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## Vacation of Portion Of Fairview Street Asked Of Council

A short session of the city council was held Monday evening with all members except Dr. G. E. Stark present, at which time a petition for vacation of a portion of Fairview street, about 100 feet on either side of Knowlton avenue signed by Dr. T. De La Rhue, Dr. R. F. Milne, Dr. G. E. Stark and Geo. F. Burr, was presented.

Steep gulches on either side of Knowlton preclude the possibility that any of the section will ever be improved and the lots adjoining Knowlton street are now in lawn or garden.

The council did not take snap judgment but referred the matter to the street committee for investigation and report at the next meeting.

Anyone looking the properties over can readily see that there can be no street use made of the tracts for many, many years, if ever.

The city's claim for delinquent street assessments having been paid—\$1,348.50—for lots 2 and 3, block 14, in North Addition, on North Coulter street, by Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Peart, the mayor and recorder, by resolution, were authorized to issue a quit claim deed to the property restoring it to its former owners.

The street department was instructed to fill a wet and muddy spot in the road leading to the Boy Scout cabin with a half load of gravel.

To Councilman Burr was referred the complaint of N. A. Kent, of Ko Keel Village, that the ashes, cinders and dirt from a nearby smoke stack kept his tourist cabins so dirty that over-night customers always commented on it.

## Marc H. Shelley At Rotary Club

Marc H. Shelley, of the U. S. Navy, was a guest of the Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting in I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday and gave an entertaining talk on his experiences in that branch of the service.

Marc is stationed on one of the new destroyers which is at present in a southern California port for refueling and overhaul, thus enabling him to secure a furlough to visit his family here. He spoke of meeting many of the boys from Coquille in various places and was emphatic in his praise of their records.

Mr. Shelley was stationed at Treasure Island for many months but asked for a transfer and was finally assigned to sea duty.

Rotarian E. W. Hughes, formerly of Grants Pass but who now registers from Coquille, was a guest. Other guests besides the speaker were Phil Farrell, of Redmond, and John Donaldson, of Denmark. Leo J. Cary was elected to membership.

## B. B. Tournament In Coos Co. Eliminated

At the meeting of the high school principals and coaches held here on Monday to draw up this winter's basketball schedule it was decided to eliminate the tournament and substitute a schedule calling for four games with each team. This schedule is subject to the following rules:

On Tuesday nights there will be only one game. This game is to be called promptly at 7:30 p. m. If the home team has a preliminary game on said evening it is to end at 7:15. B squads will not travel on this evening.

Friday night games are to start promptly at eight o'clock. B squads will travel. B squad games are to end promptly at 7:45.

## Community Building Broken Into Monday Night

More interference with and destruction of city property happened Monday night. Some one broke the lock on the door of the Community Building and split the door trying to gain admittance. So far nothing of value has been missed.

## Sadie Hawkins' Day Dance This Coming Saturday Evening

Do not fail to see all the Daisy Maes, L'I Abner at the Junior Woman's Club Sadie Hawkins' Day dance in the Community Building this coming Saturday evening, Nov. 6. That will be worth the price of admission if you do not dance.

## All The Same As Hitler Gangsterism

The report by Councilman C. M. Gray at Monday evening's session of the vandalism perpetrated at the Clarence Osika home Sunday evening, supposedly as a Halloween prank (?) brought to mind what a local minister of the gospel said Monday morning as he viewed the silly soaping of display windows in the business section.

"The attitude of parents is responsible for these embryo Hitlers," he said. "They are raising their children to be gangsters."

"When they say, 'trick or treat,' you ask them what happens if you don't treat and they reply; 'we'll mark up your windows, or tear off your gate, or something.'"

"It's the same kind of a threat that Hitler used in Europe, and the parents are the ones to blame," said the minister.

At the Osika home some boys, probably high school freshmen or junior high youngsters, threw eggs at his house, the yellow smearing the stucco walls, and also rocks which broke two windows. Such hoodlumism and vandalism cannot be shrugged off as a Halloween prank.

Chief Creager reported that all the serious Halloween trouble seemed to be in that particular section, along Coulter and adjacent streets.

There was some talk by the councilmen of reinstating the curfew law, but as Mayor Wood said, "It hardly seems right to penalize the good young people of the town, and most of them are good, to stop the depredations of a few toughies."

Councilman Pettit added to the story of youthful crimes with the statement that every afternoon as soon as school is out they begin to miss articles from the hardware store.

## Last Football Game Nov. 11

The Red Devils' final football game for this season will be played at the ball park here next Thursday—Armistice Day—with the Myrtle Point Bulldogs as the opposition. The game will start at two o'clock.

Last Saturday's game with the Pirates at Marshfield was packed with thrills from start to finish as was the North Berd game here two weeks before. It was different in one respect though, the Red Devils trailing at the half 13-0 and coming from behind in the third quarter to score two touchdowns.

