

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

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## Coos County War Chest To Get Under Way Next Monday

Starting Monday, October 18, the Coos County War Chest under direction of the National War Fund, Inc. will campaign the city to raise Coquille's quota of \$5350.00 as set by the national organization.

This fund is a Federation of War Philanthropies in support for the far-flung USO—the home away from home for our own fighting men; comforts for the "barbed-wire legion" of prisoners of war; food for starving Greece; medical supplies for gallant Russia; aid for the scorched earth of stricken China; assistance for hundreds of thousands of homeless refugees.

These, and countless similar calls, are the concern of generous America, and the immediate task of the National War Fund, and its affiliated war funds in your own state and your own community.

Born of war, and linked to the peace by effective association with local home agencies for health, welfare and recreation, the National War Fund is a philanthropic federation with three simple aims; first, to determine the nature and the extent of the war-related needs; second, to see that everybody has a chance to contribute to the funds required; and third, to channel the sums raised for its member agencies wherever American help is currently most needed—enough and on time.

Those three aims lead to one objective—to help win the war sooner, with a minimum loss of life.

Americans will respond as they always have to the appeal of simple humanity. But all of us will be moved even more strongly by the realization that the war will surely be won more quickly, and fewer lives will be lost, as long as our fighters and all our Allies and their families are sustained with the greatest weapon of them all—the will to win.

The state fund will assist Boy's and Girls Aid society, Catholic charities, Children's Farm home, St. Rose Industrial school, Christie home, St. Mary's Home for Boys, St. Agnes Baby home, Oregon Protective society, White Shield home, Volunteers of America, Mothers and Children; Waverly Baby home.

In Coos county the drive will aid the Salvation Army, Coquille Boy Scouts, and the three servicemen's clubs in Marshfield, Bandon and North Bend, together with the Marshfield Community Chest.

City Chairman George E. Oerding has made the following committee appointments in order that the entire city may be canvassed for this all-important movement: C. G. Caughell, secretary, and Don Farr, treasurer; Initial Gifts Committee, which will cover the business district and industrial plants: O. L. Wood, chairman, assisted by C. G. Caughell, R. L. Stewart, W. H. Fortier, I. A. Elrod, Phil Alborn, Evan Alborn, Ray Jeub and Andy Anderson.

Town Solicitation Committee: Coquille Woman's Club, that part of town north of Fourth street and west of Henry street; Junior Woman's Club, that part of town north of Fourth street and east of Henry street; Soroptimist and Venture Clubs, that part of town south of Fourth street and west of Henry street, exclusive of the business district; Business & Professional Club, that part of town south of Fourth street and east of Henry street.

Chairman Oerding is happy to announce that although the campaign is not yet under way, two contributions have already been received by the committee, the first of which being by the Soroptimist Club in the amount of \$25.00 plus the additional amount of \$1.00 from each member of the club. The second contribution in the amount of \$25.00 was made by the Coquille Women's Club.

Using this as a criterion Mr. Oerding feels quite confident that Coquille will, as usual, meet its quota.

Mrs. George Tracy Leach and her sister, Miss Jean Chandler, left Monday morning for their home in Eureka, after being here since Saturday night. They came up to see Mrs. Callie Leach, who has been ill for some time. George Tracy is with the U. S. armed forces in India.

The Eagles Auxiliary is sponsoring a Halloween Hard Times Dance for Eagles and guests at their hall, Oct. 30. Prizes for the best costumes.

## Jury Called For Next Monday

Following is the list of jury men summoned for the opening of the October term of circuit court next Monday:

Coquille—Nora Rosa, Dora Burr, Esther Litzberger.

North Bend—Roy E. Cameron, Wilton Gumm, Harold E. McDaniel, James H. Mills, G. E. Hill, John F. Ryan.

Arago—Frank Burbank.

Myrtle Point—Stanley Furman, Edna S. Hoffman, Austin G. Dodge.

Bandon—Birdie I. Randleman, Dale Siewell.

Marshfield—Rube C. Day, Frank J. BBurke, Joe F. Williams, George B. West, Lewis H. Small.

Broadbent—Fred C. True.

Eastside—Ann L. Harris.

Several others whose names were drawn have been excused for this term.

## The McLarrins Are Club Champions

Jack McLarrin of the Coquille Valley Country Club has every reason to congratulate himself in more ways than one. In the final play off between Dutch Clinton, noted valley golfer, and himself last Sunday, Jack won the championship cup of Coquille Valley Country Club. The best part of it all is that he now caught up with his wife, for like her, he has for the second time won the cup and it now belongs to him, in other words, both championship cups now belong to them. Mrs. McLarrin won permanent possession of the ladies cup in 1941.

Jack won Sunday by a slight margin in a well played game.

Don Gillespie, Glen Howard and Dutch Clinton have their names engraved on the cup, they having won the club championship in previous years.

