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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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12.00 THE YEAR

Chadwick Lodge, 69 Years Of Age, Burns Mortgage

John W. Leneve, in point of membership in Chadwick Lodge, No. 66, A. F. & A. M., was the oldest Mason present at the special communication of the lodge last Friday evening when the mortgage on the home here was burned. His brother, George Leneve, who died last May, was a charter member of the lodge when it was instituted in November, 1875.

Capt. Thos. D. White, of North Bend, who retains his membership in Chadwick, furnished the match with which R. H. Mast, a member for more than 40 years and for many of them its secretary, set fire to the obligation paper. Mr. Mast, a Mason since 1902, was next eldest to Mr. Leneve in affiliation.

W. B. McLarrin, worshipful master, and the other officers of the lodge, occupied the chairs of their respective offices on this momentous occasion.

There were 50 Chadwick members in attendance, five from Bend, two from Myrtle Point and thirteen from other lodges who were present Friday evening and enjoyed the many talks made and particularly the paper, prepared and read by Mr. Mast, which was a chronological history of the lodge.

Mr. Mast read the minutes of the first organizational meeting, which occurred on July 3, 1875, and at which Wm. Morris was chairman and R. H. Ross, secretary.

The dispensation was issued to Chadwick on Aug. 26, 1875, and was signed by Most Worshipful Grand Master John B. Condit, and assisted by Grand Sec. R. F. Barlett.

Charter members and their ages at the time were: Thos. D. White, 55; Christian Lohmeyer, 57; John B. Condit, 58; James Wright, 48; Wm. Morris, 47; Wm. H. Harris, 46; Geo. Leneve, 44; James Adams, 35; Andrew H. Brown, 34.

Basketball Jamboree Here Tues., Dec. 19

The Coos County High School Basketball Jamboree in Coquille is to be held the evening of Tuesday, December 19, at 7:30 in the High School Gymnasium. The jamboree is to include the playing of the four Coos County "A" teams—Coquille, Myrtle Point, Marshfield and North Bend. Each team plays every other team the equivalent of one quarter of basketball. Each team will draw its number before the game and will play in the quarter in which its number places it on the following schedule:

- Quarter 1—Team 1 vs. Team 2.
- Quarter 2—Team 3 vs. Team 4.
- Quarter 3—Team 1 vs. Team 3.
- Quarter 4—Team 2 vs. Team 4.
- Quarter 5—Team 1 vs. Team 4.
- Quarter 6—Team 2 vs. Team 3.

The first jamboree of this year was held Tuesday evening in Marshfield. The results of the six quarters played were as follows:

Coquille.....	5	North Bend.....	12
Myrtle Point.....	11	Marshfield.....	4
North Bend.....	8	Myrtle Point.....	9
Marshfield.....	6	Coquille.....	5
North Bend.....	9	Marshfield.....	6
Coquille.....	15	Myrtle Point.....	8

The total scores made by the four teams were: North Bend 29; Myrtle Point 28; Coquille 25; Marshfield 16.

Much interest has developed in this form of initial competition which enables fans to observe each of the county teams in action at the beginning of the season before the regular schedule of games start. A large crowd is expected Tuesday night at the high school gymnasium to see the contests.

At the jamboree in the Coquille High gym next Tuesday evening, Student Body tickets will not be accepted for admission. The prices of admission will be 60 cents for adults, 30 cents for students and 14 cents for children, all the figures including the federal tax.

Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, Dec. 15, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. in Guild Hall to sew, knit and crochet. There will be pajamas, hospital shirts and new type of scarf slippers to be taken out for home sewing.

Mrs. Dungey is thanked for her generous contribution.

Police School In Session Here

L. J. Brice, of Salem, a State Board of Education representative in the Vocational Training Department, is making one of his periodic visits to this section this week and is holding a five-day school, Monday through Friday, in the Community Building here for state police and all other peace officers of Coos county.

