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## Coos Co. Financial Condition Is Most Excellent

Charles Stauff, who attended the convention of Oregon county treasurers in Portland last week, reports that State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, in his address before the meeting, talked of debt retirement by the counties and mentioned Coos as the outstanding county in the state in this regard.

When the various county treasurers present were called upon, Mr. Stauff added to the state treasurer's comment with the statement that by August 1, 1944, Coos county, under the present program, will be entirely out of debt. He gave credit for this county's splendid showing by the statement that fairly good times in Coos county and the payment of a great deal of delinquent taxes made it possible.

The net county debt, as of July 1, this year, was $322,021.60, and the outstanding bonds, callable Aug. 1, 1944, total $322,000. Of this sum $50,000 worth of bonds are due at that time and the balance may be called.

The policy of the county court in levying for the retirement of bonds as soon as they are callable makes the prospect almost certain that the county will be out of debt August 1, 1944. For the first six months of 1942 the court levied $76,428.41 for debt retirement, and for the 1942-43 fiscal year the taxes levied for this purpose total $81,083.79.

These funds, as they are accumulated from tax payments, are judiciously invested in securities which can be cashed as desired. Of the funds already in hand for calling bonds $97,000 has been invested in the county's own bonds, and $50,000 in government war bonds.

Mr. Stauff adds that possibly 50 per cent of the 1942-43 taxes will be collected this month and that the fund set aside for debt retirement will be invested in like securities which may be cashed when desired, by August 1, 1944.

All county warrants now—this does not include Non High School warrants—are now on a cash basis, so the prospect of Coos county being entirely out of debt in 20 months could not be better. But, of course, that will depend on tax payments and on whether any large commitments for county improvements are made during those twenty months.

## Adv. Asks People Not To Travel

The Pacific Greyhound bus lines, which have for years run advertisements in The Sentinel, seeking travel customers, has now changed its appeal and urges that people do not travel, especially during the coming holiday season when so many of the boys in the Army, Navy, Air Corps and Coast Guard will have a few days of furlough. Their advertisement on another page seeks the public's co-operation in making these home trips as comfortable and enjoyable as possible for the boys in the service.

## Was On Torpedoed Tanker On This Coast

Capt. John (Bluejacket) Yoakam, of Everett, Wash., and a former Coos county resident, was in Coquille on Tuesday. He told about the torpedoing of the tanker, a month or more ago, off the Port Orford coast. She was empty and not a man was injured. The vessel could have been gotten to port had a towing vessel of sufficient size been secured. As it was the boat did not sink for five days.

Capt. Yoakam is a nephew of the late John Yoakam.

## Lloyd Gregg Now In Rhode Island

Mrs. Gregg on Monday received a letter from Lloyd stating that he is now stationed in Davisville, Rhode Island, where he is in a construction batallion of the Navy. He left Coquille when called on his recent enlistment, on November 12.

Harold Charles Welch, of this city, who recently enlisted in the Navy, has been inducted and the first of last week began his training course at the Navy camp at Farragut, Idaho.

## Now Looking To The Farmers For More Scrap Metal and Junk

The following telegram, received this morning by the Sentinel from Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, is self-explanatory. As he says, the farms of the United States are the most likely place to find the vitally needed scrap metal and junk, and a strenuous campaign is to be made for the remaining five weeks of this year to get it collected and to the steel mills at once. The message reads:

The Government is asking the American farmer to dedicate the remaining weeks of 1942 to an intensive scrap hunt. Steel mills need more heavy scrap and the farms are one of the best sources of this type of metal. We need your further help in this farm drive and in aiding our salvage committee to continue this effort throughout the next few weeks. All salvage committees are being instructed to continue to make available to the farmer all their transportation facilities and man power and to cooperate in every possible way. The nation is looking to the American farmer. I am sure, with your help, he will come through.—Donald M. Nelson, Chairman.

