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Robbers Enter The Thornton Tire Service Through Skylight

What is supposed to have been the work of boys, whether it was or not, was the robbery at the Thornton Tire Service Shop some time between closing time Saturday evening and opening time Monday morning. Rod Crenger, the manager, was in the shop Sunday but did not look into the cash register at that time and the robbery was not discovered until Monday morning when it was found that \$58.50 had been taken from the register.

Entrance was gained through the rear skylight, at the rear of the garage, and footprints on the tile pipe at the back of the building showed how the robbers gained access to the roof. But they were smart hoppers and there was no place on the tile, around the wash register, nor in the office, where fingerprints showed.

From the slight lead the police have it is possible that the thieves came from over on Coos Bay.

Four Conservation Meeting Dates Set

Conservation practices which are best adapted to Coos county and to which substantial benefit payments will be available during 1945 will be explained, and commitments to serve the Agricultural Conservation Area in each of the five communities will be decided at meetings which will be held as follows during next week, according to J. D. Carl, chairman of the county committee:

North Bend and Marshfield Committee—Coos Bay Mutual Creamery, Marshfield, Tuesday, December 5, 1:30 p. m.

Myrtle Point Community—Smith-Bushnell restaurant, Myrtle Point High School, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1:30 p. m.

Coquille Community—Coquille City Hall, Thursday, December 7, 1:30 p. m.

Bandon Community—Bandon City Hall, Friday, Dec. 8, 1:30 p. m.

Following these meetings those who are elected in each community for the purpose will meet at Coquille on Saturday, December 9, at 10:30 a. m. to elect a County Committee which will administer the Agricultural Conservation Program in the county during 1945.

Each year the Conservation Program has been adapted to Coos County agriculture it is stated. With the removal of the maximum allowances on each farm and increased payments for seeding, drainage, application of lime and phosphate fertilizer and some other practices, all farmers of the county are urged to attend the meeting in their community to hear the discussion and participate in election of committee.

1944 Coquille Surgical Dressings Delivered By Time Requested

Once again Coquille met an emergency and accomplished the surgical dressing quota of 15,000 dressings on schedule. The year's work has been finished with a total of 75,283 dressings for the year and a grand total of 104,067 since the work began here in July of 1943.

November work was finished with 32 ladies working during the month 707½ hours and completing 20,141 dressings.

Awards were made for 200 hours to Florence Berg and Euta McClary; 180 hours to Lena Harmon and Ada Moore; 100 hours, Eleanor Hannon, Nora Ross; 50 hours, Marguerite Chaney, Susie Folsom and Fern Schroeder.

League of Oregon Regional Meeting Being Held At Bay

The League of Oregon Cities and the city of Coos Bay are sponsoring a regional meeting in Coos Bay this week at the Chandler Hotel. President Inkster, of Oswego; Mayor Stadelman, of The Dalles, and Mayor Wood, of Coquille, will represent the League executive committee.

Portwar plans will be made and an open forum meeting will be held to allow an opportunity for questions and answers from delegates.

Royal Neighbors, Attention!

All members of Royal Neighbors lodge are requested to be present at the meeting Dec. 6, as there is to be election of officers.—Press Cor.

Coquille Not Near Its Quota Yet

Coquille's 6th War Bond quota, for the drive which started last week, is now available for publication. The total is \$388,000, of which \$118,000 are in E bonds and \$150,000 of other kinds.

Of the \$1,870,000 quota set for Coos county, of all kinds of bonds, the three larger cities of the county has been listed for totals—Marshfield, \$948,000; North Bend, \$245,000; Coquille, \$288,000.

The First National Bank here, up to last Saturday night, had sold \$33,000 worth and the Coquille post-office total sales up to Saturday noon were \$14,403.75.

Baby Escapes Death Tuesday

Lou Braly, of Southwestern Motors, had a harrowing experience Tuesday morning and his nerves were still shaken a couple of hours later.

He was driving a truck, not in the best of condition, down here from Myrtle Point, and he is thankful he had to drive slowly. When opposite the Smith Wood-Products plant he saw a little 3½ year old girl start to run across the highway in front of him. He applied the brakes with all his force and their screech caused the tot to look up—and then she fell down. When the truck came to a standstill it was less than three feet from the little girl's body.

It is cases of this kind which cause the pedestrian toll of those hit by cars on the highway to mount, as reported in Secretary of State Farrell's weekly news notes from Salem.

Plans For V-Day Program Announced

A community-wide program for the celebration of V-Day has been announced by the Coos County War Relocation Authority.