Mr. Brice is no novice in police tactics and he conducts these schools all over the state, coming here from Roseburg. His next stop will be at Newport. At Camp Perry, Ohio, a few years ago he won the National rifle and pistol award.

Besides marksmanship, Mr. Brice's school teaches all manner of police tactics, including the proper method of making arrests, searching and disarming those arrested, and also the defensive holds on an obstreperous prisoner.

The officers attending these schools furnished their own ammunition but all equipment is otherwise provided.

This school, which is held every six months in every section of the state, gives the local police officers the opportunity to get the same training, methods as do the police in the larger cities.

Don Farr To Head The Credit Bureau

Lack of space this morning prevents the Sentinel giving as complete an account of the Coquille Credit Bureau meeting Monday evening as the organization of such a worthwhile project deserves, but we will present further facts about the policy and aims of such an organization in a future issue.

Don Farr, C. of C. Retail Trade Association chairman, presided and W. P. McLaughlin, who recently purchased the Western Mercantile Agency here, outlined the plan of a co-operatively owned credit bureau, covering Coos county, but emphasizing that 25 Coquille business firms had already signed for membership in the Bureau.

The constitution and by-laws for the Bureau were adopted and the meeting date set for the second and fourth Mondays of each month at a noon luncheon session.

Officers elected for the Bureau were: Don Farr, president; Geo. E. Oerding, vice president; N. P. McDonald, secretary-treasurer; and Harry M. Johnson, F. E. McCracken, L. A. Greene, Clarence Oalks and Rod Crager, directors.

The installation of officers will take place in January when a representative of the District Council of the National Retail Credit Ass'n, Mr. Jensen, will be here.

The next meeting of the Credit Bureau members will be held on Jan. 8, when President Don Farr will announce his committee appointments. The city hall chamber was filled with those interested in organizing the Bureau and there have been more business houses signed up as members since the original 25 needed to insure affiliation with the National Credit Association.

Tax Collections Break All Records

A. O. Walker, chief deputy in the Tax Department, reports that tax collections in November exceeded by \$80,000 the amount collected in November last year, which broke all previous tax collection records.

Total 1944-45 tax collections last month amounted to \$792,595.04, which is 79.15 per cent of the total levy of \$1,001,449.60. Total delinquent taxes collected during November amounted to \$72,683.90, making a grand total paid in to the county's coffers last month of \$865,278.94.

Missionary From Africa To Be At Christian Church Sunday Eve

Miss Gertrude Schomaker, who has just recently returned from a seven-year term at the Disciples of Christ Mission in Belgian Congo, will speak at the evening service Sunday night at the Christian Church. Miss Schomaker is an Oregon girl who has spent many years of fruitful service in the Belgian Congo. Last year this mission baptized nearly 2500 people. Miss Schomaker has received a splendid response wherever she has gone on her tour of the state. The public is cordially invited to hear Miss Schomaker.

'Here's Your Infantry' Was A Great Spectacle Tuesday

"Here's Your Infantry," the show staged by a company of the U. S. Army and presented at the ball park on Tuesday afternoon, attracted one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Athletic Park. And none of those who saw the show were disappointed for they saw in action all the implements of warfare that the Infantry uses, and were shown how our boys in the Pacific come up with the Japs, on many islands, conduct their jungle fighting.

Of course, the demonstration being given on a flat plane field was not as realistic as though it had been presented on a tree and brush-covered field, but it gave a true idea of how the khaki-clad infantrymen creep up on the Jap pill-boxes and other war-equipment installations, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the thousands who witnessed the performance.

The bazooka, that Army implement which has put out of commission so many Nazi and Jap tanks at the distance from which the crowds had to watch it work, looked like a long four or five inch in diameter pipe, but it ranks with the mortar and flame-throwers as one of the U. S. Army's most effective weapons.

The flame throwers will set anything afire at a distance up to 60 feet and the pile of green brush at which it was directed soon became a pile of ash.

