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## Infantry Show To Be Given Here Next Tuesday, Dec. 12

The United States Treasury Department, in co-operation with the Army Ground Forces, will present to the residents of Coquille and Coos County one of the most spectacular and dramatic shows ever seen by the American public in wartime, "Here's Your Infantry," demonstrating the weapons, teamwork and fighting methods of the United States Infantry, will be Tuesday afternoon and early evening, December 12.

The colorful Infantry pageant will begin with a highlight—an outdoor spectacle at the Coquille athletic park showing how the Infantry attacks a Jap fortified pillbox. A jungle assault team, armed with flamethrowers, dynamite and deadly Infantry weapons, will be the attacking troops. Yes, for perhaps the first time you'll have the opportunity to see the flamethrower, the war's most ghastly weapon, and the bazooka in action, handled by the famous Infantrymen of the 6th Infantry Regiment, many of whom have already seen bitter, bloody fighting in all the theatres of war. The simulated attack to be seen at the Coquille Athletic Park is an actual reproduction of a battle that took place on Leyte in the Philippines a short time ago. The attack phase of "Here's Your Infantry," will be presented at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Then, at three o'clock the other phases of the big show will be displayed and the public will be allowed to view at close range the Infantryman's killing weapons which have made him the most feared man on every battlefield. During the weapons' display and demonstration, [illegible] GI's will explain their [illegible] for the spectators.

Also in the Community Building there will be [illegible] Squad, the basic combat unit in modern war.

The display of the weapons and the Infantry Squad, demonstrating its battle formations, will be seen from three in the afternoon until eight o'clock Tuesday evening.

The war is in the Infantry phase. Victory depends now on the Infantry soldier, his rifle and his bayonet. "There is nothing in front of the Infantry but the enemy."

See this show free of charge and know why we all have to buy war bonds.

### A Suggestion To The State Fish-Game Commission

Bob Geaney, of the Fairview route, makes a suggestion which all sportsmen and fishermen will agree should be approved by the Oregon Fish and Game Commission.

It is that boys in the service, who are back in Oregon on a few days' furlough or leave, should not be compelled to pay $3 for a fishing license in order to enjoy a little sport. One boy, recently back here, paid his $3 for a license and was able to get out but for one-half day of fishing.

It would seem to be a gesture on the part of the Commission which would be the least that body could do for boys in the service.

### Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee Appointed Tuesday

Before adjourning the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, President Geo. E. Oerding appointed J D. Gillespie, Evan Alborn and E. L. "Andy" Anderson as a nominating committee to submit a list of candidates for president, vice president and director for 1945 at the next regular meeting of the board of directors which will be held on Dec. 19.

### November Rainfall In Coquille Was 8.17 Inches

The total rainfall in Coquille, as recorded at the weather observation here in the court house yard, for the month of November is 8.17 inches. This is somewhat less than the average for the month for there were many nice, clear days last month.

No session of the Coos circuit court was held here Tuesday this week, Judge Dal M. King having been called to hold court at Roseburg. There will be a session here next Tuesday, Dec. 12.

## Coquille Has Sent 90 Tons Paper

Geo. F. Burr reports that since January 1 this year Coquille has shipped approximately 90 tons of salvaged paper and this with its tin can shipments, which are a part of the Coos county salvage, is acknowledged in a letter Mr. Burr recently received from state salvage headquarters in Portland:

The State Salvage Committee herewith extends its heartiest congratulations to you and all patriotic citizens of Coos county who made possible your recent carload shipment of tin cans to war.

We think you will be interested to know that this shipment, the third carload to be sent from the Coos Bay area, places Coos county among the top counties of the state in per capita collections during the last 12 months.

Coos county can take great pride in this achievement which represents a real contribution to the war effort.

With best wishes for Coos county's continued success in all phases of the "Salvage for Victory" program.

Elsewhere in this issue appears an advertisement authorized by the Coquille Salvage Committee, urging Coquille and valley residents to make greater efforts in saving paper, tin cans and fats which are still vitally needed in the U. S. war program and which are almost as necessary a part of the home-front effort as is the purchase of War Bonds.

There has, of late, been some slackening of the accumulation of these needed items, but the war is not yet won and fats, tin and paper are just as important now as they were six months ago, or as they were right after Pearl Harbor, of which today is the third anniversary.

## Masonic Lodge To Burn Mortgage

Chadwick Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., will meet in Masonic Hall, a special communication the evening of its bonded debt, incurred when the lodge home was built 25 years ago. The session is to be held Friday evening, Dec. 8, at which time the mortgage on the property will be burned.

Other features of the meeting will be a program and a history of Chadwick Lodge, prepared by its former secretary, R. H. Mast, and a banquet in the hall below will close the festivities.

