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## Coquille Prepares For Gigantic Fourth of July Victory Celebration

### Unstinted Praise For Necessities Unit's Demonstration

The Safety Division of the Coos Civilian Defense Council has heretofore given two splendid public demonstrations as to what it would do in event of a catastrophe and this demonstration last Friday evening showed how the two units in co-operation would function if the improbable bombing of Coquille should happen.

The two canteen units promptly set up for service in the Masonic and Odd Fellows kitchen and dining rooms, and Cliff Yarbrough's mobile unit soon had a fire going and coffee made in front of the Community Building where coffee and doughnuts were actually served.

The ladies of the Canteen Corps, after getting their requisition slips for the purchase of supplies, signed by the chairman, were prepared to feed 500 in each hall and the mobile unit prepared for 300.

A list of all those appearing for duty was duly signed by the ladies at the hour they went to work and the hour of departure was also noted. Also was posted a list of the food being prepared.

After the various county chairmen and the Civilian Defense heads from Myrtle Point and Bandon had visited the canteens a meeting of all units was held in the Community Building where Chairman Stelle presented to Mr. Bedingfield the chairman of each local unit who gave brief reports of their multitudinous activities following the catastrophe.

"If all of Coos county was well prepared as is Coquille, my work would be done," said J. B. Bedingfield, county chairman of the Necessities Division of the Coos National Defense Council, at the meeting in the Community Building last Friday evening, after the most satisfactory demonstration given by the several units of the division.

The problem, a hypothetical bombing and burning of all Coquille east of Hall street, was outlined on the (Continued on page five)

The Sentinel editor had to take a lot of razzle last Friday and three of the Coquille canteen corps in one group stopped him to say "stop my paper." All because the Sentinel in its June 25 issue said the canteen ladies "served 100 people in nine months."

The public is not interested in why errors are made, but we're going to tell how it happened anyway.

The copy was written that the ladies served 100 in nine minutes, and was set with those figures, but another error in the line caused the operator to reset it and when it came through that time the "minutes" had been changed to "months" and that was the way it went through.

Pardon us, ladies, you are doing a splendid job; your meal when that 100 were so speedily served was excellent and the Sentinel would be the last to belittle your civilian defense efforts.

An increase of ten per cent in wages at Smith Wood-Products plant here, from 75 to 82½ cents an hour, was announced by Geo. A. Ulett this week. The new scale which conforms to the wages paid in similar plants elsewhere was made effective June 1, so that the next payroll will be at the new rate.

A new meat market, The Front Street Market was opened in Coquille yesterday by Wm. L. Bell and "Perk" McCarger, in the former Bond Market location at 419 Front street.

Mr. Bell has been a resident of the Myrtle Point section for the past 40 years while Mr. McCarger comes here from San Francisco.

See their adv. on another page of this issue.

### "Bud" Gaffey Reported Missing

"Bud" Gaffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Gaffey of North Willard street here, is one of the nation's armed forces who is missing since the Japanese occupation of the outer end of the Aleutian Islands. The message came in a wire to his parents Tuesday morning, the telegram reading as follows:

"The Navy department exceedingly regrets to advise you that your son, Wilford Ivan Gaffey, seaman second class, U.S.N., was performing his duty in the service of his country at the Naval Aerological Station, Kiska, Alaska, when last heard from on June 10th. He will be carried on the records of the Navy department as missing pending further information. No report of his death or injury has been received and he may be a prisoner of war. It will probably be several months before definite official information can be expected concerning his status. Sincere sympathy is extended to you in your anxiety and you are assured that any report received will be communicated to you immediately.

Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, the Chief, of Naval Personnel.

### Library To Be Ready July 20

George Ulett reported at the Chamber of Commerce session in the hotel Tuesday noon that the new library room in the Community Building should be ready for occupancy in about three weeks.

The painters are still at work there; E. L. Perrott is getting the book shelves, desks and cases ready, and when the final staining and varnishing is dry, the homeless library will be moved into its permanent quarters.

Mr. Ulett said the committee had been very fortunate in being able to secure a gas blower heater for the library, but that electric fixtures, on which there is strict priority, have not yet been secured and that possibly the library might have to operate for a time with temporary lighting facilities.

