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## May Day Dance Was A Colorful, Enjoyable Event

It was a very colorful and beautiful affair, the Woman's Club annual May Day dance in the Community Building last Saturday evening where about 750 had gathered to witness the crowning of Queen Geraldine II by Mayor O. L. Wood.

The decorations in the hall, made difficult by the immensity of the ball room, were attractive and showed the immense amount of work done by the chairman, Mrs. W. H. Mansell, and her able corps of assistants from the Woman's Club.

Not the least pleasurable from the spectators' point of view was the splendid music preceding the Queen's entry and during the royal party's entrance by the Coquille High School band, under the direction of Mr. Withnell. That organization has developed into as fine a high school band as we have ever heard and would rank on most favorable comparison with a great many professional bands.

The Elks club at Marshfield, before whom they appeared last evening at the Bay, heard something worth while.

The royal entourage for which soldier escorts had been secured for the queen and princesses, passed a couple of times around the hall at a slow pace before proceeding to the stage where the coronation ceremony took place.

The crown-bearer, three-year old Charles, son of Mrs. Georgia Sherwood Hanson, and the four-year old train bearers—Billy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walker; Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Minard, and Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barrow—were most attractively costumed and performed their duties in a dignified and grown-up manner.

Mayor Wood, with a few words of commendation for the carrying on of the May Day dance and of the high school for its part in the program, then called upon Mrs. Mansell, Woman's Club president and chairman and her words were strictly to the point, "I hope you'll all have a good time."

The mayor then placed the crown on the head of the lovely Jerry Howell, with the designation as Queen Geraldine II, and surrounded by the six princesses, all of whom combined to make a beautiful picture—Kay Leslie, Marilyn Sage, Betty Emery, Doris Ann Wood, Avis Ricketts and Marybelle Yarbrough.

The high school partners of the royal party then appeared from the sidelines, and following the queen, swung into the rhythm of the dance and general dancing was on, to the excellent music of Shady and His Shadows orchestra.

It was an unusually nice dance and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd until taps at 12:30. Among the dances were scores of men from all branches of Uncle Sam's uniformed service—Army, Navy and Coast Guard—who were guests of the Woman's Club by special invitation.

Mrs. Mansell reports that the club's treasury and the building fund will each be enriched by something over \$100 as a result of the dance. Admissions totalled \$380, the expenses were in the neighborhood of \$100, and the five-cent federal tax on each admission amounted to \$32.80.

Next Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day. In a world, so torn by war and hatred, the Mother's Day ceremonies, which will take place all over our United States, will give us courage to fight on until Victory is won and peace again comes to dwell among men.

The Eagles will again observe the day with a fitting program. The public is sincerely invited to attend. Place—Eagles hall, corner of Front and Hall streets. Time—2:00 p. m.

**P. O. Lobby To Be Open Till 10 P. M.**  
With the idea of giving better service to the public and the patrons of the office, Postmaster M. O. Hawkins this morning made arrangements with the city police department to lock the front door of the lobby at ten o'clock each evening instead of at 7:30 as has been the custom for several months.

## Dr. Jewell, Speaker At Commencement

Dr. James R. Jewell, Dean of Education of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, has been selected to deliver the commencement address to the 1943 graduating class of the Coquille High School, according to announcement this week by Supt. Burton W. Dunn.

The exercises will be held in the Coquille High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 19, at 8:00 p. m. Dean Jewell has a Bachelor Degree from Coe College, Master and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Clark University, and a Doctor of Law Degree from the University of Arkansas.

He has served as director of training at South West Louisiana Industrial Institute, been a teacher at Kansas State Teachers' College, and been Dean of Education at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Jewell came to Oregon in 1927 as Dean of Vocational Education at Oregon State College. In 1932 he was made Dean of Education of the Oregon State System of Higher Education which position he now holds.

North Bend and Myrtle Point High Schools have also scheduled Dean Jewell as their commencement speaker this year. He comes to us with the reputation of being a very interesting as well as humorous speaker.

## Junior - Senior Banquet Tonight

The Junior-Senior Banquet will be held at six-thirty tonight, May 6, in the I. O. O. F. hall. Guests will include members of the Junior and Senior classes, the high-school faculty, and members of the school board.

The theme is military, with red, white and blue menus on white tablecloths crossed with red, white, and blue streamers.

The program will be as follows: Louise Butler, toastmistress; Presentation of cane, Dick Ray, Senior class president; to Fritz Kunz, Junior class president; song by Ariel Cook; a toast to the Seniors, Barbara Barrows; Music by the "South American Orchestra," toast to the future by Dorothy Beagle; trumpet solo by Claire Gray, and a toast, "Points" by B. W. Dunn. C. S. Osika will introduce the new student body officers.