The show started with a demonstration of various maneuvers by the Infantry squad which deployed and, with the men lying on their stomachs and inching forward in that prone position, gradually worked up close enough so that the head grenades and flame-thrower could blast the pill-boxes and defense positions which the Japs or Nats would expect to be holding.

The attacking approach by one or two men of the right and left sides of the enemy gave a pretty good idea of how a tiny detail, in actual combat, has to expose itself to the enemy's gunfire, but in the Pacific the undergrowth on the islands held by the Japs and from which the U. S. troops are gradually cleaning out the enemy, is so thick that these flankers can get quite close and use their flame-throwers and grenades before they rush in and overpower the defending forces in hand-to-hand fighting.

How the bayonet is used in these attacks was also demonstrated and it was worth seeing how the Infantryman can disarm an enemy by the proper method of thrusting aside the bayonet of the enemy's rifle and secure possession of that weapon.

Altogether it was a most interesting demonstration of how the Infantry is doing its part in the second World War and those unable to attend missed a splendid show.

The pleasure of the hour's performance was further enhanced by the participation of the Coquille High School band which appeared in uniform and rendered martial music throughout the afternoon.

In the later afternoon and evening, all the Infantry equipment was on display in the Community Building, where the soldiers of the group were present to tell about the use of the arms and answer questions. That was a small boys' paradise for they could handle the rifles, aim them and pull the trigger to their hearts' content.

R. L. Stewart, who was named to arrange for the show here, which was intended solely to stimulate interest in the 6th War Bond drive, had arranged for a few ladies of the Legion Auxiliary to serve coffee and doughnuts to the incoming Infantrymen at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The ladies enjoyed doing it as much as the men enjoyed the refreshments.

There has been heard, in a small degree, some critical remarks about the expense connected with such a demonstration as that given Tuesday. To such it can be pertinently asked, "How does a merchant sell his goods?" The answer is, "By Advertising," and that is what this "Here's Your Infantry" show is doing—advertising the 6th War Bond drive, and nothing else, although it can be added that the people of the United States are entitled to know what their armed forces are doing and this small demonstration of the U. S. war effort was educational as well as interesting to observe.

Triple Shooting In Myrtle Point Sunday Takes Three Lives

This entire area was shocked and grieved Monday morning to hear of the murder and suicides in Myrtle Point Sunday. When Irving Larson of the State Police, Bert Pierson of the Myrtle Point force, and Sheriff William Howell arrived at the home of Ira Patridge, they found Eugene R. Adams, a longtime resident of Myrtle Point, had shot Edward Watzling and Barbara Dahrens, killing the latter and inflicting wounds on the former, which later proved fatal. Mr. Adams had then committed suicide.

Ira Patridge, who is sawyer for the Harry Hunt Shingle Mill, is the father of the murdered woman. He held the officers that he and his daughter and Edward Watzling had had Adams in a local cafe earlier in the evening and Adams had been drinking a little and acted sulky and morose. Patridge invited the men to his home for a game of cards and they both accepted. Adams had around a few minutes and left. Those remaining played crib for a while until Patridge announced his intention of going to bed and retired. Mrs. Dahrens sat at the card table with her back to the window, while Watzling faced her and her mother sat nearby.

Adams returned with a 20-30 rifle and shot through the window. Mrs. Dahrens was shot in the head, while Mr. Watzling was shot through the right lung and a portion of his liver, with the bullet coming out his back. Adams then turned the gun on himself and sent a bullet through his lungs.

It is rumored that Adams had been employed of twenty-two-year old Barbara who was estranged from her husband. Friends report that Adams had not been himself for the last six months and had made remarks that led them to believe he showed some such action. A few days ago he remarked to a man who held a mortgage on his home that he should be sure to take the horse if anything happened to him, Adams. He also gave his billfold to a friend and asked him to see that his young son got it if anything happened.