The program will combine the patriotic and the religious in the celebration of the day. The service will be held in the High School gymnasium, at 8:00 p. m., unless the snow comes the late in the evening, in which event it will be at 10:00 the next morning. The High School band will play for 15 minutes before the program begins and the addresses will be limited to about 12 minutes, making approximately an hour program. D. E. Backlett will lead the singing. The program is as follows:

Pre-Band Concert: Presentation of the Colors. National Anthem. Pledge to the Flag. Invocation—Rev. Robt. Greene. Band Number. Group Song—"America the Beautiful." Scripture Reading—Rev. Chas. G. Brown. Moment of Silence. Prayer—Rev. Chas. G. Brown. Special Music. Patriotic Address—Ralph Moore. Special Music—"When the Lights Come on Again All Over the World," Girls' Sextette. Religious Address—Rev. L. C. Persing. Song—"God Bless America." Benediction—Rev. Robt. Greene.

The committee, which was appointed by the Inter-Club committee, is composed of Amzy Mintonye, Carl Morrison and Liston Parish.

Nasburg And Morrison Talk At Rotary Meeting

In the absence of the regularly scheduled speaker, International Director Riley, who missed his train connections at Eugene, Harry Nasburg, of Marshfield, gave a condensed outline of the origin and development of the stationery business and Supt. Carl Morrison gave an excellent review of the current issue of the Rotarian magazine.

A Rotary guest, U. E. Buchanan, of Eugene, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Union Pacific railroad, had as his guest, Jas. Ritchie, of Portland, who represents the Chicago Northwestern railroad in the same capacity.

Other guests were Les Greene and Luckey Bonney, of Coquille.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, will meet at the home of Mrs. Jas. Richmond, Dec. 8, at 2:00 p. m. This is the regular Christmas party for the Children's Farm Home. Please everyone bring presents for the kiddies at the Home.

Winners Of Pioneer Story Contest

Miss Inez R. Cham, secretary of the Coos-Curry Pioneer Historical Association, has received a letter from Emil R. Peterson, telling who the winners were in the Association's Pioneer Story contest. It reads as follows:

Eight stories were submitted in the Coos-Curry Pioneer Story contest. They have been read and the first three selected by the judges, who were appointed by President Bender of the Association.

The winners are: Anna Connell, a 25-dollar war bond given by Mrs. Albert Powers. The story, "Homestead Home," was the story of her grandparents who were among the early settlers in southern Curry county.

Second place goes to Margaret Stauff Turkel. Her story, "Emigrant Boys of the 1890's," she got five dollars in war savings stamps, given by her father.

Third place was awarded to Max E. Dahl, of North Bend, the winning five dollars worth of books of his choice from the catalogue of Blanford & Mort, Portland publishers. Her story was "A City Is Born." It deals with the "birth" of North Bend.

Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, Dec. 1, from 1:30 to 4:00 p. m. in Guild Hall to sew, knit, crochet, etc.

At present, and until the large quota of hospital sewing has been completed, the following articles will be given decided preference: pajamas, hospital shirts, regulation and apron style kit bags and the new type of small slippers. Also required will be hosiery, bed jackets, men's bedside bags and wash cloths. The knitting will continue but in a lesser way until the above quota has been reached, which should be completed by March.

On account of the holiday, no meeting was held last Friday.

Mrs. R. T. Slater is thanked for her contribution of wash cloths.

With about 30,000 casualties a month coming back home to hospitals, it can easily be understood why our unit is given a high quota. So what can we do but work hard to take care of them? says Mrs. D. B. Keener, chairman of production. Machine sewers are urged to call at the work room for sewing to take home. There are also three machines available to be used during meetings.

The following shipment was sent to Red Cross headquarters at Coos Bay on Nov. 27:

Sewing—3 prs. pajamas, 22 wash cloths, 20 o. s. kit bags, 62 bedside bags, 4 housewives, 2 heavy brown bed jackets, 2 hospital gowns, 4 baby nighties, 1 pr. crocheted booties, 4 baby quilts. Knitting—8 army v-neck sweaters, 6 navy Brooks type sweaters, 6 stump sox, 5 prs. bedsox, 7 prs. reg. stmp. 8 toe sox.

Baptist Church To Celebrate 20th Anniversary Sunday

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Coquille celebrates its 20th anniversary this coming Sunday morning. The church was organized here Dec. 7, 1924, with 14 charter members. Of that number only three, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Finley and Mrs. Flora Dunne remain. The special services will honor them and also the memory of those who have gone on. Some historical reviews will be given. Friends are invited to this service.

The following officers were elected for a term of six months: N. G. Agnes Schroeder; V. G., Beulah Neely; Sec., Myrtle Benham; Treas., Elmer Briner.

It was decided to have a Christmas party and dinner Friday evening, Dec. 22. The dinner scheduled for 6:30 o'clock, is for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and families of both. Following the dinner, prepared by Rebekahs, will be a program, Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. Gifts for adults are not to exceed 50c each.

The Past Noble Grands announced their Christmas party was to be held Friday evening, Dec. 1, at the home of Miss Ida Oerding, with Mrs. Annie Robinson as joint hostess.