The Pirates' last score came just as the final gun sounded, the touchdown play having started before the gun and ended after the shot.

The final score was 20 to 12 in a most hotly contested game.

## Armistice Dance November 11

Coquille American Legion Post No. 36, is advertising its annual Armistice Day dance which will be held in the Community Building next Thursday evening, with Bum Gartin's orchestra furnishing the music. Admission will be 75 cents for men, 25 cents for ladies and 50 cents for service men, tax included.

## Expects 50 Ton Coal Output By January 1

Oscar Larson, proprietor of the Southport Coal company whose mine is half a mile back from the highway just beyond Davis Slough, said Tuesday that at present the Navy is taking all the coal he can get out, from 15 to 20 tons a day, but that by the first of the year he expects to be able to deliver 50 tons a day, and if he can get the "slicing" machine he needs he will have all the coal needed for Coos county soon thereafter. The Southport was not one of those taken over by F. D. R.'s order on Monday for the government.

## Ensign Dorris Compton A Co-Sponsor at Destroyer Launching

In last Saturday's Oregon Journal appeared the picture of WAVE Ensign Dorris Compton of this city, who was one of the co-sponsors at the launching of the U. S. S. Smalley, a destroyer launched at a Seattle shipyard last week. Miss Compton is one of the five Waves shown as they saluted Miss Lina Mayo of Harwichport, Mass., who christened the vessel which was named for a Cape Cod hero.

Ensign Compton is expected home today on a few days' leave.

## Several Elk Killed The Past Week

The bombardment out back of the Fairview country beyond the end of the road up the North Fork, resulted in several elk being brought into Coquille the past week.

"Rod" Creager and "Chick" Harris brought in the largest set of horns yet reported, one of their kills being a 7 pointer with a 40-inch spread of horns. The other was a 4-pointer.

Don Gillespie, Ole Jamieson and Ned Kay got a spike up in that country on Sunday, while Bill Foote and Frank Huker dressed out and brought in a 350 pound bull elk.

These were all killed to the left of La Verne Park on the ridge between the headwaters of the North Fork and Coos river.

Another party composed of Wess A. Travis and Del Hoke of Coquille, and Fred Sell of Bandon, who were up in the Brewster valley country the fore part of last week, each got a deer and Travis brought in a spike elk.

## Two School Men Visitors Monday

John F. Cramer, superintendent of schools at Eugene, who was one of the speakers at the teachers' conference here on Monday, was calling on old friends in the business section here that morning.

Jack Cramer, who was a very popular high school principal here some 16 years ago, left Coquille in 1927 and has since been superintendent at Bandon, Bend, Milton-Freewater, Grants Pass and elsewhere.

Another visitor at the Sentinel office that morning was Rex Putnam, State Superintendent of Schools. He said that notwithstanding the shortage of teachers in the state now he thought that practically all the schools in Oregon are functioning very smoothly and well this fall. Some of those who are filling in taught years ago, possibly have been married and managing their own homes more recently, but are doing their part on the home front now by again entering the class rooms.

## Four Taken For Wasting Game

Four arrests have been made by the game officials of the state police for wanton waste of game and a warrant for a fifth offender has not yet been served. The offense was that of killing deer or elk back from Fairview valley and leaving it lying in the woods.

Justice of the Peace Fred R. Bull set the bail for each of the four at \$250, and it was posted. The four are Walt William Whobrey, Joseph Whobrey, Byron Harold Barrows and Alden Adolphus Mast.

## State Librarian To Address Woman's Club Tuesday

The November meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club will be held next Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. at the Guild Hall. Mrs. George Chaney, chairman of Education, will have charge of the program. "The Oregon Trail Centennial," will be observed. Mrs. George Bryant, soprano, will sing "The Oregon Trail." Mrs. E. L. Schroeder and children will wear gowns of one hundred years ago. An atmosphere of the pioneer days will be created through use of old treasures used in the decorations.

Miss Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, will be a speaker, whose subject will be "Recent Books." Members urged to be present, visitors welcome.

## Ore Depot Here To Close Dec. 31

A. E. Borel, who has been in charge of the ore receiving station here for the past year, has received word from the Metals Reserve company to shut down the depot here and accept no more minerals here after Dec. 31. The federal unit has been greatly disappointed that the amount of minerals brought to the Coquille station has been so small.

Mr. Borel will be here next week to move his family to Arcata, where he is now stationed.

Mayor O. L. Wood and L. W. Claver went to Portland Tuesday morning to attend to business for the theatre. The mayor also expected to confer with W.L.B. officials in regard to the furnace so urgently needed for the Community Building.