## Tax Paying Can Start Next Week

County Assessor Chas. Forrest will tomorrow certify to the tax department the rolls for the coming year's tax assessments for the 75,000 pieces of property and personal assessments on the Coos county rolls.

A. O. Walker, head of the tax department, states that that office will begin on Monday mailing out the 15,000 to 20,000 tax statements which cover the Coos county property assessed, and that they will be ready Monday to begin accepting payments on the current taxes.

The tax turnover for September from the tax department to County Treasurer Stauff this week totaled \$46,044.07, practically the same amount as was turned over for September last year.

## Court May Lease Bay's Hotel Building

That monument in Marshfield on Broadway, known as the hotel building, which was foreclosed by the county a year ago last month, is now the property of Coos county, the redemption period having expired in September this year.

The county court has had a tentative offer for the uncompleted structure and more are expected to be presented when the court meets next Monday to consider sale or lease of the building.

The offer already made is for \$15,000, on a lease basis, with monthly rental payments each month thereafter, and an agreement to spend around \$50,000 for completion of the building, or whatever it requires to put it in shape for use. The delinquent taxes on the structure are now around \$56,000.

The county court has not indicated what it will do but one member expressed the opinion that he favors leasing the building as it stands and if all terms as to monthly payments and completion are not strictly lived up to, to cancel the lease at once.

## Working On Plays Now At Coquille High

The Junior class play committee is now engaged in selecting this year's class play. The two under consideration are "Almost Summer" and "Shiny Nose."

The high school faculty, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Beyers, is rehearsing "Dizzy Life of the Schoolmarm," which is to be presented at the Coos-Curry regional conference here on Nov. 1.

## Legion Conference Here Next Monday

A series of District Conferences stressing "America Alert," a program designed to carry out the mandates of the recent national convention of the American Legion, will be held throughout Oregon this month by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Four main points will be featured at each of the joint conferences, according to D. M. McDade, Department Commander. These are:

1. Conservation, including support of Federal Government in rationing of automobile tires and gasoline.

2. Liaison with Veterans of World War II.

3. Child Welfare and Maternity care.

4. Employment.

Speakers at the conferences will include Department Commander McDade, Penn Crum, W. E. Klezner, Richard Emudthwaite, Ed. Eggen, Department Adjutant Fritz Nissen, Mrs. F. Von Bortell, Department President of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, Department Secretary of the Auxiliary.

In addition to the four-point general program, time will be devoted to other phases of work carried on by the Legion and Auxiliary.

The party will be in Coquille for holding its conference here Monday evening, Oct. 18.

## Services Yesterday For C. R. Albertson

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Bros Chapel here at 2 o'clock Wednesday, for Cecil Ray Albertson who died Sunday at the hospital in North Bend after having been fatally injured at the Albertson logging camp at Reedsport the week before.

The State Guard from Reedsport and the F. O. E. took part in the services at which Rev. R. L. Greene officiated. Interment was in the Albertson family plot on Bear Creek.

He was born May 18, 1910, being 33 months and 9 days past 33 years of age. He had lived in Bandon for the past 15 years and was a logger operating the Albertson camp with his father and his brothers.

He is survived by his widow, Nellie Rowe Albertson, their son, Harold Raymond; stepdaughter Dorothy Ann Rowe; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson Albertson; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Crowell of Lakeside, and four brothers, Lloyd Ellis who is in the Air Corps at Stockton Field, Calif.; Arthur L. and Warren H. of Reedsport, and Clifford C., who is on duty with a Seattle patrol boat.

## Riverton School Hallowe'en Program

A Hallowe'en program and carnival sponsored by the Riverton schools will be given on Friday, October 22.

The grade school is in charge of the program which consists of musical numbers, and dancing and the high school will manage the booths and the games. Refreshments will be on sale.

The evening's entertainment will begin at 8:00 o'clock. Admission will be 25c and 10c. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school cafeteria, which will start soon.

## Drilling Starts Soon On Davis Slough

All difficulties are expected to be cleared up very quickly now so that drilling on the Phillips Petroleum Corporation's leases on the Westport arch — on Davis Slough — can be started next week. The site for the derrick has been prepared, the water line to the site has been installed and workmen are making everything ready for putting down the first test hole.

Another collection of county-owned land, east of the Westport arch—has been leased to the British-American oil company, about 650 acres. That company has not, however, signified when or if it will start drilling, but the leases require a start to be made within a specified time.

Homer Oddy, younger brother of County Clerk L. W. Oddy, who has been gone from Coquille for the past 18 years, came in Monday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Oddy, from their home in Burlingame, Calif. They left again today.