Adams was about forty years old and has been married three times. He leaves four children. He was born in Myrtle Point and except for eight years spent in the Navy had lived his entire life there. Funeral services for him were held at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries in Myrtle Point at 2:00 p. m. on Tuesday.

The police report that Watzling had known the Patridge family in Roseburg some years ago and that the meeting Sunday was the first since leaving Roseburg.

Mr. Watzling died early Tuesday morning at the Mast hospital. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ann Watzling; a son and a daughter; a brother, Harold, all of whom live in Myrtle Point; a sister, who lives in Seattle and another one who lives in Medford.

Derby Movies Shown At Rotary

Colored movies of the recent Lions Club Salmon Derby were shown at the Rotary Club luncheon on Wednesday by Dr. J. R. Bunch and were greatly enjoyed by all present, most of whom were in attendance at the Derby. Dr. Bunch also showed a reel of pictures taken at Crater Lake and Mt. Hood, showing many scenes and features of the winter sports at both places.

A letter of appreciation from Wayne Smith, director of the Coquille High School band, was read, in which he thanked the club for the financial assistance to the band on their recent trip to Medford.

Mrs. Eula Schram, in behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, also sent a letter of appreciation for the club's donation to the servicemen's Christmas box fund.

Rotarian guests were J. D. Carl, of Arago; H. C. Oble, of Grants Pass, and former Rotarian Clarence Price, also from Grants Pass. Other guests were Lt. J. G. Jack Clinton, of the U. S. Navy, just in on leave from the South Pacific, and Pfc. Jack Martin, who is attending Medical School at the University of Mississippi; "Brick" Leslie and Al Montgomery, of Coquille, and Fred Ingham, of Portland.

Lester Mayse To Be Buried Saturday

Lester Leland Mayse, a life-long resident of the Dora-Sitkum section, passed away at his home at Sitkum at 1:00 p. m. yesterday, Dec. 13, following a paralytic stroke he suffered on Monday.

While awaiting word from his brother before definite plans for the funeral are made, it is expected to be held at 1:00 p. m. on Saturday, at the Gano Funeral Home here, Rev. A. A. Baker of Myrtle Point officiating, and interment will be in the family plot at the Dora cemetery.

Mr. Mayse was born at Dora, Sept. 16, 1886, and was two months and 24 days past 51 years of age at passing.

The survivors are his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Mayse; two sons, Jack G. and Elton K., who are in the Navy and stationed in the Pacific; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Mayse of Sitkum; a brother, Emmett Mayse, of San Diego, and two sisters, Mrs. Macie Neal, of Marshfield, and Mrs. Eula Roberts, of Arago.

Clarence Pinkston Dies In East—Parents Leave For Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Pinkston were called east by the death of their son, Clarence Muhs, Tuesday evening. They were to go to Portland on the train by way of Marshfield; then board a plane for Chicago and thus reach Hammond, Indiana, their destination. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkston received a wire informing them of the passing of their son but no details were given.

Mrs. Wesley Church Passed Away Tuesday

Mrs. Wesley Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danielson who live below Riverston, died at the birth of her second child, Tuesday. The Church family live on the North Bank Road. Mrs. Church leaves a three-year old child besides the baby which is born.

Coquille Still Under 50 Per Cent Of Quota

The sale of 6th War Bonds, at the postoffice and bank here, at the close of business last evening, totalled \$128,147, which is 48.32 per cent of the Coquille quota of \$265,000.

Of the \$128,147 the E bond sales have amounted to \$75,525, and other bonds, sold only by the bank, amount to \$52,622. The bank's E bond sales totalled last evening \$47,362.50 while those at the postoffice, since the drive began, now amount to \$28,162.50.

As the sale of the other bonds, all except the E variety, is scheduled to close this coming Saturday evening, the probability is that Coquille will not go much over 50 per cent of its quota, which would be a total sale of \$132,500 worth of bonds of all kinds.

