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A GREAT MANY FATHERS IN THIS LIST OF SELECTEES SENT TUESDAY

Two Greyhound buses from Coquille were filled Tuesday afternoon with 110 selectees—to a large extent fathers—who left Marshfield that evening to take their physical examination in Portland this week-end for acceptance or rejection as members of the United States armed forces. There were more than 110 in the Coquille board call but some went in private conveyances and others were to report from elsewhere. The list of those called, as submitted by the Coquille Valley Selective Service board, were as follows:

Kenneth Wayne Miller, Coquille. John Henry Bowman, Bandon, Ore. Norman Marion Ricketts, Marshfield. George Seth Isaac, Reedsport, Ore. Craig Edward Heath, Remote, Ore. Clyde Equard Crawford, No. Bend. Berlyn Chester Huntley, Myrtle Pt. William Arthur Metzker, Roseburg. Charles Fredon Day, Baltimore, Md. Roy Eugene Candler, Auburn, Wn. Lyle Arthur Wood, McCloud, Calif. Marion R. Clayton, Coquille, Ore. James Edmond Norton, Coquille. Lloyd George Hunt, Bandon, Ore. Herman Arthur Ellingsen, Klamath Falls, Oregon. John Craig Ferrott, Coquille, Ore. Wm. Oliver Hull, Sweet Home, Ore. Raymond Eugene McLeod, Port Orford, Ore. Walter Melvin Burrell, Coquille. Vernon Edward Heintzelman, Coq. Henry Adam Johnson, Portland, Ore. Clifford Crump, Port Orford, Ore. Albert Edward Lively, Bandon, Ore. Edward Carl Radloff, Sutherlin, Ore. Jas. Franklin Thurman, Burns, Ore. LeVerne Arthur McCus, Coquille. Louis Robt. Detwiler, Reeding, Cal. Robert Edell Bryant, Coquille, Ore. Ernest Clifford Hartley, Coquille. David Ira Duncan, Bandon, Ore. Raymond Maxwell Mullin, Coq. Donald Rupert Knox, Bandon. Dallas Roy Driskill, Bandon, Ore. Floyd Allen King, Powers, Ore. George Everett Slagle, Myrtle Pt. Theodore James Miller, Myrtle Pt. Roy Carl Davidson, Coquille, Ore. Clarence Raymond Grant, Gaylord. Harold Morris Blum, Coquille, Ore. Charles Grant Hartwell, Riverton. Elmo Leon Bowby, Fairview, Ore. Charles Edward Sickels, Leland, Or. Wade Manley Matney, Coquille. Paul Ross Rudin, Vancouver, Wn. Preston Monroe Stimpall, Coquille. Charley Henry Stump, Coquille. Voyle Cardwell Perry, Bandon. Columbus Oren Foote, Newport, Or. Wesley Halbert Jarvis, Bandon, Ore. Walter Vernon Garoutte, Bandon. Frank Allen Morris, Bandon. Arthur Truman Richardson, Coq. Ernest Reed Smith, Coquille, Ore. Francis Leon Edwards, Coquille. Earl Edward LaBranch, Coquille. LeRoy Zern Swinney, Coquille. Carl Louis Evans, Bandon. Harrison Russel Godard, Coquille. George Edwin Stovall, Marshfield. Clifford William Thorn, Bandon. Roland Yantis Syfert, Arago. Leonard Deloss Evernden, Bridge. Ronald Glen Grant, Prineville, Or. Melvin Levi Giles, Coquille, Ore. Elton Ashton Schroeder, Myrtle Pt. Bliss Langstaff Ward, Bandon, Or. Robert Deloss Oehelre, Myrtle Pt. Elsworth Addison Huff, Bandon. LeNorme Jasper Pownder, Coquille. Arlyn Dale Elliott, Myrtle Point. Richard Lawrence Daughtry, Coq. Fred Franklin Riley, Jr., Bandon. Carl Lossen Liday, Coquille, Ore. Willard Bufford Hubbard, Coquille. Richard Summers, Coquille. Paul Jacob Stibitz, Myrtle Point. Theodore Dornath, Marshfield. Robert M. Fish, Coquille. Oliver Lee Crumb, Hollywood, Cal. Donald Haines Farr, Coquille, Ore. Lloyd Aneel King, Myrtle Point. Robert Lloyd Tennant, Coquille. Morse Archy Stonecypher, Coquille. Allan William King, Jr., Powers. Harry Kenneth Howell, Myrtle Pt. Jeff Walter Shinn, Sumner, Ore. Leland Edward Winegar, Seattle, W. Alfred Lee Daniels, Coquille, Or. Donald Kirk Painter, North Bend. Walter August Moore, Coquille, Or. Leg Louis Pratt, Myrtle Point, Or. Harvey Dale Myers, Arago, Ore. Elbert Madison Griffin, Coquille. Kenneth Delos Barkdoll, Gaylord. Harris Neil Christensen, Everett. Vern Alan Bailey, Coquille. Robert Sperry James, Myrtle Pt. Ernest Elmer Wold, Bullards, Ore. Lynden Edgar Levison, Reno, Nev. Ivan Jesse Robison, Arago, Ore. Glenn Wesley Greer, Myrtle Point. Albert Montag Menning, Coquille. Merrill Hills Perkins, Langlois, Or. Gordon Panter Gibson, Bandon. Eugene LeRoy Buslon, Coquille. Lloyd Curtis Sharp, Bandon. Guy Winford Ralph, Myrtle Point.

