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Coquille Fourth War Bond Drive Into High Gear

The Coquille Fourth War Bond drive got geared for action on Tuesday when County Chairman Clarence H. Coe was over from Marshfield and secured the consent of Frank W. Martin to act as chairman.

Mr. Martin has appointed a very able committee to work with him, those having agreed to help being R. L. Stewart, E. T. Stelle, O. L. Wood, W. H. Fortier, Mrs. O. C. Sanford, Mrs. Jack Dolan and Mrs. Fred Houston.

While the committee's plans are not complete, it is the intention to secure the co-operation of all lodges, clubs, societies, etc., in the city, with a chairman from each, to insure that every person in the city is contacted and shown that he or she is needed to help, with his money, to win the war.

Mr. Martin says that a little later an auction, similar to the one held during the Third Drive, will be held in the Community Building.

Another feature which is being prepared is a huge thermometer, to be placed on one of the buildings—bank or hotel—on which will be painted in red the total sales each day as the figure mounts toward the Coquille quota of \$201,000.

Individuals To Buy 40 Per Cent Of Bonds

The 4th War Loan Drive, which opened on Tuesday this week and will continue until Feb. 15, is set with a 14 billion dollar quota for the country. Of this amount, which is one billion under the goal for the third War Loan Drive and four billion under the total amount of bonds sold then, \$5,500,000,000 worth are expected to be bought by individuals and \$8,500,000,000 by other non-bank investors. In the third war bond drive the quota for individuals was five billion dollars, or just 33 1/2 per cent. In this drive the individual subscriptions are expected to be nearly 40 per cent.

The list of bonds of various kinds offered are the same as in previous drives except that the two per cent ten-year bond has been replaced by a 2 1/2 per cent 15-year bond.

Clarence H. Coe of Marshfield, Coos county chairman for the 4th War Bond Drive, who was here Tuesday morning, states that Coquille's quota for the drive totals \$201,000. Of this amount \$120,000 is to be invested in the government securities by individuals in E bonds, \$20,000 to be in F and G bonds, \$11,000 in bonds of other designations, and \$50,000 are expected to be taken by corporations.

The S. M. Noslars Felt Right At Home In Sunny California

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Noslars returned last Saturday evening from their five weeks' trip, by train, to southern California, where they visited their daughter, Mary Lou, Mrs. Lawrence Guleth; Mr. Noslars' brothers, also in San Diego, and all the former Coquille people they could find down there. One couple was Mr. and Mrs. Fay W. Jones, who live in Chula Vista.

Mr. Noslars says they felt right at home when they reached "sunny southern California" for it rained the first four or five days they were there and he came down with the flu. Mrs. Noslars has been down with it since they returned home.

They enjoyed the trip both ways and their stay in the south.

High School Is Closed This Week

A new boiler which recently arrived for installation at the high school necessitated the closing of the high school all this week while the Chambers plumbing company at Marshfield moved the old one out and connected up the new one. The one previously used was practically worn out and the new one is the same kind as that just installed in the Community Building.

Coquille War Chest Drive Totalled \$3,200.91

After the McKinlev Grange had contributed the \$73 it netted at its pie sale last week to the Coquille War chest drive, Treasurer Don Farr this week reminded the Coquille contribution to headquarters at the Bay. The check was for \$3,200.91, which was \$1800 less than the quota.

Oil Well Hole Now Down A Mile

A few feet less than a mile deep is the hole over on Davis Slough, which is being drilled for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation of Oklahoma. The rock capping, and the shale now being punched through by the rotary drill bit is practically the same formation as was encountered in drilling the southern California oil fields, but as yet there have been no definite indications that the reservoir of oil which it is hoped to tap at that spot is down there. How much deeper the drilling crew will go on the Dobbyn tract has not been stated but that other tract holes will be drilled has been promised.

