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## Coquille High Commencement Last Evening

Old timers and newcomers alike were given a quick glance at the Coquille valley of 20 years ago, when C. A. Howard, who delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of Coquille high Wednesday night reminisced about the days when he was superintendent of schools here. Dr. Howard recalled the day-long trip by automobile to Marshfield, and the half day spent on a river boat if one wanted to go to Bandon.

After noting the progressive changes in the community, Dr. Howard launched into a talk for members of the graduating class. The aim of schools, he said, is to help boys and girls select their own destination. Dr. Howard gave case histories of six boys who were in his high school graduating class. In several instances, the boys had set their destinations and had carried through. They were successful men. A few of his stories dealt with young men who drifted without purpose, or who had not had the drive to follow through with their plans. Dr. Howard stated that psychologists today maintained that drive, which is the modern term for the old-fashioned phrase "will power," is developed by the individual and is not an innate characteristic. Will power, he went on to say, can be inculcated into the character by doing the ordinary, little things that are demanded by every day life. If these small tasks are dispatched quickly, a person builds up the will-power to carry through on large and important matters. Dr. Howard summed up the message he wished to convey in his address by telling the members of the graduating class that "if you wish a successful, satisfying, fruitful life, set a predetermined destination worthy of yourself and develop the power and self-control necessary to carry yourself to that goal."

Graduating exercises opened with the high school band playing "Pomp and Circumstance" under the direction of Thomas Cauthers. Rev. Howard L. Graybeal gave the invocation. Donna Dunn, salutatorian, gave a fine talk entitled, "Our American Way." After Dr. Howard's address, Georgia Briner, valedictorian, gave a studious talk on "Defending Our Heritage." Thomas Cauthers directed four boys, G. Holbrook, R. Gregory, E. Mead and C. Gray, who were members of a trumpet quartet.

B. W. Dunn gave the presentation of honors. The first student called by Mr. Dunn was Georgia Briner, who throughout her four years of high school, has maintained the highest scholastic averages, 1.28 in her class. Donna Dunn, with an average of 1.53, was second, Marvin Myers, whose average has been 1.71, was third, and Jean Newton, with an average of 1.72 was fourth. Other students receiving honorable mention were Aleta June Pullen, Russell F. Kollar, Eva Harriet Collier, Geraldine Viola Coe, Mildred R. Smith and Margaret Anne Steward. It is interesting to note that this class of 50 students, of whom 31 are boys and 19 girls, has but one boy whose grades are among the 10 highest.

C. S. Osika, high school principal, presented the class. Mr. Osika gave a short, witty talk. Only in the last few sentences, did he become serious, when he adjured class members to respect their elders and their parents. Dr. J. R. Bunch presented the diplomas. The graduating class sang its song before Rev. Howard Graybeal gave the benediction, and the high school band played the recessional.

The Sophomore class decorated the high school gym for the commencement exercises. On the backdrop of the stage were the letters C. H. S. made of white rosebuds and outlined with red rosebuds. Blue and white streamers, representing the colors of the graduating class converged on the red and white letters.

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## Is Elrod Becomes A Grandfather Sunday

Iris Elrod last Sunday became a grandfather. The mother is his daughter, Louise—Mrs. Robert Robbins. Mrs. Harry Hart, of the upper Rogue river section, is the young miss' grandmother; Mrs. J. A. Lamb and Mrs. Jane Williams are great aunts. The little one, who has not yet been named, weighed 7½ pounds at birth in Portland Sunday.

## Merchants Ready For Dollar Day

Dollar Day in Coquille is to be on Saturday this week, May 24.

And that pretty nearly tells the story, as far as publicity is concerned but the advertisements of the participating merchants, scattered through the pages of the Sentinel and the Coquille Valley Buyers Guide, tell the story much more graphically than can any news item.

There are hosts of Dollar Day bargains listed in these ads, and no one will make a mistake in coming to Coquille Saturday to have a part in this money-saving Dollar Day Special sale.

Even some of those who are not listing their special offerings will have worthwhile bargains to offer.

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## Interesting Talks At Rotary Meet

Guest speakers and entertainers held the floor to such an extent at the Rotary club luncheon at the hotel yesterday that the members who attended the district convention at Victoria, B. C., last week didn't get an opportunity to get a word in edgewise.

Chas. M. Howard, president of the Oregon College of Education, was the first speaker introduced and he gave an informal talk with reminiscences of the early day when he first came to Coquille.

Bishop B. D. Dagwell then followed with a few anecdotes in his usual sparkling vein, and Dal King, president of the Myrtle Point Rotary club and newly appointed circuit judge for this district, responded to his introduction with a few words of appreciation and a pleasant tribute to his predecessor, Judge Brand.

