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Sen. Holman Did Not Mince Words In His Talk Here

"Franklin Delano Roosevelt was more responsible for Pearl Harbor than anyone in this country," was Senator Rufus Holman's declaration at the dinner meeting in the Coquille Coffee Shop last Thursday evening. Admiral Richardson, who had been in command of the fleet at Pearl Harbor, had given orders what to do in any emergency, for the Jap attack was not unexpected, and all officers knew what was required of them.

But when the president advanced his pet, Admiral Kimmel, over 40 numbers to put him in command at Hawaii, he put in a man who cancelled all of Richardson's orders and plans for protecting the islands, and the destruction of half of the U. S. Pacific fleet was the result.

The senator drew a parallel between the fall of the French democracy before Louis Napoleon and the administration of the New Deal government in the United States for the past eleven years and over, and one of the last things the Frenchman did, before he declared himself to be emperor, was to smear the French congress as F. D. R. has been smearing the United States congress for months and years, and declared that congress never intended the misuse of the Smith-Corleau law as Roosevelt misused it in the Montgomery-Ward case.

"If we lose our congress we lose our liberty and will have a dictator." (Continued on page three)

Memorial Day To Be Observed May 30

Memorial Day which has for nearly four score years been observed as a day for honoring those who have died in the military service of their country, will have a change in its observance this year. It has for many years, for instance, been observed on the second Monday in May, but this year it will be observed on the day that will be the longest day of the year, May 30, at which time there will be a short patriotic program and Judge Dal M. King will deliver an address. This is the first program sponsored by the Legion for that day since 1937.

The Legion will probably march to the bridge to scatter flowers on the waters in memory of those who have died at sea but it is more than likely that the trip from the bridge to the cemetery will be made in cars, for the veterans of the first World War, are like so many of us, not as young as they used to be.

Blanks On Both Ballots Tomorrow

There being no candidate for County Clerk, on the Republican ballot at tomorrow's primary election nearly all Republicans will write in the name of the present very efficient, accommodating and courteous occupant of that office, Lloyd W. Oddy, whose name does appear on the Democratic ballot.

By the same token, and for the same excellent reasons, many democrats will write in the names of Judge L. D. Felsheim for Coos County Judge and for J. N. Gearhart for County Surveyor, on their ballots.

Nor should Democrats overlook the name of Ralph Moore for Representative from Coos county. His name is on the Republican ballot but there is no candidate listed on the Democratic, and Mr. Moore is as able a legislator as Coos county has ever had in the lower house at Salem.

The J. E. Axtells Are New Grandparents

It's now Grandma and Grandpa Joe Axtell and, because local friends cannot congratulate the parents, they are taking it out on the grandparents. Their daughter, Marjorie—Mrs. Ina B. Jamieson—became the mother of a six pounds and seven ounces baby boy at The Dalles hospital Monday night. The young man was named George Alexander. The Jamieson home is in Condon, Oregon, which is 90 miles from The Dalles.

Powers Loses Its One Grocery

Fire of unknown origin, starting about two o'clock this morning, wiped out the only grocery there was in Powers, the Kenneth Rolfe store. The pool hall next door was also destroyed and the bakery next door was also badly scorched but not destroyed. These three business houses were in one building and overhead was the rooming house which was pretty much gutted.

The Myrtle Point fire department was called and by reason of a full tank in the water system the boys were able to stop the fire where they did.

Carl Gilbert and Frank Thrift, of the local Mt. States crew, were also called, and helped in stopping the flames.

The only explanation so far known is that rats and matches started the blaze in the back room of the grocery. The store was owned by Kenneth Rolfe, who is in the service and up in the Aleutians, and has been operated by Mrs. Rolfe.

The building, owned by Wm. Pappas, and the grocery stock were covered by insurance, but no estimate had been made, when the fire was finally stopped this morning, as to what the financial loss is.

To Boost Myrtle-Lined Highway

A letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, read at the Coquille Chamber session Tuesday noon, stated that 18 Portland business men, members of the chamber's recreational committee, would be in Coos county on June 30, to look over proposed state parks and the possibility of a myrtle-lined highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point. The suggestion for a continuous line of myrtle trees along the highway was first made by the State Highway Commission and the Portland chamber wishes to co-operate with the Commission.

The Coos Chamber decided to have a dinner for the visitors on the evening of their arrival. The dinner is also to be extended to all farmers living along the highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point to be present. The co-operation of those land owners will be strongly requested in order that the plan may be carried out.

If the plan is brought to fruition it will, in years to come, be as beautiful a nine-mile stretch of highway as can be found anywhere in the country and will be of inestimable value in advertising the Coquille valley to the world.

The Myrtle Point and Marshfield chambers of Commerce are also to be invited to participate in the evening session.

