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Thanksgiving finds U.S. Truly Blessed

"A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most perfect prayer."—Lessing.

Out of a multitude of blessings, the first one we wish to give thanks for this year is that we live in a country where Thanksgiving Day is observed as a national holy day. That there is such a day means our people recognize their Creator as the giver of every true and perfect gift.

Long is the list of physical benefits we have received. Just as Thanksgiving Day means turkey and a feast to most children, so we could dwell upon the comforts and luxuries we enjoy. Our well spread tables are too often taken for granted, although in many other lands the ancient petition, "Give us this day our daily bread" is based on hunger and starvation.

Then again we all could be thankful for our pleasant homes. Remembering that one house in five in England has been damaged by enemy air raids, it is no idle phrase to say we are thankful for dwellings which keep us warm and dry and where we may work or enjoy our leisure hours.

However necessary food and shelter may be, it is possible an over-emphasis may be placed upon them. Well filled larders and preserved garden produce can demand too much of our attention unless we share such provisions with others. Too often today rationing of food has eliminated

the true spirit of sacrifice as practiced in the first war when patriotism lead us to forego many foods that were needed by the less fortunate in other countries.

We might be thankful to be living in this age with all of today's modern conveniences and labor-saving devices. Also we might consider our lot as superior to the life of our Pilgrim ancestors, forgetting that in return we have lost the self-reliance, the ability to do much with little, and the pioneer hardness of our forefathers. We should remember, also, that it was in search of religious freedom that the Mayflower set sail for the rocky land of the new world.

It is well in giving thanks to enumerate our material blessing but those of the spirit are of much greater importance and often we fail to appreciate them. Our food would be ashes in our mouth if our sons lacked the courage to defend the home land. The houses we live in would be prisons if there were not love and harmony there to make them homes. Our radios, newspapers and magazines would be discredited propaganda agencies if there was not the love of freedom abroad in our land which demands truth and honesty from its newscasters. Many of our children would be ignorant bigots if it were not for the tolerance and fair play on which our public schools are founded. The United States educational system is almost unique

among nations in its demand that every child, regardless of race, creed or birth is entitled to a free schooling by the state. Our universities, although not without faults, are still the doors through which the earnest student may make contact with the wisdom of past ages and he may also delve there into the mysteries of the future to which science is the key.

As a citizen of the west coast, we are thankful for the "lights that have come on" in the past year, that we no longer need to dim-out our town nor pull the shades at home. We are thankful for our neighbors and their lighted windows at night.

In our rosary of blessings there is one for which we feel especially grateful. Some youthful offenders have caused much worry over juvenile delinquency and wartime conditions are credited with the making of young criminals. There are a few such isolated cases, to be regretted of course. However, let us sing of peace of thanksgiving for the overwhelming majority of our teen age boys and girls who have a patriotism which might be emulated by many oldsters, who have proved themselves kind and courteous, who are more industrious than any group of high school students within our town or city. We know and, above all, they are reverent.

Court of Honor Thursday Evening

Boy Scouts of troops number 14 and 63, of Coquille, received advancement pins and merit badges at a Court of Honor held in the Council chamber of the city hall, Thursday evening of last week.

Burton W. Dunn, local school superintendent, presided as chairman of the Court and Ralph Kalaher, district scout executive, acted as clerk. The court which was attended by a large number of scouts, their parents, and interested friends, was rated as one of the best ever held in Coquille. Plans are already being made to secure a larger room for the next court of honor which will be held during "National Boy Scout Week," in February.

Joe Sayer, Wilbert Reed, Wayne Timmons, Bryce Tracy, and Jimmy Bellmore, all of Troop 14, received tenderfoot badges in an investiture ceremony conducted by Phil Alborn, scout leader, and Connie Phillips, assistant leader.

Norman Persing, Buford Swanson and Billy Brown of Troop 14, received second class badges. Scouter, Evan Alborn, who is president of the Eagles lodge, made the presentation of these badges.

Don McLarrin of Troop 63, was the only scout to receive a first class badge. His pin was presented by George Oerding, president of the Coquille chamber of commerce.

Merit badges were presented by Scouter William Barrow to Ed Stevenson for handicraft; Jack Axtell for civics, gardening, and safety; Charles Stevenson for wood working, wood carving and farm mechanics; James Clark in horsemanship and fireman-ship; and to Don Pierce for bookbinding.

Connie Phillip, assistant scout leader of Troop 14, exhibited a scout knife which has been worn and used by Tom Lane, a member of the U. S. armed forces, active in recent engagements in the South Sea Islands. The knife was presented to Troop 14, and will be placed in the trophy case in the scout cabin.

