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Memory of Those Who Fought For Their Country Honored at Tuesday's Services

A very fine attendance of upwards of 200 persons was present in the Liberty Theatre Tuesday morning for the Memorial Day observance, sponsored by the Coquille American Legion and Auxiliary and the Women's Relief Corps.

Before calling for the audience singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," Comrade D. E. Rackleff said in a few words that the group was assembled to pay honor to the memory of those who have given their lives for their country.

Bobbi Burns presided at the piano for all the musical numbers, including the solo rendition of "There Is No Death," by Mrs. Mildred Tyrrell.

Prayer was delivered by the post chaplain, Rev. Liston Parrish, and "Kipling's Recessional" was splendidly given by Miss Jeanne Plieth.

Post Commander G. E. Stem introduced Judge Dal M. King, who made a thoughtful and thought-provoking address, covering the period during which Memorial Day has been observed, since shortly after the Civil War, back in the latter 1860's, nearly four score years, after its inauguration by General Logan. It is now observed to honor the memory of those who have fallen in all the wars this country has been engaged in, and not just the million men who fell in the Civil War, and which established the solidarity of the Union and perpetuated this Democracy.

In 1898 the Spanish-American War took more of the fine young men of the United States to their death.

In the first World War, in which we as a nation took part only after continual sinking of our ships and killing of our sailors, the peace-loving United States and its president, Woodrow Wilson, gave their all to battling the foes of freedom; there were 117,000 of America's finest lost in the Argonne battle, and thousands of our Navy men died that freedom might become a world reality.

But that freedom was not assured by the 1918 peace terms and after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, which caught the United States practically unprepared, the battle for world freedom has had to be fought all over again.

In one way, Judge King said, that attack had one good result, dastardly as it was, for it cemented the people of the United States into one tremendous fighting force as nothing else could have done.

He continued that it is fitting today to honor the memories of the men and women who have lost their lives in this war. They gave their lives in defense of their flag and "for you and me" at Corregidor, Bataan, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Aleutians and in dozens of naval engagements. "We are now on the verge of serious blows at Japan because of what those who have given their lives have already done," said the judge, "and it is only a matter of a few months when we will repay the yellow enemy for that sneak attack."

Referring to the European conflict the judge said that it has been an uphill struggle over there but that now the tide has turned, due in large part to the U. S. forces, the equipment, materials and food sent to our allies.

Our forces in Italy have suffered thousands of casualties, but we are going ahead there, and our fliers, taking their lives in their hands daily, are softening up the Nazi battalions and fortifications for the imminent invasion.

"We cannot compensate those who have lost their lives," Judge King said, "but we can compensate in a measure by our actions here at home in working diligently to build up our democracy and create a greater respect for our flag. One way of teaching that respect is in the schools—the greatest school system on earth. Also by buying bonds with the proceeds of which more equipment, material and supplies can be furnished for those on the battle fronts."

Another point the judge stressed was that we at home must plan to assure those who do come back from fighting for their country that they will have a just, decent and honorable opportunity to make a living and every co-operative effort to help them re-adjust themselves to civilian life.

Another of the judge's most important points was the need for the people of this country to work and plan for a lasting world peace, by demanding of Congress that its members promote and approve some plan for some kind of a League of Nations,

which can enforce peace on the more warlike nations.

"Every war sets civilization back for years and years," was the concluding thought.

After the singing of "America," the audience dispersed and the three sponsoring organizations went to the bridge where a salute was fired by the Legion squad and flowers were sprinkled on the water in honor of the memory of all who have died at sea. At the two cemeteries, which had been beautifully decorated with floral emblems by relatives and friends of departed loved ones, a salute was fired at each, and wreaths were placed on the graves of those who had served in the country's armed forces.

Altogether it was a day to be remembered for it showed that we are not forgetting to honor the nation's sleeping hosts.

21 Were Present For Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins returned Sunday from Monmouth, Ore., where they went last week to attend the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the college there, now known as the Oregon College of Education.

Of the 51 members of the class who graduated in 1894, 21 were present at the commencement exercises of the college, and so far as could be learned, ten have passed to the great beyond.

The golden anniversary attendants enjoyed a banquet provided by college funds, and were given graduation certificates and a prominent place in the commencement exercises.

While admitting that he is getting along in years, Postmaster Hawkins does not have to walk with a cane, as some of the 1894 class do, and reports that he was about the youngest of those attending the reunion. The Coquille visitors greatly enjoyed the occasion.

New Cub Pack Organized

At a meeting held in the Fellowship Room of the Emmanuel Baptist Church Wednesday evening, plans were laid to organize another Cub Pack in Coquille. The meeting was conducted under the direction of the Bay district scout executive, Ralph Kalaher of Marshfield. Several boys and their parents attended this meeting and much interest was shown.

