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Mrs. A. J. Sherwood Honored On Her Eightieth Birthday

Mrs. A. J. Sherwood celebrated her eightieth birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 7. On that day Mrs. Luckey L. Bonney entertained at a large tea in her mothers' honor, to which nearly one hundred invitations were issued. The day marked an event of more than usual social interest. Throughout the afternoon, from 2:30 to 5:00, friends continued to call for a chat and congratulations. Mrs. Sherwood in seeming good health, alert and alive, appeared untired even at the close of the full afternoon.

The late Andrew J. Sherwood, attorney and banker, and Mrs. Sherwood were residents of Coquille since before the past half century. In the fine home built by Mr. Sherwood more than fifty years ago, his wife and the mother of their five daughters, has continued to live.

On Tuesday the rooms in the big house presented a gay picture of charming hospitality. Everywhere were florist grown pink roses, white chrysanthemums and lovely creamy white candles. As a background decoration there was a bright Christmas

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Saving Tin Cans A Patriotic Duty

The salvaging of tin cans, which is so vitally needed in the manufacture of war equipment, is being stepped up again, reports Geo. F. Burr, chairman of the local salvage committee. The saving of this essential material died down when there was no local agency functioning to collect and deliver the cans but now with students making the weekly collections from grocery stores it is progressing more satisfactorily.

As has been repeatedly noted by the press heretofore, the cans should be cleaned, both ends cut out, and then be mashed flat by stepping on them, before they are taken to the stores.

Mr. Burr read a communication from the state salvage committee at council meeting Monday evening in which the suggestion was made that the collector of garbage throw out tin cans which were unpatriotically placed with the garbage, that the council adopt a resolution requiring that he do so, but the council felt that Coquille people are as patriotic as any on earth and that the cans will be saved hereafter, now that a definite plan for their collection is in working order, and no such resolution was adopted.

Mr. Burr and his committee also hope in the very near future to have a depot selected where papers, magazines and paste board cartons and boxes can be left.

He also stated that the grease and fat salvage program is now working satisfactorily. These items can be left at any meat market.

Tanker 'Coquille' To Be Launched Soon

An invitation from the Kaiser Co. at Portland to attend the launching of the tanker, "Coquille," in the very near future has been extended to the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and citizens of this city. Mayor O. L. Wood, President of the C. of C. Geo. E. Oerding, Councilmen C. M. Gray, Geo. W. Taylor and John Purkey have signified their intention of going up for the exercises and there are others who plan on going.

The date of the christening and launching cannot be announced more than a week in advance but it is to take place a week from today, Dec. 16, and as tickets of admission to the yards must be issued to all who will be there, it is necessary that names be given Secretary Hode Caughell at once so that he can secure the required passports.

She Passes The Sentinel Around

Mrs. Ted Peterson, formerly of the Dillard Market here, who now lives in Roseburg, in renewing her subscription to the Sentinel says: "We are sure getting our money's worth as I save the Sentinel for Ted to read when he gets home from Camp White and then mail it on to Everett Seeley and his wife in Louisiana."

Remember—Norton's office, school and home supplies. 377fs

Archie Hanson Killed In Italy

Another war tragedy has hit near home and a Coquille high school graduate of a few years ago, will never return to his home at McKinley.

He was Archie E. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hanson who last Thursday received the word from the War Department that Archie had been killed in action in Italy, on November 6.

No other details were given. It is known that he was a sharpshooter in Clark's Eighth Army and the last letter received from him by his parents told of his recovering in a hospital in Tunisia from a previous wound.

Archie was 23 or 24 years of age and had lived all his life at McKinley until he enlisted a year or more before Pearl Harbor. He was a young man of the highest character and when he graduated from Coquille High was within a fraction of attaining the highest honors of the class.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Frank Carrillo, of Coquille, and Mrs. Wm. Frame, of McKinley, and two brothers, Kenneth who is employed at the Ray Logging camp at Fairview, and Vern who is in the service and stationed at Santa Ana, Calif.

Clarence Osika To Quit High School

The Coquille High school is to lose one of the most efficient and capable men to hold the position of C. H. S. principal—Clarence Osika. He has tendered his resignation to the school board, effective next month, and about the middle of January will take the position of personnel manager at Smith Wood-Products here, succeeding Chas. Briggs, who is to enter the real estate brokerage business at Roseburg, being associated with an already established firm.

Mr. Osika came to the Coquille school system in 1932, after teaching one year at O. S. C., and a few years later was made high school principal, a position he has since held.

The Coquille schools lose a very valuable cog in its educational machinery, when Mr. Osika steps out, but Smith Wood-Products secure a worthy successor to Ed Loney and Charley Briggs, his predecessors as personnel manager.