Short talks were made by Evan Alborn, Fred Bull, Phil Alborn, Don Farr, Ralph Kalaher, and B. W. Dunn. Announcement of the next Council of Honor to which the public will be invited will be made through the press at a later date.

Bishop Dagwell To Be Here Sunday Morning

The Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of the Episcopal Church in Oregon, will be at St. James' Church on Sunday morning, at the eleven o'clock service. Several persons will be presented to him for Confirmation and he will baptize four infants. Bishop Dagwell will also be the preacher.

Sect Escorted From Myrtle Point Sat'rday

The daily papers' story of the affair in Myrtle Point last Saturday morning was not entirely correct. The police did not mix in the encounter at all, nor were the high school students staging a bond and stamp drive. They had been the Saturday before and resented the Jehovah's Witnesses, pacifists who do not salute the flag under which they live, who stationed themselves near the students while offering their publication for sale.

This last Saturday the students had collected eggs and tomatoes which were thrown at the Witnesses, accompanied by an order to leave town and stay out.

One of the Witnesses, Harold Matson, formerly of Coquille, who was getting the better of a couple of boys, was seized by two cowboys in town who were watching the affair. They sloshed Matson back and forth, on his back, in the water at the curb before letting him up.

The Witnesses were then piled into their cars and escorted out of town with instructions not to return.

Two state police officers, summoned from Coquille, were not able to get there until after quiet had been restored.

\$50 Fire At 3:30 Wednesday Morning

The fire department was called at 3:30 Wednesday morning to the R. E. Hamilton home at 447 North Coulter, the former E. G. Opperman home, now owned by Mrs. Leona Bryant, where \$50 is the estimated damage before the chemical extinguished the blaze.

The family had smelled smoke before retiring but had not ascertained the cause. Ashes in a cupboard in the back room had not been entirely cold and had finally set the container on fire.

Rotary Shooting At Month's 100 Per Cent Attendance Mark

The Coquille Rotary, with a three weeks 100 per cent attendance in November, are hopeful of making their Wednesday noon session this week a fourth perfect one and set a record to which Rotary clubs can aspire for a long time to come. The Sentinel, published a day early this week, cannot mention today that they maintained the record for the entire month.

Mrs. Hazel McCloud, at one time pastor of the Four Square Church here, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith. Mrs. McCloud is teaching at Canyonville.

Tin Cans To Be Collected Saturdays

Geo. T. Burr, chairman, and the balance of the Salvage committee, were last week-end making arrangements for resumption of the tin can salvage in Coquille. Mr. Burr is donating the use of a truck for collection of the cans, which are vitally needed in the war effort, and high school volunteers will make the collection on Saturdays.

How to salvage tin cans is told in a government leaflet:

Wash thoroughly. Remove labels. Remove ends or fold them in. In either case cans must be firmly flattened by stepping on them. Store in a dry place. Deliver to your local salvage collection. A barrel in a dry corner provides convenient storage. One barrel will contain all tin cans prepared by an average family in one year. Evaporated milk cans ARE needed. Only oil, varnish, paint, floor polish cans are NOT needed. Labels painted on outside are acceptable.

The Japanese have captured roughly 70 per cent of the world's production of tin, out of which the United States received about 90 per cent of its supply. Our stockpiles must be carefully guarded. A limited amount of tin comes from Bolivia, Africa, Wales, and a few remote areas of the world. Much of our recoverable tin must be salvaged from used tin cans.

Ninety-nine per cent of every tin can is steel. This, too, is salvaged. Under point rationing American kitchens will use in one year enough steel in tin cans to make 22,900 medium tanks or 900 destroyers. Save that STEEL!

The committee expects also to make arrangements for collecting old magazines, papers and paper cartons, another product vitally needed in the war effort.

Albert Pidgeon Charged With Injuring Calves

In circuit court on Tuesday this week Albert Pidgeon waived grand jury hearing when taken before Judge King. He was charged with malicious injury of property belonging to another, the property being a six months old heifer calf and a six months old bull calf. Geo. Smith was the owner.

Coquille Shriners, who drove over to Ashland last week to attend a ceremonial at Hillah Temple Saturday evening included K. P. Lawrence, Lefe Compton, L. W. Claver, John Geider, B. D. Kesner, Stanley Ayers, Cliff Yarbrough, O. B. Harriman, W. P. Laws, Paul Rietman, Ivan and Kenneth Laird and P. C. Roper.

L. C. Sherwood Buried At Salem

Services were conducted by Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. and A. M., for Lincoln C. Sherwood at the Gano Funeral Home on Sunday, at 2:00 p. m. Mr. Sherwood passed away at his home, corner of Second and Henry streets, at 4:30 Friday morning, at the age of 83 years, six months and 13 days.

