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Fourth War Bond Rally And Auction Set For February 10

The thermometer on the Mt States Power company corner shows Coquille's 4th War Bond drive has reached to \$170,000 mark, the actual figures up to five o'clock last evening being \$170,190, which is 80.14 per cent of this section's quota.

The Bond Rally and Auction which has been arranged by Mrs. Jack Dolan, appointed by Chairman F. W. Martin to handle it, gives promise of being a very entertaining affair.

The speaker for the evening will be Sergeant Geo. Minich, a veteran of the battle on Attu, who is now stationed at Camp White. His appearance here was secured by Mrs. Dolan through the co-operation of State Drive Chairman Sammons of Portland.

The Rally will be held in the Liberty Theatre next Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p. m., with Ray Jeub as master of ceremonies and auctioneer.

The high school band will furnish music, Dave Rackleff will lead community singing; there will be old-time music, a banjo solo, and music by the Hill-Billy band.

The entertainment features will alternate with the bond auction and the committee plans to secure many small prizes for auctioning so that those who cannot invest a great deal will be able to secure some of the merchandise prizes.

Merchants, farmers and housewives are to be solicited by a committee headed by Mrs. Dolan. Besides the small merchandise donations by merchants the committee hopes to secure farm produce, home-canned fruit, vegetables and meat, and anything else that would be useful to the successful bidder. Those willing to donate are requested to bring their offerings to the Liberty during the day which will help the committee in preparing for the program—and save gas.

Admission to the show will be one 25-cent War Stamp, and all those taken in will be presented as a door prize to the holder of the lucky number.

The Liberty Theatre should be filled to capacity next Thursday evening. The program will be an attractive one and the effort is designed to help put Coquille over the top in the 4th War Bond drive as the first town in Coos county to raise its quota.

Be there for the good of the boys over seas, to help in the downfall of Hitler and Tojo, and for your own benefit.

Two men, who have seen service in the South Seas, were guests at the Rotary luncheon in I.O.O.F. hall on Wednesday.

J. Thurman Hickam had the experience of having his ship torpedoed out from under him and Don McClellan was with the Army when it took over from the Marines at Guadalcanal.

Both men gave brief talks and answered questions about some of their experiences.

Bob Greene read a couple of articles from the current Rotarian and in connection with one of them called upon Ed Hughes to tell of his progress as supervisor of the local Boys' and Girls' Club, which is just getting organized and occupying their new quarters in the Community Building. Mr. Hughes who has had a number of years experience along this line as a member of the Grants Pass Rotary Club, responded with a very interesting talk about the work.

Rotarian guests present were Harry Dement, Dal M. King, Jess Clinton and J. D. Carl, of Myrtle Point; John Ferguson, of Marshfield, and Dr. J. E. Richmond, of Eugene. Besides the two service men mentioned above the other guests were Frank Rood, of Coos River, and Harry A. Slack, of Coquille.

Delinquent Personal Property Tax Payments Must Be Paid

A. O. Walker, in charge of the county's tax department office, said yesterday that they were still endeavoring to collect delinquent personal property taxes and that it might be necessary before long to step on some people's toes if they did not pay more attention to the notices sent out from the office.

Letter Tells Of Archie Hansen Death

A few weeks ago the Sentinel noted the death of Archie Hansen, a McKinley and Coquille high school young man, who was killed in Italy. The letter reprinted below has just been received by his mother, Mrs. Verna Hansen, from Col. F. B. Butler, Archie's commanding officer. She has also received from Washington, D. C., the beautiful Purple Heart which was awarded posthumously to the departed soldier.

Col. Butler's letter was as follows: I realize that the brief news of the death of your son was a severe shock to you, knowing that we were engaged in the theater of war in Italy. It is my desire to express to you the keen sense of loss that we too feel.

On the afternoon of November 7, 1943, Company A attacked enemy positions situated on a high ridge. While the Company was thus engaged in a vigorous fight to dislodge the enemy from this important position your son was fatally wounded.

On behalf of the officers and enlisted men of this regiment, I extend sympathy to you. Your son was an excellent soldier and leader and it has been an honorable privilege to have been associated with him. In our future operations we will feel that private First Class Archie Hansen is with us in each engagement sharing our victories.

Please permit me to convey the sorrow that I feel and extend to you my heartfelt sympathy. I am sure that by this time you have received details of burial, etc., from the War Department. Please feel free to communicate with us, however, for any further information that you desire.

This Week's Not A "Dry Rain"

Capt. Levi Snyder, who came to Coos county at the age of 14 year, back in 1873, with his parents who settled on what is now Myrtle Point, was speaking Tuesday of the return to good old Coos county weather, when it was raining so steadily.

He told of four men in conversation, one from Colorado, one from California, and one from Oregon.

The fourth man inquired of the Coloradoan, "You have lots of snow in Colorado?"