It is a beautiful room, one of which every citizen in Coquille can well be proud and if there are any who have not visited the room it will be worth his or her time to do so.

### 350 Registered In So. Coos Tuesday

Mrs. Pearl Jackson, in the office of the Selective Service Board at Myrtle Point, reports that approximately 350 young men of the 18 to 20 years class registered at Coquille, Bandon and Myrtle Point on Tuesday. The cards have not yet been segregated and the number registering in each town in the southern half of the county is not yet available.

### E. T. Stelle Buys Home On Heights

E. T. Stelle intends moving the last of this week from the property the family has been occupying on East Second since they came to Coquille, to the home he purchased last week on Knowlton Heights. It is the former Dr. M. Earl Wilson place of seven lots and house, which he purchased from Cal Ray. Mr. Stelle says he can coast on his bicycle all the way down town but that it will require a lot of pumping to go home.

He has also purchased a house and lot on East Eleventh, as an investment, which he will rent.

### What Will The Harvest Be

Francis Schram is figuring on a turkey for next Christmas without expense, except for feed, and as he is expecting to have two, applications for the other one should be made at once, first come, first served.

A friend gave him a couple of "turkey" eggs which he has a bantam hen setting on. When he set the small bird on the large eggs, Mrs. Schram remarked, "I thought turkey eggs were speckled." Frank's comeback was, "Oh these are a special kind of white turkeys."

### County and State Levy To Be 15 Mills For Year 1942-43

Coos county taxpayers will pay 15 mills for the 1942-43 fiscal year for state and county purposes, a drop of two mills from what the rate would have been for the full calendar year of 1942 had not the change to a fiscal year—June 30 to July 1—been made.

County Auditor W. H. Wann states that the rate of 13.2 mills for the first six months of 1942 would have been increased by 3.8 mills for the last six months had the former calendar year of assessment and tax levying continued.

The county and state tax levy has decreased two mills a year for the past five years and the present outlook is that it will drop to 13 mills for the 1943-44 period. The highest levy in the county's history was the 27.7 mill levy in the early 1930's. For 1941 the levy was 18.9 mills; 17 mills for 1942, and 15 for 1942-43.

The drop in the levy is due primarily to the reduction in the bond debt, and during the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30, 1943, there will be paid a total of \$127,000 on bonded debt, plus the interest. Besides the maturing of \$43,000 worth of bonds this coming year, \$84,000 worth of callable bonds which do not mature until in the 1950's if paid when due, can be paid off Aug. 1, 1943, and the budget includes that \$84,000 and interest this year as it will next. The total of those not due bonds but which are callable next year is \$322,000. If the county is able to accumulate funds at the expected rate and pay them off, by August 5, 1944, the county will have outstanding but \$50,000 worth of bonds at that date and \$50,000 worth of that series is due in 1945.

This reduction in bonded debt has been possible only at the expense of county roads. True, the roads have been maintained but no extensive new roads program has been carried on and the time is coming when the county will have to budget larger amounts for road purposes. However, the county court's program is to retire the bonded debt before that time comes.

Mr. Wann states that next year's levy will not be more than 13 mills and might possibly be down to around 11 mills.

The budget, adopted by the court and citizens budget committee last week provides a total of \$633,105.96 expenses for all purposes, of which \$394,022.97 will be raised by taxation.

For the first six months of 1942 the budget adopted last December was for an expense of \$465,293.41, of which \$326,583.41 was to be raised by taxation.

A drop in the tax levy from 18.9 mills in 1941 to 15 for the 1942-43 fiscal year is something the taxpayers will not find it at all hard to take.

### Pete The Plumber To Klamath Falls

Having sold his home on Second street and his business building on Front recently, P. L. Johnson, the plumber, intends moving next Monday to Klamath Falls, where he has bought a home. Whether he will open a plumbing shop there at once or wait until after the war to do that, he has not yet determined.

His home here he sold to Phil Alborn of the Washer Service Co., formerly the Coast Maytag Co., and the Front Street building to the Washer Service Co., into which the business will soon be moved from its present location in the First National Bank building.

### Church of Christ Pastor Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. Liston Parrish arrived in Coquille yesterday from Woodburn, where they have been for the past three or four years, to begin his duties as minister in the Church of Christ here. Mr. Parrish supplied the pulpit here a month ago and the call to this pastorate followed.