J. S. Barton left last Saturday on a business trip to Portland. He returned yesterday morning.

## J. N. Gearhart Talks To Rotary Club

City Engineer and County Surveyor J. N. Gearhart was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon at the hotel on Wednesday. He talked about city affairs and problems and especially on the question of sewerage disposal after the war when it will be illegal to dump raw sewerage in the river. He stated that the problems would have to be handled in the same manner as the water department, with monthly billing for maintenance.

He also called attention to the fact that including streets, sewers, water supply and the Community Building and other facilities that there was a total of over \$1,000,000 worth of collectively owned property in Coquille, an average of over \$300 for every resident of the city.

Lud Scharfer was present and told how he had been rejected when he tried to enlist, twice by the Navy and once by the Army Air Corps and now he was back from his draft call with a fourth rejection by the Army. He said someone had suggested that he might get into the Bachelor Girls Club as did Iris Elrod but then the question of qualifications as read in the club two weeks ago came up.

Spike Leslie told of the coming football game on Saturday with North Bend and gave a list of his line-up with their weights, etc.

J. S. Barton spoke of the recent bond drive in which the Rotary Club purchased over \$78,000 worth and said there was a plan to combine the subscriptions of all the service clubs of Coquille and have a bomber named after the city. The club voted that if this were possible that they would support the plan.

Rotarians Henry Schroeder of Myrtle Point, and J. E. Richmond of Eugene, were present as guests.

## No Change In Dim-Out Here

While lighting restrictions, or dim-out requirements, have been eased off considerably since Lieut.-Gen. D. C. Emmons became commanding general of the Western Defense Command, for all sections 15 or more miles from the Pacific shoreline, there is no change in the dim-out rules for Coquille, which is but 12 miles in an air-line from the ocean.

This was the message from Coos Civilian Defense Commander Frank E. Shaw to R. L. Stewart here yesterday. Myrtle Point, which is just outside the 15-mile limit, is in Zone C and restrictions are removed there.

Later R. L. Stewart reports that where lights are six feet back from the windows, or are shaded, that curtains or shades do not have to be drawn down at night.

## Serial On Pioneer Mining In Coos Starts

This week the Sentinel begins publishing in serial form a history of the early mining adventures from the mouth of the Coquille river north, in the Whiskey Run district. "Whiskey Run" is the title R. M. (Bob) Harrison, the author of this historical article, gives to his contribution which will continue for several weeks but, as it deals with the early day navigators along this coast and the glamorous country they deemed it to be, even before they began investigating its possibilities, we have titled the contributions, "Pioneer Miners In Coos Black Sands."

When completed the series will form a valuable addition to the archives of the Coos and Curry Pioneer Association.

## Cranberry Pickers Are Still Needed

Anyone who can, or is willing, to pick cranberries and help save the Coquille valley crop, a great deal of which will be lost unless more pickers are secured, is asked to get in touch with County Agent Jenkin's office at once.

An announcement received from Keith Leslie states that he has opened a general accounting and income tax consultation office in Portland, located in room 542 of the Mead building.

"The sales tax has one unforgivable fault, no one can get out of paying it," says the Medford Mail-Tribune. That's why the Nude Deal doesn't want it.

## Weekly Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross, No. 764, will hold its regular weekly meeting on Friday, Oct. 15, from 1:00 to 4:30 p. m., in Guild Hall. As usual there will be sewing, knitting, crocheting, cutting, pressing, filling sewing kits, etc.

For the present, the ladies will continue to make apron-style kit bags and housewives (sewing kits), as these two items are needed in large quantities as soon as possible.

The balance of the yarn on hand must be used for servicemen's gloves and a few more V-neck sleeveless sweaters. Mrs. Phil Alborn is at home again and promises to stand by the knitters who need her assistance, so "do not allow the gloves to scare you," says Mrs. Kesner.

"As long as we continue making housewives, we will continue to need more large-eyed needles. Can also use many more turkish towel wash cloths, 10, 11 or 12 inch square, and spool cotton for a simple crocheted edging, any color.

"This week we are grateful to Mesdames Clyde Norton, O. B. Harriman and E. Purvance for yarn, toweling and needles donated. We also wish to thank the Junior Woman's Club for its offer of assistance as well as Mrs. Liston Parrish and a number of the Church of Christ women.

"Last week's plea for new workers was generously answered by several women and we hope this week to welcome additional new helpers.

"If it is impossible for you to spend a full afternoon in the work room, you may drop in for an hour or two, or merely call for work to take home to complete. As one of our knitters remarked, 'I always seem to be busy but I guess I'll just have to make a place for really important things.' Red Cross work is vitally important, so let's all make at least a small place for it in our week's schedule."

For knitting, please phone Mrs. Alborn 943. For other information, phone Mrs. Kesner, 170W or call and see her at 290 So. Coulter St.

## Register Oct. 26-29 For Ration Book IV

Following are the school sites in the south end of the county which will be used for the registration for Ration Book IV.