Further details will be completed at another meeting to be held in the church next Wednesday evening, June 7. All parents of any boys interested between the age of 8 through 11 years, are urged to attend and bring the boys. There will be a special time for the boys with entertainment provided while the parents confer.

May Tax Turnover Totalled \$41,901.81

The May turnover to County Treasurer Stauff by the Tax Department totalled \$41,901.81. Of that amount \$9,742.21 was for schools, \$8,439.80 for cities, \$23,780.22 for Coos county and smaller levying districts, and \$4.98 for special road districts. No special road district taxes have been levied since 1931 and the \$4.98 was for delinquent 1930-31 taxes.

Guild To Serve Lunch At Parish House Friday Noon

A Merchants' Buffet Luncheon will be served at the Episcopal Parish House on Friday, June 2nd, from 11:30 to 1:00. Price 60c. Both ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend.

Gilmore Station Again Open

The Gilmore Service Station, south side of Front street opposite the Shell Station, has again been opened and is prepared to furnish oil, gas and the complete line of Gilmore products. Note the adv. elsewhere in this issue.

S. D. Clark, who leased his ranch in the Lee district a few years ago and bought three acres near Eugene, with Mrs. Clark left Monday morning for Eugene after visiting here for a week. They stayed at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Stanley Clausen, on the North Bank. Sid said he could now sell his acreage at Eugene for twice what he paid it.

Car Completely Destroyed By Fire

The 1935 DeSoto of J. O. Berglund, manager in the bank here, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday evening and had it not been for the prompt response of the fire department his garage and probably the house, too, on the north side of Knowlton avenue, would very probably have burned.

Mr. Berglund had just had the car worked on and there must have been a short somewhere in the wiring, for when he smelled the smoke, went to the garage and attempted to back the car out, it burst suddenly into flames and the dense, black smoke indicated an oil fire.

When the fire boys arrived they pulled the car out and soon had the blaze subdued but not before it had burned everything but metal about the car, except the tires, and some other pieces in the garage and had started to burn the ceiling.

It was the second call of the department yesterday. In the morning the call was to a home on Second street, where the only thing burned was the toilet seat in the bathroom. It was of celluloid and started when a piece of burning paper was thrown into the toilet.

Grange, 396, Observes Mother's Day And Memorial Day

Grange, No. 396, held its regular meeting Friday evening, May 26. The Lecture Hour, which followed the regular session, had as its keynote a combination Mother's Day and Memorial Day program.

Florence Hallock, Grange Lecturer, arranged the following program: a reading by Laura Brandon; a paper on the origin and progress of Memorial Day in the various states, by Mrs. Pearl Ellingsen. Miss Jeanne Plieth read several poems depicting the impressions of the poets on war, concluding with a fitting Memorial Day reading. Florence Hallock sang, "Mother of Mine," accompanied by Miss Inez Rover on the piano. As a closing number the audience stood in silent prayer, followed by a lovely arrangement of the Lord's Prayer, sung by Florence Hallock. Refreshments of assorted sandwiches, deviled eggs, pickles and coffee were served at tables decorated with early spring flowers by the following committee: Mr. and Mrs. George Oerding, Mrs. Alice Klenz, Miss Ida Oerding and Mrs. Alex Mackey.

Mrs. Taylor Honored At Beulah Chapter Meeting
Mrs. Edna Taylor, a member of the International Temple Fund committee of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, O. E. S., was honored with a reception at the regular meeting of Beulah Chapter last Thursday evening. She was the recipient of a floral degree, given by the Courtesy Girls of the chapter and was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. She was also presented with a gift from the chapter and received many other gifts from Coos county chapters and friends.

Dr. June Martin, Worthy Grand Matron, was a special guest in honor of the occasion. Other guests included several Worthy Matrons and Patrons from Coos county chapters. Five were initiated into the order. Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed in the banquet room. The table, centered with a beautiful floral piece, was laden with the display of gifts received by the honored member, Mrs. Taylor.

Newtons' Grocery On Tenth St. Sold To Mrs. Standley
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newton, who have conducted the store at the corner of Tenth and Coulter streets, are today stepping out as proprietors, they having sold the business to Mrs. Standley, who formerly ran a store in Camas Valley. The Newtons have worked early and late and are going to take it easy for a time. They will be around the store, however, for the next two weeks and ask those indebted to them to call and settle before June 15.

State Game Commission To Hold Hearings June 10
The annual hearing of the Oregon State Game Commission regarding protective hunting regulations will be held at 10 a. m., June 10, at the Commission offices, 616 Oregon Building, Portland. Under consideration will be seasons, bag limits and other regulations concerning game birds and game animals, and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Dr. L. A. Byers Is Co. Health Officer

Dr. L. A. Byers, Coos County Health Officer, has just returned from Portland, where he attended the annual Health Officers meeting which was held on May 25, 26 and 27. All phases of public health and preventive medicine were discussed by outstanding and nationally known men in the field of general medicine and public health.

