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Coquille Will Celebrate The 4th For Three Days

Coquille is to celebrate the nation's birthday again this year and will hold a three-day Fourth of July—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—along the same lines as last year's very successful event.

This was decided at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held in the hotel Tuesday noon, when the various members all expressed themselves as favoring the idea, and many others were quoted as desiring a continuation of a Fourth celebration.

Starting to prepare for it at an earlier date than occurred last year it was felt that a more varied program could be worked up for 1943, although the 1942 celebration left nothing to be desired.

As was the case last year, all concessions and games, operated by local organizations, will be for the benefit of the Community Building fund, and the net profit from each concession or game will be divided between the fund and the operating organization.

President Geo. E. Oerding appointed Mayor O. L. Wood as general chairman of the celebration, he to select four others to serve with him on the general committee.

J. L. Smith demurred when it was suggested that he again handle the parade feature but a Coquille parade without J. L. in charge would be like bread without yeast.

No plans have yet been worked out but committees will be appointed at once and it is now definitely certain that Coquille will celebrate again this year.

At the chamber meeting Phil Alborn reported that he had collected \$45 for the boat house fund, and C. G. Caughell, who had been serving as secretary since Tallant Greenough left, was officially named for the position.

A letter was read from the War Production Board repeating what has been known for some time, that the government and its many bureaus, departments, and the armed services are still urgently in need of typewriters.

New Manager At Thornton's Tire Shop

Rodney Creager, son of Police Chief R. H. Creager, came over from Marshfield this week as the new manager of Thornton's Tire Service shop here, succeeding Harold Matson who resigned the position but who is not ready to announce his future plans. Rodney is a former Coquille boy, who left here 16 years ago and who was in Seattle for three years but has been on the Bay the greater part of the time. He is married and has two children but until he can sell in Marshfield and find a place here in which to live, his family will remain in Marshfield.

Mrs. Ellingsen Visits Son And Daughter in California

Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen, city librarian, returned Monday night by Greyhound from a ten day visit with her daughter, Mrs. Herb Van Zant, of Sausalito, Calif. Mrs. Tallant Greenough drove her mother south and after spending a few days at Sausalito, went on to Camp Beale, Calif., where her husband is stationed. She was fortunate to secure a position as librarian in one of the six libraries at the post. Two of the week-ends Theodore Ellingsen spent with his mother and sister. Theodore is in a quarter-masters school of the Coast Guard and likes it very much, his mother stated. Mrs. Van Zant, the former Pauline Ellingsen, has a secretarial position in one of the offices of the Marine shipyards, while her husband is at Camp Haan, near Los Angeles, having just recently been inducted.

Pioneer Church Filled For Baccalaureate Services

The Baccalaureate services of Coquille High were very largely attended at Pioneer church last Sunday evening when Rev. Robt. L. Greene delivered a discourse very appropriate to the occasion.

Mrs. Stella Cutlip and Mrs. E. D. Duncan, of Coos Bay, were in Coquille on Tuesday.

Sane, sensible, scriptural evangelist campaign, Church of Christ, May 2 to May 23. Willie White, men's evangelist, leading. 1943

Coos Men Leaving Soon For Training

The following men from Coos county were accepted into the army at Portland, Oregon, on May 15: Glen Harold Kolkhorst, Coquille; Quentin John Aydelotte, Myrtle Pt.; Donald Gordon McGilvery, Coq.; Ray Wilber Blohm, Marshfield; Frank Harvey Shaw, Myrtle Point; Merrill Hufford Tozier, Coquille; James Henry Beagle, Coquille; Arthur Edward Brotton, Myrtle Pt.; James Andrew Hanna, Coquille; John Franklin Thorp, Powers; Raymond James Kapple, Coquille; Merle Jones Caudle, Coquille; Chester Wm. Monroe Bennett, Coq. The following men from southern Coos county were accepted into the Navy at Portland last Saturday: Hugh Glen McNeil, Bandon; Scotty Winfield Shorb, Powers; Donald Allen Knight, Bridge. Marlin Jack Brandon and Neil Peart, both of Coquille, who will report to the Sea Bees training camp in Norfolk, Virginia, next week.

Coquillians Home From So. California

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hazard and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lamb returned last Friday evening from their short stay in southern California, although Mrs. Hazard had been down there for many months for the benefit of her health. She is considerably improved and feels better since her winter's stay in Pasadena.

The Lambs visited the Fred Slagles in South Hollywood and also Jack's sister, Mrs. Fay Jones, in San Diego. They report that the Slagles had purchased a home near their store.

Their trip north was leisurely, they having left Los Angeles Monday morning. They stopped that night with Capt. and Mrs. Hale B. Eubanks and Thursday night at the Branstetter ranch near Ferndale in northern California.