An oil man, who believes positively that petroleum underlies the Coquille valley, told this writer not long ago that he could have told them that oil would not be found at the particular spot on which the rig was set but that it could be at other sites on their leases. Whether this oil man knows any more about it than do the geologists for the Phillips Corporation who selected the site, remains to be seen.

Council Acts On Several Matters Monday Evening

Mayor Wood and four councilmen, with City Treasurer Caughell acting as recorder, were present for the mid-monthly meeting of the city council Monday evening, at which a letter from the State Board of Health was read telling the city officials that the cross-connection at the Smith plant between city water and river water, which is used in the tank there, must be eliminated. The letter stated that check valves were forbidden by the state's regulations. None of the officials were aware of this condition and the engineer and water superintendent were instructed to check on whether that condition really did exist.

The application of Benham's Transfer, which recently bought the Coquille Hospital building, for permit to make alterations involving the expenditure of \$600, and which had been approved by the fire chief and building inspector, was granted.

A restaurant license was granted Mrs. Gertrude Menning for the Coquille Coffee Shop and her bond was approved.

O. C. Sanford, Coquille Public Library treasurer, told the council that the library's budget would not stand the use of gas, from the library's heating apparatus, for heating the main auditorium as was done in November and December. In November their gas bill was \$18 and in December over \$35, and as their budget contemplates about \$15 a month for (Continued on page nine)

Former Coquille Ladies To Be Here Several Weeks

Two former Coquille ladies, who have been away from here for years—Mrs. Fred C. Slagle and Mrs. Harold Hickman, the latter the former Mrs. Ula Leach—arrived here by bus last evening from North Hollywood, Calif., and are house guests at the J. A. Lamb home. They will be here for several weeks, although Mrs. Hickman will go up to Tacoma next week to visit her mother, and they plan on seeing all their friends of the past when everyone in Coquille knew everyone else in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Slagle left Coquille twenty-five years ago for southern California and Mrs. Hickman left about five years ago, and was married in North Hollywood last fall.

President's Ball January 28

The President's Ball, sponsored by the Coquille Junior Woman's Club and the net revenue from which goes to combat infantile paralysis, will be held in the Community Building here Friday evening, Jan. 28, with music by Rudy's Orchestra. Admission, including tax, is to be 55 cents per person.

The ladies of the club are selling tickets, and considering that no profit accrues to any organization from the ticket receipts and also the humanitarian benefit for which the dance is given, there should be a very generous response to the ticket selling drive; no one should refuse to buy a ticket whether he or she ever danced or not.

Proposed Curfew Ordinance Will Give Police Authority

The discussion by the city council Monday evening in regard to a curfew ordinance for Coquille, a copy of the proposed city law being presented below, brought out clearly the feeling of the councilmen and the police department that it was not young people, under 18 years of age, who are attending strictly to their own business that the proposed measure was aimed at. But there is a gang of youngsters, whom the police know well, which necessitated the adoption of some sort of an ordinance which will give the police authority to get those toughies off the street, and it was primarily on those youngsters' account that the measure was being considered.

Mayor Wood said he opposed having a curfew bell rung and Chief Creager said the police department could be depended upon to use judgment in picking up young people who are out, unaccompanied by an authorized adult, after the hour of ten o'clock.

Lack of the required five votes needed to pass the measure with an emergency clause, caused a postponement for three weeks—until the next council meeting—of a vote on the ordinance. It also gave the councilmen an opportunity to hear what the parents in Coquille think of such a new law.

Following is a reprint of the proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting persons under the age of eighteen years from being upon the streets, alleys, parks or other public places in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, at night after the hour of 10:00 o'clock P. M. (Continued on page nine)

D. C. Krantz Died At Salem Today

D. C. Krantz, 85 years of age and a pioneer of Coos county, passed away at ten o'clock this morning at the hospital in Salem, where he was taken a week ago. Elbert Schroeder left at once for Salem to bring the body to Coquille for interment.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The deceased, who had been a member of the Myrtle Point Masonic lodge for 52 years, had been in poor health for some time and his passing was not unexpected.

