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Need For Parental Guidance The Predominating Thought Monday Evening

There were nearly one hundred present in the Washington school auditorium Monday evening when the Symposium team from the University of Oregon with their coach, Mr. Clark, gave talks on the subject of juvenile delinquency, and gave suggestions as to what may be done to lessen this growing ulcer in the nation's vital life, its youth who are the citizens of tomorrow.

The meeting opened by the singing of several old time favorites by the audience, led by Mrs. J. P. Beyers and with Miss Inez Rover at the piano.

Larry Lundquist, chairman of the Coquille Inter-Club committee which sponsored the meeting, presided and introduced Mr. Clark, whose opening remark was about the difference between big and little boys, big and little girls. Little boys like to play soldiers and little girls like to play with painted dolls. When they grow up big girls like to play with soldiers and big boys like the painted dolls.

His advice to adults was to get closer to the youngsters and by association with the younger generation keep them thinking along right lines.

Miss Alice Harter, a junior at the university, was the first member of the team called upon. Her designation of juvenile delinquents was that they are children in trouble, from one cause or another, and she gave the most common age when young people get into trouble as 16 years. She declared that statistics show that two per cent of children of school age are problem children and that 75 per cent of that two per cent become criminals.

The war, frequently mentioned as a cause of juvenile delinquency is not the cause, as Miss Harter viewed it, for the increase in delinquency started even before the U. S. entered the war. Nor can the influx of workers from other states be advanced as a cause for recent surveys in Oregon show that the parents of young people in trouble have lived in this state for five years or longer.

Parents and communities are the only sources to which we may look for an improvement in present conditions—parents by watchfulness and guidance at home and communities by providing the recreational means which will keep the young folks actively engaged in worth while sports and good, clean entertainment. The speaker declared that most authorities agree that the remedy does not lie in punishment but in a removal of the causes and associations which lead to the delinquencies.

Another matter Miss Harter touched on was the need for housing facilities so that juvenile delinquents would not be confined in the same quarters as adult criminals.

Before introducing Miss Esther Quier, the other member of the team, Mr. Clark said he was favorably impressed with what Coos county has already done and commented particularly on the Boys' and Girls' clubs which are being organized in Coquille.

Miss Quier asserted that broken homes are too often the cause for juvenile delinquency and suggested two educational programs as vitally needed in correcting the present situation—that of parental need for instruction in guidance of their children and the need for "sex education as a part of the school course."

One of the points she stressed was that of a survey showing in what sections of a community juvenile delinquency more frequently occurred and whether the creation of clubs and establishment of playgrounds and other forms of entertainment had any results in keeping down delinquency. She cited the city of Stockton which has made a thorough survey of this kind but in a town the size of Coquille, it does not seem to us as though such a survey would help any.

Another of her four-point program was the organization of clubs, something already being done here.

Recreation was another point made and Miss Quier's suggestion was that one of any city's postwar plans should be the equipment of parks with all kinds of playground facilities. Each city, if possible, should have an athletic director, and her reference to the Community Building here was that it should be made a community center.

She also touched on the state's need for a law providing juvenile cases courts, for too often the county judge is so concerned with running the business affairs of a county that he cannot give the juvenile cases the attention they deserve.

Here again her suggestion was not necessarily one of importance, as far as Judge Felsheim and Probation Officer Leonard are concerned, for they have been doing an excellent job in handling juvenile cases.

But the failure of too many parents to give attention and guidance to their children was the outstanding thought in Miss Quier's talk.

Following the two addresses, a public discussion was invited. Geo. L. Maynard broke the reserve when he mentioned his boyhood days in Portland, Maine, where one escapade was followed by "a kick in the pants" by a cop, and there was considerably more audience comment along the line that while punishment for delinquency does not cure, it does act somewhat as a preventive for further juvenile acts against the welfare of society.

Whether such a meeting as that Monday evening will have direct results along the lines desired is to be doubted, but it would have been more beneficial had more parents of teen-age, or younger, children been present to hear all that was said.

Newcomer Declares Coquille To Be A Friendly Town

Mrs. Johnnie Mach, a newcomer in Coquille, left on the Tuesday night train for Port Townsend, Washington, to spend ten days with her husband who is in the Coast Guard service. Mrs. Mach's home is in North Dakota. She expects to be on the coast only for a few months. Her husband is not in one place for long at a time, the nature of his work being that if inspection. He chose Coquille as the most friendly place he had visited in his work along this west coast, so he suggested Mrs. Mach's living at the Coquille Hotel, as he would be here as often as any place.

Mrs. Mach stated she has not been disappointed with her husband's suggestion and agrees with him that Coquille is the friendliest place she was ever in.

Coquille Red Cross Weekly News

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, Jan. 28, at Guild Hall between 1:15 and 4:15 p. m.