17-Year Old Student Passes

Funeral services are being held at Florence this afternoon for Elizabeth Irene Peterson, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore John Peterson who have lived here for the past five years. The body lay in state at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here yesterday and was taken to Florence this morning by Elbert Schroeder.

She was a high school student here and the brain tumor, which specialists had not been able to help, resulted from a blow on the head while she was at play on the school grounds last year. She passed away Monday.

She was born at Florence, May 30, 1926, and besides her parents is survived by two sisters, Glynna Joan and Louise Nellie, and one brother, Elmore Lee Peterson.

Drill Was Down 2570 Feet Tuesday

The hole which is being drilled on the Dobbys place on Davis Slough, for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation, was down 2570 feet Tuesday evening, with traces of oil or gas struck at points above that.

As so often happens with rotary drills when hard rock is struck, the bit slanted off for some distance from the perpendicular but that stretch has been straightened out and drilling continues for 24 hours a day.

Bill Oerding Going Into Business In Roseburg

Wm. A. Oerding, who has been living in Sutherlin for the last year or two, has sold his home there and has purchased one in Roseburg. He has severed all connection with the logging and plywood business and is opening a real estate and insurance office at the Douglas county seat. He came over from there Tuesday evening to consult with his brother, George, and get some ideas as to how such a business is conducted. George has made an outstanding success of his agency since he entered that field here a few years ago.

Boy Scouts Have An Interesting Camping Out Trip

Boy Scouts of Troop 14 experienced freezing temperatures, saw wild game and ran a trap line with a famous Alaskan hunter and trapper on the upper North Fork of the Coquille river last week-end.

Fifteen Scouts, in charge of their scout leader, Phil Albom, and assistant leader, Connie Phillips, and accompanied by Superintendent Burton W. Dunn and Bob Albom, Coquille football player are still recounting the thrills they had on their overnight camping trip last Saturday and Sunday.

They drove up the North Fork of the Coquille river as far as the abandoned Ward and Milton logging operation, where they made camp. Here they found a herd of wild pigs that had grown up from animals which had been abandoned along with the logging activities.

They found the cabin which they had intended using already occupied by a trapper by the name of Lee Waddell, who invited the boys to come in and share the cabin with him. During their stay there the boys pumped

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Fire Destroys Johnson Mill Near Camas Valley

The Sentinel has no details as to the cause of the fire which destroyed the Johnson lumber mill, out in the Middle Fork canyon between Bradford Station and Camas Valley, yesterday afternoon, but the destruction was complete, the mill burning to the ground. Neither will the amount of the loss be known until its manager, Philip E. Johnson, of Glendale, Calif., can give the figures.

The mill was built a few years ago by the late E. E. Johnson, who operated it until his death, and which has since been managed by Philip Johnson, who has made frequent trips north by air from his southern California home.

R. A. Jeub, who was on the highway there as the mill burned, reports that the destruction was complete, although there was believed to be not a great deal of lumber destroyed.

Mr. Johnson built his mill across the highway after the Standley mill had burned in the same section a few years ago.

Heating Plant Being Installed

As soon as the furnace for the Community Building arrives there will quickly be heat in that structure which has not benefitted any by lack of a warm temperature this fall and winter.

The brick work for the furnace is being put in and the piping, heating units, etc., are now being installed by the Chambers company of Marshfield which has the contract for the work.

Two Seabees Here Soon On Leave

Mrs. Katherine Littlefield was so overcome Saturday evening when the Western Union operator called her up to say he had a message from Seattle that she overlooked the fact that she was not talking directly to her husband, Jack Littlefield, who has been with the Seabees in Alaska for the past year. We will not report what she said but do think Jack should be notified.

In the same regiment is Mack Best, formerly with the telephone company here, whose wife, Mrs. Allie Best, is employed at the Coquille Hotel. Both men were on their way to San Francisco and expect to be home on leave this month.

The ladies left Tuesday afternoon to meet their husbands who have secured leave and were to be in Crescent City Wednesday night.

Duck Feathers To Elbert Schroeder

"Ducks Unlimited," the sportsmen's organization which has done so much toward the conservation of wild fowl, is sponsoring a movement to collect duck feathers to make warm clothing for the armed forces and ask that all hunters deliver the feathers, limited to two inches in length, to Elbert Schroeder on Second street.

C. of C. Annual Meeting Is Set For January 11

The annual forum meeting and election of officers of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce has been set for Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, in the Coquille Hotel dining room, and at the meeting of the chamber directors there Tuesday noon, Pres. Oerding appointed J. L. Smith to secure a speaker and other entertainment for the evening. The dinner meeting will be for both men and ladies.

One of the features which it is hoped can be secured for the evening is a revival and appearance of the long ago "Cornfield Canaries." This alone would be worth the price of the dinner tickets, without any food. They are still here except E. D. Webb who might be induced to come down from Gardiner for the occasion. Those here are Mr. Smith, F. G. and E. E. Leslie and Orvin T. Gant.