The hours which are to be used in all of the schools, unless special arrangements are made by the particular school, will be from 3 till 9 p. m.

In many of the communities, local residents will assist at school in the carrying out of the registration. The latter appears to be more simple than some which have been carried on in the past, due to the fact that there is to be no tailoring of books and no declarations.

Broadbent—Mrs. Dollie Smith. Arago—Miss Ethel Fish. Riverton—Dr. Edmund Cyckler. Coquille—B. W. Dunn. Fairview—Mrs. Iris Holverstott. McKinley—Miss Ida Oerding. Powers—T. D. Sanborn. Myrtle Point—Floyd Summers. Sitkum—Mrs. Eleanor Sutphin. Bandon—Ben C. Huntington. Bridge—Woody Mason.

## Phone Social Items To Mrs. Wernich

Now that nearly all clubs and societies are meeting regularly again, after the summer vacation, the Sentinel reminds those clubs, as well as those who have guests from out of town or who entertain at afternoon or evening parties, that Mrs. R. A. Wernich is society reporter for the paper and she will appreciate it if items of this nature are phoned to her. Her number is 136J.

## District Meeting Of American Legion Auxiliary Here Oct. 18

A district meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Oct. 18 at 7:30 o'clock in Coquille I. O. O. F. hall, with members of Powers, Bandon, North Bend and Marshfield Auxiliaries planning to attend. The department president, Floye Von Borstel of Grass Valley; Mrs. Neva La Lorge, district president, of Klamath Falls, and state secretary, Mae Whitcomb, of Portland, will be the speakers.

Bill Head, who had been home on a ten-day furlough, left Tuesday afternoon for Walla Walla, where he is receiving treatment in the service men's hospital.

## Record Attendance At Woman's Club To Hear Mrs. Dunbar

The Coquille Woman's Club met Tuesday at the Guild Hall with, no doubt, the largest attendance on record for this particular club. Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar, of Portland, a past president of the General Federation, was the speaker. Mrs. Otto Zentner, in charge of the program, called Mrs. Dunbar, "Oregon's number one club woman." Mrs. O. C. Sanford, president, said in her welcoming address that Mrs. Dunbar had brought much honor to Oregon and was distinguished over the United States. Mrs. Dunbar is one of twelve women of this country serving on Paul McNutt's War Manpower Board, and she goes to Washington once a month.

The speaker's subject was "South America" and her material for discussion was derived mostly from her experience while on tour of that continent in 1940. "That we must think north and south instead of east and west has been our habit," was a new thought given out. "The good neighbor policy goes back a long way, to the days when Elihu Root tried to tell it to Americans, realizing what poor neighbors we've been though there is plenty which should tie us together." The mention of Argentina brought out its distrust of North Americans and the audience was told to look to American relations with that country to see why they don't declare war on Germany.

How to bring about solidarity of the two continents, the speaker said, was first a better adjustment of economic relations and, second, to speak a common language. More speak English than we speak Spanish. Education is a necessity. The people are either terribly poor or terribly rich, which condition makes it hard to find a national point of view. How to raise the standard of living is a problem, she said, she found discussed all over South America. She told of the barter system with Germany, yet we have no foreign policy with South America. The club women were advised to study and know about the five conference between the two continents.

In the audience were women from several Coos county towns. The North Bend club president Mrs. Michael Boileau, Mrs. V. M. Arrington and Mrs. E. S. Willard were Bay area representatives. Mrs. R. E. Powrie, president, and Mrs. Dal King were

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## Bulldogs To Play Here Saturday

Fresh from their conquest of Eugene High by a 12 to 0 score last Friday night, the North Bend Bulldogs will be a hard nut for the Coquille Red Devils to crack at Athletic Park here on Saturday. The game will start at two o'clock and is the first game to be played here this year.

Both coaches, Spike Leslie of Coquille, and Vic Adams of North Bend, rely more on speed and deception than on straight power plays, and this game should be an interesting one to watch, no matter what the score may be.

Due to the trouble in securing officials for the game, Paul Snyder, local industrial arts instructor at C. H. S., will act as head linesman.

Don McCune and several of the lady school teachers will be at the gate and local drivers are asked to get there early so as to avoid the last-minute rush and congestion.

## George E. Oerding Sells North Fork Ranch

The 160-acre ranch, owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whitney located on the McKinley road, above the Hervey bridge, known as the old Myers ranch, was sold by George Oerding, Coquille realtor, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krantz. The new owners will take possession immediately. They recently sold their Coquille home to Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wertz, who will now move into the newly purchased home.

The Whitneys have moved to Gresham, Oregon, where Mr. Whitney is employed in defense work.

Supt. B. W. Dunn was permitted to leave the hospital at Myrtle Point ten days ago but is not yet able to return to his office at the high school. He tried it and after a few hours had to go home for further recuperation.