The co-operation of J. H. McCloskey in this program is to be secured if he possibly can give it, and a committee consisting of Geo. E. Oerding, Lefe Compton, R. L. Stewart and O. L. Wood was named by the chamber directors to get out the necessary letters of invitation and to prepare for the dinner in the hotel coffee shop on Friday evening, June 30.

May 29 And July 3 To Be Holidays If Desired

The Chamber of Commerce retail trade committee was asked by the Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday noon to contact the merchants and business houses of the city and ascertain if it was the general desire that the Mondays before Memorial Day and the 4th of July—May 29 and July 3—be declared legal holidays. There is some sentiment already expressed for a double holiday for each occasion, and Mayor Wood indicated that he would so declare them if it was the wish of those in business.

The committee which completed its survey Wednesday found the sentiment nearly unanimous in favor of a holiday preceding Memorial Day, on Monday the 29th, and Mayor Wood's proclamation will appear in next week's issue.

Poppies To Be On Sale May 26-27

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its Annual Poppy Sale May 26, 27. Let us not forget the disabled veterans of World War I. They have made these poppies to be sold by the Legion Auxiliary, the proceeds from which go directly back to the disabled veterans and their families and is their chance for helping themselves.

City To Trade For U. S. Land In Watershed

At the special session of the city council last week when that body met to confer with Acting Deputy Forester Youngblood, in regard to the 120 acres lying within the Rink creek watershed, which belong to the United States and which the city desires title to, the Forester stated that the Interior Department would not deed the land outright to the city. He said, however, that the department would be willing to trade the 120 acres desired by the city for a tract of approximately the same size and value. The city officials have already contacted the Coos county court and the city will probably purchase from the county a tract which can be traded to the United States. Mayor Wood, City Attorney Berg and Mr. Youngblood met with the county court Monday when two or three suitable sites were suggested.

At the meeting of the council Monday evening this week a letter was read from that division of the State Health Department which has to do with the sanitary conditions of auto courts. The inspector had investigated the premises at the Ko-Keel Auto Court where cinders and ashes from the Condensary smokestacks are a fire hazard as well as an impediment to clean cabs. The inspector made several suggestions as to how the nuisance could be remedied and when his letter was shown to the local manager of the Condensary, who happened to be here, the latter said they would investigate the suggestions and do all possible to eliminate the nuisance. At the present time the plant is using sawdust for fuel and the plant equipment is being crowded to the limit to get out government orders.

Alb Roberts, who paid up the delinquency of the last bowling alley operator as well as a portion of the year's license fee, was granted a license to keep the alley in operation.

The application of Mrs. Dew Richardson to buy two lots on Hoover street, city-owned, at \$30 per lot, on which she agreed to pay \$25 down and \$10 or more per month, was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

At the request of Mrs. Shelley that a new road through her property, up near the reservoir and dam on Rink creek, for the county road to the dam site, be located and graded, the councilmen agreed to go up in a body and look the land over before taking any action on the request.

Commencement Jr. High This Morning

Sixty-one eighth grade graduates were presented with their diplomas this morning during the commencement exercises of Junior High, held in the gymnasium at 10 o'clock.

The program included music by the Junior High band, invocation and benediction by Rev. Chas. G. Brown; a welcome by Claire Gray, high school student body president; a vocal number, "I Love You," by Laura Swanson; presentation of class by Principal W. A. Smith, and presentation of diplomas by Supt. Dunn. The names:

Leonard Allen, Clifford Billings, Frank Barrows, Jim Bellmore, Sally Bonney, Jean Boots, Aleta Mae Brown, James Brown, Bill Brown; Bill Caudle, Margery Cobb, Bill Collins, Byron Cottle, Dale Courtright, Marilyn Diahner, Vernon Epps, Carol Jean Gray, Nell Haga, Shirley Hamilton, Charles Hanna, Anne Harbison, Helen Hickam, Alene Hunt, Joan Jacobson, Julius Jepson Carol Kimey, Clovis Knight, Robert Kuenzli, Lula Lindsay, George Litzenberger, Duane Livengood, Joan MacMillan, Patricia Malone, Betty Marney, Geraldine Mella, Donna Milligan, Marlon Moore, Patsy Norton, James Oden, Robert Oerding, Ali's Parry, Clinton Peart, Rose Marie Peart, Don Piece, Betty Jean Preussler, Nancy Grant, Maxine Roth, Joanne Saxage, Lael Shuck, Elizabeth Stelle, Laura Swanson, Grace Taylor, Neal Tension, Robert Thompson, Dagtha Trout, Dorothy Welsh, Dorothy Williams, Roger Williamson, Preston Willis, Lenora Wormstaff, Bonnie Zwickler.

Friday, the 19th, Is A State Legal Holiday

Tomorrow, May 19, is primary election day, a state holiday in Oregon, and the bank, city hall, and court house will not be open for business.