Under good of the order Mrs. Pansy Ross gave a humorous reading and Mrs. Florence Hallock sang most pleasingly, "The Old Refrain." Delicious refreshments were served in the banquet hall following the meeting.

"Spike" Leslie is busily making plans for a basketball "jamboree" to be held here in the very near future.

39 Awards Made At Court Of Honor Here Monday Evening

Thirty-nine awards were made at the Boy Scout Court of Honor held Monday night at the Liberty Theatre. The interest that Scouting holds in this area was well demonstrated by the record attendance of some four hundred Coquille, Fairview and Myrtle Point people present.

The interesting and fast-moving program was conducted by Burton Dunn, chairman of Advancement. Assisting Mr. Dunn were Assistant Scout Executive Ralph Kallisher, Chairman of the Executive Council Lloyd Claver, Chairman of Organization and Extension Evan Alborn and Scout Commissioner W. H. Barrow.

Advanced to Star Scout were Jim Clark and Norman Persing, presentation being made by Glenn Storey, chairman of Scout committee for troop No. 61.

Bill Brown, Brice Tracy and Don Pierce were made First Class Scouts. Bill Brady was also awarded the badge for Senior Patrol Leader and Jim Clark was made Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Lloyd Claver pinned Second Class badges on Scouts Miles Bonnel, Jack Blak and Duane Livengood. Two boys just starting up the ladder Scout advancement were awarded Tenderfoot badges. They were Jim Anderson and Harold Steward.

The following Merit badge awards were made: Bill Brown, marksmanship; Jim Clark, handicraft; Don McLarrin, dairying, personal health and public health; Norman Persing, music, mechanized drawing, first-aid, swimming, pathfinding, handicraft, bookbinding, business and scholarship; Charles Stevenson, dairying, sewing and animal husbandry; Edward Stevenson, dairying, personal health and public health; Brice Tracy, wood-carving, firemanship and handicraft.

An award of Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 14 was made to Lonnie Clark. Other Scoutmasters attending were Phil Alborn, Don Farr and Lud Seharfer.

About thirty Cub Scouts of Pack 314 were present along with den mothers, Mrs. Ray Jeub, Mrs. Wm. Barrow, Mrs. Alva Perkins and Mrs. Harold Stevens.

Den Chief's lanyards were awarded to Preston Willis, Chuck Stevenson, Norman Persing and Don McLarrin for the work they have done as leaders in the Cub Scout pack.

The charter for Cub Pack 314 was presented to Cubmaster Stan Sherwood by Scout Executive Ralph Kallisher.

A group of Scouts and leaders came in from Fairview, where a new troop is being organized. A number of Scouts from Myrtle Point were also in the audience.

Considerable thanks are due L. W. Claver and O. L. Wood who donated the use of the Liberty Theatre, as well as movie entertainment which was shown after the Court of Honor.

Christmas Seal Sale For 1944 Is Now On

The annual Christmas Seal sale got under way this week when Coquille residents, as well as everyone in the county received the seals by mail from county headquarters in Marshfield. A prompt response, with remittance, will be appreciated by the chairmen in the several communities.

Cpl. Robert McCarthy Has Ten-Day Furlough At Home

Corporal Robert McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. McCarthy, arrived here Wednesday afternoon on a 17-day furlough from the Army Air Base at Pratt, Kans. He will be here until Dec. 8. Robert has been in the service for 14 months and is about ready to go overseas whenever the order for it is issued.

Delos Britton A Jap Victim In Sept.

Coquille and southwestern Oregon, where he had spent practically all of his life, was again stricken with grief last week when it was learned that Private First Class Delos A. Britton, U. S. M. C. R., was killed in action during the performance of his duties and in the service of his country on the 17th of September. The name of his ship or station cannot be reported but it was in the South Pacific, in the Palau Island section.

Word came to his mother here, Mrs. Amy Britton, in a telegram from the Commandant of the Marine Corps at Washington, D. C.

Delos was born at Langlois in Curry county, Jan. 18, 1920, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Britton. He spent most of his life on the Britton's New Lake ranch, attending the New Lake and Langlois schools. He enlisted in the Marine Corps nearly three years ago.

Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers, Harold, of Lebanon, Ore.; Ray, who is in Monterey, Calif., and Corporal Max Britton, who has been in an Army Medical Corps in Alaska for more than three years. Many friends, both old and young, are saddened by the passing from this life of so young and popular a southwestern Oregonian.

Richard Pointer Killed In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pointer of Myrtle Point, who formerly lived in Coquille, received word last week that their son, Private Richard Pointer, was killed in Germany on November 5. Their first telegram from the War Department said that he had been seriously injured and a few days later came the word that he had been killed on that date.