"Yes," was the reply, "but it's a dry snow."

And to the Californian he queried, "You have lots of fog?" to which the reply was, "Yes, but it's a dry fog."

"You have lots of rain in Oregon?" brought the reply, "Yes, but it's a dry rain!"

Capt. Snyder could not agree with that designation. "It's a very wet rain!" he said.

Capt. Snyder has been a subscriber to the Sentinel, or one of its predecessors, for half a century or more.

Good Attendance Expected At Woman's Club Tuesday

Next Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Coquille Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting, with Mrs. J. A. Berg having charge of the program. A panel discussion on Antique and Modern Art will be given by Mrs. George Chaney and Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen. Examples of works to be discussed have been loaned by Miss Stevens from the State Art Library. Mrs. Lela Elrod will talk about the recruitment of nurses and Mrs. Mildred Tyrrell, coloratura soprano, will sing. Mrs. W. H. Mansell will head the hostess committee. Mrs. O. C. Sanford, club president, urges members to attend and she extends a welcome to visitors.

Drilling Through Hard Shale The Bit Down To 6,000 Feet

The hole being drilled for the Phillips Petroleum Corporation on Davis Slough was down to 6,000 feet yesterday. The drill has been going through a hard shale, which has slowed down operations somewhat. So far there have been no definite indications that petroleum or gas underlies that heavy shale formation, but the drilling company is not quitting yet.

Adrian Werth, of the city police force, returned Saturday from Portland, where he had been for a couple of weeks with Mrs. Werth, who has been quite seriously ill in the hospital. She went up there last in December for a visit, came down with the flu, and underwent quite a siege with pneumonia before she began to improve. She is now at the home of her parents there.

Two Pass Here Yesterday--O. K. Rakestraw's Sudden

Death came suddenly at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon to O. K. Rakestraw, a resident of the Coquille section, on the Arago road opposite Johnson's Mill, for the past six years and a resident of Coquille since 1919.

He was loading grain into a car near the Southern Pacific depot when he was found unconscious, with grain scattered around him. Dr. James Richmond was immediately called but there was nothing which could be done to resuscitate him.

The funeral services will be held at the Gano Funeral Home at two o'clock Friday afternoon, Feb. 4, with interment in the Masonic cemetery beside the body of his father-in-law, E. M. Dunn.

Orville K. Rakestraw was born at Goshen, Missouri, June 29, 1880, and was 63 years, seven months and three days of age at passing. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rakestraw, both deceased. He had been a carpenter's assistant for most of his life, coming west when he was 21 years of age.

At Waverly, Wash., he was united in marriage in 1909 to Miss Edna Dunn, who survives him. They had no children.

He is also survived by two brothers, Melvin C. Rakestraw, of Fortuna, Calif., and John S., of Waverly, Wash., and by one sister, Mrs. H. A. Stevens, of Spokane, Wash.

He was a member of the Coquille Grange, and was universally liked and respected by all who knew him.

Mrs. T. C. Williams To Be Buried Feb. 5

Death came at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon to Mrs. T. C. Williams at her home, corner of Fifth and Beach streets, and followed a paralytic stroke three weeks ago. She had been in a coma for 48 hours and death came without a struggle.

The funeral services will be held at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Gano Funeral Home and interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Born Nov. 11, 1868, in Hamilton county, Indiana, she was two months and 21 days past 74 years of age at passing.

Her maiden name was Angeline Moore and she was married to T. C. Williams, who survives her, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, March 16, 1890.

They lived in Coquille at various times since first coming here in 1924, the last time being in May, 1943, when they moved here from Grants Pass.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, Lewis H. and J. C. Williams, of Coquille; Arthur E., of O'Brien, Oregon; Colman L., of Tracy, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Jane Funke, of Detroit, Mich., and a brother, Chas. W. Moore, of Orange, Calif.; also by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams was a faithful member of the M. E. Church.

Former Coquille Man Dies At Vancouver

Mrs. Floyd Dalton writes from Vancouver, Wash., to inform the Sentinel of the death of a former Coquille resident:

Death called another former Coquille resident in the passing of Fernan L. Dean at a Portland hospital after only two days' illness.

Mr. Dean was employed at the Kaiser Co. shipyard in Vancouver as a marine machinist.

He was a resident of Coquille and Coos county for many years and will be missed by many relatives and friends. He was born at Grizzly Bluff, Calif., Jan. 23, 1888, and died of a cerebellum hemorrhage at six o'clock on the morning of Jan. 19.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lois Dean, and two daughters, Mrs. Marion Blalock, of Newport, Ore., and Mrs. Velda West, of Lebanon, Ore.; also by seven grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were at Camas, Washington.

Fred R. Bull, chief of the observation posts service in these parts, combined pleasure with business on an inspection trip Tuesday and went on into Roseburg to attend the Eagles meeting that evening when the state president was making his official visit there.