He succeeds Dan Brown, who resigned as minister a few months ago because of illness.

### Victory Girl To Be Crowned At Nine Friday Evening

Votes turned in by the Victory Girl contestants were not counted last evening but they will be at six o'clock this evening when the contest closes.

At nine o'clock tomorrow (Friday) evening in the Community Building, the winner will be crowned and will rule over the celebration on Saturday. Following the crowning there, the soloist with Woody Hite dance band, Miss Frances Block, will sing a patriotic number, and the band will then play "The Star Spangled Banner."

Following that the awards of war bonds and stamps will be made to the Victory Girl winners and the payment of their percentage for tags sold. Dancing to the melodies of Woody Hite's dance band will occupy the rest of the evening, until

### Coquille Hospital Not To Close

Contrary to rumor and published reports the past week, the Coquille Hospital is not to be closed down, which is a splendid thing for Coquille as one hospital here would not provide facilities for those who will wish to make use of it at one time or another.

The decision to keep the hospital in operation was reached Monday evening when Lucille Livingston, one of the nurses there for the past year, made arrangements to take over its operation on July 1.

The previous decision to close was made because of the impossibility of securing sufficient nursing help but Livingston has wired to friends and acquaintances, some as far away as Arizona, and she received assurance that they would come to Coquille and become associated with her project.

The physicians and surgeons there—Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dr. L. B. Gould and Dr. Marshall Kennedy—who were to have retained their offices in the building had the hospital been closed, will, of course, remain there under the new set-up, unless or until one or more of them is summoned to war service.

### Special Council Meeting Tonight

The city council will meet at eight o'clock this evening to act on the offer of the State of Oregon to rent the room in the Community Building, which later will be fitted up as a kitchen, for the duration of the war. The state offers a rent of \$20 a month.

The use to which it will be put is the storage of food, purchased with funds supplied by the government, to be held for use if and when a bombing of this section should destroy the regular facilities for securing supplies. It is presumed the council will accept the offer as the kitchen cannot be fitted up at present anyway.

### Police Ask That Shades Be Drawn

The Coquille police reserves may not have been strictly performing their whole duty in not notifying all home owners to draw the shades over their lighted windows after 9:30 p. m., when the night dim-out starts. But they do ask the co-operation of everyone in carrying out the army orders which were established for protection of ships at sea which might be silhouetted by lights on shore, especially those windows which face the west, and compliance with the request will save the dark winter annoyance and permit the reserves who make their heugly patrol to make their rounds more rapidly in the future. Most of the Coquille homes were obeying the orders Sunday night but some were not.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leslie and Mrs. R. E. Boeber went up to the latter's cabins, south of Newport, last Friday. Mr. Leslie and Mr. Boeber intend leaving tomorrow evening to join them and spend the Fourth there.

### Opens At Nine O'Clock Friday Evening Continues All Day Saturday And Evening

All preparations are nearing completion for Coquille's big Victory Celebration July 3 and 4.

Coquille streets are decked with gala patriotic banners and welcome signs beckoning residents of Coos County and surrounding territory to co-operate in this gigantic Victory Festival which has the full approval of army authorities in the Ninth Corps Area of the United States Army.

The kick off of the big celebration will be at 9:00 o'clock Friday evening in the spacious auditorium of Coquille's new community building, when the winner of the Victory Girl contest will be crowned "Miss Victory" and enthroned to rule over Coquille's two-day extravaganza.

### Kathryn Everett Becomes Bride Of Harry A. Slack

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Slack arrived in Coquille last evening and are now at home to their friends at their home, corner of Collier and First streets.

Their honeymoon trip which took them to Klamath Falls, Reno, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco, was combined with business for Mr. Slack had legal matters to attend to in Klamath Falls and San Francisco.

His bride was Miss Kathryn Everett, daughter of Mrs. Ann Stahar of Springfield, and they were married at a quiet ceremony in the Episcopal church in Eugene at 10 a. m. on Wednesday of last week, by Rev. Howard White. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Merie C. Lindley of Eugene.