Richard was their only child, 20 years of age, and was a graduate from Myrtle Point High in 1943. He was with the First Army Medical Corps and had been in the Army for 18 months. Nearly all of his training had been at Camp Barkley, Texas.

He was a grandson of Mrs. Aurora Willard, a nephew of Mrs. Rock Robinson, both of Coquille, and leaves many relatives in the Coquille valley. He was a fine, up-standing young man, popular with all who knew him and his passing is mourned by a great many friends as well as by his relatives.

Jack Hunt Slightly Wounded In France

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hunt received a telegram Monday from the War Department in Washington, D. C., that their son, Capt. Jack Hunt, had been slightly wounded in action in France on Nov. 13. The message said they would be kept informed as to his condition when further word is received from his hospital base across the Atlantic.

Election Costs Coos County \$4,432.32

Deputy County Clerk, John Leneve, who has just completed the compiling of the Nov. 7 election costs to Coos county, reports that the total was \$4,432.32.

Of this amount \$297.07 was paid to the registrars in the various towns for registering voters; \$2,651.70 was paid the judges and clerks of the boards; \$15 for clerical assistance to the canvassing boards; \$1,127.75 for election notices, ballots, envelopes and other supplies; \$288.50 for rent of rooms for polling places, and \$52.30 for cartage and telephone.

Fourth Rotarian-Sponsored Lecture Next Tuesday

The last Institute of International Understanding lectures, sponsored by the Rotary Club, will be heard at the High School auditorium next Tuesday evening, Dec. 5. The speaker will be Geraldine Townsend Fitch, author and lecturer on Far Eastern affairs.

S. C. Mitchell, of Eugene, will conduct a free Acousticon hearing aid clinic at Coquille Hotel Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Mrs. Fred Lorenz returned Tuesday morning and is again in the department store, after a five weeks' enjoyable visit with Capt. Lorenz at the post where he is stationed, 100 miles out from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Australia And New Zealand New Forces In World Affairs

Following are highlights of the address given by C. Hartley Grattan, of Tuckahoe, N. Y., contributing editor of Harper's and a leading authority on Australia and New Zealand, at the high school auditorium here Tuesday evening. This was the third lecture sponsored by the Coquille Rotary Club in its Institutes of International Understanding program:

While Australia and New Zealand are usually thought of together, they are really quite separate countries. Both are British Dominions with all the independence that implies. They are comparable in this respect to Canada. New Zealand consists of two main islands with a total area about equal to that of Colorado. Australia consists of a continent, the only country in the world that is co-equal with a continent. Its area is just a little less than continental United States. Both have tropical island dependencies, New Zealand notably Western Samoa, Australia notably about half of New Guinea. The Australian continent is warm and dry. The New Zealand islands are temperate and wet. Both are heavy exporters of primary products. New Zealand specializes in butter, cheese, meat, and cross-bred wool; Australia in fine merino wool—it runs more sheep than any other country in the world—, wheat, and a wide variety of other foodstuffs including meat, butter, sugar, dried fruits, apples, etc.

New Zealand has few factory industries and is little likely to develop a large industrial system. Australia (Continued on page nine)

M. S. Anthony Held On Serious Charges

Milton Scott Anthony, who was taken before Justice Hall at Marshfield, charged with pointing a firearm at another, was bound over to the grand jury, with bail set at \$500, and brought to the county jail last Wednesday. He is the man who is thought to have beaten Mrs. Irma Smith, who lives on the road past the Coos County Club grounds, into insensibility last week. A daily press report gave her address as Greensacres. She has since recovered consciousness.

After being brought to jail here another charge was filed against Anthony in Justice Fred Bull's court, that of sodomy, the complaint being made by Mrs. Smith. He was also bound over to the grand jury on the latter charge and his bail was set at \$2500 on that one.

Geo. F. Sinnott was arrested by Sheriff Howell at Powers Saturday night and brought to jail here on a disorderly conduct charge. Justice Bull fined him \$30, costs of \$4.50, and sentenced him to six months in jail. He was then released and the jail sentence will be suspended if he pays the fine and costs by Dec. 3. He was placed on a year's probation.

Dance Nets Shrine Hospital \$650

The Shrine dance in the Coquille Community Building last Wednesday evening, the proceeds of which went to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland, was one of the largest held here since last July 4th dances and the participants all enjoyed a very splendid affair. The music was excellent and nothing happened to mar the serenity of the assembled dancers.

The net proceeds transmitted to Portland were slightly in excess of \$650.

Math Instructors Confer Here This Week At High School

Of paramount interest to those in the field of education is the meeting in Coquille High School this week of the Conference of High School Mathematics instructors. The conference is one of the fifteen held in the State of Oregon; all of which are arranged by D. A. Emerson, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. It will convene at ten o'clock Friday morning and last through Saturday.

The council similar to this which was held for English teachers last year was reported to be one of the most interesting ever held.