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School Election June 21—Candidate For Director Being Sought

It's about time some suggestions were being made for a candidate for director of Coquille school district, No. 8, for Mrs. Leona Bryant, chairman of the board of past year, announced at the high school commencement exercises a couple of weeks ago, that she would not be a candidate to succeed herself.

The election for a director for a five-year term will be held in the high school building at 2:00 p. m. on Monday, June 21. The hold-over directors are W. E. Bosserman, Dr. J. R. Bunch, R. T. Slater and J. L. Smith.

A second meeting, at 7:30 that evening, in the same place, will be held to vote on the proposed budget and on the question of increasing the amount to be raised by taxation over the six per cent limitation increase above last year's tax. The amount in excess of the six per cent allowable, and which the taxpayers will be asked to approve, is \$13,265.80, due principally to the increase in salaries decided upon by the budget committees and by the directors the past year.

The estimated receipts for the coming year are set at \$46,050. Estimated expenditures are set at \$76,975, plus bond payments and interest the coming year of \$13,810, making total expenses of \$90,785. This leaves a total of \$44,735 to be raised by taxation.

The budget in detail appears on another page of this issue.

Memorial Day Observed Monday

Ladies from the Douglas MacArthur Relief Corps went out to the cemeteries Saturday afternoon and put flags and W. R. C. pennants on the graves of past soldiers and Relief Corps members. Monday they held services with the American Legion. One service for the sailors and marines was held on the bridge and flowers and wreaths thrown on the water in memory of them. A service at the monuments in the cemeteries was very impressive.—Press Correspondent.

Judge Felsheim Talks To Lions

Judge L. D. Felsheim was guest speaker at the Lions club meeting last Thursday noon. He told the club that he accepted appointment to the position of county judge without making any promises of any kind to anyone and with no strings attached. His thirty years' residence in the county makes him quite conversant with the county's affairs and he told the Lions he would give the county the best administration possible.

All county matters will be decided upon by all three members of the court. Commissioner Lars Peterson investigates all county-owned land matters and Commissioner Pete Culver all matters pertaining to timber which must come before the court.

The judge made a 20-minute talk which was listened to with interest by the Lions.

County Budget Committee Meet Postponed To July 6

In county court yesterday the meeting of the county budget committee was postponed until Tuesday, July 6. The citizen members of the committee, who will act with Judge Felsheim and Commissioners Peterson and Culver in preparing the budget, will be the same three as acted in that capacity last year: R. A. Jeub, of this city; Fritz Haggen and Wm. Ekblad, of Coos Bay.

Meeting as the Coos County Boundary Board, the court engaged Wm. H. Wann again as auditor for the county school districts the coming year.

To Appear In Motion Pictures

Mrs. Cora Mackey of the Roy school district was quite thrilled when she saw last Saturday's Oregonian showing a picture of her niece, Miss Dorma Mae Jaden, of Tacoma, Wash. The young lady had just received a contract from a motion picture producer in Hollywood. She received the contract following exhibits she had been giving and amateur performances at army canteens.

Grand Jury Finds Four True Bills

The grand jury for the June term of Circuit court which began their investigations Tuesday morning made a partial report yesterday afternoon, bringing in four indictments, one of them secret, and finding two not true bills. They are expected to make another report this afternoon. Those indicted were:

Delbert Curtis, of Powers, contributing to the delinquency of a minor. John Jerome Wicks and Charles Franklin Smith, both of the Coos Bay area, for driving while under the influence of liquor.

Arthur James Pratt, bound over from justice court on a non-support charge, and Troy McCullum, charged with assault with intent to commit rape, were both freed by the grand jury.

Alvin Shaver Killed In Alaska

Alvin Shaver who left Coquille about five years ago was a victim of the battle with the Japs in the Aleutians. He was an aviation machinist mate in the Navy.

Word of his death was received here by Mrs. Ted Snyder whom Alvin's sister, Mrs. Devona Grossman, called from Portland after she had received a wire from the admiral in charge up there. The wire came the same day she had received a letter from Alvin, written May 10. Their mother, Mrs. Pitter, now resides in Pasco, Wash.