Jesse Neal Conn, Bandon, Ore. Edward Elvin Stevenson, Coquille. Jack Clinton Parson, Coquille. Robert James Nichols, Myrtle Point. Richard LeRoy Clayton, Bridge. John Neal Haines, Albany, Ore. Sherman Aldrich Morris, Roseburg. Joseph Albert Salisbury, Seattle, W. Herman Oden Nelson, Sweet Home. Wm. B. Chastain, Juneau, Alaska. Wm. Albert Goodwin, Cardiff, Cal. Clifton Vernon Davidson, Albany. Sanford Hugh Anderson, Bremerton, Wn.

Walter Lee Addison, Dunsmuir, Cal. Orville Charnel Peck Beaveron, Or. Carl Ellis Meacham, San Diego, Cal. Karl Francis Kiger, Eugene, Ore. Lawrence Albert Gardner, Brainard, Minnesota. James Clave Walsh, Myrtle Point. Elbert Otto Eichler, Marshfield, Or. Raymond Paxton, Reedsport, Ore. James Elmer Davis, Santa Ana, Cal. Orville Ebner Andrews, Coquille. Myrl Thomas Nowlin, Tillamook. Wilbur David Martin, Albany, Or. Louis Jefferson Capps, Coquille. Dale Hughes Thurman, Seattle, W. Willard Preston Lay, Powers, Ore. Robert Harold Lewis, Sweet Home. James Edward Moore Sweet Home. Jephtha Thomas Hunt, Sweet Home. Donald Guy Shore, Corvallis, Ore. Edgar Alexander Wagner, National City, Calif.

Thomas Aaron Quesnoy, Portland. Merle Levern Castle, Coquille. Paul Roy Roberts, Lynwood, Calif. Ralph Henry Fellows, North Bend. Eric Joseph Schwans Culesac, Ida. Chester Dyle Embree, Dallas, Ore. Elton Eugene Salisbury, Albany. Albert Herman Mannellin, Coquille. Carroll S. Rycraft, Grants Pass, Or. Michael Edward Snyder, Chiloquin, Oregon.

Norris Curtis Kemp, Riverton, Ore. Alva Marvin Perkins, Coquille, Or. Burney Earl Tennison, Coquille. Allen Leroy Stanley, Myrtle Point. Robert Emmett McGee, Jr., Arago. Marion Alonzo Glesson, Myrtle Pt. Ivan Guilbert Cook, Bandon, Ore. Glenn Milton Story, Coquille, Ore. Henry Milton Harris, Coquille. Ora Verge Clark, Coquille, Ore. Eugene Earl Elsworth, Powers, Ore. Ole Moody, Marshfield, Ore. Ted Balcom, Coquille, Oregon. William Alexander Sharp, Coquille. Gordon Charles Ashenfeiter, Coq. Gerald Bernard Sponkel, Coquille. James H. Bellinger, Coquille. Blaine Woodrow Mason, Bridge, Or. Frederick George Haase, Coquille.

Coquille Valley Boys Enlist In Navy

For the third time in eight months the Portland navy recruiting district, of which southwestern Oregon is a part, has been awarded "E" pennant for turning in the best all-around performance among the nine main stations of the ninth naval recruiting district, stated Chief Specialist Paul H. Connet of the Marshfield navy recruiting station, who was here Monday.

This made the third time Portland has won the award and Salt Lake City has won it five times, those two cities outclassing all the other centers on the coast—Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Phoenix in Arizona. Several Coquille Valley boys were enlisted during the month and they helped materially in swelling the total volume to winning proportions.