## Ceiling On Holiday Foods

The following is a list of holiday food items on which a maximum price was set by Regulation No. 250:

Mincemeat, plum pudding, Fig pudding, date pudding, Christmas cookies, fruit cake, holiday candy, chocolate-covered cherries, sweet apple cider, glaced or candied fruits and peels, stuffed dried fruits, dried figs, pure sorghum syrup, dates and date products.

This bulletin summarizes the main features of a new O. P. A. regulation effective October 26, 1942. The Coquille War Price and Rationing Board have these bulletins on hand and will be glad to forward one on request.

## George Ulett, Jr. Highly Honored

George Ulett, Jr., who is this year in his senior year at the U. of O. Medical School in Portland, with another senior was invited to become a member of the honorary society, Nu Sigma Nu, which he did. He has recently received a certificate designating him as the "most valuable student to your school for the past year."

Just now he is doing special research work for the government at the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation plant at St. John, on head injuries. The work includes operation of an electro-encephalographic instrument, which is a machine which measures brain waves.

## Woman's Ambulance Corps For Coquille

As soon as twelve Coquille ladies have notified her of their desire to join a platoon in this city, as a part of Coos county Company G, Oregon Woman's Ambulance Corps, Captain Jacqueline Braden will come down from Myrtle Point to explain the details and what the duties of the Corps, in Civilian Defense are.

There are now three platoons of Company G in the county, one at Myrtle Point, Powers and Marshfield each, and it is hoped to have one at Coquille and another at Bandon.

Anyone interested should notify Capt. Braden at Myrtle Point.

## Seventeen Red Devils Receive Letters

Seventeen Red Devil grid warriors were awarded letters at a Coquille high school assembly last Friday, in accord with the recommendation of Coach "Spike" Leslie.

Seniors who received letters were Jack McCracken, Wally Moore, Thomas Martin, Boyd Hendricks, Robert Kline, Hugh Irwin, Robert McCarthy, Alvin Hickam and Wilfred Wasson.

Gerald Ulett and James Howe were the two juniors receiving letters and the single sophomore was Louis Allen.

There were five freshmen in the honored squad—David Kline, Robert Alborn, Homer Anderson, George Hurst and Floyd DeNoma.

## *Thanksgiving Proclamation*

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The Congress of the United States, in return to long-honored custom, having fixed the last Thursday in November as the day for national Thanksgiving, now, therefore, I, Charles A. Sprague, Governor of the State of Oregon, do proclaim Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, 1942, as the date for Thanksgiving observance in the State of Oregon.

The continuance of peace is usually hailed as a principal cause for a nation's gratitude. This year that source of thanksgiving is denied us. In the year past the United States has become involved in a great and terrible war, a war in which the existence of the nation is clearly at stake.

In this situation we still may find much to be thankful for. The nation is meeting the test of war with courage. Our people make the necessary sacrifices without hesitation. The youth in our armed forces are bearing the burden of battle with inspiring bravery. There is generating a deeper loyalty to our country and to its foundation principle of human freedom under law. We should indeed be grateful that the American people prize liberty above life, and war in the cause of justice above a craven peace.

There are other reasons for public thanksgiving. In this critical year God through nature has blessed the long toil of the husbandmen, giving bountiful crops now safely harvested. The state has been spared natural calamity and waste and loss from fires in our forests. No serious contagion has impaired the health of the people. Unemployment is no longer the dread spectre at many doorsteps.

I call on the people of the state to assemble in their places of worship on the day herein appointed, there to offer solemn thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we enjoy, to pray for divine guidance for our nation, and to beseech divine favor on the progress of our arms. In the homes let the day be spent soberly, without gluttony, matchin, in these war times the Spartan courage of our soldiers with Spartan continence in living.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Salem this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

CHARLES A. SPRAGUE
Governor

(Seal)

## America Can Be Thankful

The Sentinel, which comes out a day early this week, wishes all its friends and patrons a most enjoyable Thanksgiving Day.

The American people have much to be thankful for, although all branches of its armed forces are engaged in the most stupendous war for human freedom this old world has ever witnessed.