Billy Briggs Dies As Prisoner Of Japanese

Mrs. Arthur L. Purser, of Eugene, has been notified of the death of her son, Elton B. Briggs, (known in Coquille as Billy Briggs), in the Philippine Islands on May 12, 1943, where he was a prisoner of the Japanese. It was the first word received of him since he was reported missing in action after the fall of Bataan.

He enlisted in June, 1941, and was sent to Clark Field, P. I., with the 93rd bombardment squadron. He was a grandson of Mrs. S. S. Hardenbrook and nephew of Wm. Barrow, of Coquille.

Sad News For Second Time In Three Months

Mrs. T. De La Rhue received a long distance call at midnight Monday advising her of the sudden passing of her sister, Mrs. Harold Mayn, at White Sulphur Springs, Montana. Three months ago when Mrs. De La Rhue went home to her mother's funeral she spent two weeks with her sister. The mother's passing was also sudden and Mrs. Mayn was very deeply affected, the shock seemed to have had some effect on her which contributed to the breakdown causing her death. Mrs. Mayn was Mrs. De La Rhue's youngest sister. Owing to the difficulty in traveling conditions, Mrs. De La Rhue is not going to Montana.

Chamber of Commerce Directors Met In Hotel Tuesday

There were ten directors present at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting held in the hotel dining room Tuesday noon, with the president, George E. Oerding, presiding.

Most of the period was spent in receiving reports and discussion of the developing program for Coquille's July 4th celebration.

Phil Alborn reported the collection so far this year of \$68 from those having locker rooms for boats in the float house at the dock and said it was the committee's intention to put in new float logs for the building as soon as they could be secured this summer. The annual rent for a boat space is \$10 a year.

Total of \$1,028.45 Paid As Fees In Clerk's Office In May

Fees paid in to County Clerk Oddy's office during May were \$577.40 for recording \$271.00 for Circuit court, \$32.50 for Probate and County court, \$75 for marriage licenses and \$72.55 miscellaneous.

Real Estate Changes Hands The Past Week

Geo. E. Oerding has sold the Jerol J. Sutton home at 358 Maple street to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Leatherman, who will move into it soon from their home in Lee valley. Mr. Leatherman has given up farming and is now employed in the Smith Wood-Products plant.

A SPLENDID COQUILLE FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAM FOR THREE DAYS BEING WORKED UP BY EFFICIENT COMMITTEES

Coquille's preparations for a three-day July 4th celebration—July 3, 4, 5—got off to a good start last Thursday evening with a lot of enthusiasm shown for making this year's celebration even more entertaining than last year's successful one.

For this Second Annual Victory Celebration, the crowning of a Victory Girl queen Saturday evening, preceded by a parade and followed by a dance in the Community Building will be one of the features. At least eight candidates are to be nominated by the lodges and organizations of the city and the contestants will receive prizes for first and second places as well as a percentage of the amount of tickets they sell for the Victory Queen dance Saturday night.

Following are the rules for the Victory Girl contest, which have been mailed out by Secretary C. G. Caughell:

Each organization to nominate a candidate for Victory Girl and announce its choice not later than June 10.

Victory Girl candidate to be single. Victory Girl candidates at the time of nomination to be sixteen years of age not have reached her twentieth birthday. Ages thus included are 16, 17, 18, 19.

The Victory Girl is to be determined by the number of Victory tags sold.

1. Each tag sold will good for ten dances on the nights of July 3, 4, or 5.

2. Each tag will be sold for one dollar.

Each girl is to receive ten per cent of the gross sales of Victory tags sold by her. In addition the following prizes will be offered.

1. A fifty dollar war bond to the Victory Girl.

2. A twenty-five dollar war bond to be given to the second place winner.

3. Ten dollars in war stamps will be given to the third place winner.

Each girl is to check in her sales each Wednesday between the hours of four and five o'clock p. m. These sales are to be checked with C. G. Caughell at the city recorder's office in the city hall.