Born at Amity, Oregon, May 6, 1860, the son of John and Hannah Bonney Sherwood, he had spent his entire life in Oregon with the exception of six years spent in Los Angeles.

In 1881 he was united in marriage to Emma Rosetta Bradford and to this union were born five children: Fred P. Sherwood, of Woodburn, Ore.; Harry E., of Portland; Frank, who passed away in early manhood; Mrs. Ivy Fox, of Portland, and Mrs. Ward (Lillian) Matthews, of Portland.

In 1895 the wife and mother of these children passed away. He later married Lola Dale Clover, of Eugene, Oregon.

To this union were born four children: Geo. Sherwood, of Coquille; Mrs. Ralph Lucas, of Portland; Mrs. B. B. Sanders and Mrs. Harold Huddle, of Coquille.

In his earlier years he farmed extensively in the Willamette valley. Many years following this he was traveling salesman for the Hazelwood & Clock Produce Creamery Companies. He was assistant superintendent at the state penitentiary for twelve years under the Brophy & Minto administrations.

The last of a family of twelve children, he is survived by his widow and eight children and a number of grandchildren.

Following the services, the body was shipped to Salem for interment. He was a member of Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., of Coquille, where he had lived for the past 15 years.

O.P.A. Rules For Tire Inspectors

Edward W. Dingman, district OPA tire examiner here from Portland Wednesday outlined the following set of rules for the use of tire inspectors: All turned-in tires must be tagged; to be condemned a tire must be "out of service" or "at the point of becoming a hazard"; no usable tire may be condemned; all tires which are repairable or cappable must be repaired or capped; all tires turned in must be held in turned-in stack for 30 days without exception.

Dingman warned truck operators that they must recap all tires that are recappable on their present equipment. Records of the recapping certificates granted each operator are being kept at the local board office so that a comparison might be made with the new tires issued and the recaps allowed. He urged that truck tires be saved whenever possible as it is reported that the new tires may carry only half the load carried by the pre-war tires and give only 35 per cent of pre-war wear even with the reduced load.

Thermometer Said 30 Sunday Night

With the clearing skies Sunday, after the fog was dispelled about noon, it was evident that a lower temperature would follow Sunday's beautiful day. And it was cold that night, the thermometer getting down to 30 degrees for the coldest night of the fall to date. Monday night the minimum was ten degrees higher.

Benefit Dance Wednesday Night

The Community Building dance committee is advertising a Thanksgiving dance in the building on Wednesday evening, from 9:30 to 1:00. All net proceeds will go to the building fund, Bob Zumwalt's orchestra will furnish the music and admission will be 75 cents for gentlemen, 25 cents for ladies.

Recruits For Air WACs To Be Enlisted

Fred R. Bull, area supervisor and chief observer of the Air Warning Service for the southern half of Coos county, has received word that a recruiting party will be in Coquille in the near future to enlist WACs for the air service. The statement was made that the new WACs would be sent wherever needed.

Items About Young Men And Young Women In Uncle Sam's Service

Gene Laird Heard From Tokyo

The voice of Major Eugene Laird, taken prisoner by the Japs when they captured the Philippines less than two years ago and who has since been in a Japanese concentration camp near Tokyo, was heard by Mrs. Laird in Portland last week-end.

Just what he said the Sentinel has been unable to learn, for no one here seems to have heard him broadcast, but Walter M. Laird, Gene's uncle, has stated that Mrs. Laird heard it in Portland where she is now living.

Robert Baumgartner Injured In Action

Mrs. Ira Baumgartner at Riverton has received word that her son, Robert H., had been wounded, suffering a compound fracture of his left ankle and shrapnel wounds in both legs below the knees. He is in Mobile Hospital 7 and his wounds are nearly healed but it will be some time yet before his ankle is strong enough to support his weight. Thurston H. Gremgard, formerly of Barrow Drug store here, dressed Robert's wounds when he arrived at the hospital.

The Jack Lairds Expected Home Before New Year's

Ensign and Mrs. Jack Laird are expected to arrive home from Florida shortly after Christmas from Pensacola, Florida, for a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Laird and Mr. and Mrs. Theo L. Clinton, and other relatives and friends. They will have a week at home. Jack's new rating in the Navy has not yet been made, the advancement awaiting the completion of their studies by all members of the class with whom he is associated.