Two Prominent Coquille Residents Pass Past Week

MRS. BLANCHE A. DAVIS

Mrs. Blanche A. Davis, mother of Mrs. Eula P. Schram, with whom she had made her home here since her husband died in Salem 18 years ago, passed away at the hospital, where she had been taken the day before, at 1:00 a. m. Tuesday. She had not been well for some time.

The body is to be taken to Salem tonight, where it will be laid to rest beside that of her husband, the services to be held at two o'clock Friday, and interment in the Jason Lee cemetery. For the benefit of friends who desired a last look at the features of one they so sincerely respected and loved, the body lay in state at the Gano Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Mrs. Gano made the funeral arrangements.

Born Blanche A. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Wilson, in Fremont, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1858, she was three months and eleven days past 86 years of age.

She came to Oregon with her husband and daughter 38 years ago and lived in Salem for 20 years.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Grace Hayes, at Fort Douglas, Utah; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was a true Christian woman, a faithful and untiring member of the Pioneer Methodist church here, until her affliction and age prevented, and her passing is mourned by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

GEORGE S. ROBISON

George S. Robison, a resident of Coquille for the past 19 years and prior to that a farmer in the Arago district to which place he came as a small boy, passed away, at his home on South Henry street, Coquille, at 12:45 last Friday morning. He had not been feeling well for some time and death was caused by an apoplectic stroke.

Rev. Robert L. Greene officiated at the services, held at two o'clock Monday afternoon at the Gano Funeral Home. The Masonic burial service was conducted at the graveside in the Masonic cemetery, R. C. Johnson officiating as Worshipful Master.

Mr. Robison was born at Applegate, Oregon, Nov. 15, 1871, and was 71 years, five months and 27 days of age at passing.

He was married April 4, 1897, at Coquille to the daughter of a pioneer family, Miss Ellen Roy, who preceded him in death by nineteen years. He was a mechanical engineer by profession but had retired from active occupation in 1936.

He is survived by his daughter, Miss Edna Robison with whom he had made his home, and by two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Kime, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. S. J. Mann, of Livermore, Calif.

George Robison was a good man, one whose word was as good as his bond; a true friend to those to whom he gave his friendship, and he will be sadly missed by an unusually large circle of friends.

Handicaps Set For Three Candidates

Handicaps for candidates for Victory Queen at the Coquille July 4th celebration have been figured by the committee in charge of that feature. The percentages were arrived at by considering the amounts turned in by the three organizations the past two years—Lions, Rotary and Eagles—in order that the candidates of other groups or organizations may have a chance in the Queen contest.

The Rotary and Lions clubs are to be discounted 35 per cent in figuring the votes from sale of tickets and the Eagles 8 per cent. In other words only 65 per cent of the amounts turned in by the two service clubs will be eligible for votes, and 92 per cent of the Eagles lodge candidate ticket sale.

This discount will mean that the Grange or Woman's club, Junior Woman's club or B. P. W. candidate will have just as good a chance to win the coveted honor as will the other three candidates.

Wave Ensign Dorris Compton was able to get home for Mother's Day. She accompanied her father down from Portland Friday night and left again Sunday evening.

Horse Parade To Be On Sunday

Because so many of the horse men who wish to participate in the barbecue and 4th of July preview this coming week-end, are working and would not be able to be here on Saturday, the date for this event has been changed to Sunday, May 21.

As previously stated only horse-mounted men, or women, will be privileged to partake of the beef barbecue and dinner which is scheduled to start at 12 noon. Following that the assemblage will parade from the ball park down town and through the business section and upon their return to the ball park the riders will put their mounts through the paces they will exhibit on the 4th. The public is invited to witness this preview.

Due to the fact that some of the high school band members will be out of town on Sunday, the public address system from Myrtle Point, with its nice collection of musical records, will play for the parade and the preview.

Coos Cranberry Production More Per Acre Than In East

Cranberry production in this district averages about 25 barrels per acre above that of the Eastern growers, says C. J. Hall, editor and publisher of "Cranberries," the National Cranberry Magazine, published at Wareham, Mass. Mrs. Hall, who is accompanying Mr. Hall on a trip through the cranberry growing districts of the United States, is a member of the magazine staff. They arrived here Tuesday evening to spend several days visiting local bogs and interviewing growers in this area.

According to Mr. Hall, cranberry growing is a ten million dollar a year industry, which is confined exclusively to the five states of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Oregon and Washington. Only in the past few years have the two west coast states assumed importance in the national production picture. Their entrance into the national marketing ring has been stimulated by the facilities offered by Cranberry Canneries, Inc., which has plants at Markham and Long Beach, Washington, besides a dehydrating plant at Graylands, and the cannery here.