Mrs. Marcella Rawe, of Riverton, accompanied by Miss Inez Rover at the piano, sang a group of solos in a very pleasing manner.

Plans for the Ladies Night to be held tomorrow night at the Midway Cafe at Coaledo, were announced as practically complete and the committee was to meet last night to finish up the details.

Besides the guests mentioned above Rotarians Bob Dill, scout field executive of Roseburg, and P. W. Laird, of Myrtle Point, were present as were Supt. B. W. Dunn, of the Coquille schools, and Bobbie Kline.

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## Old Friends Honor Dr. Howard

An informal dinner party was held in the Coquille Hotel last evening, honoring Dr. Chas. A. Howard, former superintendent of the Coquille schools, who made the address to the C. H. S. graduating class last evening.

Dr. Howard left Coquille in 1917, twenty-four years ago, and the group last evening was composed of those who were friends of a quarter century ago.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with roses and spring flowers, and the flow of wit and reminiscences made it an event to be remembered.

He was not called "toastmaster," but J. E. Norton acted in that capacity, calling upon O. C. Sanford, Dr. Richmond, J. A. Lamb, M. O. Hawkins, H. S. Norton, F. G. Leslie, Mrs. Martha Mulkey and Mrs. Inez Chase to welcome the honored guest to which Dr. Howard responded.

There were thirty-three present and many who wished to attend were unable to do so. Besides those mentioned the list of those present were: Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. J. E. Norton, Mrs. H. S. Norton, Mrs. F. G. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Pierce, Miss Bess Maury, Mrs. Bertha J. Smith, Miss Myrtle DeLong, Mrs. Pauline Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Folsom, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Osika, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Beyers and Miss Mary Watkins, of Arago.

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## J. E. Paulson Married Last Week In Reno

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## Council Told State May Resurface Two Coquille Streets

City Engineer Gearhart reported at the city council session Monday evening that his conversations with state highway department engineers led him to believe that the state department would repair and resurface Second street from Willard to Hall, and Willard from Front to Second, some time this summer.

State funds which will be pro-rated among the cities of the state for improvement of streets which may be used in lieu of the highway, were made available for the cities by the recent legislature as a compromise measure to the demand of many cities that gas tax funds be diverted to city use.

Mr. Gearhart said the parking spaces in Willard would also be given a surfacing.

C. M. Gray acted as temporary chairman of the meeting until Mayor Milne's arrival, but got no further in conducting the business of the session than having the minutes read.

The Coquille safety commission reported the need of sidewalk repair at the rear of the Liberty Theatre on Willard, at the northeast corner of the intersection of Willard and Front, and in front of the Hallock Dress Shop.

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## Coos Man Was On Relief Ship

World War II was brought home to Coos county this week in a more personal way than it had been before with the announcement that the Egyptian vessel, Zamzam, had been sunk in the South Atlantic about a month ago.

On it were a former Eastside boy, Rev. Walter C. Johnson, and his wife, who were on their way to Jerusalem. He graduated from Coos River High in 1936.

Following the released report by the British that the Zamzam was long overdue, the Nazis reported next day that all passengers and members of the crew, as well as the vessel load of supplies, had been removed from the ship before she was sunk, and that those taken from the vessel, of whom more than 140 were American citizens, were safe in some port in "occupied France," and that the Americans would be released soon and allowed to leave the country.

While the vessel was plainly marked as a relief ship, the Nazis claim it was loaded with contraband supplies which they confiscated.

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## Drilling Awaits Four More Leases

Four men who are interested in the leases which have been secured by Les Child on the Westport arch, west and northwest of Coquille, were in town last week end, and selected a tentative spot for drilling the first well on the arch and the location of a road up Davis Slough to that spot.

Those here from southern California were R. S. Rhoades, Paul Nelson, Larry Clark and Wm. Whiteland. They made it very plain, however, that unless the owners of four tracts which have not yet signed up leases, can be brought to see the light and sign up, that there will be no drilling of any kind on any of the land which Mr. Child and Mr. Nelson have already leased.

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## Oregon Hotel Men Here On A Good Will Tour

A party of Oregon hotel men stopped at the Coquille Hotel here Tuesday night and yesterday morning, accompanied by Lufe Compton, left for the south with San Francisco as their ultimate destination. It is a publicity and good will trip on which the party will visit all travel directing agencies between Portland and San Francisco on both highways 101 and 99.

In the party, which came in Tuesday evening, were Wm. Boyd, owner of the Grand Hotel in Portland; W. W. Chadwick, manager of the Chadwick hotel chain in Oregon; Al Cummings, manager of the Oregon Hotel in Eugene; and Jack Harding, owner of the Umpqua Hotel in Roseburg.