Crockett Krantz, as he was known to his friends, was a fine type of man, and his passing will be mourned by an unusually large circle of friends and acquaintances.

W. W. Kight Was At Riverton 55 Years

The body of Wm. W. Kight, Riverton logger and farmer for the past 55 years, was brought to the Gano Funeral Home last evening, following his death at his home at 9:30 that evening. The time at which the funeral will be held had not been set this morning.

Mr. Kight was born in Franklin county, Illinois, March 12, 1870, and as a small boy went with his family to Kansas. He came west when he was 18 years of age and, except for a short time in Curry county, has lived in Riverton since. His wife passed away five years ago.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Carl Hanseh, of Santa Monica, Calif.; Mrs. Leland McGilvery, of Riverton; Mrs. Loren Willard and Mrs. Don Ross, of Coquille; Mrs. Shirley Hatcher, of Vancouver, Wash., and three sons, all of Riverton, Ansil C., Ellis R., and Walter D. Kight. Also by three sisters, Mrs. Mettie Peterson, of Riverton; Mrs. Isabelle Whittington, of Myrtle Point; Mrs. Jos. Rocco, of Coquille, and by ten grandchildren and two great children.

Three Home Games In Row For Red Devils

The Coquille Red Devils, who have not yet played a conference game on the home floor, will have three here during the next nine days.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening, the Myrtle Point Bobcats will be their opponents, next Tuesday, Jan. 25, the North Bend Bull Dogs will be here, and on Friday, the 28th, the Marshfield Pirates, league leaders who have not yet lost a game, will be the opposition. (Continued on page ten)

Coos County Has The Coal Which West Coast Needs

The editorial in Sunday's Oregonian on the serious coal shortage situation on the Pacific coast does not tell the whole story by a long shot, but the fact that Sen. McNary has word from Washington that the army camps at Medford and Corvallis will need around 50,000 tons a year indicates that the powers that be are preparing to haul in their horns.

Not long ago two young men who have coal-mining equipment, ample means for developing a business of that kind here, and leases on coal land in Coos county, came to Judge Felshem at the court house and said all they lacked was a guaranteed outlet for their product—a contract which would justify the expense of moving equipment here from California, and getting going.

They had contacted the housing administration in Portland, where coal is urgently needed, but the specifications from the office of the hard fuels administrator, Sec. of the Interior Harold Ickes, did not permit the housing administration to buy Coos county coal. There was no deficiency in heating units in the Coos county coal, but in other ways it did not comply with the specifications.

Another thing which entered into the refusal to buy Coos coal is that the housing administration is also limited in its purchases to specified dealers in Portland and these dealers are so tied up with the railroads which get the long freight haul from the Wyoming, Colorado or Utah coal (Continued on page ten)

Congressman Letter From The Capital

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1944.—When Congress reconvened for the Second Session of the 78th Congress last week, many of the same legislative problems—subsidies, taxes, soldiers' vote legislation, commanded the immediate attention of Congress.

The President's Message on the State of the Union, which was read by the Reading Clerk of the House, did not alter the picture materially. His recommendation of a National Service Law was the only new element which Congress did not have actually under consideration.

During the adjournment period, the War Food Administration, in response to a request for a recommendation on a bill proposed by Senator Aiken of Vermont, recommended a food stamp program in place of subsidies. According to the War Food Administration, the stamp plan would reach the groups of workers in the country in the lowest income brackets, and safeguard them from food price increases. The WFA estimated that this program would cost the government approximately three billion dollars a year. By the end of the first week in the session, the Senate Agriculture Committee was holding hearings of the food stamp plan. In contrast to the estimates made by WFA, Senator Aiken presented figures to show that the food stamp plan would be available to approximately sixteen million people in the country, and that the over-all cost would be about four hundred million dollars. There was a general feeling that the War Food Administration's estimates were extremely high, and everyone wondered on what they based their calculations.

