

**Escapes From Detention Home Are Picked Up**

Juvenile Officer Leonard apprehended two girls in the county Tuesday who had run away from a home and they were lodged in the county jail until he could take them back to the home. They are Sylvia Sandquist of North Bend and Dorothy Johnson of Cloverdale, Ore. Both girls are 17 years of age.

**Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.**

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., December 18.—We have just about finished up the year 1943—the first session of the 78th Congress. By the time this letter appears in print the Congress will be adjourned for the holidays.

The news services, special correspondents and some of the news magazines will, of course, sum up the work of the session. I shall therefore make no discussion of details here. Instead I want to discuss the general picture of the session.

The 78th Congress is the first one since the landslide in 1932 to be on a balanced and independent basis. It is the first one since 1932 that has not bowed instantly to the will of the executive—it is the first Congress since the advent of the New Deal that cannot be called a rubber stamp Congress.

This situation developed with amazing suddenness in the 1942 elections. It seems to me we have gone through this entire year—the entire first session—without being able to adjust to the new situation, a condition totally new to all but a mere handful of old-timers. For ten years the minority membership has been so small as to be entirely powerless and for the same period the majority members have, in fact, been equally powerless because they have been dominated by the wishes of the President and his advisers.

In other words, for the first time in ten years we have an independent

Congress—but a Congress that has not yet found itself. During this first session we have, in my opinion, been going through a period of adjustment to this new condition. Congress is a ponderous body and does not accommodate itself quickly to radical changes in its character—and the 1942 elections did make such a change.

Consequently there has been considerable confusion and what might fairly be called fumbling on some of the major controversial issues. But this is a working Congress and a lot of fine constructive legislation has been acted upon. This has been unspectacular, has not made the big headlines, and is generally classified under the head of minor legislation, but it has been good constructive work.

This is my last letter until the new session convenes in January.

For some time I have been wondering how I could do what I would so very much like to do—send Christmas greetings to all of my thousands of friends in the Fourth District. I can't send Christmas cards—that would be physical impossibility. What I would like to do would be to write each one of you a letter conveying Christmas greetings and my very sincere wishes for the New Year—and so this is my letter to you, wishing you a pleasant holiday season and the best possible for the year 1944.

**Council Session Monday Evening**

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marks between Dr. Stark and Mr. Cary drew forth an offer by the doctor to purchase Mr. Cary's property and the latter, whether he meant it or not, agreed to sell his tracts for what it had cost when acquired. The doctor called on all present as witnesses to his offer and Mr. Cary's acceptance.

What action on the petition may be taken by the council was not indicated Monday evening but it will be up for some definite decision in the near future.

The Community Building and the immediate need of a caretaker there was discussed at some length by the council members. There is a provision in the budget for the building and Mayor Wood and the councilmen considered a salary of \$100 a month for a caretaker now, which salary would be reduced by an agreed-upon amount when the caretaker's quarters in the building are ready for occupancy, with water, lights and heat furnished.

The request of Rev. H. D. Straver that he be permitted to rent the Junior Auditorium, as soon as it is ready, for a period of three months in order that revival services might be held there, six nights a week, was discussed. Council members expressed the opinion that, it being a public building where dances and meetings of various kinds are likely to be held at any time, it would hardly be proper for them to lease the room for so long a period.

Too, the building in its uncompleted state, is still in the hands of the building committee, and the council passed Mr. Straver's request on that committee.

Payment of \$58 was ordered made to the Coquille Rebekah lodge for the meal they served at the time of the League of Oregon Cities meeting in the hall here a few weeks ago.

A restaurant license was granted to Mrs. Grace Gilkey for her cafe on Front street, and the applications to the State Liquor Commission for renewal of beer licenses were approved for S. H. Donsted, Safeway, Brandon's and the Coquille Auto Park.

The report of the special committee named to confer with "Shady" Howell in regard to garbage collection was made by Dr. G. E. Stark, Geo. F. Burr and M. F. Pettit. Mr. Howell had informed the committee that he did not care whether he continued as collector or not, that he had realized very little profit from the business, and that he was willing to sell the equipment if some one else would take over. He also stated that with help practically impossible to secure that he could not carry ashes up from basements alone.

It was the committee members' opinion that if Mr. Howell had been charging for the collection as much as his franchise with the city permits that it would be a more profitable business, and they also suggested the collection rates might be increased without working a hardship on anyone.

WANTED—Maid at 60 cents per hour. Apply in person to Mrs. Lafe Compton at Coquille Hotel.

See Schroeder's Jewelry Store in Coquille for Diamonds and Watch Straps.

