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Oregon Loses Most Influential Citizen Last Week

The following tribute to Oregon's Senator McNary was written by Congressman Harris Ellsworth in Washington last week after news of the senator's unexpected demise last Friday reached the national capital.

Funeral services, to be held at the state capitol in Salem on Friday, are to be attended by a delegation of twenty-three senators and representatives who came west from Washington to pay their last respects to one whom they honored, respected and loved for his outstanding attributes.

Charles McNary had been a power in the nation's legislative halls for years and his sincerity and honesty had won him as great a respect from those of the opposing political faith as his own Republican friends and constituents felt for him. He had served as Oregon senator for 28 years.

Congressman Ellsworth's tribute follows:

Washington, D. C., February 26, 1944—The news of the death of Senator McNary yesterday afternoon was a great shock. We had been hearing encouraging reports which seemed to indicate a complete recovery. Then, suddenly comes this announcement with its awful finality—and subject to no revision or reconsideration.

I had been acquainted with Senator McNary for many years. But it was not until I became a member of Oregon's delegation in Congress that I really came to know the Senator. He was truly a great man—a statesman, amazingly keen of mind, kindly and good humored.

The loss to Oregon and to the nation is great indeed. This would be true at any time, but now, when able and experienced leadership is so needed, the passing of Senator McNary is a serious blow. The Senator knew the intricate Senate rules and was always on hand to clarify problems and straighten out tangles of procedure. His facility for sharp and lucid explanations of complicated measures was remarkable.

Leader of the Republican members of the Senate, Senator McNary had the full confidence of members of the opposition. He was liked and admired by every member of the Senate. In fact, I am sure it is no slight exaggeration to say that Senator McNary was the most loved and highly respected member of the entire Congress. Only three members of the Senate have served in that body longer than Senator McNary.

When the President sent his caustic and critical message to Congress with his veto of the tax bill, he touched off a time bomb—the explosion of which has doubtless been heard around the world. The Congress, for the most part, is made up of red-blooded American men and women who were simply bound to resent the unwarranted attack made upon them by the Chief Executive. That the veto would be over-riden was a foregone conclusion from the moment the message was made public.

Sensational enough of itself the veto message precipitated high drama in the Senate climaxed by the resignation of Senator Barkley as majority leader. Yesterday and today I have talked with several Senators and Representatives who have heretofore been ardent followers of the President who say they are completely disillusioned and "washed up." Experienced news men who have been covering the news of the Capitol for many years tell me they can see no possibility of the President patching up this break with his followers in Congress.

Most people here seem to be honestly puzzled by the President's action. Why, they ask, does he create a condition of open warfare between the two branches of government when national unity and as much domestic tranquility as possible is necessary when the country is at war.

Library To Benefit By Rummage Sale

The Coquille Woman's Club asks all friends of the City Library to assist in donations for the rummage sale, which starts in the Purkey corner room, Saturday, March 4. Contributions may be left at the library, through Friday, after which time they may be taken direct to the sale room. On March 11 in the same place there will be a cooked food sale. The entire proceeds will go to the library.

Elaine Gray To Be Army Nurse

Miss Elaine Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gray, who has been at college and in nurse's training for the past five and one-half years, graduated last Monday morning as a trained nurse at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, and then came home for a month's vacation. In April and May she will be on the Good Samaritan Hospital staff, in the emergency ward, and the first of June will join the Army Nurse Corps, with a commission as second lieutenant. From then on she will be stationed wherever the Army officials believe she is most needed.

Miss Elaine graduated from Coquille High in 1938 and attended Albany College for a year, was then at the University of Oregon for a year and for the past three years and a half has been at the hospital in Portland. Mrs. Gray went up to Portland last Thursday night to be present at the graduation exercises Monday morning and she and Elaine arrived back here Tuesday morning.

Rainfall Still Under 28 Inches

Rain in the Coquille Valley is still a rather scarce item, the precipitation for the past week being only 1.46 inches, which brings the weather's fiscal year report, since Sept. 1, to 27.86 inches, which is considerably below the average for March 1.

Last Friday morning's measurement showed .52 of an inch, Monday morning's, .44, and Wednesday morning's, .33.