Dr. Byers, who assumed his duties as Coos County Health Officer on May 10, is a graduate of Vanderbilt University Medical School, and comes to Coos county from Jackson, Tennessee, where he served as director of the Madison County Health Department for the past two years.

Dr. Byers has been employed in full time public health work since 1928. He did post graduate study at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene & Public Health, and received the degree of Master of Public Health from that institution in 1942.

Dr. and Mrs. Byers and their son, Mark, are making their residence in Coquille.

Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, June 2, at Guild Hall from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., to sew, crochet, cut and work on quilt blocks.

Items most needed at present are service men's lightweight pajamas and scuff slippers for hospital use.

A very nice afghan laprobe was received from Mrs. Pappin last week. The following women are thanked for donations of yarn, wash cloths, needles, cut-out scuff slippers, buttons, wool material, Terry cloth, used clothing, etc.: Meadames C. E. Benham, Peppin, R. Candlin, J. D. Rankin, C. Schroeder, M. McGilvery, and Robt. Mason. Mrs. John Bullack visited and remained to sew.

Now that Coos County Red Cross chapter has completed its quota of 1,000 washcloths, further contributions of these will not be necessary. Needles also will not be required at present but wool material, colored yarn and heavy black cotton thread will be welcomed.

Coos county chapter, Marshfield, extends an invitation to all Coquille Red Cross workers to visit their work rooms on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday, from 1 to 4 p. m. whenever they are in town.

"We can use more Red Cross workers and visitors are welcome at all times," says Mrs. D. B. Kesner, chairman of production.

Roxy To Be Dark For Three Weeks

Beginning this coming Sunday, June 4, the Roxy Theatre will be dark for three weeks, and the pictures secured for showing there will be on the screen at the Liberty Theatre for the three weeks.

The theatre managers, L. W. Claver and O. L. Wood, have made arrangements to have the Roxy renovated and redecorated during the period that theatre is closed, and will reopen it on Sunday, June 25.

Rotarians To Sponsor Benefit Dance Saturday Evening

The first of three service club-sponsored dances, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase a public address system for the Coquille Community Building, will be held in that building this coming Saturday evening, June 3. This dance is being sponsored by the Rotary, the next will be by the Lions and the third by both clubs co-operating.

Dancing will start at 9:30 with Bum Gartin's orchestra furnishing the music and admission will be 60 cents, including tax, for both ladies and gentlemen.

Coquille Girl To Graduate From U. of O. Sunday

Elizabeth C. Kerby, resident of Coquille, is applying for a bachelor of arts in English, at the 67th annual commencement of the University of Oregon, to be held June 4, at McArthur court. The commencement address Sunday evening will be delivered by Orlando John Hollis, acting president of the university, who will speak on "Our Frontiers."

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Currie, former Coquille residents, left Tuesday for their home in Eugene after being guests at the A. O. Walker home over the week-end.

Annual Pioneer Picnic To Be July 30

The annual picnic of the Coos and Curry Pioneer Association is to be held July 30 which is the last Sunday in the month. The date was agreed upon last Saturday at a special meeting of officers and directors of the association, held at one-thirty in the city hall. Chas. Stauff, president, was in charge. The organization now has two hundred and eighty members.

Several routine matters came up for discussion during the order of business. Articles of incorporation were discussed. A proposal to change the name to "Coos and Curry Pioneer and Historical Association," will be made at the annual meeting in July.

Picnickers should provide themselves with their own dishes, silver and sugar. Coffee and cream will be furnished as usual. J. P. Beyers is general chairman; Ruth Beyers is program chairman. Past presidents and their wives will make up the reception committee. Ruth Mason will be registrar. The nominating committee will consist of J. Albert Matson, J. D. Clinton, W. H. Schroeder; publicity committee: North Bend, Mrs. Daisy Coddling; Marshfield, Mary Randleman; Myrtle Point, J. D. Clinton; Coquille, Mabel Wernich; Bandon, Chas. Stauff.

It is quite possible Alice Maloney, formerly of Marshfield, whose hobby is early Oregon Research, will come from her home in California to attend the annual meeting.

The "Oregon Historical Quarterly," a publication exhibited during the meeting by Mary Randleman, was believed to be worthy of an important place in the City Library here and recommendation will, no doubt, be made that it be subscribed to and placed there by the association. Mrs. Randleman has become quite an authority on pioneer history in this section. She has recently completed data on the name, "Coquille," and has discovered certain angles not generally known heretofore. Her contributions have been accepted by the editor of the Quarterly.