Astoria Boy Thieves Quickly Caught

Two Astoria boys—Patrick O'Neill, 21, and Vern Kuehl, 19—got themselves into trouble Tuesday evening. They walked into the Four Mile store below Bandon about nine o'clock and picked up the cash register and walked out with it. The family was eating in the adjoining room but did not hear the entrance. They missed it at once on re-entering the store-room but did not find the register, which contained about \$50, until the next morning, not far from the store where it had been rifled of money, checks and gas ration stamps.

Sheriff Howell, accompanied by Mr. Alderman, went down Wednesday morning and then the sheriff went to the bank to stop payment on the checks while Alderman began calling on service stations to see if any gas coupons had been turned in.

At the Laurel Lake service station he came up with the two boys who had had trouble with their car and had sent in to Bandon for a wrecker. The boys were brought to Coquille and lodged in jail.

Another new name on the sheriff's blotter was that of Raymond Ernest Yost, who was picked up here as an Army deserter last Saturday by Sheriff Howell and Sam Epperson.

Still another booked on Saturday was Ivan Louis Duncan, charged in Justice Dodge's office in Myrtle Point with larceny from an automobile.

Another Rat Calls Fire Dept.

The fire at the B. W. Dunn apartment, at North Heath near Ninth street, at 3:45 Tuesday morning was, without question, caused by rats. There was no flue nor wiring anywhere near the spot where the blaze started, between the inner and outer walls, between two studding and above the window plate. The department answered promptly and only a few square feet of the outside was burned.

The firemen reached up, after the blaze was out, and pulled a rats nest from the hall.

Mr. Dunn said the damage which might run from \$100 to \$200 was covered by insurance. The blaze burned part of the inside wall and filled the home with smoke.

Alfred Roberts' Parole Revoked

In circuit court on Tuesday this week Judge Dal M. King revoked the parole, granted last June 7 to Alfred Roberts. He had been sentenced at that time to six months in the county jail for issuing bad checks. Sheriff Howell took him into custody Tuesday and he is to serve out his sentence. More bad checks and other misconducts caused the parole revocation.

Ernest Albert Clark, the same day, waived grand jury investigation and pleaded guilty to the non-support charge which had been filed against him. He was sentenced to a year in the pen.

Hal Clark Expects To Drill For Oil On Marsters Tract

Hal R. Clark, Los Angeles attorney, who has been greatly interested in the possible oil development in Coos county, left for Portland and then home last Saturday after being here for a couple of weeks, but intends returning in another two weeks when he expects to start another well on the Marster's tract across and up the river.

Mr. Clark has a drilling outfit near Sureka in California and will start a well down in the Humboldt county district where the geological formations indicate gas and oil, may be found as well as the hole he is going to drill here in Coos county.

County Bar Assn. Annual Meeting To Be In North Bend

The annual meeting of the Coos County Bar Association is to be held this month in North Bend and President H. A. Slack has appointed John G. Mullen, Harold Olsen, and Ben C. Flaxel as the committee to arrange for the banquet and program.

S. H. Donsted Buys E. L. Vinton House on Coulter

The E. L. Vinton residence on South Coulter street was sold last week by J. S. Barton, realtor, to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Donsted, who have occupied the house for the past several years.

Boy Scouts Pot-Luck Dinner Feb. 13

Plans for the huge Boy Scouts pot-luck dinner and program for all scouting families and friends of scouting, to be held at the Coquille Community Building on Sunday, Feb. 13, are progressing satisfactorily, according to reports from all committees working in the interest of the project. If you are interested in the welfare of boys, try to make your plans to bring the whole family to this meeting. Let's make this day a "red letter day" for the boys and at the same time, by your attendance, express your appreciation of the men who are devoting hours of their time to the welfare of our boys.

After the pot-luck dinner, a top notch program will be presented. If it is impossible for you to attend the dinner at 1:30 p. m., plan to attend the program which will start at 2:30 p. m. Below are listed the essential details covering the entire program as outlined by the Program Committee. If you wish more information, address E. W. Alborn, Box 1, Coquille, or phone Coquille 17.

Date: Sunday, February 13, 1944. Time: Dinner to commence following invocation, promptly at 1:30 p. m. Place: Community Hall in Coquille. Cost: There will be a nominal charge of 10c for each person attending the dinner. This is to defray the cost of transporting tables, preparing programs, janitor service, etc.

Who Is Invited: The entire Scouting family! That means: 1. Scouts, and Cubs, their fathers, mothers and entire families. 2. All Scouters and their families. 3. Everyone interested in Scouts and their activities.

Food: All food is to be prepared and served on a "pot-luck" basis. Hot coffee but not cream and sugar will be furnished.