The meal, prepared by the Rebekah Lodge ladies and served by ten Sophomore girls, will consist of the following menu: fruit cocktail, perfection salad, chicken a la king, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, pickles, apple pie, ice cream, coffee and milk.

A dance will follow the banquet in the lodge room of the hall.

## Woman's Club To Meet Next Wed.

The final meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club, before the summer vacation, will be held in the Parish House next Tuesday, May 11, with a potluck dinner at one o'clock, and with Mrs. Geo. H. Chaney as chairman in charge.

Members whose last names begin with letters from O to M are asked to bring either a hot dish or sandwiches; the remainder to bring salad or dessert. Coffee and sugar will be provided. Please do not bring rolls or bread without butter.

Some ration points are available for this luncheon. Consult Mrs. Susie Folsom at Folsom's Grocery if wishing to use some of them.

The committee feels that if every one brings items of four or five servings, there will be plenty to eat and another successful spring party will be assured.

Heretofore this luncheon meeting has been held in the hotel but service there is not available for large meetings now.

All club members are urged to be present as there are many business matters to be considered besides the installation of officers. Mrs. Florence Sanford will at this time again become president of the Coquille Woman's Club.

## Bishop To Confirm Class of 17 On May 12

Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell will be here on Wednesday of next week for the confirmation services of a class of 17, who will become parishioners of St. James' Episcopal church. This will be the bishop's first visit to Coquille since his illness last fall.

## Final Figures On The Coquille And Coos Bond Sales

When the Second War Bond sales drive came to an end last Saturday, Coquille and vicinity had bought \$104,794.16 more than its quota of \$150,000 as reported by the post office and bank, or a total of \$254,794.16, this exclusive of the First National's allocation to the Coquille branch.

Coos county doubled its quota, which was originally set at \$1,728,000 from all sources. A ten per cent addition was made to the quota after the publication of the news that the inhuman Japs had murdered the U. S. flyers who bombed Tokyo, making the county quota, \$1,900,000.

The total flow reported by County Chairman Ben Chandier, who worked most efficiently to make the drive a success, was given yesterday as \$3,826,000, or \$26,000 more than a 200 per cent of the quota.

Of this amount, \$1,904,000 was by the First National Bank of Portland branches in the county, \$45,000 by the three other banks in the county, and \$1,471,960 by individuals, business concerns, and the \$68,000 allotted by outside-the-county companies which have representatives in the county.

With such a showing in southwestern Oregon, which is on a par in patriotism with the rest of the nation, it is not surprising that the 13 billion dollar quota was over-subscribed by several billion dollars.

In the Sentinel's item about the bond sale drive last week, in which the local chairman, E. T. Stelle, was mentioned, it was not stated that Mr. Stelle extended his thanks to those who had bought bonds, simply that he wished to express his appreciation to the local citizens who had been so co-operative and helpful in carrying the Coquille drive to a successful conclusion.

## C. of C. To Meet Tuesday, May 11

Due to the fact that so many of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce board of directors are ardent fishermen, President Geo. Oerding postponed this week's scheduled meeting of the board till next Tuesday, May 11. When Secretary Hode Caughell called board members on Monday for a meeting this week, he could only locate one of the directors in town.

Phil Albom, who returned from the Rogue Monday evening, said it looked as though all Coquille was down there, although practically no fish were caught that day.

## Bandon Matron Takes Own Life

Mrs. Carlos White, 26, took her life in Bandon Monday afternoon when she swallowed a poison in the presence of her younger sister, Louise Dietrich, who immediately summoned aid but Mrs. White passed away in a short time. She was the wife of a teacher in the River-ton schools and was the mother of a five-year old daughter, Mary Lou.

Worry and despondency over the probability that her husband will soon be summoned into the service and because her brother, Fred, is already a paratrooper in the army, is thought to have caused her to end her life.

Her mother, Mrs. Pearl Dietrich, resides in Marshfield as does another brother, Richard. She is also survived by four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here yesterday afternoon.

## S. P. Again Needs Business Men's Help

Note • the advertisement of the Southern Pacific in this issue, which offers week-end work for business and professional men, clerks, college students, farmers—any able-bodied man in Coquille or vicinity.

Frank A. Pook, the local S. P. agent, says that now he is authorized to pay for such work here, cutting out the trip to Marshfield to collect, and that the physical examinations will also be made locally.

There have been several responses to this railroad appeal for help in keeping the tracks in condition but more help is urgently needed.

## Mrs. Nussel To Be Buried Today

Mrs. Etta Jane Nussel, mother of Thbo. L. Clinton of this city, Mrs. Della Belloni and Mrs. John Arnold of Myrtle Point, passed away last Monday in Portland where she had been residing for the past year. Heart trouble caused her death and she was ill but two hours before the end.