## More Tax Money Than Ever Before

While figures are not yet available as to money paid in to the tax department in the court house for taxes this fall, County Treasurer Stauff says the daily turnover to his office totals considerably more than it ever did before at this time of year. "It's more money than I ever saw before," is the way he expressed it.

The office force in the tax department has been working night and day and Supday, trying to get the mail opened and receipts made out and mailed for remittances.

It will be ten days yet, or longer, before this fall's total tax payments can be reported.

### $1458.75 Paid As Fees In November To County Clerk

More than half of the total fees, amounting to $1458.75, paid in to County Clerk Oddy's office during November were for recording, the amount being $765.05. Circuit court fees amounted to $430, probate and county court to $88, for marriage licenses $54, and the balance was for miscellaneous items.

### To Be Wholesale Dealers Exclusively After Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harbison have moved from their former home at Bergen's Flower Shop to 608 East Ninth street. They will maintain their retail store in Coquille until Christmas, after which they will be exclusively in the wholesale business. Mr. Harbison makes the beautiful myrtlewood figures everyone stops to admire in the windows of their store, corner of First and Taylor Sts.

The Coquille Junior Women's Club will meet Monday, December eleventh, at Guild Hall, at which time the president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will be present. Members are urged to attend in order to hear her speak.

## 25 Charter Members For Coquille Credit Bureau Being Sought

The directors' meeting of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon was devoted exclusively to a consideration of the proposal that Coquille business houses and merchants become partners in the Coquille Credit Bureau which N. P. McDonald recently purchased from George Geiger. And it should be stated that Mr. McDonald was not the owner of the Myrtle Point Credit Bureau but was the manager of that organization which was owned by the business men of Myrtle Point.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, who now are located here, the following from Myrtle Point attended the meeting and told how satisfactorily the bureau had operated up there—Elbert Eads, H. A. Schroeder, E. E. Roberts, Ralph King and A. R. Jones. Mayor Franklin, of Bandon, was also a guest at the session of the directors.

Don Farr, chairman of the Coquille Chamber's retail trade committee, who had been a member of the Myrtle Point Credit Bureau for some time, told of his experiences and how satisfactorily it had operated for Farr & Elwood.

He then introduced Mr. McDonald, who stated that the secret of a successful bureau is its ability to secure prompt collections and he told of the thousands of dollars of accounts, charged off by the Myrtle Point concern, which had extended the credit, which had been collected for the concern as a result of the M. P. Credit Bureau efforts and his statement was later verified by H. A. Schroeder.

Mr. McDonald stated that there are 1500 local credit associations included in the National Credit Association chain but that to belong to this chain, and have access to the credit rating of everyone in these 1500 branches, the Coquille Credit Bureau must be owned by Coquille business men and that there must be at least 25 members. The cost per member is set at $45 per year.

Education is one of the principal benefits of a Credit Bureau, Mr. McDonald said and when a Bureau works with a debtor and shows him how he can work out of his debt mess, it has often saved the debtor from having to go through the bankruptcy court.

Henry Schroeder, next called upon, said that the credit condition was very bad in Myrtle Point when the bureau was organized three years ago but so effective had been Mr. McDonald's efforts there that there is now nothing more for him to do up there. Those efforts had saved around 100 people from bankruptcy and had resulted in the collection of $50,000 in what had been very bad accounts.

He said that Mr. McDonald had made possible the collection of one account which was 18 years old and several which were 12 years past due and had brought to H. A. Schroeder & Sons several thousand dollars which had been charged off.

Mr. Eads, when called upon, said there was not very much "poor credit" condition now but looking ahead the next few years he could foresee that the credit problem will become acute again and that the need for a Credit Bureau will again be vital to any community.

Messrs. Roberts, King and Jones were also called upon and each told of some particularly impressive result from Mr. McDonald's operation of the Myrtle Point Bureau.

The opinion of the Coquille business men present was that Coquille should have a locally-owned Credit Bureau and be able to affiliate with the National Credit Association and a motion was adopted that the president appoint a committee to draw up by-laws for the proposed organization and have all the necessary legal work performed so that Mr. McDonald will have all the essential papers and authority when, in the near future, he contacts Coquille business men to interest them in becoming members of the Coquille Credit Bureau.

The committee appointed by President Oerding consists of John Purkey, P. O. Lund, O. T. Gant and Ray Buckles.

An organization meeting at which every business women and man in Coquille is invited to be present, is to be held in the Coquille city hall next Monday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

## Coos And Douglas Counties In War Bond Sale Contest

In response to a challenge by Clarence H. Coe, Coos county chairman of the War Finance Committee, for the 6th War Loan, Douglas county's committee agreed to accept and the contest will last till the close of the drive.