The legislation involving subsidies, in the meantime, is awaiting further action by the Senate Banking and Currency committee.

The House Elections Committee, having charge of the soldier vote bill, took immediate action and completed hearings and reported a modified version of the bill passed by the Senate. The bill will come up in the House at about the time this is printed. I believe there has been a marked change in attitude among the members in the last few weeks toward this legislation. Under the so-called federal ballot bills initially proposed, there was no certainty that, after the soldiers had marked their federal ballots, these ballots would be counted in the respective states, and it is admitted that there rests in Congress no authority to compel the states to count ballots which do not conform to the state constitutions and election laws. Consequently, it becomes a state problem in those states which have not already made provision for soldier voting or adjust their laws (Continued on page ten)

Men Who Left For Induction This Week

The following men were ordered to report for induction on January 18, by the Coos County Local Board No. 2, Court House, Coquille, Oregon, and they left Tuesday evening for Portland:

- Edward Leon Slate, Bandon.
- William Henry Sharp, Bandon.
- Kenneth Brown, Coquille.
- Leonard Alfred Storm, Bandon.
- Harold James Withnell, Coquille.
- Virgil Barkdoll, Winchester Bay.
- Frank Paul Sackett, Coquille.
- Bramwell Earl Norton, Sweet Home.
- Frank Silas Webster, Bandon.
- Raymond Jessie Bartley, Bridge.
- Howard Edward Brown, Bullards.
- William Ray Ocheltree, Myrtle Pt.
- Melvin Claude St. John, Myrtle Pt.
- Ted E. Minor, Coquille.
- Alton Junior Courtright, Coquille.
- James Eugene Hunsucker, Coquille.
- Morris Eugene Harvey, Palo Alto, Calif.
- Terrence Henkle Staines, Marshfield.
- Arleigh Joseph Kenyon, Ashland.
- Melvin Harry Johnson, Glencoe, Minn.
- Charles Riley Gorsage, Grants Pass.
- LeRoy Carl Richards, Oakland, Calif.
- Earl Frederick Dalrymple, Coquille.
- Allan Monroe Bartlett, Powers.
- Lincoln Fremont Swain, Coquille.

Coquille To Hear Talks on Delinquency Monday Evening

Three members of the University of Oregon Symposium team will speak in Coquille next Monday, January 24, discussing "Juvenile Delinquency in the State of Oregon." The speakers will be Alice Harter, Eugene; Esther Quier, Buxton, and Don Hager, Portland. Miss Harter and Miss Quier were members of last year's symposium team.

The symposium members will analyze the relationship between juvenile delinquency and the war and will study various remedies, both long and short term plans presented by authorities in the field. Fall term was devoted to the study of the juvenile delinquency problem, particularly with regard to certain localities in Oregon, through correspondence with officials and material already printed.

The speaking schedule for Coquille and vicinity is as follows:

- Monday—Coquille high school, 10:15 a. m.; Bandon high school, 1:45 p. m.; before a community meeting Washington building, Coquille, 8:00 p. m.
- Tuesday—January 25, Myrtle Point high school 8:30 a. m.; Powers high school, 10:30 a. m.; Coos River high school, 2:30 p. m.
- Wednesday—January 26, North Bend high school, 9:30 a. m.; Marshfield high school, 11 a. m.; Community meeting, North Bend, at 8:00 p. m.

The subject of juvenile delinquency has taken on greater significance in Oregon since Governor Snell recently appointed a statewide committee to study the problem. The symposium team is speaking in Coquille under the auspices of the Coquille Inter-Club committee.

War Dads, Attention!

All fathers, foster fathers, step-fathers, or fathers-in-law of a man or woman serving in the armed forces of the nation, who has an earnest desire to render active service in the war effort on the home front, are eligible for membership in the "American War Dads," now being organized in Coquille, under the supervision of the national committee.

