Install This Evening

The retiring worthy matron, Mrs. Maxine Jeub, will be installing officer at the public installation of officers for Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O. E. S., in Masonic Temple at eight o'clock this evening. Mrs. Helen Ayers will be installing marshal, Mrs. Maud Woodyard, installing organist; Mrs. Harriet Osika, installing secretary, and Mrs. Florence Sanford, installing chaplain.

The officers for this year who are to be installed are:

Gladys Gano, worthy matron.
Clarence Osika, worthy patron.
Gertrude Ulett, associate matron.
Julius Ruble, associate patron.
Edna Taylor, conductress.
Leona Bryant, associate conductress
Emma Pierce, secretary.
Susie Folsom, treasurer.
Maxine Jeub, marshal.
Helen Ayers, chaplain
Idyle Godard, Adah
Mildred McCune, Ruth
Lola Milne, Esther.
Hazel Hanna, Martha.
Florabelle Boober, Electa.
Eleanor Jayes, Warder.
Robt. Harbison, sentinel.

Changes On County Court Monday

Besides the change in the assessor's office where Chas. Forrest will succeed J. P. Beyers next Monday, the only other official changes will be on the county court.

Ervin L. Peterson, who has been attending court sessions for the past two months, will succeed J. E. Norton who has served so efficiently and well since being appointed by Gov. Sprague last summer. Lars Peterson will enter on his duties as county commissioner, succeeding Charles Powers, of Marshfield, who has also been a valuable public servant since being named by the county court last summer to succeed the late Thos. H. Thompson.

Lions-Rotary To Hold Joint Session

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick will be the toast of the Coquille Lions and Rotary clubs when they hold a joint dinner session in the Parish House tomorrow noon. Fitz has been a member of the Coquille Lions for so many years he is one of its oldest members and on so important an occasion as his marriage, he did not forget his old friends. He and Mrs. Mae Logan were married in Portland Sunday and immediately went to Newport, where he is now engaged in the cleaning business again.

Hale Eubanks Has 3½ Acres In Cranberries

Rev. Hale B. Eubanks, who came down Sunday afternoon from Toledo, to spend two or three days at the L. H. Hazard home, left yesterday for home, taking a bunch of cranberry cuttings from the Dufort bog near Bandon. When he gets those planted he will have three and one-half acres in cranberries at his bog on Sutton lake north of Florence. Mrs. Eubanks and their daughter, Adrienne, went up to Portland Sunday to remain over New Year's at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. M. Sercombe.

Mrs. Swanson Injured In Accident

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Swanson, of the Coquille Baptist church, suffered an accident as they were on their way to Portland the first of the week, near Florence. The car skidded on the slippery pavement and turned over off the highway. Mrs. Swanson was injured but after receiving first aid treatment at Florence was able to continue on to Portland. They were able to drive the car on in as it was not too badly damaged.

Down To 24 Degrees This Morning

Not the coldest night of the winter, nor even of this year, was this morning recorded temperature. The thermometer stood at 24 degrees this morning, 23 yesterday, while the low for early December was 17 degrees.

Three Links Sewing Club members are advised that the next club meeting has been postponed from January 7 to January 21, when Helen Larson will entertain.

35 Pound Bobcat Trapped Near Town

Buster, the Australian Shepherd and Australian dog belonging to Basil Arnold, is enjoying the honors that come with being the hero of the Rink Creek district. Monday afternoon Buster led his master to a corner of pasture land to show him the fresh-killed carcas of an Angora goat. Mr. Arnold, who has a herd of a hundred goats, has lost nine of the animals in the past few weeks.

Several traps were set close to the carcass. Tuesday morning, Mr. Arnold and Buster went out to examine their traps. They found a 35-pound bobcat who had entangled a front foot in one trap and a hind foot in another. One carefully placed shot from a .22 ended Mr. Bobcat's career as a goat-getter.

Buster proudly guarded the bobcat's carcass today, while Mr. Arnold was in town to collect the $8 bounty given by Coos county and the state. According to Mr. Arnold, Buster will have a beefsteak bought with part of that bounty money.

Sheriff's Office Issues 328

Miss Eva Schroeder in the legal department of the sheriff's office, spent a busy two days, Monday and Tuesday, issuing temporary permits to those who had neglected to send to the secretary of state at Salem for their 1941 plates. For this year just past the fees received in the sheriff's office from this source, at two bits each, totalled $848 which means 3392 temporary licenses were issued during the year.

Miss Schroeder stated today that she had issued 328 of these temporary permits from Monday morning until noon today, most of them on Tuesday.

$1,467,700 in Taxes Collected in '40

Coos county tax collections for the year just passed were 110 per cent of the amount levied a year ago, and about $15,000 less than was collected in 1939. But the turnover a year ago by the department to the county treasurer was delayed a month and the amount entered for 1939 was $1,482,624.98. The amount entered for 1940 when the books were closed for the year showed $1,467,700 to have been collected. Last year the collections were 104.94 per cent of the rolls, which totalled $1,412,803.02. The 1940 rolls aggregated $1,337,397.46.