Eleven B.P.W. Ladies Bring Two Prizes

Eleven members of the Coquille B. & P. W. club returned home Sunday afternoon from Eugene, where they went last Friday to attend the state B. P. W. convention. Those making the trip were: Bess Maury, Hattie L. Hollmon, Leona Bryant, Viola Newton, Bertha J. Smith, Florence Barton, Annie Robinson, Jennie Price, Lela Elrod, Ida Oerding and Dorothy Bishop.

There were 175 in attendance at the annual banquet held in the Osborne Hotel, Saturday evening.

Two prizes were brought home by the Coquille ladies, one the Evangeline Philbin cup for being the club in the state showing the most community activity during the past year, and the other based on its report of the club's war activities as shown in the interesting scrapbook made up by Eva Stevens.

Lundquist To Head Rotary Club

L. A. Lundquist was chosen to head the Rotary Club for the coming year by the directors elected at a recent meeting. Other officers are: J. B. Barton, vice president; Hode Caughell, secretary and treasurer, and Ludwig Scharfer, sergeant-at-arms.

G. B. Haugen, M. D., State Board of Health psychiatrist, and also professor of the Oregon Medical School, gave a brief but very interesting talk on the nervous system reactions on the soldiers and sailors in the present conflict under the modern conditions of total war. The doctor cited instances in the torpedoing of ships and also in the terrific fighting on Guadalcanal during the first months of the occupation as told to him at a recent convention in Detroit by doctors who were actually on the scene.

Rotarian guests present were: Bren Starcher, of Medford; Henry Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, and John Ferguson, of Marshfield. Other guests were Perry Walbridge, of Eugene, and Roy Peterson, of Coquille.

Southwestern Motors Did Not Have Them

Twice last week an official of the Kaiser shipbuilding corporation at Portland called Iris A. Elrod, manager of the Southwestern Motors Chevrolet and Buick agency in Coquille, to find if it were possible to buy cars and trucks here. The inquiry stated that five cars were needed.

56 Coquille High School Seniors Heard Dean J. R. Jewell Last Evening And Received Their Coveted Diplomas

Clad in caps and gowns, and in the presence of hundreds of loved ones, friends and acquaintances, the senior class of 1943 of Coquille High School made a most impressive appearance at the commencement exercises held in the high school gymnasium last evening, and from Supt. B. W. Dunn's remarks, it is a class which possesses ability, personality and some of whose members are destined to make their mark in the world.

Much has been written of the splendid performance of the high school band and before presenting the diplomas, Mrs. Leona Bryant, chairman of the board, remarked that speakers preceding her had done a little bragging, and she fell in line with the statement that the "Coquille school board is tops," adding that the lady member or members of a board is supposed to have more to do with employing the male instructors and that she considered a job far excellence was done when Harold Withnell was secured as music instructor.

Mr. Withnell, band director, has done a magnificent work in directing the C. H. S. band to a point where there is no better high school band in the state and their performance last evening added fresh laurels to the band's reputation. Their rendition of "Student Prince" was especially to be praised.

Honor students called to the front by Supt. Dunn were praised by him as outstanding high school students. The list included: LaVerne Ruth Barrette, who has achieved a mark of 1.1 for her high school course; closely followed by Kay Leslie, Mary Maude Borel, Marilyn Sage and Doris Ann Wood.

In the honorable mention group were: Robert Fraser Kline, Thomas Donald Martin, Orland Russell, Robert McCarthy, Harriett Ann Tozier,

Jane Oerding and Avis Ricketts. The class speakers were Kay Leslie and La Verne Barrette, both of whom delivered original and well thought-out papers. The former's subject was: "Give us this day an inspiration," and her conclusion was that anyone who does his or her job well is an inspiration to all.

Miss Barrette's subject, "Youth's attitude toward the future," if it is an indication of how all youth regards life as they stand on its threshold of active participation, insures that the coming generation will carry on as successfully, if not more so, than some which have come and gone in the past.

Accompanied by Harold Withnell at the piano, Wallace Moore rendered splendidly a rather difficult clarinet solo, "Waltze Caprice."

Mr. Dunn said he was proud to introduce Dean J. R. Jewell of the state system of higher education, who announced when he entered the auditorium that it was a different room from the one in which he last addressed a Coquille High School graduating class. Neither man mentioned how long ago that was but the exercises were held in the old community building, now removed.

Dean Jewell said it was a total waste to import a speaker for high school commencement exercises, and commented, as he did before, that the speaker is supposed to address the class which is seated behind him.

He referred to his own high school graduation oration, which at a guess was a half a century ago, and which took place in Iowa, and the subject of which was, "The Pacific Ocean, Our New Mediterranean." That prediction is now being forcibly impressed as we fight with the Japs.