Mr. Coe's report yesterday morning was that Coos county has now bought $180,745 worth of E bonds, or 29.2 per cent of its quota, and Douglas county's $116,606 is 24.3 per cent of its quota.

Whether there is a side bet on the contest has not been revealed, but Mr. Coe's reply to the facetious and somewhat satirical reply to his challenge by the Douglas committee was in the following words:

The salubrious climate of Coos county, where all men are dynamic and all women beautiful, gives Coos county a distinct advantage in any endeavor requiring intelligence and energy. In addition we are further blessed by our stimulating ocean breezes and the unsurpassed products of our dairy farms.

In this 6th War Loan contest we do not wish to take any advantage and as we cannot transport to you the magic enchantment of our ocean shore nor the health building perfection of our climate, and we do not and will not entrust to you the dazzling inspiration of our beautiful women; yet, we would do something to equalize the advantages bestowed upon us by the beneficence of Mother Nature.

Our invigorating sea breezes are dissipated by the hills and forests which lie between us, but we recall that some two years ago you had all of your automobile tires pumped full of our famous ocean air; and we are sure that if you would release all of this air at one time in your community that it would inspire them to increased activity. And, in order to sustain this increased activity, we are sending you (both charges and transportation collect) a portion of our famous cheese, than which there is none better. By this magnanimous contribution of advice and treasure, we have proven our sincere desire to share our advantages with you.

Your for more Bonds until the Japs and the Nazis grow cold.

## Coquille Bond Sales 45 Percent Of Quota

Sales of 6th War Bonds in Coquille up to close of business at the bank and the postoffice last evening brought Coquille up to slightly over 45 per cent of the quota of $265,000 set for this city.

The postoffice, which had a tremendously busy day on Tuesday when 177 bonds, at the selling price of $5,587.50, were turned over to purchasers, has total sales of E bonds up to last evening of $7,481.25.

The bank's sales, last evening, grossed $112,162.50, of which $60,487.50 were of the E variety and $51,956 were of other kinds.

It is expected that the Infantry show here next Tuesday will have a stimulating effect on bond sales and it is hoped that Coquille can be the first town in the county to go over the top with 100 per cent or more of its $265,000 quota.

### Woman's Club To Present Toys To Doernbecher Hospital

Mrs. R. E. Boober, president of the Woman's Club, wishes to remind the members to bring their donations of toys for the children in Doernbecher Hospital when they attend the meeting next Tuesday. The children are small and in bed so the type of toy should be selected with that fact in mind.

The Youth Fellowship group of the Methodist Church was invited to the home of Laura Emily Ruble Sunday evening. After playing several amusing games, refreshments, which included a huge chocolate cake, were served to the group. They then gathered around the piano and sang popular songs.

Mrs. Ray Schroeder returned Monday night from Mare Island near San Francisco, where she had visited with her husband for the past three weeks. Ray is a Mo.MM1/c in the Navy.

## 1st B. B. Jamboree At Bay Dec. 12

Basketball has now succeeded football at C. H. S. and Coach Spike Leslie has a good-sized squad with which to start the season, which really opens with a Basket Ball Jamboree at Coos Bay next Tuesday, Dec. 12, and which is to be followed with a Jamboree in Coquille the next Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Jamboree is a new feature in Coos county basketball and will replace the Coos county tournament, heretofore held after the completion of the regular season in February.

In the Jamboree each of the four high school squads in the county will play each of the other three for a 15-minute period. There will be the usual tournament admission charge at the Jamboree, which will be under the sponsorship of the County School-Masters Club, and the funds thus derived will be used to send the Coos county winner to the district play-off at Eugene, probably early in March, and to the state tournament at Salem, March 15, 16 and 17, if a Coos county team wins in the district play-off over the Eugene district winner.

After the Jamborees on the 12th and 19th, the Red Devils will have practice games with Coos River and Roseburg high schools before the opening of the regular county schedule on Friday, Jan. 5, when Coquille plays at Marshfield and North Bend is at Myrtle Point.

On the A Red Devils squad there are 16 men, any and all of whom will be called upon for appearance on the floor. The list includes Roy Porter, Claire Gray, Floyd DeNoma, Myron Hage, Stacey Johnson, George Johnson, Bob Jenkins, Bud Meek, Dave Kline, Tom Boots, Bob Alborn, Bob Kelley, Ronald Williams, Melborne Mitchell, Dick Morrott and Don Minard. Out of that squad, Spike could pick a quintet all of whom are over six feet in height, if he so desired. He also has a fairly good-sized squad of players for the B team.