The body was brought to Coquille for burial and services are being conducted at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at two o'clock this afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Chas. G. Brown. Graveside services will be conducted by Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., of which she was a member, at the Norway cemetery where interment will take place.

Etta Jane Rickman was born Feb. 25, 1873, in Missouri and was two months and eight days past 70 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Rickman, who came west when she was two years of age, settling first on Rogue river and later coming to Coos county.

She was married, in 1889 at Arago, to Jas. D. Clinton to whom five children were born, the three above mentioned and two other daughters, Mrs. Viola Nicholson, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Jos. Knight, of Eugene.

In 1913 she was united in marriage to A. J. Nussel, who survives her.

Besides her children she is survived by eleven grandchildren, one great grandchild, and five brothers—Pink, Willis, A. M., Joseph and Otto Rickman—and one sister, Mrs. Nettie Elbom, all of Portland, and all but one of whom are here for the funeral services today.

## Archie Philip Buried Yesterday

Archie Philip, for the past 36 years, or until advancing age caused him to take a lesser part in county affairs, one of the best known and most popular men in Coos county, passed away at his first street home in Marshfield last Monday afternoon. Heart trouble, which had bothered him for several months, was the cause of his death. He had been down town that morning apparently in as good health as usual.

Funeral services were held at the Campbell Funeral Home in Marshfield yesterday afternoon and the body was sent to the Portland Crematorium last night.

Archie Philip was two weeks past 76 years of age, having been born in Scotland, April 14, 1867. He came to Coos Bay in 1907 and was connected with the logging industry for many years.

He was Coos county commissioner some 25 years ago, at a time when county politics were more strenuous than they have been of late years, and he never hesitated to take a stand for what he believed to be right. He was a deputy sheriff during the term of H. E. Hess and more recently the constable in Marshfield Justice Peace district No. 2.

Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Seaman, of Marshfield, and Mrs. M. A. Winslow, of Arcata, Calif.; two sons, Percy and Mike Philip, of Marshfield, and by seven grandchildren.

## Curt Townsend A Sea-Going Engineer

Curtis Townsend, who formerly operated a barber shop here, was in town last Saturday after visiting his family and friends at Myrtle Point and Powers for a week. Curt is in one of the U. S. seagoing Engineers outfits, stationed at San Francisco. He is chief quartermaster on his vessel but has no idea as to when the boat may be sent into active service. His son, Curtis W., Jr., has an alternate appointment to West Point, but wants to see quicker action and hopes to get into the air corps shortly and not wait to see whether the West Point opening will be open to him or not.

## Miss Charlotte Saladee And Dr. C. W. Endicott To Wed

Their many friends here will be interested in the announcement that Miss Charlotte Saladee and Dr. Chas. W. Endicott are to be wed later in May. Dr. Endicott was for many years a practicing dentist in Coquille and Miss Saladee, who is still with the company in its Marshfield office, was in the Mt. States Power Co. office here for some months.

## Fred Romero Saw Submarines Sunk

Mrs. Elizabeth Ward left yesterday with her son, Fred Romero, who had been visiting her here for the past two weeks, for San Francisco where he will be located for a couple of months while he studies in preparation for taking his examination for a first mate's papers in the merchant marine.

On his last trip from which he returned from Africa to Baltimore, landing there April 2, he was gone nine and one-half months. He was on a Liberty ship which was in a convoy reaching the African coast four days after the U. S. troops landed there last November.

Besides seeing some subs sunk Mr. Romero said he had not encountered a great deal of excitement, but his crew was always expecting plenty.

## County Court In Complete Harmony

Judge L. D. Felsheim told the Sentinel yesterday that the policy of this county court, and all three of its member agree to it, to keep a complete record of everything passed on by the court whether it is a matter for recording in the county records or not. The court's secretary, Mrs. Marie Bellah, is to make notes and minutes of the daily sessions will always be available to newspaper men or anyone else interested.

In this way, Judge Felsheim said, each member of the county court would have the same information and, he added, that he as judge would not individually pass on matters without the concurrence of the two commissioners. This does not apply, of course, to probate and juvenile matters which are not subject to county court action but are passed on only by the judge who is also head of the probate court.

## Bids Called For Three Mail Routes

The Postoffice Department is calling for bids for carrying mail, seven days a week, from Marshfield to Bandon and down to Gold Beach with stops at all postoffices between Bandon and Gold Beach. The distance is 98 miles and return, and will be with mail from the morning train into Marshfield. The bond required is \$7500 and the contract will be from July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1946.