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The grand jury which served just before the opening of the February term of court and which Judge Brand held over for the coming June term, began its deliberations in the court

## Truck Falls Through Bridge

Mike Ostergaard of North Bend was over here the first of the week looking for a new job. He had a perfectly good job last week, but he pulled his bridges behind him. Mike was hauling lumber from the Christie mill in the McKinley district. The mill can be reached only by crossing a suspension cable bridge 40 feet above Middle creek. With a load of 4500 feet of fir lumber on the truck Mike was crossing the bridge when the deadman pulled loose. Truck, lumber, bridge and Mike were dumped in the creek. Until the bridge is repaired, Mike must work on another job.

Despite the 40 foot tumble neither Mike nor the truck were damaged. There was a small, barely perceptible scratch on Mike's forehead and a nick in his pocketbook, from which he took \$24, to pay a tow car to pull the truck out of Middle creek.

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## It Is Judge Dal M. King

As had been generally anticipated, Gov. Sprague on Tuesday appointed Dal M. King, Myrtle Point attorney, to succeed Judge Jas. T. Brand on the circuit court bench in this district.

The appointment meets with universal approval and Judge King will have the united support of the Coos county bar association and the general public.

It is anticipated that Judge Brand's resignation will be presented Monday and that Judge King will the same day qualify for his new position.

## Another Early Settler Is Gone

Joseph L. Knight, one of the older residents of the Coquille valley, suffered a heart attack at his home on Catching creek, shortly before noon on Monday, death resulting. He had apparently been in good health the day before, riding over his range and looking at his stock.

Funeral services are being held in Schroeder Bros' Mortuaries at Myrtle Point at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. M. White. Interment is to be in the Norway cemetery.

Mr. Knight was born in Springfield, Ill., July 6, 1867, and came to Oregon in 1881. On Feb. 26, 1888, he was united in marriage to Rosa H. Elliott on the ranch where he lived.

He is survived by his widow and by seven children: Mrs. Cina Lu Smith, who flew from Honolulu; Mrs. Flossie Boyd, who flew from Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Susan Ethel Aitken, Coquille; Jas. Loren Knight, Myrtle Point; Jos. W. Knight, Eugene; Mrs. Thelma Ball, Coquille; Elmer E. Knight, Grants Pass.

Although Mr. Knight has devoted his attention in recent years to stock raising, he made a reputation at one time for raising race horses, and for a time his racers were well known on the western tracks of the United States. For several years he conducted a meat market in Myrtle Point and was one of the directors when the Security Bank was organized there.

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## Mrs. Corliss Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted by Dan W. Brown at the Schroeder chapel on Tuesday for Mrs. Lola Maude Corliss who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Viola Caudill, last Saturday. Interment was at Fairview.

She was born in Butler county, Iowa, March 19, 1877, and was 64 years of age. She came to Myrtle Point thirty years ago.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Roxy Haskins, of this city, who is 84 years of age; and five children: Inez Clare Ingalls, San Jose, Calif.; Korwee E. Stanford, Myrtle Point; Hattie May Knight, Riverton; Roxy Lolita Frye and Alice Viola Caudill, both of Coquille. Also four step-children; a brother, Faye D. Haskins, Olympia, Wash.; two sisters, Bertha Wilson and Zettie Smith, of Coquille, and a half sister, Edith Brummett, Central Valley, Calif.

house here this morning, a week before the petit jury is summoned to appear. The grand jury will report to Judge King next week.

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## Poppy Day Proclamation

Next Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, were proclaimed Poppy Days in Coquille by Mayor Ralph Milne, who urges all citizens to observe those days by wearing the memorial poppy of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

The Proclamation

Whereas, wearing of the memorial poppy is an effective way of keeping bright the memory of those young men who gave their lives in America's service during the World War; and

Whereas, the women of the American Legion, with the assistance of the Junior Auxiliary, will distribute these poppies throughout the city next Friday and Saturday;

Therefore, I, Ralph F. Milne, mayor of the city of Coquille, do proclaim next Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, to be poppy days in Coquille and urge all citizens to observe these days by wearing a memorial poppy in honor of the men who died for America in the war of 1917 and 1918.

Ralph F. Milne, Mayor

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## Dept. President To Visit Auxiliary

Tuesday, May 27, Laura Goode, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary for Oregon, will visit Coquille. Mrs. Goode will be accompanied by Anne Taggeswell, department vice-publicity chairman. It is hoped that Bess Rigel, Roseburg hospital chairman will also come, and if she does she will bring some of the work of the Occupational Therapy shops, at the Roseburg Veteran's Facility for display. This work is very interesting, as well as beautiful. The disabled veterans there weave baskets, rugs, scarfs, and make various other articles such as trays and tables.