The directors voted to increase again the board of directors to twenty and the nominating committee, appointed two weeks ago, submitted the following names of those who were proposed:

For president—L. W. Claver and J. A. Moore.

For vice president—Geo. H. Jenkins, Don Farr and George B. Howe.

For secretary-treasurer—C. G. Caughell.

For directors—O. L. Wood, R. L. Stewart, O. C. Sanford, Lefe Compton, John Purkey, H. A. Young, L. L. Bonney, Geo. F. Burr, I. H. Heaton, J. E. Norton, J. L. Stevens, Geo. A. Ulett, Dr. R. F. Milne, J. A. Berg, E. E. Leslie, Dr. C. G. Stem, "Andy" Anderson, Ralph Thrift, Rodney Cressler, Clarence Osika, Phil Albom, R. A. Jeub, Dr. T. De La Rhue, H. A. Slack, D. E. Rackleff, Don Gillespie, W. H. Barrow, A. N. Gould, J. L. Smith, M. O. Hawkins, Dick Connarn, I. A. Elrod, J. P. Beyers and Dee Brown.

J. L. Smith brought up the matter of decorating for Christmas this year, stating that there were some of the colored lighted stars still available for installation. He and J. D. Gillespie, Geo. W. Taylor, F. W. Martin, Geo. B. Howe, Dr. C. G. Stem and R. T. Slater were asked to arrange for a Christmas decorating this year. For the past two years the Christmas lighting had to be foregone because of the dim-out rules.

Jas. T. Jenkins, of Bandon, was a visitor at the luncheon Tuesday and said that Coos county and the Coquille valley is securing lots of publicity around Bakersfield in southern California where he ships cattle from up here quite frequently. He says the butter and cheese from here out-scores any other on the Bakersfield market and that it is greatly appreciated down there. He has taken down 203 head of cattle this year from Coos county and the Coos dairymen have received more than \$20,000 from their sale.

He also told of a cow belonging to J. L. Smith, which he sold down, which produced 400 pounds of butterfat a year for three years in succession for the new owner.

November Tax Collections More Than Three-Quarters Of A Million Dollars

All the tax remittances by mail, received in November, have not been opened and entered on the books yet. A. O. Walker said yesterday, but his estimate is that between \$750,000 and \$800,000 was paid last month on delinquent and current taxes.

The personal calls at the tax office have fallen off now and the crew which was rushed to death for a month or more waiting on customers at the counter, is now able to begin catching up on the rest of the office's routine business.

More Tickets Than Blaze At Saturday Night's Alarm

The fire department was called about nine o'clock Saturday evening to the Dick Miller home, corner of Tenth and Heath where the fire was getting so hot it threatened to burst into flames.

That fault was quickly remedied but when the truck driver tried to turn around, the streets were so congested with cars that he could not. The police got busy at once handing out tickets to the violators. It is a violation of the city ordinance to follow the fire truck but there were a lot of them who did it Saturday night.

The Junior Class Does Itself Proud

The Coquille Hi Junior Class can well be proud of the showing its members made at the annual class play in the high school gymnasium last Friday evening. Appreciation of the cast's efforts to furnish an evening's entertainment was also evidenced by the large crowd which thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

The comedy, "Almost Summer," was splendidly presented and Mrs. Ruth Beyers, the play director is entitled to a great deal of credit for the manner in which the students took their parts. The play itself was most appropriate and the class made the selection without any guiding effort by the director.

Mrs. Beyers says the net profit, which will be used next May to provide funds for the Junior-Senior banquet, was the largest any junior class has had as compensation from the annual play.

Each one of the cast did her or his part well, although it is reported that Jack Axtell, who had the heaviest part, was the only one who was not spared almost speechless before going on.

The between acts numbers by the "Down Beats"—the orchestra—and the singing by Jeanne Griggs and Ariel Crook, were also greatly enjoyed and were of a higher class than might be expected of young folks. Members of the orchestra are Sherman Gregory, Claire Gray, Gerald Ulett, Woodrow Howell, Bud Meek and Dorothy Beagle.

The cast was composed of Gwen Elrod, Vera Bishop, Art Trepanier, Phyllis Litzzenberger, Earl Benham, Jim Kimsey, Jack Axtell, Wallace Cross, Jean Plieth, Venita Brockway and the voice of the radio announcer.

A pretty gesture by the cast was the presentation to Mrs. Byers and to Mrs. Thora Watson, junior class adviser, of two very pretty pieces of myrtlewood.

25 Above Zero Monday Morning

While the thermometer registered two degrees below freezing last night, it was not the lowest point reached the past week by several degrees. Last Sunday morning the minimum recorded was 26 and Monday morning it stood at 25 degrees above zero.