The Marshfield Navy Recruiting Station which covers the Coquille area as well as the rest of Coos County and Curry County placed first among the stations in Oregon in the percentage of recruits enlisted during the month. The percentages are figured on total population of the area covered by the sub-station.

Among the men enlisted through this sub-station during March are the following from the Coquille Valley area: Shirley Lee Sharp, Powers; Woodrow Houston Howell, Coquille; Ben Frank Howe, Coquille; Harold Cecil Bresler, Bandon; Jay Lee Hess, Bandon; Leonard Carl Humenyk, Coquille; George Frederick Cox, Star Route, Bandon; Thomas Watson Perkins, Myrtle Point; Dean Raymond Epperson, Myrtle Point; Lloyd E. Maulding, McKinley.

Mr. Connet stated that Coquille leads all the other towns in the county in the number of Wave enlistments, there being six from here who have joined this Navy woman organization.

Mrs. R. L. Stewart was able to leave the Mast Hospital and return home on Tuesday this week.

May Be 11,000. Voters Registered

County Clerk Oddy estimates that there will be possibly 11,000 names on the county's registration lists for next month's primary election. Although the books were closed on Tuesday reports from registrars over the county are not yet all in.

In May last year there were 9,430 names on the books after the removal of names of those who had not voted for two years.

On the books at the last election, in November, 1942, there were registered 5,865 Republicans, 7,340 Democrats, 150 Independents, 25 Socialists, and 40 others, making a total of 13,421.

If the clerk's estimate is correct there will be more than 2,000 fewer names this year than there were two years ago of those eligible to vote.

Year's Rainfall Now 37.56 Inches

Yesterday and last night's heavy rainfall of 1.37 inches brought the total for the weather fiscal year, since left Sept. 1, up to 37.56 inches, and from the weather conditions this morning, the Coquille valley may yet have its average precipitation of 60 or 65 inches.

The farmers on the lowlands are hoping there will not be the usual flood in the valley and fruit men are discouraged about this year's crop, the sleet storms having knocked off many blossoms and, more than that, pollinization cannot be effected when the blossoms are wet.

For the past week the rain gauge measured, at the morning readings: Friday .68 inch, Saturday .33, Sunday .63, Monday .04, Tuesday .33, Wednesday .17, Thursday 1.37 inches.

Lions Club Features Pan Americanism

The Coquille Lions Club observed Pan-American Day at their Thursday luncheon by sponsoring an exhibition of Latin American flags and costumes, which is the result of a sixth grade project prepared as an interest motive in study of Latin America.

Superintendent B. W. Dunn introduced Mrs. Alice Lafferty and her pupils who brought the display. Barbara Slater was chairman of the school pupils and explained the collection. There were silk flags of each South and Central American republics. They had been made by boys in the class.

Costumed dolls, representing each country added interest and color to the display and these were the work of the girls. Other pupils on the program were Shirley Ann Brown, Nancy Godard, Joe Berg, Jack Sisk, and Edward Peterson. Each gave some interesting facts about our Latin American neighbors and of our interdependence with them.

A. B. Collier Sells Home Here To Carl E. Morrison

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Collier are spending this week in Roseburg, where "Pats" has had considerable employment for the past year in auditing the books of municipalities, school districts, etc., in Douglas county.

There will be an enlarged amount of work for him the coming year and the Colliers recently sold their place of about an acre and the house, overlooking the Myrtle Point highway just south of town to Coquille's new school superintendent for next year, Carl E. Morrison, who will move his family here from North Bend after the Colliers move to Roseburg in June.

It will be a real breaking of ties for them as they have lived on that spot for the past 31 years.

Draft Call Causes Post Office Changes

The Coquille post office lost two of its long-time male employees Tuesday, Marion Clayton and Walter Moore, who left for Portland that day to take their preliminary selective service examination. Mrs. Ivy Plieth is to be advanced to the position Mr. Clayton had, provided he is accepted for service, and Mrs. Ernest Wardrip who has been extra in the office for the past month, takes the substitute position Mrs. Plieth had.

Mrs. Alice Allen takes over the carrier route which Mr. Moore has handled for some years.

July 4th Planning Meeting To Be Held This Evening

A general meeting of all Coquille organizations and those interested in a 4th of July celebration in Coquille this year, has been called by Geo. E. Gerding, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to be held in the city hall at 7:30 this (Thursday) evening.