The Victory Girl and Attendants will ride on a float during the various parades of the celebration. The final check of tickets will be made on Wednesday, June 30th, at the city recorder's office in the city hall. All tickets must be checked in by five o'clock.

Each girl is to report to the photographer for a preliminary picture. If the girl has a picture suitable for publicity purposes it will suffice.

Victory Tags may be obtained June 11 at the city recorder's office. C. G. Caughell, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will be issuing officer. Thus the campaign officially opens on June 11th.

On Sunday it is expected the speaker for the occasion will give his address at an open-air meeting on the court house lawn. The selection of the speaker is being left to the local ministerial association and he will speak immediately after the church services, at about 12 o'clock. The committee meeting Tuesday evening this week voted to pay up to \$50 for transportation and hotel accommodations for the speaker.

Just what the river sports program will consist of, on the afternoon of the Fourth, has not been decided upon by the sports committee, but an effort is being made to secure some sort of a Coast Guard from Bandon demonstration, in addition to a marine parade on the river.

The street sports program has also not been arranged but there will be an interesting exhibition on Monday as well as the parade soon after noon.

L. W. Claver, chairman of the dance committee, announced Tuesday evening that he was in correspondence with two or three dance bands and that the best obtainable would be here on all three days. A square dance, with at least eight organizations entering, will be one of the dance features of the celebration.

A Victory Center where U. S. war bonds and stamps will be on sale is to be arranged and Chairman O. L. Wood stated it was hoped to have a band from either the Army or Navy, as well as the local high school band and the Eagles band from Roseburg in attendance.

Chairmen appointed by the general chairman last Thursday evening were:

Parade—J. L. Smith, who voiced an objection, stating that he thought younger men should have charge of that feature. But Jay has for many years brought forth a good exhibition and the appointment stands.

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Publicity—B. W. Dunn.

Decorations—R. L. Stewart.

Entertainment—Lafe Compton.

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Parking—Ilo Heaton.

Concessions—J. A. Elrod.

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Drue Cunningham Sells No-D-Loy

Drue Cunningham last Friday completed the deal for the sale of the No-D-Loy Cleaners plant on Front street to Clifford Bissett, who had been assisting him for more than a year. The latter took immediate possession and Drue is now, temporarily, a gentleman of leisure, after conducting the business for the past nine years. A lease of the building was also included in the deal.

Just what he is going to do, Mr. Cunningham has not decided. If he can accumulate enough gas coupons during the next month, he and Mrs. Cunningham will then make a trip over to his recently acquired ranch, four miles out of Vale in eastern Oregon.

He says the higher elevation over there agree with him and he likes it, but after visiting the ranch, if Mrs. Cunningham prefers to remain in Coquille Drue says they will come back and continue to make their home here.

New Spud Grows In Old One

There is a freak of nature in the Sentinel's front window, which it will be worth anyone's time to look at. Guy Torrey brought it in yesterday, having found it in a sack of last year's potatoes. The old potato had a split in the skin on one side and from an eye, just at the edge of the split a new potato has sprouted, growing in the heart of the old one. The "young un" is about an inch and a half long and an inch wide.

Oke Eckholm Leaves For Kentucky

Mrs. Sig Eckholm, who was in Coquille yesterday from their ranch near Coaledo, reported that her son, Lieut. Oke Eckholm, who had been home on sick leave for three weeks, received his orders Tuesday afternoon to report for duty as an instructor at Fort Knox, Ky., and in ten minutes he was on his way.

Her younger son, Sergeant Carl Eckholm, is with the Air Corps in India.

The Lund Sisters Here To See Mother

Two former residents of Coquille, Mrs. Owen Knowlton and Mrs. W. B. Glick, both from Palo Alto, Calif., were visitors here and at Broadbent from Saturday until Tuesday this week. The two, the former Myrtle and Margaret Lund, came in response to word from their brother, P. O. Lund, that their mother is quite ill at her home at Broadbent. They desired to remain longer, but Mrs. Knowlton is employed by a draft board at Palo Alto and with the heavy work it has just now she had to get back.

Her husband, son of a pioneer Coquille druggist, R. S. Knowlton, has a drug store in a smaller community not far from Palo Alto.