Attending the meeting Saturday were Chas. Stauff, president; Inez Chase, secretary-treasurer; Mary Randleman, past president and welfare chairman; Coquille; Daisy Coddle, Empire; Judge Dal King, Myrtle Point; J. D. Clinton, past president, Myrtle Point; J. P. Beyers, Coquille.

Gwen Elrod Is Rotarian Candidate

Announcement was made at the meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday that Gwen Elrod, daughter of Rotarian and Mrs. Iris Elrod, had been selected as the club's candidate for Victory Girl at the coming Fourth of July celebration.

Names of the various committees to function for the coming year were read.

Rotarian guests were Jesse Clinton and J. D. Carl, of Myrtle Point. Other guests were Neil K. Leachman, safety engineer of Portland, Ted Kirsch, of the Myrtle Point high school faculty, and former Rotarian Chas. Briggs, of Roseburg.

Bishop Dagwell To Be Here Sunday Morning

The Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell will be at St. James' Episcopal Church, at eight o'clock Sunday morning, to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. Following the service, the High School young people of the parish will meet with Bishop Dagwell for breakfast in the Guild Hall. While in Coos county Bishop Dagwell will give the commencement address at the graduation exercises of the Marshfield High School and will visit the various Episcopal Churches in this district.

The L. W. Oddys Become Grandparents of 9 Pound Boy

County Clerk and Mrs. L. W. Oddy were happy Saturday evening when called by their son-in-law, R. K. Skyles, from Portland, who announced that they were grandparents to a nine-pound baby boy who has been named John Benjamin Skyles. The mother is the former Frances Oddy. Mrs. Oddy expects to go up and make the young man's acquaintance in a week or two.

Next Tuesday, June 6, an examiner from the Secretary of State's office will be at the Coquille city hall between nine and four o'clock to receive applications for drivers' licenses and to conduct examinations.

Death Comes Suddenly To Ilo H. Heaton

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday for a former well-known and respected Coquille citizen, Ilo H. Heaton, whose death at Grants Pass early Sunday morning came as a great shock to his many Coquille friends. He suffered a heart attack Saturday night, while Mrs. Heaton was on the way over to Grants Pass, and passed away ten hours later.



After many years in Coquille operating the Western Mercantile Agency, and the Coquille Credit Bureau which he organized, he sold the local business a few weeks ago and purchased a recapping plant at Roseburg. To learn the operation of such a plant he had been working in a shop at Grants Pass.

The Gano Funeral Home ambulance went out to Grants Pass Sunday morning and the services were held at that undertaking parlor here. Rev. M. D. Rempel, pastor of the Baptist church, of which Mr. Heaton was a member, officiated at the services.

Members of Coquille Post, No. 36, American Legion, of which he was also a member, acted as pall bearers and there was also a color guard of Legion members.

Interment was in Sunset Cemetery at Marshfield, the services there being conducted by the Coquille Post and, in the absence of the Post chaplain, Mr. Rempel officiated for the committal.

The deceased was born June 15, 1895, at Ada, Mich., being 50 years, 10 months and 12 days of age at passing.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Mattie L. Heaton of Coquille, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Effie Heaton of Centralia, Wash., who was not able to come for the services; a sister, Mrs. Edna May Calvin of Centralia; three brothers, Rev. Chas. H. Heaton and Leon Heaton, both of whom reside in Michigan, and Melvin Heaton, of Vancouver, Wash., who came for the funeral. A nephew, Marvin Heaton, also came from Kelso, Wash., for the services.

Mrs. Heaton's mother, Mrs. Maria Jacobson and two daughters, Mrs. Brittain of Tacoma, and Mrs. Lorrie Welks of Olympia, Wash., came to be with their daughter and sister during her hour of affliction.

Mr. Heaton was also member of the B. P. O. Elks lodge in Marshfield.

Mayor O. L. Wood Named Director of League of Cities

Mayor Wood was honored, at the League of Oregon Cities meeting in Portland last Thursday and Friday, by being appointed on the resolutions committee for the meeting and by being named as a director of the League for the 1944-45 term.

City Treasurer C. G. Caughell, who gives us this report, states that it was a very nice two-day program which they enjoyed. Chief matters of municipal business discussed were post-war budgets and financing and sewage disposal plants which Oregon statutes require all cities to install. City Attorney J. A. Berg was also an interested attendant at the meetings and L. W. Claver, who went up on business, returned with them Saturday evening.

New Boiler Installed At Thornton Tire Service Here

The Thornton Tire Service shop on Front street here has just completed installation of a new boiler for tire-recapping purposes and other new equipment, making the shop more modern and enabling the crew to turn out better and faster work. One feature the employees like is the ceiling installation of the plumbing, instead of it being under foot as formerly.