There was a very light fall of snow, which melted as it fell, Sunday afternoon and again that night there was a little snow here in town. On the hills there was a heavier fall than in the valley but it did not last long either.

World Day of Prayer Observed Friday

About fifty representatives of the several Coquille churches were present last Friday afternoon for observation of the World Day of Prayer held at 2:30 p. m. at the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Chas. Stauff, leader, was in charge. A generous offering was taken, which goes towards the four projects of the United Council of Church Women. They are: Christian Literature in Foreign Fields, Christian Colleges in Foreign Fields, Work among negroes and migrants and work among students in U. S. Indian schools.

At Fairview Church March 8 and 9

Attention is called to the meetings to be held in the church at Fairview, next Wednesday and Thursday, March 8-9, and the reader is asked to note the write-up of what the program of music and speaking is to be, in the first item under the Fairview Notes head; also the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. W. J. Wheeler, who is pastor of the church there, has secured Tasker L. and Lorene Brooks to present this sacred musical concert.

Draft Evader Being Held For The F.B.I.

Only three names appear on the blotter at the sheriff's office the past week. Willie E. Johnson, of Bunker Hill, was picked up on Tuesday for failure to answer his Selective Service call and is being held for the F.B.I.

Allen Rood Northup and Phil A. Weimer, Jr., two boys who had escaped from the state reform school, where picked up at the Bay last Saturday. An officer from the institution came down to get Weimer on Wednesday, but Northup was released on condition that he would return to his parents in Idaho.

Lee Osborne To Open Cigar Store In Near Future

Lee Osborne has taken a lease on the corner room of the B. L. Tracy building, formerly the W. O. W. building, and as soon as he can get it thoroughly renovated, the plumbing installed and the necessary carpenter work done, he will open a cigar store and card room. He has the fixtures purchased and when they are installed he will have a very fine place. Soft drinks only will be served—no beer.

This is the room vacated last week by Abe Roberts, across Taylor street east from the bank.

Let's Give
RED CROSS
WAR FUND

Red Cross Drive Going Well, But It Is Still Short

The year 1944, more than ever before, should find generous support of the work which the Red Cross is doing, both at home and overseas, and in order that this support will really measure up to the needs, those who plan to contribute should think seriously, not so much of their own sacrifices, but of the help they are giving to others who are giving so much of themselves in this war.

The drive for funds began yesterday and the response shown thus far would indicate that people are fully aware of their responsibility to reach the goal for the Coquille area, which has been set at \$5200. While it is still too early to announce any substantial sum collected, the gifts received to date would indicate that the quota is not too high. With the solicitation of the business district almost completed, and resulting in a good increase in giving, it remains for the residential and outlying areas to make sure that the drive is a success.

It might be well to emphasize again that this drive is not one for membership in the Red Cross. Individual gifts should be greater than a dollar or two dollars.

Geo. F. Burr set a mark for all the rest of us to shoot at when he wrote a check, payable to the Red Cross, yesterday for an even hundred dollars.

The Rev. R. L. Greene has announced that Bob Stewart will act as treasurer for the Red Cross War Fund and all solicitors should make their reports to him.

Revolt Of Congress A Surprise To The President

Whether the refusal of the democratic members of the U. S. congress to continue as a rubberstamp body for F. D. R., as shown by the overriding of his veto of the tax bill last week, will change the president's plans as to a fourth term, remains to be seen. At any rate it has stirred up more agitation and excitement in Washington than anything that has happened since Pearl Harbor, and it is possible that the hand-writing on the wall is so plain that even the egotism of a precedent-breaking president will see that it is time to bow out.

A Dinner To Celebrate School District's Freedom From Debt

A dinner to celebrate the school district's cancellation of all indebtedness is to be held in the Presbyterian church dining room at Myrtle Point Friday evening this week. The invitations were extended by the board of directors for Myrtle Point School District No. 41, and the Myrtle Point Union High School District No. 2. The city of Myrtle Point has been free from debt for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kester, of the Igloo Market, spent the week-end out in the Willamette valley, at Eugene and Junction City.

Oregon Politics To Be Warm

It begins to look more and more as though Oregon will face the duty next November of electing two United States senators as well as a governor.