This is the period of the winter when the valley usually experiences its coldest spell, when it is not raining and the winter's low is quite often a 20 and sometimes lower in early December.

At the Bay the minimum this week was several degrees higher, just about freezing, but at Myrtle Point the low for the week was 22 above.

Mrs. Glaisyer Here On Deal For House

Mrs. W. V. Glaisyer, after being a house guest at the W. E. Bosserman home here since Sunday, expects to leave Friday for her home in Portland. She says that Dr. Glaisyer continues in about the same condition of health as he has had for the past several months, showing a little improvement all the time.

Besides visiting old friends, Mrs. Glaisyer came down to remove the furniture from their former home here, corner of Third and Beach street, for which a deal is pending, through the Geo. E. Oerding agency, for its sale to Cyril M. Tyrrell.

The latter is a former resident of Coquille, a brother of Mrs. Amzy Mintonye, who left here 30 years ago and more recently has been in the contracting business in the Hawaiian Islands. He and his wife and their five children came over from the islands a few weeks ago by clipper.

Postoffice To Be Open Till 6:00 P. M. Next Two Saturdays

To accommodate the public the Coquille postoffice, which usually is closed at 12:30 p. m. on Saturday, will remain open until 6:00 p. m. for the two Saturday remaining before Christmas, Dec. 11th and 18th.

It Costs Coos County For Juvenile Delinquency

J. H. Leonard, probation officer, called the Sentinel to say that the \$115 which Judge Folsheim gave as the amount it cost the county to bring a wayward, run-away girl back home from San Francisco, for himself and wife, also included the expense of taking the girl to Portland.

City Council In Regular Session Monday Evening

Mayor O. L. Wood and all six councilmen were present for the regular first of the month council session Monday evening at which time an objection by Leo J. Cary was read to the vacation of a portion of Fairview street, recently petitioned for by abutting property owners. Coos county, which also owns two lots on the street, has objected and action on the vacation was postponed until the two objectors had been contacted.

Payment to the Sanford Heights water committee for 42 meters at \$10.50 each was authorized. Five of the meters are new and 37 are installed at homes where city water is now being used.

The repair of his building on Front street, for which Drue Cunningham had made application for permission, was granted on condition that the fire chief's objection to repairing the flue be heeded. Chief Craig Perrott said that to coat over the present flue would not make it safe.

L. W. Claver's report to the council on the Nov. 24 dance in the Community Building showed a net of \$127. Receipts were \$217.75 and expenses \$90.75.

A petition was read for the installation of a street light at the dead end of Fourth, corner of Schroeder, and the suggestion of Chief of Police Cressler that a light be installed along near the railroad track, near the Cream O'Coos plant, were referred to the light committee with power to act. The chief said that section is the darkest in town and that frequently men or boys have run from there as the patrolling officer approached.

Application to the State Liquor (Continued on page six)

Elk Hunters Fined \$200 Each

The five elk hunters, who killed elk in October and left them lying in the woods, being charged with "wanton waste of game" by the state police officer who made the arrests, all pleaded guilty this week through their attorney, J. W. McInturff.

Jos. Allen Whobrey, Byron Harold Barrows and Walt Williams Whobrey each paid the \$200 fine and \$4.00 costs.

Aldon Adolphus Mast and Harvey Forbes each paid \$100 of their fine and \$4.00 costs. The \$100 balance of their fines was suspended and they were placed on probation for two years on game law violations only.

LeRoy Zern Swinney paid \$10 fine and costs last Wednesday for truck speeding. Nine dollars of his fine was suspended.

Godfrey Howard, for the same offense, last Thursday, paid \$10, fine and costs.

Ronald Earl Russell, for fishing without a license, was fined the minimum, \$25, but \$20 of it was suspended, his payment in to Justice Bull's court being \$9.00.

Thomas Carr Frohmader, for driving while intoxicated and his wife, Blanche Frohmader, for being intoxicated on the highway, were on Monday summoned by the state police to appear in justice court next Saturday.

Joe Sayre's Sister Is To Arrive Home Friday Night

Joe Sayre has received word from his parents in La Grande that his sister, Miss Geneva, who was one of those arriving on the Gripsholm in New York last week, will arrive there on the Portland Rose Friday evening.

Miss Sayre has been a missionary in China for the past 22 years and had not been home for five years. She was one of the recent exchanges of non-combatants between the United States and Japan.

Non High School Warrants Still On A Cash Basis

The call for Non-Hi School warrants, appearing elsewhere in this issue, is the first he has made since last July, County Treasurer Stauff states, and at that time it was calling all warrants to date as it is this time.

War Chest Contributions Now \$3100 In Coquille Drive

Coquille's contribution to the War Chest drive now amounts to \$3,097.91, reports the treasurer, Don Farr. This is still \$2200 short of the \$5300 quota which was given Coquille.