Elwyn Nosler Was Home On A 72-Hour Leave

Elwyn Nosler, stationed at a Naval base in San Francisco, came in Sunday evening on a 72-hour leave and left again Wednesday morning. Elwyn is looking mighty well. He says he anticipates his leave was a final one before his outfit is sent to some land base in the Pacific.

Donald McGilvery Was Home On A Furlough

Private Donald G. McGilvery left last Thursday to return to Camp Clairborne in Louisiana after an eight-day visit at home. Donald is taking a course with the engineering forestry corps classes at the Louisiana camp.

Jerrold Anderson Completes Navy Training At Farragut

Jerrold P. Anderson, seaman second class, just finished his training at Farragut, Idaho, and spent his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson and wife, the former Frances Davidson, at Albany, Ore. Jerrold and his wife attended Coquille schools, Jerrold finishing his last two at Albany. He has seen some of his Coquille friends at Farragut, one being Alvin Widmark. Jerrold reported to California for further orders this last week.

Sends His Mother One Of His Original Poems

The following poem written by her son, M. W. Steward, who is in the Coast Guard and stationed at Florence, Ore., was received by Mrs. W. M. Steward here last week:

DARK CALVARY

As I look upon the world
There comes a thought to me,
Before my face a picture forms
Of dark, dark Calvary.
I think of Christ upon that cross,
How he suffered there for me,
That every soul distressed and lost
Might have forgiveness free.
And still the world in sin goes on
And thinks not night or day,
Of how our Lord's heart must be torn
By us going astray.
And in my heart there is a zeal
To go through what e'er the cost,
To repay him, his heart to heal
For all the blood he lost.
By Melvin Steward, who is in the Coast Guard and stationed at Florence, Oregon.

Rolph Fuhrman To Be Married Nov. 27

Friends here have received invitations to attend the wedding of Rolph Fuhrman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman and who is now in the Army and stationed in Texas. He will be married to Miss Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor Parker of Portland. The ceremony will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church in Portland at 4:30 Saturday afternoon, Nov. 27, and will be followed immediately thereafter by a reception for the newlyweds at the Waverly Country Club.

Another C. H. S. Boy Making Good

Air Corps Cadet LeRoy Gilbert leaves Thanksgiving morning for the next course of his training at Corpus Christi, Texas, after being home since Sunday. Son of Carl Gilbert and a C. H. S. graduate, LeRoy made a splendid record at the college at Livermore, Calif., where he received his preliminary training and was accorded the Naval Cadet rating.

Alvin McQuigg Home On His First Furlough

Alvin McQuigg, former Coquille High student, who has been in the Army for the past 13 months, arrived home last Friday on his first furlough from his camp in Arizona. He was in town Saturday with his father, Grover C. McQuigg, and said his 15-day furlough would allow him to spend ten days at home.

Letter From A Young Lady Who Is In The Wacs

Mrs. Willis Neely has received a letter from a former Coquille girl, Louise Cunningham, who is now private Louise H. Jalo, of the Wacs, and stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. She says, "We are very busy here. They are giving us a three years course in four weeks. There are many colored girls at the post. We have maple, pine and cedar trees, reminding me of Oregon. A letter is like a Christmas present that you really want. Tell all my friends to write."

Baby Girl Born To The Lient. J. S. Bartons In Nevada

Announcements have been received here of the birth of a baby girl, who has been named Jacqueline Anne, to Lieut. and Mrs. Jesse O. Barton. The young lady was born at Tonopah, Nevada. She weighed eight pounds, 9 ounces.

Donald Littler Made A Corporal at Alabama Camp

Announcement is received from Camp Sibert in Alabama, that Donald A. Littler, son of Mrs. Ethel C. Littler, former Coos county health nurse who recently moved to Roseburg, has been made a corporal in the Army's chemical warfare service. He entered the U. S. service last Feb. 20, and was a C. H. S. graduate.

Miller D. Walker Was In Coquille For A Day

Miller D. Walker, who left Coquille last year and has been in training at Chicago, stopped off last Friday to shake hands with old friends and then left for Alameda, Calif., where he will be stationed until assigned to duty. He is now an aviation electrician's mate third class.

Jess Davidson Is In South Pacific War Zone

Jess E. Davidson, M. M. first class of the Navy, is stationed in the South Pacific. Jess is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davidson who moved from Coquille two years ago to Vancouver, Wash. Jess used to work at the Western Condensery. His brother, Roland, also of the Navy, is a chief Petty officer on the U. S. S. Eider. They have five other brothers, three living in Coquille.

Kenneth Cooper Getting Amphibious Training In East

Kenneth W. Cooper, who visited his brother, Jack, and family here about a month ago, is now stationed at Little Creek, Virginia, where he is in training with troops taking the amphibious course.