"Until materials are received for machine sewing, we shall continue piecing quilt tops, making afghans, scuff slippers, etc. We are in need of pieces of pillow ticking, cretonne, saten, etc., suitable for making casings for small 'tuck-in' pillows for service men," says Mrs. Kesner.

Mrs. Phil Alborn has returned home and is ready to untangle any Navy knitting problems. She may be reached by phoning 943.

Another attractive afghan has been received from Mrs. Earl Nosler, who is the local champion in that class of work.

Contributions during the past week of yarn, crochet cotton, wool materials, etc., have been received from Mesdames Fred Houston, W. A. Couden, Sam Tuttle, R. A. Jeub, F. Hall and W. E. Bosserman.

Two new workers were present at the last meeting and a request for sewing came in from an out-of-town resident. The Unit is always pleased to welcome new workers and happy to receive requests for work.

Working for service men through the Red Cross is distinctly a privilege, rather than a duty, and is an opportunity which every Coquille woman should be happy to avail herself of. Working for someone else unselfishly and without pay, cannot help but pay big dividends. You are invited to come and work with the Red Cross.

Air Transportation Considered For Coquille After The War

In a letter to the Sentinel from Beverly Hills, Calif., the Southwest Airways Co. writes that the company contemplates putting Coquille on its air line route, after the war. The letter says:

"We believe that through the medium of area airlines, the benefits of air transportation can be extended to Coquille as soon as the war is won, and have so proposed in our application now pending before the Civil Aeronautics Board.

"It is expected that the Board will hold hearings early this summer on the feasibility of establishing these routes."

Thieves Enter O. C. Sanford's Office

Burglars, or a burglar, some time Sunday night or early Monday morning, broke into O. C. Sanford's office on the second floor of the bank building and took between \$6 and \$7 from a cash drawer in his desk. Entrance was effected by using a pinch bar as a pry and forcing the bolt on the door back. Other doors on the same floor had been tampered with but had not been opened.

Mr. Sanford was in his office until about 1:30 Sunday afternoon and it was after that the robbery occurred. He says the pennies in the drawer were not taken and that a nickel was dropped on the floor and left.

Review of 'One World' Given At Rotary

Mrs. J. P. Beyers gave a very interesting review of Wendell Willkie's book, "One World," at the Rotary Club's noon session in I.O.O.F. hall on Wednesday.

Using a large map of the northern hemisphere, with a narrow ribbon to outline Willkie's trip around the world, Mrs. Beyers detailed the points of interest covered by him and gave a resume of the impressions gathered in his visit to Egypt, Turkey, Russia and China.

Mrs. Beyers stated that she had not been interested in the book until they were given a copy but admitted that she had read it three times since and that she had gotten more out of it each time. The enthusiastic applause given Mrs. Beyers at the close of her talk gave evidence of the appreciation of the members.

J. Arthur Berg talked upon the bills now before congress to help rehabilitate discharged service men, sponsored by the American Legion, and moved that the secretary send wires to our congressmen, urging their help in passing these measures, and in view of the already present mood of such legislation, it was enthusiastically seconded and ordered.

A greeting card was signed by all the members and sent to Mayor Orville Wood in the hospital at Myrtle Point.

Rotarian Jesse Clinton, of Myrtle Point, was present as a guest, as were also Norman Knowlton of Portland and Russell Hollimon of Kansas City, Mo., a son of Rotarian Lou Holimon.

Pirates vs. Red Devils Friday

The third successive home game on the basket ball floor for the Coquille Red Devils will be played at the gym here Friday evening, Jan. 28, with the league-leading Marshfield Pirates furnishing the opposition. Two games will be played, the B squad game starting at seven o'clock.

J. S. Barton Sells 40 Acres To Lily Growers

The 40-acre Fred Coleman place at Coaledo was sold the first of the week by J. S. Barton to Elbert and Lulu Ewan, who will move on to the place from Port Orford, where they have resided. They are lily growers and expect to make their new place into a lily farm.

The Herbert Beyers Now Living In Sacramento

Writing to change the address of their Sentinel from Utah to Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Herbert Beyers says that they had to buy a house in the California capital in order to get a place to live. Mr. Beyers is general manager for the Northwestern Turkey Growers' Co-op, whose headquarters are in Salt Lake City. He is opening a branch office in Sacramento and will be there for two or three years.

\$50 Theft Brings A Four-Year Sentence

Fredrick Hendricks pleaded guilty in Circuit court Tuesday to stealing a bill fold containing \$50 from Melvin Emerson in a bakery at Marshfield. Judge King sentenced him to four years in the penitentiary and Sheriff Howell took him out to Salem yesterday.

The new all-time high of currency in circulation in the United States in 1943 was twenty billion, five hundred million dollars. This was an increase of five billion over the 1942 amount in circulation. That increase is approximately 33 and one-third dollars for every man, woman and child in the U. S.