We can be thankful that we still have the right to worship, think and — within certain limitations — say what we please. The axis powers against whom we are fighting have denied to their people all the rights which this nation still enjoys.

Another cause for thankfulness is the growing advantage which the allied forces are winning on all fronts —Russia, Africa and in the Pacific.

That the global combat may last for one, two or three years yet, is, of course, possible but the probable defection of Italy from the axis partnership and the lessening force of that arch enemy of the human race, the Austrian paperhanger, lend hope to the thought that he may be eliminated as a world menace before Thanksgiving Day in 1943.

There is not as much indication that the Japanese — are they human beings?—can be brought to a realization that they are not to be dominating power in Asia and the Pacific ocean within a year's time but their eventual defeat is certain.

Let us all follow the president's suggestion, that Thanksgiving Day be devoted to prayer for the elimination of the hate, destructive, dictator forces which threaten our very existence as a free nation.

Mining Location notices for sale at this office.

## R. L. Smith And Englishman Visitors

Geo. A. Ulett left Tuesday for Portland to meet Ralph L. Smith, of Kansas City., Mo., who will be here this week in connection with lend-lease shipments from Smith Wood-Products to England. Mr. Smith is accompanied by W. H. Drummond, of Liverpool, England, who is with English Ministry of War purchasing department. He is also connected with the firm which represents Smith Wood-Products in England.

The last time Mr. Drummond visited Coquille was in September, 1936. He was here the night of the Bandon fire and visited the lower river section during the fiery night.

## Otho Miller On The Police Force

The new man on the Coquille police force, who succeeded Ernest Pagle, is Otho Miller, who has spent nearly all his life in government service. For years he was a member of the Marine Corps and for the last four years has been in the Forestry service.

The three Coquille police officers now are Chief Jack Arnold, R. H. Creager and Mr. Miller.

### No-D-Lay Cleaners Is Now In Enlarged Quarters

The No-D-Lay Cleaners have this week occupied the store room just east of their location on Front street.

This will give them more room for their pressing machines and also help in keeping down the heat in their work room.

An opening has been made between the two store rooms and they now have a double front on the street.

## 1,000 Register For Mileage Books

There were 1001 who registered for gas or mileage ration books at the Washington school house last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings.

This is probably not all who will want to be issued coupon books but such delinquents will have to wait until the Coquille valley rationing board is ready to receive their applications.

Supt. B. W. Dunn reports that about thirty Coquille teachers participated in the work, being divided into two shifts, one from three until six o'clock, and the other from six until nine o'clock. Four others who assisted were Mrs. Ethel Littler, Mrs. Carolyn Huff, Miss Inez Rover and Bert Gould.

## State Suing For Right-Of-Way

A suit was filed in circuit court this week by J. M. Devers, attorney for the State Highway Commission, whose object is to ascertain what the state shall pay those having an interest in the land for a right-of-way for the Seven Devils Chrome Mine Access road, from the Coast Highway to a connection with the North Bank road, a distance of two and one-half miles.

The road is needed for the transportation of black sand and minerals from the Seven Devils country and the state is co-operating with the federal government in having the road built.

Mr. Devers had been unable to come to an agreement with the owners as to what should be paid for the right-of-way.

The owners aginst whom the suit is filed are W. P. and Minnie E. Kausen, husband and wife, and Edith Hammond Williams. Included in the defendant list are W. E. and Rose Marrion and the Marrion Rock Co., who have a lease on the land, and Coos county which has a lien on it.

## Bill Pook Sends Season's Greetings

Bill Pook, writing from somewhere in the Pacific to his former associates on the local Mt. States Power Co. crew, wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, says he wishes they could be with him where it is "hot," and have to climb mahogany poles as he does. He adds they would surely enjoy Coos county weather and the fir poles to climb after an experience over there. He also said that he had just finished reading the Sentinel, and in another letter he remarked to his parents that he hadn't supposed the time would ever come, as it has now, that he would be interested in reading all the advs. in the Sentinel.