## Mrs. M. E. Dye Passes Suddenly

Bertha E. Dye, wife of Martin E. Dye, of 829 No. Henry St., passed away at her home Monday, Nov. 1, at 2:05 p. m. She was born in Minnesota Jan. 24, 1900, and was nine months and seven days past 43 years of age at passing. She had lived in Oregon for thirteen years, eight of them having been spent in Coquille, where she had many friends.

Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Ted Schaer, of Coquille, and Mrs. L. W. Wilkinson, of Seattle. She is also survived by five brothers: Clarence Copeland, Tacoma; Floyd and Russell, Seattle; Clinton, Yakima, and Vinton, Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. Ira Losey, Anchorage, Wash., and Mrs. Geo. Rokkan, of Kennewick, Wash.

Services are being conducted at the Gano Funeral Home this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Robt. L. Greene of the Episcopal Church officiating. Interment is to be in I. O. O. F. cemetery, No. 2, here.

## \$116,742.68 Taxes Paid in October

The tax turnover from the collection department to County Treasurer Stauff, made yesterday morning totalled \$116,742.68, the collections in October.

This week also the county treasurer remitted to the school districts, port districts, cities, and other taxing districts in which the property was located, something over \$36,000 received during the past three months from the sale of property the county had foreclosed on previously for delinquent taxes.

## 4278 Here Secured Ration Book 4

War Ration Books, No. 4, were issued to 4278 persons in Coquille last week, according to Burton W. Dunn, registering site administrator.

The registration was again handled by local school teachers who worked from three to nine o'clock each day from Tuesday through Friday. This work was done each day after completion of a full day's class schedule. The number registering was about 300 less than registered for War Ration Book, No. 2.

Those who did not get their No. 4 book last week will have a wait until after November 15 and secure it direct from the local rationing board.

## The M. Rays Move To Eastern Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ray left Tuesday morning for the John Day country in eastern Oregon where Mr. Ray recently bought a large ranch and where they will make their home. When he purchased the ranch recently he announced that he was through with logging for good and he has turned the camp on Bear creek over to his son, Mike. Their other two sons are in the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Lud Scharfer last month purchased the Ray home on No. Coulter street, the former J. A. Berg place, and expect to move into it at once.

## \$2850 Raised Here For War Chest

The Coquille quota of \$5350.00 for the War Chest fund is just a little over half subscribed and the drive will continue, according to George E. Oerding, Coquille chairman, until the quota is reached or until the county quota is raised, which ever happens first. All the people who have not as yet had an opportunity to help in this worthy cause, please make your contributions to George E. Oerding, Don Farr or Hode Caughell.

## Amy-Navy Qualifying Test At High School Next Tuesday

The Army-Navy College Qualifying Test will be administered at 9:00 a. m. on Tuesday, November 9, in the Coquille High School. The examination will begin promptly at nine o'clock. Candidates should arrive at the examination room between 8:45 and 8:55.

Ward McReynolds will be at the Coquille city hall again next Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 9 till 4, to receive applications from those desiring drivers' licenses.

## Selectees Who Went Tuesday

The following men were ordered to report for induction on November 2, 1943, by Coos County Local Board, No. 2:

Lewis Alfred Floyd, Broadbent. Louis Wetsel Sell, Jr., Bandon. Donald Garrett Ross, Coquille. Clarence John Powers, Powers. Morris Fred Anderson, Coquille. Robert Orville Waterman, Coquille. Francis Jewel Davison, Bandon. Charles Parish, Bridge. Roy Offery Cook, Powers. John Dale Hartley, Bandon. Harry Montag Brown, Myrtle Point. Clarence George Lindow, M. P. Patterson Chaney, Coquille. Worthington Robert Ward, Bandon. Lester Alvin Wolf, Myrtle Point. Clifton Ernest White, Riverton. Samuel Nelson Wood, Bandon. John August Carl Kelch, Coquille. Lee Oliver Burrell, Coquille.

The above list is less than half the number that the Selective Service headquarters had called upon the local board to send, but Mrs. Pearl Jackson, in charge of the office here, says that the men going were all the eligibles on the list at this time.

The next call will probably include pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

## Three Per Cent Tax Rebate Ends Nov. 15

November 15 is the deadline for tax payments and the three per cent rebate, cautions A. O. Walker, head of the tax department, where he and the crew of ladies have been working day and night to get tax statements ready and mailed. After the 15th an interest penalty is added.

Delinquent statements for years prior to this have been mailed out with the 1943-44 statements and Mr. Walker asks that anyone who has not received his or her statement by next Monday to write in for it, especially giving the description of the property, or preferably enclosing last year's tax receipt.

## More Rain, Less Cold

Rainfall since Sept. 1, totalled 11.06 inches this morning, a total of 3.26 inches having fallen from Wednesday morning last week until this morning. For the 24-hour period ending this morning the precipitation was 1.79 inches. On Tuesday this week and that night .95 of an inch of rain fell.