The latest from Salem and Portland indicates that Gov. Snell may resign as governor at once, which would automatically place President of the Senate W. H. Stigler in the gubernatorial chair, and that the latter would then appoint Gov. Snell as U. S. senator to succeed the late Chas. McNary. If this happens Earl Snell will be a candidate at the May primaries for the republican nomination for senator and a most probable candidate at the November election for that office.

Wayne Morse is to contend with Senator Rufus Holman for the latter's toga, and should Gov. Snell resign at once, the May primaries will see both republican and democratic candidates in the race for nomination for governor.

Whether Gov. Snell resigns at once or not, it is practically certain that he will enter the May primaries as a candidate for U. S. senator. And considering the spectacular race he made for the governorship two years ago he will be a mighty hard man for anyone in the state to beat, either in May or November.

Rev. J. T. Lewis of Marshfield Is Guild Speaker

Rev. J. Thomas Lewis, from the Emanuel Episcopal Church in Marshfield, was a visitor Wednesday afternoon when the St. James' Guild held its regular weekly meeting. His talk was especially suited for the Lenten season. His subject, "Reality in the Religious Life," touched on the real benefits of worship, prayer and holy communion. Rev. Robt. Greene spoke before the members of the Marshfield Guild on Wednesday and returned in time to look in on the Coquille meeting. He said there was a good attendance in Marshfield as was the case here.

Mr. Greene and Mr. Lewis are planning exchange services later on at which time Mr. Lewis plans to bring his Junior choir to Coquille. Mrs. L. H. Hazard and Mrs. Hale Eubanks were hostesses for the afternoon. About twenty-three attended.

Divorce Case All There Was For Opening February Term

Judge Dal M. King granted a divorce in circuit court on Monday, the first day of the February term of Circuit court, and for which there was not another case ready for trial. According to County Clerk Oddy this is the second time since he has been in the clerk's office that there was no criminal case set for trial.

The divorce was to Fay Caranchini, separating her from Louis Caranchini.

Schools Sell \$90,273.50

The schools in Coos county went very much over the quota which was set in the 4th War Loan Drive. According to the reports which have been filed with the county school superintendent, the schools bought or sold \$90,273.50. The quota which had been set up was \$23,914.00.

Secretary of State Here Thursday

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, and Wm. Dashney, a former Marshfield attorney who is now in the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office, were Coquille visitors last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Farrell said that all Oregon men in the service will have an opportunity to vote at this fall's election if the army will see that the ballots are delivered to the men and are returned after they are marked. According to instructions given by the last legislature the election of officials will accept army affidavits in lieu of registration.

Mr. Farrell also said that notwithstanding decreased gasoline revenue to the state because of gas rationing for automobiles, the increase of commercial vehicle operations insures that about \$21,000,000 will be turned over to the state highway commission for the past two-year period, where the previous biennium payment was \$26,000,000.

The secretary of state also said that the penitentiary, where the number of inmates is down, is the only state institution which does not show an upward surge in population.

A WAVE Talks Here Today



Petty Officer Ivy Quale of the WAVES who will outline new features of this women's service of the U. S. Navy in Coquille today, March 2, at the temporary WAVES recruiting headquarters here at The Coquille Hotel.

Junior Women Make Two Fine Reports

The Junior Women's Club met last Monday evening at the Parish Hall, with the president, Dorothy Harris, presiding. A report by the treasurer gave the amount of \$437.63 as netted over and above expenses at the President's Ball. This was turned over to the fund for infantile paralysis. Vic McBride, local chairman for sale of Christmas seals, reported over \$800 received so far.

Plans for the dance to be given March 18 were discussed.

Motion pictures in color of the logging industry in Oregon were shown by Jim Bunch. The pictures were taken at Benham & Laird's and at Kline's camps.

Geraldine Oerding, accompanied by Shirley Slater, sang two numbers, "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There," and "If You Please."

Members attending were: Dorothy Harris, Ardith Sherwood, Yvonne Marineau, Marie Carlson, Jean Bryan, Marion Adams, Bernice Molthau, Estelle Harbison, Ruth Creager, Marie Silvertown, Genevieve Robbins, Claudia Varney, Verna Earls, Mary Stevens, Lucille Walker and Beverly Price.

