

C. H. S. To Present Christmas Program

The Coquille High School Student Body under sponsorship of the boys is presenting a Christmas program in honor of high school mothers, on Wednesday, December 22, at 2:30 p. m. in the high school gymnasium. The program is under the direction of Harold Withnell, assisted by the band, the Girls' Chorus, the Boys' Chorus, the Junior High Chorus and the Girls' Sextette, directed by Mrs. Watson. The public is invited. The program is as follows:

- Joy To The World.....Audience Sing
- O Come All Ye Faithful Audience Sing
- I
- O Thou Joyful Day.....Johannes Falk
- Luther's Carol.....Martin Luther
- When the Sun Has Sunk to Rest.....H. Knight
- Girls' Chorus
- II
- Yule Log Song.....Old English
- Deck The Hall.....Traditional
- Girls' Chorus
- III
- Coventry Carol.....Hazel S. Koons
- It Came Upon The Midnight Clear.....Richard S. Willis
- O Holy Night.....Adolphe Adam
- Soloist: Jeannie Griggs
- Silent Night.....Franz Gruber
- Soloist: Mary Ann Walker
- Duet:
- Ariel Crook and Mary Lou Newton
- Girls' Chorus
- IV
- Sing Thou Great Celestial Chorus.....Karl Hoffwacker
- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.....Traditional
- Bring a Torch Heanette Isabella.....E. Cuthbert Nunn
- Girls' Chorus
- The Iron Count Overture.....K. L. King
- Soloist: James Peart
- Band
- All Through The Night.....Traditional
- White Christmas.....Irving Berlin
- Jingle Bells.....Traditional
- Girls' Sextette
- Directed by Mrs. Watson
- Noel, Christmas Medley.....Ronald K. Prescott
- Combined Chorus and Band
- Star Spangled Banner.....Arr. by Sousa
- Band and Chorus

Wards McReynolds will be at the Coquille city hall again next Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 9:00 until 4:00 o'clock, to receive applications from those desiring drivers' licenses and to conduct examinations.

NOTICE EX-SERVICE MEN

For the purpose of forming a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, a meeting will be held in the Union Hall Sat., Dec. 18, 1943, 7:30 p. m. Charter application signers, please be there and bring a comrade.

Help Santa Claus Help Uncle Sam This Xmas



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Seed Corn For The Railroads

You've heard the story about the foolish farmer who sold his entire corn crop, spent the proceeds, and the following spring had neither seed corn nor money for replanting. Frankly, we place no credence in the story—we don't believe a farmer ever lived who could have been so shortsighted, spendthrift and stupid. Yet, as a nation we are standing by and permitting just such a stupidity. We are allowing the Government to take away the "seed corn" of the railroads.

We have commented frequently on the remarkable performance of the American railroads. No words of praise can be too high to commend them on the tremendous part they are playing in the nation's all-out war effort. No words of thanks are sufficient to express the gratitude of the American people to railroad management and employees for the splendid job they are doing in the face of many handicaps and obstacles.

An appreciative and farsighted public, therefore, might do well to consider the very serious problem that confronts the railroads as a result of the unprecedented tons of freight and numbers of passengers they are being called upon to transport. This record traffic is wearing out their plant 25 per cent faster than its service life is being restored, because war conditions compel railroads to postpone repair work which can be put off until after the war.

As a result of this, the increased net earnings of the railroads do not tell a true story and are creating a false impression in the minds of some Americans who have not taken the trouble to analyze the situation. We all recognize that the farmer must not sell all his corn but keep some of it for seed for next year's sowing, and the same principle applies to the railroads—they must be permitted to store up reserves with which to restore their plant and equipment to normal conditions when the war is over.

When the railroads are again able to obtain the materials for restoring their worn-out plant, they will provide a back-log of employment that will be most helpful in the difficult period of transition from war to peace. Further, this nation is going to need the railroads as never before in peace times—they will be called upon for more "miracles of movement," and they will only be able to answer the call in the peacetime emergency if their war-worn plant is restored and rebuilt.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has taken cognizance of this impending plight of the railroads. It has authorized railroads to treat as a current expense of operation, maintenance work which cannot be done now, but which eventually will have to be done, by setting aside funds with which to do the work after the war when materials and labor again will be available.

The present tax laws, however, do not accord the railroads the same sensible treatment as does the ICC. Sums actually spent for maintenance and repair work are recognized, of course, as a current expense of operation. But that part of the wear and tear of the present, which cannot be taken care of currently, is not treated as an operating expense, which it actually is, even where the railroad sets aside in cash or government securities the funds necessary to do the work in the future. Instead of being treated as an expense THIS DEFERRED PART OF RAILROAD MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL IS REGARDED AS A PRESENT NET PROFIT UPON WHICH INCOME TAXES MUST BE PAID.

As income taxes may range as high as 81 per cent, to have a dollar for doing after the war the work which it would do now if it could, a railroad may find it necessary to set aside not just one dollar, but as much as \$5.26, upon which it must immediately pay a tax of \$4.26. It follows that maintenance reserves are not being set up to any extent, and cannot reasonably be set up under the existing tax laws.

If the railroads are to be enabled to restore their war-worn plants, and to provide after the war the employment which then will be sorely needed, the present tax laws must be amended so as to recognize the realities of the situation and so as not to tax a legitimate expense as if it were a profit.

For our own salvation, the railroads must be allowed to keep sufficient "seed corn" for the post-war resowing.

Circuit Court Cases

Dec. 8—Denver Winfield Greer vs. Lucille Greer. Suit for divorce.
Dec. 13—Agnes Tyberg vs. Thurston Theodore Tyberg. Suit for divorce.