The rains have raised the minimum temperature, too. Last Saturday and Sunday nights recorded low being 33 degrees, only one above freezing, but since this week's rains started in earnest the minimum has been around 50 degrees.

## One Of Two Sections Raised

The state highway department has this fall raised the highway at that spot just this side of Riverton, at the Joe Nilson place, where the river goes over the road every winter when a flood is on. It was a needed improvement but there is another low spot just below Riverton at the Alpine place which needs raising just as much, or more, than the other low section did.

## More Workers Asked To Come Out For Bandage Rolling

Mrs. J. R. Bunch, head of Red Cross bandage rolling in Coquille, announces to the public the fact that a much bigger quota for November has been requested. Last month the quota for some reason was reduced and as a result the number of workers coming out for meetings fell off noticeably. There is again a need of workers. Night meetings will not yet resume but a number of women are needed from 1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Murderer Was A Former Coquille Barber

The Addison Meredith, arrested in Benton county two weeks ago for killing a farmer neighbor, is the man who bought Ralph Nosler's barber shop here in 1928 and made his home in Coquille for four or five years. Meredith claims as the reason for shooting Clinton A. Deal that the latter had been poisoning his cattle. He is about 60 years of age and a lady who knew him here says she told her husband when Meredith came here, "I don't like his eyes. I wouldn't trust him."

## Two Bishops And Clergy Here For Deanery Meeting

Bishop for Oregon, the Rt. Rev. Benj. D. Dagwell, was toastmaster at the dinner meeting in Guild Hall last Thursday evening when St. James' Episcopal church was host to the Deanery of southwestern Oregon, with an attendance which filled the hall and enjoyed the remarks by the visiting clergymen as well as the splendid dinner served by the ladies of the Guild.

In his opening remarks Bishop Dagwell said he had been told he was putting on the rest of the garb of a bishop, but that he was not so much interested in food as he was in the aesthetic features of the meeting.

Rev. Robert L. Greene welcomed the guests with a few appropriate remarks, and Rt. Rev. Patrick Rhea, bishop of Idaho, made a very interesting and at times humorous address. In fact the clergymen all seemed to have had a good time cracking jokes and telling stories on their traveling companions.

Rev. Chas. M. Guilbert, dean of St. Stephens Cathedral in Portland, made a scholarly and enlightening talk on religious education and the church's field department. Other speakers were Rev. Chas. Neville, rector of the Church of the Good Samaritan at Corvallis; Rev. Louis B. Keiter, vicar of All Saints Mission in Portland, and Rev. Thos. Lewis, rector of Emmanuel Parish in Marshfield. Rev. Geo. R. Turney, now in Medford, was unable to accompany the group because of his inability to secure the necessary gasoline coupons.

Besides speaking on youth work of the church in colleges and in general, the visitors all commended most highly the sumptuous repast served them. Ladies in the party were Mrs. Patrick Rhea and Mrs. Arneson, vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary, who told of the national meeting of the organization held recently in the east.

Before closing the meeting at nine o'clock, Bishop Dagwell urged the men of the church not to be A. W. O. L. at Sunday morning services, because of hunting or fishing, slyly intimating that the larger group of men in the audience that night might have been attracted there by the dinner.

## Coffee Shop Is Closed For Present

Compton's Coffee Shop in the Coquille Hotel was forced to suspend all restaurant activities this week when their cook left. Mr. Compton states that the Coffee Shop will be reopened just as soon as a crew can be secured.

The Lions and Rotary clubs, which have been meeting for their Thursday and Wednesday noon luncheon sessions each week in the hotel, have been forced to meet elsewhere for the present.

The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce whose weekly meeting would have been held Tuesday this week, was postponed until next Tuesday and it will probably be an evening meeting then, and not a luncheon session.

## Son Born to Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Greene Yesterday

A baby boy, who has been named Robert Albert and who weighed seven pounds and fifteen ounces, was born to Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Greene at the Mast Hospital yesterday morning. Both mother and babe are doing well. Mr. Greene is vicar of St. James' church in Coquille.

## A New Grand Jury Drawn for Coos County

From the October term of circuit court jurymen, a new grand jury was drawn last Friday. The seven are: Mrs. Lois L. Bunch, Coquille, foreman; Fred C. True and Walter E. Newberry, both of Broadbent; Austin G. Dodge, Edna S. Hoffman and Stanley Furman, of Myrtle Point; Mrs. Dora Burr, Coquille.

## Ladies Night At Masonic Temple Tomorrow Evening

Master Masons are again reminded of the Ladies Night to be held in Chadwick Lodge's hall tomorrow (Friday) evening. Their wives, daughters and invited guests will find a very entertaining hour's program has been prepared besides which there will be dancing and cards.