Mr. Scherer Guest Speaker At Rotary

F. G. Scherer, of the U. S. Employment office at Marshfield, gave a brief talk on the manpower situation in Southwestern Oregon at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club at the hotel on Wednesday.

He stated that while quite a number of people had been drawn out of this section by war industries that the situation here was more normal than in most localities due to the fact that most of our industries were basically connected with the war effort.

Mr. Scherer also stated that the development of coal mining in this section would be accomplished unless someone threw a monkey wrench in the machinery and also that a branch of his office was to be established in Coquille after many false starts.

Rotarian Earl J. Littrell, of Medford, was present as a guest as were also N. W. Boles, of Bend; Chet Ickerson, of North Bend, and B. W. Dunn, of Coquille.

John Purkey, returned yesterday from Tacoma, where he went to visit his mother last Wednesday. Mrs. Purkey and their two children, who went with him, will remain for ten days longer, visiting her parents at Fir Crest, which is near Tacoma.

Plans For A Boys' Club Are Going Forward Rapidly

Mrs. Jack Dolan and Rev. Robt. L. Greene were present at the 4th of July committee meeting in the city hall Tuesday evening to present to the representatives of the dozen civic and fraternal organizations present her plan for organizing a Boys' Club in Coquille, with headquarters in the basement of the Community Building.

Her suggestions were that three rooms be partitioned off in the basement, that they be fitted up with various kinds of athletic equipment, billiard and pool tables, etc., and that men from the organizations take turns in supervision.

She had no estimate on the cost but said it might run to \$2,000 to \$3,000, which the organizations with the aid of popular subscriptions could finance. She hoped it could be ready for use by the time school starts in the fall.

There would be no dues for the boys but admission would be by card, such cards being subject to cancellation if their bearers violated the rules of the club or those of good citizenship.

Clarence Osika stated that the Rotary had some months ago unanimously voted to sponsor such a boys' club, but will co-operate in the move now and give up the sponsorship idea. He said there was urgent need for such a club in Coquille.

Iris Ekrod asked why a Girls' Club could not also be formed, the young ladies to have certain nights of the week and the boys the other nights. The idea met with instant approval and that is probably how it will be handled when the plans are matured.

Mrs. Dolan announced that after the representatives present had presented the matter to their clubs, lodges, etc., that another meeting of heads of the various bodies would be held in city hall on Monday evening, June 14.

"Bo" Johnson Was Here Sunday

Capt. Edward "Bo" Johnson, whose vessel docked recently at San Francisco, arrived in Coquille Sunday to see his sister, Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan. On Monday, with her two children, they left for Puget Sound, where their mother, Mrs. Alfred Johnson, resides on Vashon Island. "Bo" expects to come back through Coquille on his return to San Francisco.

He called on Frank Pook Sunday to tell him about meeting Bill Pook somewhere in the South Pacific, and whom he did not at first recognize as Bill came walking along the dock toward him.

Oerding Family Reunion Sunday

J. H. Oerding and his children here were very pleasantly surprised last Saturday by the arrival of Mrs. Stella Warner and Albert Oerding from Sonoma, Calif., Mrs. Lucille Ellison and son Gary, from Santa Rosa, Calif. To add to the home gathering Will Oerding came over from Sutherland on Sunday and went back Monday. The others left for their homes Tuesday morning.

To Attend A Synod At Santa Rosa, California

Rev. Robt. L. Greene intends leaving next Monday for Santa Rosa, Calif., to attend the Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church, and at which the clergy will be present from all Pacific coast states, Idaho and Nevada. Two of the days in which Mr. Greene is particularly interested is Religious Education Day on Tuesday and Rural Conference Day on Friday. He expects to return home Saturday of next week.

Coquille Grange Meeting

Members of the Coquille Grange enjoyed a fine program, following their regular business meeting last Friday evening. Mrs. Florence Hallock was in charge. The "Mothers of Our Nation," was repeated, having been first given at the B. P. W. banquet earlier in the month. Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen played several entertaining numbers on her accordion and did it so tunefully that the audience could not resist singing some of the numbers with her.