Another contract being advertised for bids, for the same period, is the 30 miles and return run from Marshfield to Myrtle Point, six days a week, leaving Marshfield at 4:00 p. m. The bond for this contract is set at \$500.

A third bid called is for the star route, six days a week, by the North Bank road from Coquille to Bandon and return by the Coast highway through River-ton. This bid will be opened at the same time as the others and is for the same period. Bond required is \$2200 for the delivery and collection service.

Bids will be received by the second postmaster general at Washington, D. C., up to 4:30 p. m. on May 18. Anyone interested in submitting a bid on either route may consult Postmaster Hawkins here for additional information.

## Has Authentic Coal Information

Commenting on the moves which have been made by Coos county, the state of Oregon and the federal government, toward a survey of the coal deposits and resources of Coos county, Walter E. Marrion states that he has authentic information, a book on Coos mines, and pictures of over 70 coal deposits in the Coquille valley. He has a complete analysis on each of these deposits, what each produces in ash, its heat units, and the pictures show the coal, slate and other strata.

Mr. Marrion says that the book he has is the only one in existence as far as he knows.

Before the county and state spend too much money on the proposed survey, it might be well for the geologists or surveyors to contact Mr. Marrion.

**April Fees Paid In Clerk's Office \$887.10**  
Fees collected in County Clerk Oddy's office in April were \$390.90 for recording; \$231 for circuit court; \$118 for probate; \$54 for marriage licenses and \$93.20 miscellaneous.

## Creager Named As Police Chief --- J.O. Farmer On Force

At the regular session of the city council Monday evening, with Mayor Wood and five councilmen present, a resolution was adopted ordering that the city present a quit-claim deed to Jas. F. Bishop for the James Watson property on Spurgeon Hill. Mr. Bishop had made a deal with Mr. Watson for the place and had paid the \$1377.89 the property owed the city for street improvement assessments.

At the suggestion of the mayor, City Engineer Gearhart was instructed to secure a bulldozer and have the fire trail, across the east side of town, cleaned out. Mr. Gearhart said there might be a few trees across it, fallen during the winter storms, and that at some points the trail is 30 or 40 feet wide, at others only a few feet. The work will be done as soon as the ground is dry enough on the steep pitches for the bulldozer to navigate.

The appointment of R. H. Creager as chief of police was confirmed by the council and Chief Creager had done something no police officer had ever done before, submitted a written report of the department's activities for the month, giving names of those arrested, the fine and sentences meted out by the city recorder, and giving the names of the arresting officers. Although such a monthly report by the police is a charter requirement the provision has heretofore been more honored in the breach than in the observance.

Acting upon the recommendation of Chief Creager, Mayor Wood appointed, and the council confirmed, J. O. Farmer as the third member of the city's force. Mr. Farmer, who formerly resided at Bridge and has more recently conducted the Tenth street store, will start at \$153.50 per month for a 60-day probationary period and will then be granted a \$10 a month increase.

Recorder Leslie was requested to take up with the garbage collector the complaint of a citizen who said the uncovered truck allows papers and trash and debris to fall off the truck whenever the wind is blowing. The suggestion was made that hinged plywood doors would prevent the scattering of trash on the streets and over lawns and parkings.

Mr. Gearhart announced that the state highway crew will be here this summer to black top Willard street, between Front and Second, from curb to curb, and he was fearful the possible \$2000, which the state will spend in surfacing the two blocks, would not bring the street to grade so that the water would run to the curb from the street's crown. He suggested that the city might fill the holes and bring the street to the necessary grade and was instructed to prepare an estimate of the probable cost of doing that work. His plan is to remove the wooden parking division posts and railings, put either gravel or crushed rock between the concrete strips on either side of the street, and allow the cars and trucks to pack it down prior to the black-top surfacing.

City Treasurer Caughell spent some time going over with the council the auditor's reports for the period, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1941, and the six months period, Jan. 1, 1942, to June 30, 1942. The auditor's report showed the city's finances to be O. K., and according to the records in the city hall, but various changes in bookkeeping were suggested which would make the Coquille system correspond to that being used in many other towns and cities. It would entail some additional bookkeeping on the treasurer's and recorder's parts but would not be any more exact or accurate than the system now being used. The matter of a change was left for further consideration of the finance committee of the council.

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## Court Of Honor Next Tuesday

A Boy Scout Court of Honor is to be held in the auditorium of the high school at eight o'clock, Scoutmaster Donald Farr announces. Scouts from other troops in the southern end of the county will be here, as well as Coquille Scouts and the general public is invited to attend.

Special Boy Scout pictures, in color, and with sound, will be shown. The picture is released by the Boy Scout national headquarters and is said to be very fine.