Coquille Bond Purchases Now Total \$124,364.50

F. W. Martin, Coquille chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive, reported this morning that Coquille's purchases now total \$124,364.50. Sales at the postoffice since the drive began amount to \$12,768.75, at the bank \$41,595.75, and a Tax Note purchase of \$70,000 by Geo. A. Ulett brings the total to the above figure, which is 61.8 per cent of the city's quota.

It is beginning to be doubtful Mr. Martin says that an auction will be held for this War Bond Drive. Instead his committee is working on an entertainment program, to be given in the Community Building, admission to which will be 50 cents worth of War Savings Stamps. Then, if it can be legally done, the entire lot of stamps given for the admissions will be presented to the fortunate winner of a drawing among those present.

Besides the splendid entertainment features which are being lined up, and with an estimated 400 in attendance, and the \$200 worth of stamps as a further incentive, the committee feels that the public would be better served than it would be with an auction.

County Chairman Clarence Coe, who spoke at the Lions Club luncheon last Thursday, announced as members of the executive committee serving with him, the following: John Ferguson, Statistical Division; Geo. Huggins, Pay Roll Savings Division; J. A. Briggs, (C. I. O.), Labor Activities Division; S. F. Sackett, Publicity & Special Events Division; G. M. Purser, Corporations Division; Joe Williams, Special Names Division; Mrs. Ethel Murphy, (A. F. of L.), Labor Solicitation Division; C. P. Kibler, Issuing Agents Division.

County directors are Geo. H. Jenkins, Agricultural Division; Mrs. Martha Mulkey, Schools-at-War Division; Chas. F. Robison, Retail Trade Division.

Other area chairmen besides Mr. Martin here are: G. F. Anderson, Marshfield; E. O. Sempert, Myrtle Point; Julius Swanson, Empire.

Of the 14 billion quota for the U. S. Oregon's share is 99 millions; Coos county's \$1,518,709, and Coquille's, \$201,000.

Pre-Induction Meeting To Be Held

A series of pre-induction meetings for all Oregon men facing military service was announced today by the Oregon State Defense Council. These training meetings have been requested by the U. S. War Department and will have the assistance of the various military branches, and all Selective boards.

Plans are being laid now in most communities in the state, and will be completed as soon as the detailed training instruction manuals are received from Washington, D. C., where they are being prepared. This program will be under direction of Civilian War Services branch of OCD in each Oregon county.

In discussing the plan as outlined for Oregon Civilian Defense Councils, Governor Earl Snell, Director of Civilian Defense in Oregon, said, "This joint endeavor by the War Department, Selective Service System, and OCD facilitates the adjustment of the inductee and consequently will be a significant contribution toward the winning of the war. We believe it is the type of program to which local communities, through their Defense Councils, will want to give the greatest possible support since it is for the benefit of the men on whom we are depending to fight the war. You realize, of course, that a soldier's entire Army career may be profoundly influenced by the ease or difficulty with which he makes the transition from civilian to military life. The efforts of civilian training agencies will facilitate this transition and result in greater speed and efficiency of post-induction training. This program will aid materially in preparing prospective inductees for the adjustment they must make to military life and military training procedure."

Governor Snell outlined the plan as follows: "When the idea was first presented to us by the War Department, we had one query: 'Is there still a need for this kind of information or is it too late?' We gave con-

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\$1,551,627.67 Tax Collection In 1943

Total collections in the Coos county tax department in 1943 amounted to \$1,551,627.67, reports A. O. Walker, chief of that office. This is more than the Lane county tax department collected and that county has twice the assessed valuation of Coos county.

Included in the Coos county figure is \$169,472.97 collected on delinquent personal property taxes on which the office has made a drive to clean up the past year.

Of the amount collected, \$959,456.68 was for current property and personal taxes and \$592,170.99 for delinquent taxes which means that \$422,698.02 was for real property tax delinquencies.

Included in the above total for the year is the turn-over of the December collections, which is to be made by the Tax Department to County Treasurer Stauff today. The total for December was \$22,955.16.

Fire This Morning Across The Valley

The fire department was called about 8:30 this morning because of a fire in the older house on the place which belongs to Dr. J. D. Rankin, across the valley to the south on the Fat Elk-Fishtap road, but as the truck had not yet returned at the time of going to press it is impossible to report what caused the fire or whether anything was saved.

It was a five-mile run to the scene and four firemen took the chemical and pumper truck, which the federal government loaned the city last year as a piece of fire-fighting equipment for use outside the city.

Later—Le Roy Swinney reports that the fire started up stairs, probably from the flue, and that the tenants were able to get everything out before the fire advanced too far. Dr. Rankin said he had intended to tear this very old house down before long, there being a newer and much better one on the ranch which is a part of the former Russ Estate holdings.