This meeting is the result of the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors, in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, when the dates of July 2, 3 and 4 were selected for the celebration. A queen contest, with a somewhat different set-up from that of last year is contemplated, and the meeting this evening is for the purpose of outlining plans for the celebration and naming committees to have charge of arranging all details.

The directors at the Tuesday meeting went on record as favoring the establishment of a community hospital for Coquille and vicinity and Geo. E. Gerding appointed a committee, consisting of Geo. A. Ulett, Dr. R. F. Milne, Dr. J. D. Rankin and Judge L. D. Felsheim to begin work on a campaign to secure one. The inclusion of Judge Felsheim was with the made a county affair.

The directors also discussed the need for a folder giving publicity to Coquille and the valley. There is a constant demand for such reading material from people all over the United States who are looking toward Oregon and thinking of settling here and it has been several years since the Coquille chamber issued such a pamphlet or folder.

The decision was that Coquille should issue a smaller one and that efforts be made to have a larger one prepared and issued by all the cities in the county, or the Coos County Chamber of Commerce, which would fit in with the county's rehabilitation program after the war.

Coos Co. Schools To Receive \$95,033.77

County Treasurer Stauff this week received two checks from the Secretary of State, for school purposes which will be split up and remitted to the various school districts next month when remittance is made to the district of moneys received in the April tax payment. These will be on orders from the County School Superintendent.

One of the checks received was for \$71,146.64 and it was from the State School Support Fund for the second half of the 1943-44 school year, and is the school's share of the state income tax.

The other check was the State Elementary School fund remittance, also the second half of the 1943-44 year, and was for \$23,887.13. It is reported that 28 school districts in Coos county last year did not have to make any special levy for school purposes because of similar state remittances.

S. D. No. 8 Names Budget Committee

At the meeting of Coquille's school board last week the budget committee was appointed which will consist of Dr. C. A. Rietman, Mrs. J. A. Berg, H. A. Slack, Mrs. R. A. Jeub and Don Gillespie, who will act with the directors in preparing the budget for next year. Alternates named were L. W. Claver and D. E. Rackleff.

A contract was ordered sent to Mrs. Breedlove in Portland, who will be a primary teacher in the Washington building. It calls for an annual salary of \$1670. Mrs. Breedlove has been teaching in the North Bend schools.

Another contract approved was with Miss Madeline McKeown as a high school teacher at a salary of \$1800, and to conform to the standard of pay now in force, the salary of another high school teacher, Miss Lolea Peterson, was increased to \$1800.

The board voted to retain Wayne Smith as Junior High principal and as director for both the C. H. S. and Junior High bands at an annual salary of \$2700.

Mrs. L. H. Hazard left Sunday for Portland to attend the Episcopal Guild state sessions there this week. She accompanied Rev. Robt. L. Greene, who went to attend the session of Episcopal clergy.

May Day Dance On Friday, April 28

The Coquille Woman's Club annual May Day Festival and Dance is to be held on Friday evening of next week, April 28.

The reason for advancement of this always successful and colorful affair is that the orchestra or orchestras sought are not available for Saturday evening, and the club's president, Mrs. O. C. Sanford, said they had no other choice than that of selecting the Friday evening date.

Medford Fuller's Dance Band, which made such a hit when it played here for the recent Junior Prom dance, will furnish the music.

The dance will, of course, be held in the Community Building and there will be 160 in Queen Winifred's retinue when she, the princesses, and their escorts, enter the auditorium at nine o'clock. The crowning by Mayor Wood will follow the procession's circling of the hall and dancing will follow that.

Admission to the hall will be 65 cents for adults, 25 cents for children, including tax.

Four Million Feet Of Logs Come Out

The East Fork got high enough last week that about four million feet of fir logs, from the Laird, Benham & Laird camp, were driven down and are now being cut at the Smith plant mill, thus obviating for a time at least the necessity of trucking logs in from the Sutherlin section. There are still about three million feet above the Abernethy place on the East Fork, which cannot come out until there is still higher water up there.

900 Pounds Clothing In Salvage Drive

Over 900 pounds of clothing was salvaged in the local drive recently completed by the salvage committee. The sorting, packing and shipping of this clothing to the Defense Supplies Corporation in Portland was done by local volunteer workers.

This is almost half a ton of clothing and is a fine local accomplishment for the short time that the drive was on and, coming as it did, at a time when most of the members of the community were laid up with influenza.