Philip Steven Holdren Is A Leap Year Baby

Phil Alborn reported Wednesday morning that he was now grandfather of a baby boy, who will have a birthday but once each four years. The youngster, who was born at the Myrtle Point hospital Tuesday evening, weighed 7 1/2 pounds and he has been named Philip Steven. His mother was formerly Evelyn Alborn and his father, Ed Holdren, is in the armed service in the South Pacific.

The Humphreys company, which started in a year or so ago to operate for chrome in the Seven Devils section, is shipping all its equipment to Florida, where it has a contract. The huge amount of machinery, which will fill 20 or 25 railroad cars, is being loaded at the Krome plant spur.

Coffee Shop To Re-open On Sunday, March 12

The Coquille Coffee Shop, in the hotel building is to be re-opened under its new management with special features for the dinner hour on Sunday, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Presnall came here from Portland on Monday and after conferring with Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Compton, signed a lease with the owners for the Coffee Shop.

Mrs. Presnall, who has had a great deal of experience in that line, will be chef (or should it be chefess?) in charge of the kitchen and Mr. Presnall will attend to the business and manage the front end of the establishment.

More recently Mrs. Presnall was in charge of the Post Exchange at the Army Base in Portland. Previous to coming west she had operated eating houses in Lincoln, Nebraska. As a young lady she worked in a newspaper office and at the time William Jennings Bryan ran for presidential nomination the last time, she was employed in his "Commoner" office in Lincoln.

The Presnalls have three sons in the service and a married daughter, Mrs. Gregg, who will be here to assist with the opening day festivities. The lessees of the Coffee Shop left Wednesday morning on their return to Portland but expect to be back early next week to get everything in readiness for the opening.

Mrs. Presnall expressed herself as being most favorably impressed with Coquille and its people, and Mrs. Compton expressed pleasure that they were able to induce Mr. and Mrs. Presnall to come to Coquille and go into business, and she is confident that the people here will be as sincerely convinced that the Coquille Coffee Shop is in good hands as she and Mr. Compton are.

Announcement of the opening day program will appear in next week's Sentinel.

Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet on Friday, March 3, from 1:15 to 4:15 p. m., at Guild Hall, to sew, knit, crochet and work on a wool-pieced quilt top for emergency use.

Most of the Navy knitting has been returned and it is asked that the small amount of remaining outstanding work be completed as soon as possible.

A large number of wash cloths for hospital use are solicited. Cut from old Turkish towels or new, 10 - 11 or 12 inch square, and colored crochet cotton for reinforcing the edges is needed. Also needed are the services of a few women to sew and cut out heavy wool scuff slippers. This item, too, is a much needed one at present.

Visitors at the last meeting were Mesdames E. Mattoon, R. L. Medley, W. P. Laws, L. P. Fugelson and Geo. Sherwood. Mrs. Frances Deltelsen called to inquire about sewing and knitting for the Roy Mothers club. Miss Jessie Sherwood is thanked for a generous amount of bright colored yarn.

Mrs. J. R. Bunch, in charge of surgical dressings, reports that 6,199 dressings have been made by her workers during the month of February and that up the present 38,101 have been made and sent to Coos county headquarters. The following workers have now completed their 50 hours of this work: Mesdames Lena Harmon, Gertrude Lorenz, Ada Moore, Catherine Norton, Viola Norton, Neita Oddy, Nora Rosa and Leila Zentner.

The government is now asking for 80,000,000 dressings per month and Mrs. Bunch says she will welcome more workers.

New Field Man With Swift & Co. Here

Clarence E. Nelson, who comes from the company's plant in Bruning, Nebr., arrived here this week to take the position of field man for the Swift & Co. plant here. He succeeds Norman Lyman, who left the company last fall to join a tire manufacturer force. Mr. Nelson was accompanied by Mrs. Nelson and their daughter.

Operetta At Washington School

The operetta, "The Land of Dreams Come True," to be given by the Washington school pupils, is progressing nicely and the many characters of the cast are now being selected.