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Visits Son In Southern California

Mrs. C. M. Hartwell, of Riverton, her daughter, Cherie Mae, and son, Grant, returned last week-end from a trip to southern California to see Miles Hartwell, who is stationed at Santa Catalina Island. Mrs. Hartwell stated the occasion of their visit to him was a result of information he sent saying he was taking final examinations preparatory to his being shipped to parts unknown. Upon the family's arrival they learned he had in his tests received the highest rating of any out of the several hundred finishing and instead of being shipped out, was ordered to remain as "Section Leader," in command of 80 men. Miles is in the Engineers Corps and rates Fireman First Class.

Miles owns a ranch at Riverton, which his mother, along with her Silver Fox ranch, is operating for him while he is away.

Before going away Miles had considerable training in the proper use of firearms and because of this early boyhood training he has ranked as one of the top gunners in machine gun, submachine gun, and the Springfield target range practice.

That Miles Hartwell represents a type of boy we like to think can grow up in this section, these facts seem pertinent: He is now just 21 years old; when he was 14 he won, not only the Coos county championship, but later that of Southern Oregon in the speaking contest of the Future Farmers of America. The following year he and his brother won the statewide speaking and demonstration contest in competition with representatives from fifty-two high schools in the state. Miles finished high school in three years and, during his senior year, was president of the local Future Farmers of America group; president of his senior class and president of the Riverton high school student body.

Miles requested that his mother send greetings to all the boys in the Fir Mill department at Smith Wood-Products plant, where he worked, to be remembered kindly to Noble Chowning and Bard Kesner. Also he sent greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Knife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bunch, to Sergeant Larson, to Jack and Clair Hultin, Mrs. Oerding and her Epworth Leaguers, to Rev. and Mrs. Chas. G. Brown.

Mrs. Hartwell is justly proud of this fine son but it should be presumed that from the following letter

Plant To Be Closed Ten Days

The Smith Wood-Products plant—plywood, mills and all departments—will be shut down tomorrow evening until June 1 when it will resume operations.

This is not only to give the employees their annual vacation but also to permit necessary repairs to be made, and there will be quite a crew to work on the repair and cleaning up operations during the ten days shutdown.

Not Pinched For Snagging Yet

Ralph Taylor and Luckey Bonney have so far escaped being pinched on a "salmon snagging" charge. They were in adjoining boats down on the Rogue last week-end and Ralph, for some strange reason, hooked a fish in the stomach. When it came up to the boat Luckey gaffed it and both men tried to grab the fish with their hands but it dropped between the boats and beat a fast tempo tattoo on the boats as it switched its tail between them. And—it got away.

which she received on Mother's Day, his pride of her is well matched. With all the responsibility of running her own business, that of raising and marketing silver foxes, the running of her son's ranch, she some way has strength left on every Saturday night to take over as an observer at the station of Interceptors' Command headquarters below Riverton. There she watches into the night, and willingly, the last full moments of her busy week. Her boy's letter follows:

Evening shadows begin to mark the end of the greatest day of the year. I need not state, nor need you to guess that this is the day we commemorate the memory of our first and dearest sweetheart, Mother.

This year more than any other in our Nation's history must be seen, and guided and guarded by God's messengers. For there are many hundreds of thousands of our boys—yes, and girls, too—that were forced by powers far beyond our present control, to be away from the presence of their mothers this gracious day.

May all of Heaven's blessings be with you, and guide you, Dearest Mother, until with God's help we meet again. With love, always, Miles.

\$475 Lien Filed On Building Fund

At the city council session Monday evening, with Mayor Wood and all six councilmen present, a letter was read by City Attorney Berg from the Internal Revenue office in Portland, demanding a Social Security payment of \$425.38 and \$50 penalty, claimed as the social security amount due on the wages paid workmen during the construction of the Community Building. The letter stated that while the building does, or will, belong to the city—and it does—that the municipality had nothing to do with the building operations and financing, which were done by individuals and organizations, and that the payroll was subject to the social security tax. A lien has been filed on the building, or on R. L. Stewart, treasurer, or the building fund.

Mr. Berg told the council that he would be in Portland soon and would consult with the internal revenue office over making an application for remission of the tax, which should (Continued on page nine)

Coquille Property Is Being Sold

Recent transfers of lots and buildings and houses has been on the increase lately. One of the deals completed last week was the sale of what is called the Woodman building, across the highway from the bank, by E. A. Walker to B. L. Tracy. The latter has not announced whether he has any plans for the corner's improvement or simply purchased it as an investment.

A home property sale was that of the Don Estes house and lot on First street to Larry Lundquist. Mrs. Estes expects soon to join Don in Florida where he is a photographic instructor in the Navy air school.

Still another purchase was that by Dr. C. L. Witcoak, county veterinarian, who bought the house built by John Dornish on Fourth street some years ago. It is down the hill from the Elmer Benham home.