Geo. F. Burr, local salvage chairman, announces that he wants to take this occasion to thank all of the local citizens who participated in this fine work.

H. Matson Taken As Draft Dodger

Harold Matson, who formerly was manager here for a Marshfield-owned shop, was arrested at his home in Myrtle Point last week and held for the F. B. I., the charge being his failure to answer his Selective Service call.

Matson is a member of that organization which calls itself "Jehovah's Witnesses," which is a most un-patriotic organization, its opposition to war—no matter how justified that war may be—is one of the leading tenets of its beliefs. The members refuse to salute the flag under which they live, and a silly habit on the part of male members is their refusal to tip their hats to ladies.

Matson was one of the crew selling their publication on the streets here and in Myrtle Point, which high school boys of both cities tried to run out of town a few months ago.

Nokomis Turner, another draft evader, was arrested by the sheriff this week and both men were taken to Portland Wednesday morning by Deputy U. S. Marshal Leo McLain.

Officer Kills A Huge Hawk

Kenneth Tally, state police officer stationed here, has an unusually large chicken hawk which he will give to any taxidermist who wishes to mount it.

The bird has a wing spread of four feet, two inches, and he killed it in the vicinity of Riverton where others had seen it. It had a very vicious-looking beak and Mr. Tally said he had to shoot it the third time before it tumbled from its perch.

Jack Cooper made a business trip to Eugene on Tuesday this week.

Coquille To Start Financing Sewage Disposal Plant

The question of a Coquille sewage disposal plant came in for considerable discussion at the council session Monday evening and the final decision was to ask City Attorney Berg to prepare an ordinance on the subject and which will also provide how it shall be paid for, but it will not be by the issuance of interest-bearing bonds.

There is a state law, which the state health department is not yet trying to enforce which forbids the emptying of sewers or toilets into any stream in the state. As Portland is the worst offender along that line in the state the health department is not disposed to crack down on smaller communities and compel the installation of disposal plants until the Portland matter is settled and it may require a court case and judicial decision before the metropolis takes any action.

The Coquille council, however, wishes to be prepared to install a plant, after the war, if the courts rule that the law is constitutional, and is considering ways of financing such a project which City Surveyor Gearhart says usually costs about \$10 per inhabitant, or \$35,000 to \$40,000 for a city the size of Coquille.

One plan permitted under the state law for financing a disposal plant is a service charge on either water meters or sewer connections. Another, which can be set by the council without a vote of the people, is the levying of not to exceed five mills per annum for the purpose.

With a surplus of about \$10,000 in the water fund now, above that needed for bond retirement, the councilmen's thought was that a 25-cent service charge on water meters per month, would be matched by a 25, or 50, or 75 cent per month per meter, out of this surplus water fund, and the monthly accumulations placed in a sinking fund and earmarked specifically for sewer extensions and a disposal plant. The sewer extension idea was to enable the council to make use of the funds for needed city improvements or sewer extensions in case the disposal plant law should be knocked out in the

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Musical Program At Rotary Meeting

The program feature of the Rotary Club at its meeting at the hotel Wednesday was violin music by a quartette of Miss Muriel Dae's pupils, Geraldine Oerding, Ben Howe, Maurice and Ronnie Williams. Accompanied by Miss Dae at the piano they put on a performance that was almost equal to professional. Starting with a Slavonic dance number, they responded to enthusiastic encores with two other numbers.

Evan Alborn was present as a guest and read a copy of alleged minutes of a Rotary club meeting that was originally read at the Lions club dinner dance last Saturday.

It was announced that plans have all been completed for the Rotarian dinner dance at I.O.O.F. hall this Saturday evening.

Lloyd Wood, of Coquille, and Geo. Royer, of the Smith Wood-Products office in Portland were guests.

The recently elected president, J. S. Barton, is leaving this week-end with Henry Schroeder of Myrtle Point for the annual Rotary meeting in Vancouver, B. C.

J. A. Berg Appearing Before California R. R. Commission

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Berg left last Friday for San Francisco, where he was to appear before the California railroad commission in the hearing by that body on the Coos Electric Co-operative's offer and deal to purchase the electric company, which is now operating in Del Norte county and Crescent City. There is some opposition to the sale to the Coos Electric in Crescent City. One of these opponents is the Del Norte Triplicate, which is published by Jack Juss, who was employed on the Sentinel 30 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Berg were also intending to visit their daughters who are attending school in California.

Raymond D. Heina, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific and whose headquarters are in Albany, was a Coquille visitor Monday morning.