Few 6 Per Cent Bonds Remain Unpaid

Mayor R. F. Milne's administration of city affairs the past two years has resulted in a debt reduction of $49,131.58. To be added to that is the $4900 worth of Bancroft six per cent bonds which will be retired the next interest payment date, Feb. 1.

These Bancroft bonds are the only six per cent bonds the city now has outstanding and City Treasurer Caughell says he expects to call the entire $15,508 during this year of 1941.

The $109,000 worth of general fund and water bonds, some of which will also be retired this year, bear interest ranging from 2¾ to 5½ per cent on the four per cent issues.

The city has spent this year $9,000 less than was budgeted a year ago for 1940, so out of the 1940 budget will be paid the city's expenses for 13 months—December 1939 and the twelve months of 1940. This will leave another surplus out of the 1941 budget to apply on further debt reduction in 1842.

Unless some unexpected emergency arises during the next two years the city of Coquille should be very nearly out of debt by the time Mayor Milne's second term expires in January 1943.

Jaw Fractured By Horse's Kick

A. L. Powrie, of Myrtle Point, son-in-law of W. H. Mansell, received a very serious injury Christmas day when a horse kicked him in the face. The jaw bone was splintered on the left side, his chin was fractured, and the sharp edges of the hoof cut around his throat from the left side around under his chin. He has been taken to Portland for treatment.

Christmas Seal Sale Nets $500

Mrs. Leo Sohler, seal sale chairman for the Junior Woman's club, announces that close to $500 has been turned in for Christmas seals. There is still about $300 worth of unacknowledged stamps.

Two $5 bonds were bought by Graduate Nurses of District No. 17, while the Junior Woman's club, the McKinley Grange and the Woman's club each bought one five dollar bond.

Junior Woman club members who assisted Mrs. Sohler on the seal sale campaign were Gertrude Mehl, Mrs. Wendell Sandall, Mrs. Tom Stevens and Mrs. T. K. Foss.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. E. Axtell and Lanis Bosworth left Monday evening at seven o'clock for San Francisco to greet the new year in the usual custom of the city by the golden gate and to attend the East-West football game on Wednesday.

Dr. J. D. Rankin was one of the 90,000 at the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena yesterday in which the coast champion Stanford team defeated the Nebraska Corn huskers by a 21 to 13 score. The doctor left for the south last Saturday, accompanied by J. W. McInturff, of Marshfield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson are expected home the coming week-end from San Diego for which point they left last Thursday to spend New Year's with their son, Phillip, and family.

Mrs. A. W. Chapin, a former resident here, who now lives in Portland, has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Gould. Mrs. Chapin plans to be here until mid-January.

Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, went out to Eugene New Year's day to resume her studies at U. of O. She had not been out for the fall term which opened in September.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Laird drove out to Corvallis Wednesday to take their son, Jack, and Beverly Norton back to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levine came in Tuesday from Monroe, where they have been visiting relatives. They are visiting Mrs. Flora Dunne, at whose home they will receive friends from 2 till 8 p. m. Saturday, when they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. All their friends are invited to come to the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bosesrman and Donna Dean spent the week-end in Corvallis, visiting relatives of Mrs. Bosserman, and in Eugene, where they visited at the Marvin Hopkins home.

Bert Gould returned Tuesday afternoon from San Bernardino, where he has been visiting relatives during the part few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Selbig returned last Saturday afternoon from their two weeks trip to southern California, where they spent Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Denison and daughter were guests at the Henry McCue home on Second street last week-end. They are former Coquille residents, now living in Portland. They left Sunday for home.

It is Grandpa and Grandma Brick Leslie now, a six pound son having been born on Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Claterbos, Jr., at their home in Astoria. The mother is the former Barbara Leslie.

Mrs. George Hartley and Mrs. Emily Hersey left New Year's day for Beaverton where they are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hersey. After a few days at Beaverton, Mrs. Hartley will return to her home at Murtaugh, Idaho.

Another Home To Be Built On Burns Acres

Bobbie Burns reports the recent sale of three acres in Burns Acres to Alexander J. Bruce, a cabinet maker recently from Nebraska. Mr. Bruce already has $1500 worth of lumber on the lot across Willard street from the R. A. Wernich home where he will soon start construction of a five or six room house for his home.

"All's Well With Britain"

E. G. Opperman received a cablegram on Christmas from his brother in England, which read, "Greetings from the Opps to all other Opps and American friends. Stout hearts are this side; all's well with Britain."

The English brother is a manufacturer, making parts necessary in defense. As a precaution he not long ago built another factory in case the one in operation was damaged and recently it was bombed, the building and machinery dropping into the basement. But the equipment was salvaged, moved to the other factory, and he is again operating a plant.

Hitler and the hordes of hell can not conquer a people with the indomitable spirit of the British.