President's Ball Friday Evening

The Coquille Junior Women are working hard to make a big success of their charity dance for Infantile Paralysis fund. It will be held in Coquille's new Community Building on Friday, January 28, with music by Rudy's Orchestra.

Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, Oregon state health officer, in releasing tentative figures on poliomyelitis morbidity for 1943; pointed out that case fatality rates for 1941 and 1943, the latest epidemic years, were greatly under those for other years in which the disease was unusually prevalent.

In Oregon in 1941, there were only 3.6 deaths from polio per 100 cases and in the first eleven months of 1943 the rate was 5.2. This contrasts sharply with the 22.0 rate for the 1927 epidemics and 37.8 for 1910.

Oregon's State Health Officer paid particular tribute to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in bringing the disease under control. The extremely low case fatality rates in 1941 and 1943, he said, are in themselves ample reason why people should contribute to the "March of Dimes."

It is hoped that everyone will buy a ticket whether they dance or not. Who knows who might be stricken by polio next? Tickets are only fifty-five cents (including tax.)

Coos County F.S.A. Committee Met Here Last Thursday

Coos county's F.S.A. committee met with tenant purchase borrowers and applications for farm ownership loans at the Coquille Grange Hall last Thursday to lay plans for this year's program and interview applicants for the five loans authorized in this county.

Land owners and farmers with family-type diversified farms for sale at reasonable prices are invited to list them with members of the committee or with Ed. W. Hughes, County F.S.A. Supervisor, Laird Building, Coquille, said Ed Detiefen, committee chairman. These farms will be given consideration in selecting suitable units for farm ownership applicants. Bob Geaney was the other committee member present.

Phillip Laird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Laird, left Monday evening to return to Fort Stevens on the Columbia, after being home on a three-day leave from camp.

Boys' Club And Rooms To Be Ready Next Week

Ed Hughes, of the Farm Security Administration here, is to be supervisor of the Coquille Boys' Club, which it is expected will be ready to function next week. He has had considerable experience with boys' clubs and will be a good man for the job.

Forty boys are already signed up as members and twenty more are expected to sign next week when the club room, in the basement of the Community Building, is opened.

Quite a little equipment for the club has already been donated—two ping pong tables, a man-size punching bag, a pool and a billiard table, and many games—but more are needed and anyone having games, card tables and chairs which they are willing to donate to a good cause should notify Mrs. Jack Dolan.

The members of the club have been busy, most of it at the high school shop, making shelves and putting them up in the club room, and are doing all they can to help put the club room in shape.

Mrs. Dolan says the committee in charge of organizing the clubs hopes to get a juke box to install there.

The Junior Women's Club, which contributed the \$119 receipts from their last dance to the club's program, have also offered to chaperon and act as supervisors for the Girls' club, which it is hoped to have going soon. Their donation and offer are greatly appreciated by the committee.

Safeway's Interior Is Much Improved

Twenty-five Safeway employees, including District Manager Ted Medford from Klamath Falls and the employees of the Marshfield and North Bend stores, put in a full day Sunday helping the Coquille store crew install the new and attractive display tables in the store here. Practically every article in the large room had to be moved and then replaced on shelves or new tables, but the result in appearance and ease of self-service convenience is worth the labor it took.

There is more room back in the merchandise section now and when the new equipment is installed for the weighing and payment counter there will be still less congestion than there has been.

Altogether it is an improvement of which Manager Melvin Giles and his assistants can and do take pleasure in and the store's customers will appreciate the convenience, too.

Must Share Rides To Be Eligible For B and C Coupons

Faced with the need to cut mileage rations at every corner in order to come within the civilian gasoline supply allocated by the Petroleum Administrator for War, the district OPA mileage rationing division has notified all war and price rationing boards of further conservation steps.

Boards were instructed not to issue gasoline rations to any person moving from the jurisdiction of another board until that individual's previous file had been sent for and received. Only exception was in case of undue hardship pending arrival of the file.

Effective January 15, boards were also told not to issue B and C rations to anyone who has not formed a bona fide ride-sharing arrangement, regularly carrying at least four persons, including the operator. Boards will advise applicants who have not made such arrangements that action is held up for lack of ride-sharing, and they will be asked to come to the board and register for riders.

Nearly 5600 Feet Is Well's Depth

This morning the well being drilled for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation over on Davis Slough was down to nearly a 5600 feet depth, without any more encouraging signs than have been noted for the past thousand feet. The drilling company has pipe on the ground to continue the rotary drill to a depth of 6500 feet which is the depth specified in the contract with the Phillips Corporation.

Evan Alborn returned last night from Portland where he had been with Mrs. Alborn since she underwent a serious operation last Friday. She is improving now but will not be able to return home at all soon.