The Sentinel joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

### 92 Degrees Was Monday Maximum

Those various and sundry residents who have been complaining that summer was over-due were satisfied and even more than satiated on Monday when the thermometer registered 92 degrees in the shade that afternoon. On Tuesday it was four degrees less "hot," or 88, and yesterday's maximum was down another two degrees or to 86.

Whether this unusually hot spell presages a storm is only conjecture, although the barometer indicates that a change might be in the offing. However, it is to be hoped that the long-time resident who offers to bet ten dollars that it will rain on the 4th will lose—if he has had his bet covered!

### Victory Parade Will Be A Feature

The July 4th parade, at 10:30 Saturday morning, will form around the court house block, the start being made at the block's southwest corner. From there it will proceed west to the highway, then a block south to the bank corner, thence a block west to Willard in front of the Community Building, thence south to Front street, a block east on Front to Taylor, north on the highway to First, east to Hall, north to Second and east to the point of beginning.

Chairman J. L. Smith and members of the parade committee have not been able to make up a list of what the parade entries will be but the program on page seven of this issue tells what prizes—in Victory bonds and stamps—are offered for prize winners in the twelve classifications.

### Keno Game Saturday Night

An added attraction to the July 4th entertainment on Saturday evening will be the Keno game which Coquille Post No. 36 American Legion will operate in the front display room of Southwestern Motors, just west of the postoffice.

The Legion's plan is to divide the net proceeds of the game 50-50 between the 4th of July committee and the Legion treasury.

Two men in the uniforms and insignia of the R. A. F. of Great Britain passed through Coquille Tuesday. They were apparently hitch hiking their way down the coast.

The first of three big public dances will immediately follow the crowning of "Miss Victory" and Coquille's Victory Days will be off to a big start all in step and in tune with Woody Hite and his famous dance band together with Frances Block and Earl Whitney, his two outstanding vocalists.

Saturday morning, 10:30 o'clock, July Fourth will witness the mile-long patriotic Victory parade headed by the color guard and the Coquille High School Band. Pedestrians, Army troops, Motorized equipment, Floats, Bicycles, Horses and Horse drawn vehicles will all be in competition for the Victory Bonds and Victory Stamps which are being given as prizes for this outstanding parade.

Guests of Coquille's Celebration who bring their lunches will be furnished with free coffee, cream and sugar at the lunch grounds in the Myrtle Grove, adjacent to the new Community Building.

Water fight at 1:15 p. m. sharp by members of Coquille's outstanding Fire Department will attract crowds to Elliott street, just west of the court house, for the beginning of the afternoon program.

Associate Justice James T. Brand of the state supreme court will deliver a stirring patriotic address at 2:00 p. m. from an open air platform in front of the Community Building. Playing of the national anthem and the group singing of "God Bless America," led by Mrs. Leona Bryant, will be a prelude to the address of Justice Brand.

Street sports with prizes for everyone will be staged immediately following the address of Justice Brand. Chairman of the street sports committee is Ray Jeub, who promises plenty of excitement, especially in the rolling pin throwing contest for married women.

A rollicking, old-fashioned square dancing contest will hold the crowds for this last event of the afternoon open air program.

Dancing from three to five o'clock in the afternoon with Woody Hite's dance band will set the stage for the final big wind up dance Saturday night from 9:30 to 1:30 o'clock.

### Dance Floor Is In Fine Shape

The hundreds and thousands whom it is anticipated will attend Coquille's Victory Celebration dances in the new Community Building Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening will find a smoother, more satisfactory dance floor than is found in many dance halls which are used regularly every week. And with the alluring music of Woody Hite's dance band as an added incentive there will be no fault to find with this feature of the celebration.

While the present floor will be the subfloor when the building is completed, it was sanded two or three times last week.

To give the desired polished surface so necessary for a dance floor, O. L. Wood on Monday drove a light car round and round the huge room, dragging two weighted down bales of hay. This removed all the frizz which might have been left by the sander and really made the finest kind of a floor for dancing.

And dancers are reminded that each of the tags sold by the Victory Girl contestants is good for five dances during the Celebration.

**WANTED**—100 boys and girls on bikes, each bring a flag for special formation in 4th of July parade, 10:30 a. m. at southwest corner of courthouse square. Report to Lucky Bonney, in charge of Bicycle Brigade.