There will be a no-host dinner at the Coquille Hotel, after which there will be a joint meeting with the Powers Unit, at the Legion Home. This meeting will be most interesting and instructive, and all Auxiliaries are urged to be there. If unable to get to the dinner, members are urged to attend the meeting.

Those wishing additional information about the dinner may call Mrs. Fred Kunz, president of the Coquille Unit.

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## Open House At McKinley CCC Camp

Company 6400 OOC, Camp McKinley GLO-4 McKinley, Oregon, located on the Tioga road, four miles north east of McKinley, will have an "open house" next Sunday, May 25. This is a delayed celebration of the 8th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps which was organized in April, 1933.

Schedule of events call for a softball game between the camp team and Stevens Hardware of Coquille, at 1:00 p. m.; inspection of camp and work activities between 2:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m.; refreshments, entertainment, and movies 6:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to visit Camp McKinley on May 25, everything being free.

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## Real Estate Deals Made

Among the real estate transactions made this week at the George E. Oerding agency was the sale of the Frances W. McCarthy home at 522 East 10th to Vernon and Verna Brockmann. The McCarthys moved to Albany two months ago. The Brockmanns, who have been living on the Bandon highway, plan to move into town soon.

Another deal made through the Oerding agency this past week was the deal in which Kenna and Lula Hughes sold an acre and a third at the end of Elliott street to Arthur W. Morton. Mr. Morton plans to build a house on the property soon.

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## Have Switched Shifts

Coquille's chief of police, Lewis English, has not been in the best of health lately, and decided one reason was that he did not get enough sunlight—he has been on the night shift for years. Accordingly he and Frank McCreary have traded posts, the latter taking the night shift and Chief English the day. The transfer went into effect the later part of last week.

## No Tax Increase For Coquille School District

Elsewhere in this issue appears the call for the annual school meeting in District No. 8, to be held at the high school Monday evening, June 16, and the proposed budget for next year, which was prepared by the budget committee at a meeting held in the Washington building Monday evening. The citizens portion of the committee consisted of H. A. Slack, J. L. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Berg, Dr. C. A. Rietman and F. S. Emery, all of whom were present except one who retired at eight o'clock, forgetful of his civic duty.

At the June 16 school meeting the taxpaying voters will also decide whether to increase the amount of taxes to be levied next year by \$4,088.25 more than the six per cent limitation allowed by law without a special vote. Last year the amount voted in excess of the six per cent was \$13,172.56.

The proposed budget, if and when adopted, will levy \$54,550 in special district tax. Last year's budget provided for the collection of \$54,610 special taxes, a reduction of only \$60, with a levy of practically the same next year as this, unless assessed valuations cut down the rate somewhat. The total budget to be presented calls for \$77,950.00.

The budget committee could have reduced all the figures given above for next year, but decided it would be good business to allow the accumulation of a surplus which will be used to retire bonds before maturity dates, thereby effecting a saving in interest. There will be but one director to elect this year, due to a change in the first class school districts election law made by the last legislature.

The terms of W. E. Bosserman and C. W. Kline would have both expired next month, under the old law, but due to the change in the law only one does. This was settled at a recent directors' meeting when Mr. Kline announced he would retire this year and would not be a candidate at the June 16 election. Mr. Bosserman will therefore serve until June next year, under the former election, and it will be necessary to secure a new director whose term will begin next month and who will serve for five years.

The other division of terms of office was decided at the budget meeting Monday evening when Mrs. Leona Bryant drew the two-year term and Dr. J. R. Bunch the one for a three-year tenure in office.

R. T. Slater, elected last June to a three-year term, by the new law has his term extended a year and will serve until June, 1945.

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## Empire Plays Here Sunday

Again last Sunday wet ground prevented the Coquille club in the Southwestern Oregon League playing its first game of the season, scheduled to have been at Powers. The Myrtle Point-Langlois-Port Orford game was also postponed but on the Bay, North Bend won from Bandon and Marshfield from Empire.

Again, weather permitting, the opening game of the season in Coquille will be played this coming Sunday, at 2:00 p. m., Empire furnishing the opposition to the Coquille Indians.

The other scheduled games are for: P. O.-Langlois at Bandon. North Bend at Myrtle Point. Powers at Marshfield.

## Jay Schiefer Buried Yesterday

Jay Robert Schiefer, son of A. A. Schiefer of Myrtle Point, died at the McAuley Hospital at Marshfield early Tuesday morning, after being taken there from the bakery where he was employed. He had gone to work as usual Monday evening and the cause of the sudden attack was not known.

Jay Schiefer was born in Chinnay, Indiana, Feb. 9, 1913, and was three months and ten days past 28 years of age.

He is survived by his father, a brother, Emmett, and a sister, Olga. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Myrtle Point at 2:00 p. m. yesterday, Rev. J. T. Pryor officiating. Interment was in the Norway cemetery.