Anyone qualified for membership as above, will find the charter still open for his signature at the office of J. S. Barton, 355 South Taylor St. Drop in and sign up now!

Osika Retires As H. S. Principal

Clarence Osika last Friday was principal of the Coquille High School for the last day and on Monday he entered upon his duties as personnel manager at the Smith Wood-Products plant.

Chas. Briggs, whom he succeeds there, expects to go over to Roseburg where he will go into business for himself, this week-end. Mrs. Briggs will remain here for a short time longer, they having not yet sold their Sanford Heights home.

County Is Well Within Its Budget The Past Six Months

(By L. D. Felshem, County Judge)

End of the first half of the 1943-44 fiscal year finds Coos county's expenditures well within the budget, according to a comparative statement of the various funds compiled in the office of County Clerk L. W. Oddy.

Covering the period from July 1 to January 1, the total of all costs is given as \$216,186.83. The total budget for the year is \$570,391.16. This means that during the first half of the year approximately 38 per cent of the total budget was spent. Included in these expenditures was one item of \$46,268.86 placed in the callable bond fund.

Nearly all departments showed a comparatively equal less-than-half expenditure except the old age assistance fund which is somewhat over the half mark. The budget provision for old age assistance for the whole year is \$31,200.00, while the expenditure for the first half was \$20,459.80. Other assistance funds, however, are well below the half mark so a balance is struck that leaves the public welfare program still in relatively good shape. Budget provision for general assistance is \$8500.00, compared with expenditures of \$3,170.24 for the first half. The county "cost for indigents" fund has a budget of \$1500.00 and a half-year expenditure of \$258.80. The "aid to the blind" fund has a budget provision of \$800.00 and a half-year expenditure of \$448.20; the "aid to dependent children" fund has a budget provision of \$6000.00 and a half-year expenditure of \$2,538.60, "dependent children's institutions" fund has a budget sum of \$2,500.00 and a half-year expenditure of \$1000.12.

It is expected, according to the current old-age assistance caseload, that the budget appropriation for this particular phase of the relief program will be under requirements by several thousand dollars, but the county court has assured the State Public Welfare Commission that the program as at present set up will be continued throughout the fiscal year. By shifting surpluses from other welfare funds and perhaps drawing on the emergency fund for a small sum, it is believed the old age schedule can be maintained without interruption, and without the least danger of throwing the budget as a whole out of balance.

Unless wholly unexpected or unforeseen circumstances arise, it is apparent now that the primary program of the county to eliminate indebtedness and build up post-war reserves will proceed according to schedule throughout the present fiscal year and that the annual budget will show balances on the black side of the ledger when the fiscal year comes to a close.

Plans For Boy Scouts Meeting Move Ahead

This week has seen the meeting of three of the committees in whose hands have been placed the responsibility for the success of the Boy Scouts yearly meeting, to be held at the Coquille Community Building on Feb. 13, at 1:30 p. m.

The committee which met this week and got started on their work, were the Program committee, with Burton Dunn as chairman, assisted by Phil Albion, A. A. Kyle, R. L. Greene, and Don Farr; the Dinner committee, with J. E. Axtell as chairman; Wm. Barrow and Geo. Oerding being on this committee with Mr. Axtell, and the Publicity committee, consisting of Evan Albion, Wayne Smith and Conrad Phillips. Additional members for the Publicity committee have been selected from Marshfield, Myrtle Point and Bandon.

It is hoped that everyone will keep the date of this meeting open. The general public is being invited to bring their lunch and attend the big potluck luncheon at 1:30 o'clock, after which a fine program, which is in the process of preparation, will be presented. This will not be an affair for any one community but Scouts and guests from as far away as Marshfield, Reedsport, Gardiner, Bandon, Port Orford, Myrtle Point and Powers will be in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Farr, as well as Grandma Mulkey and Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farr, were made happy Monday evening when a baby son, who weighed eight pounds, was born at the hospital in Myrtle Point. He is their second child, both boys.