Mr. Hall says that he foresees a sound, substantial growth of the cranberry industry for this area, which, compared with his home district of Cape Cod, is a newcomer in the field. The first bogs were planted on Cape Cod, according to Mr. Hall, in 1810.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are being shown about this section by Mrs. B. L. Barkwell, of Cranberry Canneries, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Kranick, owners of Cranberry Acres, several miles south of Bandon. On Wednesday they visited the Westnoor bog, the Cape Blanco Cranberry Co. mill and bogs, the E. R. Ivie property and the Joe Stankavitch bogs. Today they are visiting several more bogs in the Bandon area and making a tour of the bogs in the Hauser district.

After surveying bogs in the south end of the county, Mr. Hall said that they compared very favorably with those he had seen elsewhere on his trip. He was considerably interested in examining the 22½ acre bog being put in by the Cape Blanco Cranberry Co. south of Bandon, since the gray soil, covered by volcanic ash, in which the berries will grow, differs so greatly from the peat bogs of the eastern states. He is taking pictures of many of the bogs in this district.

Mrs. Hall, who is an artist, says that she finds the scenic beauty of the Oregon coast unbelievable. She is looking forward to a return trip here after the war, when she may travel in leisure to have the time to paint pictures of this lovely country.

Baby Girl Born To Former Coquille Young Lady

Mrs. L. P. Fugelson, who has been in Tacoma the past two weeks, writes that a baby girl, weighing seven pounds, 14½ ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tice on May 16. Mrs. Tice is the former Blanche Sandon, Mrs. Fugelson's daughter, and the little miss has been named Judith Ann. Mrs. Fugelson adds that she is now the grandmother of four, a daughter, Sandra Anne, having been born to her son, Gerald Sandon, and wife, at Ladysmith, Wis., on March 4 this year.

Splendid Address, Program At C.H.S. Commencement

An unusually fine and attractive appearing class of young ladies and men was that which graced the stage of the high school gymnasium at last evening's Coquille High School commencement exercises. In their caps and gowns they presented a more mature appearance than in their usual habiliments and it was a class of which Supt. Dunn and the faculty could well be proud, as well as their parents and friends.

The honor students presented by Mr. Dunn were:

Mary Lou Newton, who had the nearly perfect scholastic average for four years of 1.3.

Winifred Van Fleet, this year's May Day queen and who delivered the thoughtful welcoming address to the audience, was second high with a 1.5 average for four years.

Mary June Foote, one of the best-liked as well as most studious girls in high school, had an average of 1.6. Benjamin F. Howe, who Supt. Dunn said had not had his hands clean all year—he made the school's stencils and mimeograph patterns—average 1.91.

James A. Peart, now a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps, who will be called to service soon, and who will be greatly missed in the band, averaged 1.93 for his high school years.

Waneta Mae Wardrip, who completed the usual four year course in three, was the sixth honor student, her average being 1.99.

In presenting the diplomas, Chairman of the Board J. R. Bunch, announced that two could not receive theirs last night, both being already in the service—James Howe and Frank Woodward.

The high school band and the Girls Glee Club, which furnished the musical numbers of the program, were accorded enthusiastic applause and they richly deserved it.

The class representative, Mary Lou Newton, in detailing briefly where some members of the class now are in Uncle Sam's service, centered her remarks around the statement, "We will not let our country down."

Supt. Dunn characterized the address of U. G. Dubach, Dean of Men at O. S. C. as the best commencement address he had ever heard. The dean has been at Corvallis for 31 years.

Taking the class motto, "Tonight We Sail; Where Shall We Anchor?" as the theme of his discourse, Dean Dubach made a most interesting and forceful talk which this reporter cannot detail more thoroughly because of the noise from coughing and children's prattle, which interfered with good reception for the audience.

The dean quoted, "Life is not a cup to be drained but a measure to be filled," and stressed that the most important thing in life is the giving and service, not the getting. He expressed the hope that the members of the class "have the highest regard for themselves," and a high regard for their bodies which house the real inner person. Those bodies are the temples of God and it is up to each one to determine whether He can live therein.

The dean declared hundreds and thousands of boys have been rejected for military service because "their bodies have been mused up," and said there is no hope for this nation unless we, as individuals, cease dissipation of all kinds. He said it was going to be lots of fun to live the next 25 years, "if it doesn't kill you," and asked the class members, "What would you do for your great country? Live for it? Obey its laws? Be honest and clean for it? Live for it as well as die for it?"

He expressed the wish that some one would tell him what mother love is. It cannot be put in a tube and tested, but it exists, and neither can the human race prove by scientific means that there is a God. It is a matter of faith and trust.

After the recessional, the class was stationed on the auditorium floor, where the boys and girls, who are just at the threshold of life, received the congratulations and best wishes of their friends who had filled the gymnasium for their "commencement of living."

Postmaster M. O. Hawkins was able to get back to duty on Monday this week but will have to take it easy for a time. He has completely recovered from the effects of his recent operation but does not have his strength back yet.