## Community Officers In Conservation Program Are Chosen

At the Community Conservation meetings already held this week, at Coos Bay on Tuesday and at Myrtle Point on Wednesday, County Agent Geo. H. Jenkins was elected secretary by each. Coquille's meeting is being held at the city hall today at 1:30 p. m. and the one at Bandon will be in the city hall there Friday at 1:30 p. m.

John D. Carl is chairman of the Coos county general committee which, in conjunction with the local committees, will decide what conservation practices are best adapted to the four districts in order to receive the substantial benefit payments from the U. S. government which will be available in 1945.

At the Marshfield meeting F. B. Rood was elected chairman, Clyman Collver, vice chairman; and they are also to be delegate and alternate respectively to county meetings.

For the North Bend section, C. M. Conner was named delegate and Abe Grossen alternate.

At Myrtle Point A. R. Davenport was chosen as chairman and delegate, Martin Arnold as vice chairman and alternate delegate.

There were 24 present at the Myrtle Point election, 16 at the North Bend, and 18 at the Marshfield.

### Coquille Boy Helps Establish World Production Record

Pfc. Harold Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Williams of Sanford Heights, Coquille, has helped establish a world's production record at an Air Service Command depot in England. In nine months, he and fellow soldier-technicians repaired 100,000 battle-worn aircraft accessories and returned them to combat units operating over western Europe. The record production helped overcome shortages of many accessories.

There will be a Legion Auxiliary meeting Monday night. Members are requested to remember to bring gifts for service men. The Legion is serving refreshments.

The fire alarm at five o'clock Monday evening was to a residence on Rink creek, which the department found was a flue burning out, when they arrived on the scene.

Old papers for a bunnie.

## Water Bills To Be Increased Ten Per Cent On February 1

The city council in session Monday evening postponed until the next meeting adoption of an ordinance revising the license fees to be paid by card rooms, pool and billiard parlors and bowling alleys in Coquille, to allow a little more time for assembling data on what other communities are collecting for licenses.

The figures presented by Mayor Wood Monday evening showed the following rates for Coos county towns:

Marshfield—Card rooms $10 a month, billiard parlors $10 a year, each, and bowling alleys $75 a year.

North Bend—Card rooms $25 a year, billiard parlors $25 a year, pinball machines $10 each three months per machine, bowling alleys $30 per quarter year.

Myrtle Point—Card rooms $50 a year, billiard parlors $50 a year, pinball machines $10 per year per machine, bowling alleys $25 per year.

Coquille's rates, which a new ordinance will revise have been—Card rooms $50 per six months, billiard tables $5 each per six months, bowling alleys $50 a year.

The ordinance to raise additional funds for postwar water system improvements, for a sewage disposal plant, or for any other postwar project the council may decide upon, was adopted without a dissenting vote, all six councilmen voting.

These funds, which will be raised by adding 10 per cent to the monthly water billing, beginning with the February 1 water statement, will be kept in a fund separate from the regular water fund.

A letter from the State Engineer extends the life of the permit which the city has heretofore received and which allows the city's water department to take water from the North Fork for its water system. The extension time is until Oct. 1, 1949, by which time work on the project is expected to be started.

The application of the Isler Sheet Metal Works for permission to install a marquee, 25 feet wide, in front of the Shelley building on Hall street, for the Geo. F. Burr Motor Co., was granted.

As previously decided should be done with Community Building dance proceeds which are turned over to the city as its share, when those funds are to be used for improvement of the building, the council voted to return $37.96 to the American Legion which will use the money on the Boys' Club room in the building.

Beer license aplications to the State Liquor commission were approved by the council for the following:

W. H. Fortier for Bill's Place, a class B retail and a package store.

C. L. Elkins, a class B retail store.

LeRoy Rice for the Coquille Auto Park, a class A package store.

City Attorney Berg was instructed to submit a bid to the county for 80 acres of Coos-owned land east of the city water reservoir. Part of this tract is now being used as a rifle range, and will continue to be so used. There is also considerable alder timber on the tract.

Leo J. Cary, manager of the State Liquor Commission's retail store in Coquille, presented a plea to the council for a no-parking sign in front of the store on Front street, presenting as reasons that some times the truck men had to push hand trucks for a block or more in order to get the liquor to the store. Mr. Cary also made the plea, said, for the benefit of patrons, asking that a "Drive In—No parking" sign be posted there such as is in front of the postoffice.

The council has had numerous similar requests in the past and the members do not feel that they can show partiality to any business house in town, but Mayor Wood made a suggestion that may bear fruit in the way of relief. His idea is that an unloading zone be established in the center of each block, plainly marked as such, where the parking of cars is forbidden.

It is, indeed, unfortunate, in this automobile age, that when cities were laid out before the auto era, that alleys, at least in the business sections, were not made as necessary a part of a city's thoroughfares as are its streets.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.