**Granges To Install Here Next Monday**

Joint installation of the newly elected officers of the Coquille, Fairview-North Fork, McKinley, Myrtle, Broadbent, Bridge, Bandon and Westmost Granges will be held Monday evening, Dec. 27, at eight o'clock in the W. O. W. hall in Coquille.

Callina caros. 50 for \$1.00.

**Chadwick Lodge No. 68**

A. F. & A. M. Special Communication Friday, Dec. 24, 7:30 P. M. Work in M. M. Monday, Dec. 27, 8:00 P. M. Installation of Officers Visitors Welcome

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**Season's Greetings**

We've been thinking, folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you. So thanks, everybody, and a very happy Christmas!

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**George E. Oerding Sells A North Bank Ranch**

The ranch, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Belleu, about seven miles from Coquille, has been sold by George E. Oerding, a Coquille realtor, to Mr. and Mrs. Antoni Giorgis, who have been tenants on the Belleu ranch and so will stay on and run it as their own. The ranch consists of eighty acres.

A Coquille home was also sold by Mr. Oerding, a completely furnished home owned by Mrs. Margarete Hare, located at 227 W. 10th St. The property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Seeber, who recently arrived here from the middle west. He is employed by the Southwestern Motor Co. The Seebers have moved into their new home and Mrs. Hare has moved to the Coquille Hotel.

**Royal Neighbors Celebrate Christmas**

The regular lodge meeting of the Royal Neighbors held last Wednesday night became a Christmas party. Before the social part of the meeting a new member, Inez Smith, was initiated.

Names of the Secret Neighbors were revealed, with the addition of a gift exchange for those not having held secret names during the year. A lace-covered table piled high with gaily wrapped gifts and the color on the bright tree, all added to the cheer of the evening.

Hostesses entertaining for those with birthdays in October, November and December, were Ruby Johnson, Anne Hocamp and Jane Burch.

Refreshments were enjoyed at a candle lights and holly set on a cloth of purple and white, the lodge colors. Corsages of mistletoe were at each place. Birthday cake and ice cream were served. Twenty-two members attended.

**Girls' Christmas Dinner Party**

The Bachelor Girls Club held a Christmas dinner party in the banquet room of the Coquille Hotel Tuesday evening. Individual holly corsages tied with a red bow were at each place on the table. The centerpiece was also holly tied with red ribbon. Dinner was served in the light of big red candles. Following dinner there was a gift exchange. The table where the gifts were piled was decorated and looked especially attractive. Records of Christmas songs were played during the evening on a portable phonograph. Two guests were Yvonne Marineau and Rose Gulseth, a former member visiting here with her husband from San Diego.

Margaret Belloni, club president, announced the appointment of Lydia Holstein, chairman of the nominating committee.

Members attending were: Maxine Johnson, Aloha Allen, Norene McKeown, Lydia Holstein, Alys June Fox, Phyllis Belloni, Lunelle Chapin, Eunice Howe, Margaret Belloni, Glenda Clinton, Jean Williams, Dorothea Yarbrough, Rhea Walker.

**Luncheon Hostess**

Mrs. Norman Carlson entertained friends for luncheon at her home on Tuesday. Individual Christmas tree place cards marked each luncheon plate. The home was decorated with greens and a Christmas tree. During the afternoon a drawing was held for a gift exchange. Visitors included Mesdames Dale Filippo, U. E. McClary, Marion Hale, Geo. Maynard, Hugh Lancaster and Ted Horn.

Norton's still have a fine selection of gifts for the last minute shopper. s

**"Wintertime," Dazzling Musical, Starring Sonja Henie and Jack Oakie**



Melody and romance, blended with sensational skating, combine to make "Wintertime," the scintillating new 26th Century-Fox musical, at the Roxy Theatre. Sonja Henie's outstanding hit. Woody Herman and his band provide the tunes, while the cast of the film includes Jack Oakie, Cesar Romero and Carole Landis. Easily the top musical of the year, "Wintertime" is setting records wherever it has been shown.

**Gregg Hardware**  
will be closed for inventory from  
**Monday, Dec. 27**  
until  
**Monday, Jan. 3**



**1943 BEST WISHES**

Santa may have new modes of transportation in his bag of tricks, but our wish is that his 1943 pack include a great big package of old-time Christmas cheer, addressed to you, dear friend—to YOU.

**RACKLEFF PHARMACY**

**MERRIE CHRISTMAS 1943**



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Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Yarbrough



**Season's Greetings...**

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

**GREGG HARDWARE**

**holiday greetings**



JUST as surely as there'll always be little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, too (especially around Christmas time), that surely there will always be a Christmas. Our wish for you is that this Christmas season of 1943 be the most memorable you have ever known.

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