GOOD SERVICE makes Good Insurance. I give service. F. R. Bull.

Ration Token Plan Starts February 27

The manufacture of two billion ration tokens, smaller in size and more than twice the number called for in the original plan, was started this week by the Osborne Register Company of Cincinnati, the Office of Price Administration announces.

The order calls for the manufacture of 1,100,000,000 red tokens to be used in making "ration change" in buying meats and fats, and 900,000,000 blue tokens to be used in buying processed foods.

OPA increased the number of tokens on order because it is necessary to insure an adequate supply to meet all needs starting from the day the plan goes into effect. By reducing the size of tokens, the total number is being more than doubled without increasing the quantity of limited token manufacture.

The OPA announced: The new ration token plan will go into effect on Sunday, February 27, 1944.

Tokens will be distributed to retailers about February 22, 1944. Strips of stamps, each having a value of ten points under the plan, regardless of the numeral now appearing on the stamps, will be validated on a horizontal or across-the-book basis rather than on a vertical or up and down basis, as at present.

A regular schedule of validity dates will be established. This will provide a total of five processed foods stamps worth 50 points for each consumer at the start of each month. The meat stamps worth a total of 30 points, will become valid every two weeks.

The original ration token plan 900,000,000 tokens — 450,000,000 red and 450,000,000 blue. This is less than one-half the number in the present order.

It was also planned originally to make the tokens a shade smaller than a quarter. The size has been sharply reduced and the tokens will be smaller than a dime.

The reduction in size is necessary in order to get the quantity that OPA believes desirable. The special type of tough vulcanized fiber from which token will be made is limited. In order to raise the quantity of the larger size token to 2,000,000,000, it would have been necessary to acquire nearly twice the amount of vulcanized fiber originally allocated for tokens. This simply could not be obtained in time to insure having an adequate supply of tokens available at the time the ration token plan becomes operative.

The cost quoted to the government for the 900,000,000 tokens originally ordered was \$1.44 per thousand, or a total of \$1,296,000 plus cost for replacements which could run as high as \$129,000 per month. The two billion smaller sized tokens will cost the government \$1.19 a thousand or approximately \$2,380,000. This represents a saving of \$500,000 against what it would cost to manufacture 2,000,000,000 tokens of the larger size. There will be no replacement costs for at least several months.

It costs the government nearly \$1,500,000 to produce a ration book. With tokens in use to supplement ration stamps of a single denomination, war ration book four can last 96 weeks. At least three ration books, at a total cost of about \$4,500,000 would be required to carry through this period if ration tokens were not used. The total cost of the new ration token order will be about one-half the cost of three ration books that otherwise would be used.

OPA believes that the large supply of tokens to be made available for use starting February 27 will last at least a year, and possibly much longer. It is not possible to estimate how many tokens may be needed during the year to replace tokens that are destroyed, lost, or worn out.

Consumers will obtain tokens from the retailers as change in connection with a given purchase of rationed foods. The consumer may then use these tokens when purchasing rationed foods from any retailer at any time, since token will not have an expiration date.

Marriage Licenses

Dec. 8—George Edward Wittick, of Marshfield, and Laura June McKee, of North Bend.

Dec. 10—Alanson L. Garringe, of Marshfield, and Arline E. Homenyk, of Coquille. They were married last Friday at the Church of Christ at the Bay by Kenneth M. Willis.

Dec. 10—Raymond B. Baughman, of Empire, and Rosalie Smith, of East-side.

Dec. 13—John Kusba, of Powers, and Zella Mae West, of Coquille. Rev. Chas. G. Brown said the wedding service for them at Pioneer parsonage here on Monday.

Dec. 13—Herbert Persley and Barbara Ellen Weir, both of North Bend.

Dec. 14—John Hay, of Oakland, Calif., and Elaine Milano, of Pittsburg, Calif.

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Coquille Valley Boys In Marine Corps at San Diego Rifle Range



Four Marine recruits from Coos County, Oregon, are training at the Camp Matthews rifle range, near San Diego, California. They are left to right, Private Harold A. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren A. Reed, of Myrtle Point; Private Harold A. Doss, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Doss, of Broadbent; Private Charles W. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Wilson, of Sitkum, and Private Dean V. Weekly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Weekly, of Myrtle Point.

Townsend Club No. 1

Townsend Club, No. 1 met Tuesday evening with 26 members and two visitors present.

Short business matters were taken up and also there was election of officers. The result will be given out later when completed.

A tree and some treats will be the highlight of the next meeting. Also there will be a Christmas program with Mrs. Tilghman in charge.

One new member was reported Tuesday. A short program of piano music was presented by LaVelle Roth and she also sang, accompanied by her mother at the piano; banjo music by Bob Harrison and W. Roth, with Mrs. Tilghman playing the piano for them. Door prize was won by Mr. Strang. Cookies and coffee were served around the stove and all had a good visit.

Five Divorces Granted

Divorces granted by Judge King in circuit court here on Tuesday were to the plaintiffs in the following cases:

Christie D. White vs. Fred C. White.
Eileen Durrand vs. George Durrand.

Eleanor L. Foster vs. Roy E. Foster.
Marcellus J. Owens vs. Norma D.

Owens.

Virgil W. Veyssey vs. Pearl Veyssey. Theodore Milton Logan was found in contempt of court for having failed to pay alimony to his divorced wife, Martha Logan. A stay of execution of the 60-day jail sentence pronounced was ordered and he was placed on parole for two years, the condition being that he make up all back payments and pay according to the court's order.

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