## C. of C. To Elect Tuesday, Dec. 8

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce will be a dinner meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8, place to be announced next week, President O. L. Wood stated Tuesday. The report of the nominating committee has not yet been submitted to the board of directors and is not ready for publication but will be by another week.

## Philip Stem Visits At Home

Philip Stem, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Stem, arrived home last Saturday evening for a short visit with his parents. Philip came here directly from the most northern point in Maine, where he is stationed as an airplane mechanic and crew chief. His rating is Private First Class, Army Air Corps. He has been away from Coquille since Nov. 17, 1941, when he left to enlist in the U. S. Air Corps, the month before this country declared war and, for which fact he wears a gold braid bar just above the breast pocket on his uniform.

On two occasions, while on the east coast, Philip has seen Lou Robinson, former Coquille boy, who is now in the 17th transport command. Philip left again for the east on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carver and two children left last Thursday for their home in Sunnyvale, Calif., after visiting since Armistice Day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Wilson.

## Pioneer Association Hopes To Get A Museum Started Here

With the hope of forming a more permanent organization of the Coos-Curry Pioneers Association, and also the starting of a museum for pioneer relics, early settlers' photographs and historical stories and data, the advisory board of the association held a luncheon meeting in the Coquille Hotel last Saturday.

All the board except Mrs. C. H. Worrell, of North Bend, and Chas. Stauff, of Coquille, were present and the latter was represented by Mrs. Stauff. Those present were the president, Mrs. Mary Randleman; Vice President J. Albert Matson; Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Inez Chase, S. M. Nosler, J. P. Beyers, L. H. Hazard and Mrs. Stauff.

To secure information about the Pioneers Museum in Tillamook county, Mrs. Chase had written A. G. Beals at Tillamook. His reply was that there were 900 members of the Pioneers association there, who meet three times a year; that the museum which contains over five thousand articles and items of interest is open for five days each week and that last year more than 5,000 people visited the museum. They were from every state in the Union as well as some from foreign countries.

Setting the next meeting of the Advisory Board for some time in January, the members present decided to start working on a plan for a museum at once, with the idea of collecting stories, anecdotes, etc., of earlier days, photographs of the early settlers, and whatever articles of use in the last century can be secured.

Mr. Nosler recalled that the first Pioneer meeting in Coos county was held in Empire in October, 1892, and at that time Orville Dodge was authorized to collect data and publish the Coos County History, which he did.

Mr. Stauff, then a boy of 18, working in a store at Empire, says he was also present at that pioneer meeting of half a century ago.

## "My Country At War" His Subject

Reserve Thursday evening, Dec. 10, for Dr. U. G. Dubach's address "My Country At War." This is the request of the Business and Professional Women's club, the Lions club and the Rotary club, which are cooperating in order to bring this speaker to Coquille without expense to the public.

He is a very fascinating and well-informed speaker and gives a vivid picture of the world situation. His travels to South America, Europe and Asia have given him an intimate knowledge of conditions preceeding the war. He has been head of the Department of Political Science since 1913 and Dean of Men since 1924 at the Oregon State College.

Dr. Dubach spoke on October 30 before the Coos-Curry teachers at Marshfield and on the same day before the Lions club of that city. He was exceptionally well received by each group. His appearance at the Lions club luncheon led the service clubs in Marshfield to secure his services for a public address, which will be given on the evening following his Coquille appearance.

The Washington School Auditorium has been secured for the Coquille program on December 10, at 8 p. m.

## Air Mail Letter Over Year Coming

George Wong, a Chinese boy who attends school here and works on Saturday at the Coquille Cafe, recently received a letter from his mother in China. Although it had $20 worth of stamps on it, for air transportation, it had been a full year in reaching him. Where it had been all that time he does not, of course, know.

## A Dance Here Wednesday Evening

The Coquille Community Building committee has arranged for a dance on that wonderfully fine new floor for Wednesday evening, Nov. 25. Wayne Ryan's orchestra, one of the hottest dance bands in the Willamette valley, has been engaged to furnish the music and admission will be $1.00 a couple.