What Is The Program: We guarantee that it will be a top notch program in every respect—but we are not ready to announce the details. It will include music, presentation of awards, a Court of Honor for all Scouts in the two districts, a head-line speaker, etc. Leave the program to us—we will see that it is tops.

Precipitation Now Totals 22.25 Inches

Total precipitation in Coquille, since the start of the weather fiscal year, September 1, stands at 22 1/4 inches this morning.

While it apparently rained quite a little yesterday the gauge this morning only showed .43 of an inch since the Wednesday morning reading which showed .99 for the preceding 24 hours. Other larger readings, comparatively, for the past two weeks were: .52 on Jan. 17, .99 on Jan. 23, .74 on the 24th, .39 on the 25th and .21 on Feb. 2.

There were 13 days in January on which there was no rain of a measurable quantity.

"Crater Lake" To Be Launched At Swan Island Friday

Crater Lake National Park will be honored Friday, February 4th, at 11:30 a. m. at the launching of Swan Island's 51st Tanker, the S. S. "CRATER LAKE." The ship will be sponsored by Mrs. Preston C. Hiefield, wife of the assistant superintendent of the erection department at Swan Island, and the Guest of Honor will be Miss Jean Steele, of Medford, representing the Crater Lake National Park. Miss Steele is the daughter of the late Will Steele, for many years Chief Forester in the National Park, and often-times called the "Father of Crater Lake."

Raymond Clapper Killed In The Marshalls Invasion

The radio this morning brought the news that another newspaper war correspondent, Raymond Clapper, whose articles and broadcasts have been as interesting as any of the present-day writers and commentators, was shot down and killed during the past week's invasion of the Marshall Islands.

Might Have Seen His Shadow Just Before Sunset

If the ground hog was out all day yesterday—either solar or F. D. R. time—he could have seen his shadow about 6:30 last evening, but only for a few moments. Let's hope that he retired to his burrow before that time and that spring is approaching!

Readjustments At H.S. Due To Vacancies Have Been Made

Supt. B. W. Dunn has been a pretty busy man the past ten days. Last week he had to drive the school bus for several days because the regular driver was sick, and this week, with the help of students after 8 o'clock, he has had to be high school janitor. Frank F. Schram has been down with intestinal flu.

As reported yesterday that adjustments in the teaching force have been pretty well worked out. Wayne Smith has taken over the high school band leadership in addition to performing the same service at junior high.

Another portion of Harold Withnell's music activities has been assumed by Mrs. Thora Watson who will conduct the high school chorus work, and Alice Lafferty will handle the Junior high chorus work. Mrs. Ellen Arrell has been engaged to take over the work which Mr. Smith and Mrs. Lafferty had to give up in junior high when he took over the music instruction program.

Mrs. Cecil Finley, the former Evelyn Gano, has helped two days in the Commercial department of the high school since Mrs. Helen Ayres left, and Mrs. Idyl Godard has been engaged for the rest of this year as instructor in that high school department.

Red Devils At North Bend Feb. 4

The Coquille Red Devils basketball squad journeys to North Bend Friday, Feb. 4, to meet the second place Bulldog team in a double header, the B squad game starting at seven o'clock.

Next Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Red Devils will be hosts to the Myrtle Point Bobcats on the local gym floor. This also will be a double header and the B squad game will start at seven o'clock.

Coach Leslie, who had hopes of winning one of the last three home games, is still hopeful that his proteges will be able to ring up at least one victory during the next week.

New Grocery To Open February 11

Repairs on the old Dillard Market building on Front street have been nearly completed by W. Weston and Fred Burks, who hope to open the grocery under the same name as it was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Peterson, on Friday of next week. The new roof, floor, foundations, etc., have made the building look almost like new and the painting, shelving and display tables will make the interior a very attractive place.

State Tax Commission Deputy To Be Here February 17-18

A deputy from the State Tax Commission office in Salem will be in Coos county the latter part of February to assist taxpayers who may wish to consult in regard to their state income tax reports.

He will be at the city hall, Coquille, on Feb. 17-18, at Marshfield, Feb. 19 to 26 inclusive, and at the North Bend city hall Feb. 28. Residents of other towns will have to call at one of these three sites in order to confer with the deputy.

Chamber of Commerce To Meet Next Week, Feb. 8

The board of directors of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce did not meet on Tuesday this week because the Coffee Shop dining room was closed. President Oerdig says the meeting will be held next Tuesday, Feb. 8, and if the Coffee Shop is still closed the meeting will be in the evening at the city hall.

The Coffee Shop was closed due to Mrs. Menning's illness.

Rev. L. C. Persing Named On Church State Board

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Persing attended the state convention of the Assemblies of God at Eugene this past week. The friends of the Persings will be pleased to know that Mr. Persing was elected by the convention to the state board of nine Presbyters to represent the church and care for its business between sessions and arrange for its conventions and special gatherings.