Leaves Office After 24 Years

J. P. Beyers, who retires this week as county assessor, after having served the county efficiently and well in that important office for 24 years, says that he has no immediate plans for the future. He expects to put in some time working on his home place and said Tuesday that he could put in a year at it if he so desired.

The new assessor, Chas. W. Forrest, has been working in the office since election, at Mr. Beyers' invitation, familiarizing himself with the duties there.

He has announced that he will keep H. C. Getz, draftsman, and Mrs. Anna Rooney, on their respective jobs in the office. Both have been there for many years.

Fees Clerk's Office Up $2,000 Last Year

Receipts of fees in the county clerk's office for 1940 was $2,009.07 larger than it was in 1939 when the total was $9,638.45. The increase to $11,647.52 was largely due to increased recording fees. Separated into the various accounts the total was made up from recording fees, $5,651.75; circuit court, $3,250; probate and county court, $687; marriage licenses, $843; miscellaneous, $1,215.77.

The December collection report for fees received by the office showed $403.20 for recording, $246 for circuit court, $65.50 for probate court, $57 for marriage licenses, $227.42 miscellaneous, making a total of $999.12.

Five Picked Up By Police

The three monthly inmates of the city bastile were before Acting Recorder Caughell the past week, Walt Smith on Dec. 27, was fined $10; Carmel Sanders and John Darling on Monday were fined $20 each. Ralph E. Wilson was arrested at three o'clock Wednesday morning and was to appear before the recorder this morning.

The same applies to an intoxicated woman who was told to go home by the police at 2:30 New Year's morning. She refused to go and was locked up.

Married As New Year Started

A couple, who were determined to start the new year right were Jack McCracken, of this city, and Corrine Hart, of North Bend. They called at the Rev. H. L. Graybeal residence at midnight Tuesday and when 1941 was not more than thirty seconds old the minister was speaking the words which made them man and wife.

Who Knew This Was A Crime?

Here's an offense that it is a safe guess that 99 people out of 100 did not know was a game law violation. For the possession of a coon hide, Eugene Adams, of Myrtle Point, was fined $25 and costs in justice court. The arrest was made by the state police. Sheriff Howell remarked this morning that he could have been guilty—if he had had such a hide—without knowing he was violating any statute.

Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Gould returned Sunday from a week-end visit with the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gould.

Highways Are All Open Again

The slide which covered the highway at the Hathaway place, just west of the dike on the road to Bandon for a distance of 200 feet last Thursday noon was removed from the pavement by the state highway crew; the road being cleared by Sunday, although the short detour was still necessary while the rock and earth between the pavement and the edge of the bluff was being removed.

The rocks were dumped along the upper side of the dike as further protection from flood waters.

At the highest point last Friday, when the crest of the high tide reached here, the water still lacked a foot of covering the dike. Down at the Joe Nilsen place, just this way from Riverton, however, the water reached a depth of 26 inches on the highway and only those who needed to go through were making the attempt. At the Alpine place, just below the Riverton store, the water was about eight inches over the pavement at the high water mark.

The road up the river and across, to the Roy district district, was open again Monday morning.

Rev. T. H. Downs Is Very Low

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Downs, who were here Monday went up to Portland Tuesday for a couple of days. His father, Rev. T. H. Downs, former M. E. pastor here, is very low and the end is expected at any time. From Portland, Wesley and his wife are going to Klamath Falls, where they will make their home. They returned a few weeks ago from a 7,000 mile trip on which they got as far east as Louisville, Ky. Wesley says he wouldn't trade a duck pond in the Coquille valley for the most of the land they saw in the east.

3 Couples Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. Vernon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hand, all celebrate their wedding anniversaries during Christmas week. Several years ago the three couples and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor instituted the custom of holding an annual turkey dinner in remembrance of those most important dates. Sunday afternoon, the anniversary dinner was given at the Lee Hand home by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Hand. Each of the couples celebrating their wedding anniversary received presents from the other members of the group. After dinner the games scheduled for entertainment were interrupted that everyone might listen to the President's Fireside Chat. Discussion of his speech routed all further thought of games.

Roxy To Have Bargain Night

Beginning Wednesday evening of next week, January 8, the Roxy Theatre is to start a new policy, that of Bargain Nights each Wednesday, when adult admisison will be 20 cents.

And while on the subject of the Roxy, note the outstanding list of attractions which are being advertised on page eight in this issue for the month of January. Messrs. Claver and Wood have contracted for some of the best pictures to come out of Hollywood in recent months for their January bookings.

Schroeder's Display Was Outstanding

One of the outstanding out-of-doors scenes, emblematic of the Christmas season, in Coquille this year was that on the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries lot on Moulton street. It represented the Christ child and his mother, the manger, even cattle and sheep, the wise men who came to worship, and back of that was a large lighted cross on a separate mounting. It is the most elaborate and high priced Christmas symbolism to be shown in Coquille.

Anne Barton To Teach At Grants Pass

Miss Anne Barton who had received a contract to teach in the Grants Pass high school for the rest of this school year, went over there last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barton taking her over. She will be instructor in music and English.