Lost Watch Is Found Through Sentinel Ads.

A new experience for the Sentinel was that this week of having a Riverton lady write a letter expressing thanks for having helped her recover her lost watch which she advertised for last week.

With the Sentinel's largely increased subscription list and its complete coverage of the valley with the Buyers' Guide, it is by far the best medium there is for those wishing to buy, sell, exchange or recover articles or property.

And the cost to the advertiser is the same as it has been for several years.

Second Son For Major And Mrs. Brodie

Mrs. LaVina Finley received word Monday evening from Temple, Texas, advising her of the arrival of a second grandson. The baby is named James Eldon Brodie, was born May 17 and weighed 6½ pounds. His parents, Major and Mrs. Darrell Brodie, named him after his two uncles, James Agostino and Eldon Brodie.

There Were 37 Oregon High Schools In State Meet

The type made the Sentinel say last week that Coquille placed sixth at the state track meet in Eugene the week before. The number of high schools participating was 37, not seven, and Coquille's position was won by two boys—Wally Moore and Jack McCracken.

Monday, May 31, To Be Observed As Memorial Day

Memorial Day will be observed as usual in Coquille week after next and all places of business have agreed to close on Monday, May 30th falls on Sunday this year and Monday will be observed as the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hooton last Sunday moved to Coquille from Marshfield, to their home just north of town. Arthur will continue his work at the shipyards on the Bay, driving back and forth each day.

"African Victory" day, as proclaimed by Gov. Earl Snell, was observed in Coquille yesterday by the universal display of the nation's flag all over the business section. No program of any kind had been arranged.

Supervised Play-Ground In Park Five Days A Week

At a meeting of the Coquille Park Commission last Friday evening it was decided to have a supervised playground in Myrtle Park again this summer and plans were made for starting it June 7. There was none last year but in previous years from 50 to 75 youngsters have enjoyed the playground program.

Miss Dorothy Page, second grade teacher at the Washington school, has been engaged to supervise the playground which will be open from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m., Monday through Friday each week and she will also be there during the noon hour.

In addition to the games provided, in the past—soft ball, basketball, badminton, table tennis, croquet and horse shoes—there will be something of more practical value for the youngsters, a Victory garden, where they can plant and cultivate and watch things grow. It is hoped to secure a tract for this purpose near the park.

S. F. Stevens, chairman of the commission, appealed, not in vain, to the city council Monday evening for help in providing toilets for the playground. The city has one toilet complete and bowls for two more and Dr. G. Stark offered to donate another. Mr. Stevens said that Smith Wood-Products will donate the lumber for the building, that he hopes to have donations of labor for their construction, as well as materials, plumbing, hardware, etc., and the council agreed to see that the project did not fall through for lack of a small sum of money.

Others on the commission are Councilman C. M. Gray, who with Mr. Stevens has the toilet construction matter in charge; Don McCune, secretary and with D. E. Rackleff has the Victory garden project in charge; B. W. Dunn, in charge of playground arrangements, and J. L. Smith.

Co. Treasurer Mails Out \$113,243.90

County Treasurer Stauff this week mailed checks to the various municipalities, ports and school districts. To the three ports was sent \$5,118.68; to the cities \$10,784.45, and to the schools \$97,340.77. Of the latter amount \$37,707.70 was from special school taxes levied, \$36,318.81 from the county school fund and \$23,314.46 from the elementary school fund. This, due to the act of the last legislature, is the last elementary school fund remittance the districts will receive.

Of the school funds dispersed Coquille district, No. 8, received slightly more than \$20,000 and the city of Coquille \$1100.

Assisting School Clerks In Preparing For Budget Time

County School Superintendent Mulkey and County Auditor Wann have held five half-day conferences with school clerks of the county this month, assisting them in getting a knowledge of the new laws in regard to budgets. The meetings were held in Coquille, Myrtle Point, Bandon, North Bend and Marshfield.

Mr. Wann says that nearly all school districts will have a much lower levy than heretofore and mentions Bridge S. D. No. 77, where the only tax the property owners will have to pay is the approximately 15 mills of county tax.

Schools Here Buy \$10,573 In Stamps

Coquille's three schools have purchased the past year \$10,573.25 worth of war savings stamps, most of them being now converted into bonds.

Junior High led the three schools, with total purchases of \$3,748. The high school students were next with \$3,570.22 and the Washington pupils bought \$3,255.05. The latter school began purchasing in January this year, while the other two began last September.

Home Demonstration Unit To Meet Next Wednesday

The Coquille home demonstration unit will meet at the home of Mrs. L. W. Oddy, 815 W. 4th St., Wednesday, May 26, at one o'clock. The demonstration will be on the square deal meal, with Dorothy Bishop in charge.