Lions Sponsor Two Holiday Dances

To provide entertainment for the dance-loving public of the valley, the board of directors of the Coquille Lions Club last evening decided to sponsor two holiday dances this month, a pre-Christmas and a pre-New Year's ball. The first will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 23, and the second Saturday evening, Dec. 30. Good music is assured but this morning the orchestra which will provide it had not yet been secured.

C. H. S. Senior Ball To Take Place Friday Evening

The High School Senior Ball, sponsored by Mrs. Thora Watson, is to be held Friday evening, Dec. 15, in the high school auditorium. Invitations to the ball are being sent out this week by the Seniors. Parents of all high school students are cordially invited to attend the ball. Decorations on the theme of "Winter Wonderland" are being completed under the supervision of Vera Bishop, committee chairman.

Pupils and Children Buy \$884.40 Worth of Stamps

The Liberty Theatre was filled to overflowing last week when Messrs. Wood and Claver presented that show in the interest of the Bond Sale campaign. Mr. Claver reports that \$884.40 worth of stamps were sold to the youngsters.

State President Talks To Woman's Club At Christmas Meet

Beautiful Christmas music and a visit by the State Federation President, Mrs. George Moorehead, made the December session of the Coquille Woman's Club an outstanding meeting of the season. Mrs. R. E. Boober, club president, was in charge of the meeting which, of necessity, had to be arranged for the early departure of some taking part in the program.

Mrs. W. E. Barrow, program chairman and one of the sextette, opened the presentation with a reading, entitled "Christmas Everywhere," by Phillips Brooks, a most timely expression for this particular Christmas. The sextette made up entirely of talent from within the club, sang four familiar Christmas carols, followed by the modern favorite, "White Christmas," the chorus of which Mrs. Barrow requested the audience to join in singing and which was done enthusiastically. Mrs. M. O. Hawkins arranged, directed and accompanied the sextette.

Mrs. Moorehead's address dealt with her recent trip to the Atlantic coast to attend the General Federation Conference at the Waldorf Hotel in New York, with club business also in Philadelphia and Washington. Mrs. Moorehead told of the sessions during the conference lasting through the days from eight in the morning until after midnight. A discouraging note, which she said existed throughout the convention, was lack of expression toward an early consummation of the war and, rather, that the war will go on for years.

The national president, Lucy Dickenson, was described as a softly-spoken, motherly type, thoroughly competent, and a banker in her own way.

Below Freezing The Past Week

Beginning last Friday night the thermometer has registered freezing or below each night with a single exception, but even so the weather here cannot be compared with what it has been in the middle west and east where more than three score persons have lost their lives due to the blizzards and extremely cold weather.

The lowest temperature here was Wednesday morning when the mercury was down to 26 degrees.

For the six nights the lowest points recorded and as read the next morning were: Saturday 28 degrees, Sunday 30, Monday 34, Tuesday 32, Wednesday 26, Thursday 30.

\$500 Damage Done In Tuesday Noon Fire

The fire alarm Tuesday noon called the department to the Ivan Moss home at 134 North Willard street, under the Spurgeon Hill bridge, the house being owned by Carl Bella.

Mrs. Moss was getting dinner and, as the fire was slow, she threw some oil into the stove and it exploded.

Her first thought was to get her two babies out of the house and after that she went back in and in attempting to extinguish the blaze severely burned her hand.

The kitchen was pretty badly gutted by the flames and smoke did considerable damage all through the house.

The fire department estimated the damage and loss to be between \$400 and \$500.

Merrill Tozier, Injured In Europe, In English Hospital

Word has been received here of the serious injury of Merrill Tozier. He was transported from Belgium to England, where he is in the hospital. Due to the strict censoring of letters Merrill writes, it is known only that his right arm is in a cast and that he has been in the hospital for some time.

Of special interest to Coquille High students is the news that Dick Buckles was sent to San Diego, California, after he reported in Portland, October 6. Dick was president of the Senior Class and played center on the football team before leaving for the Navy.

An out-of-town caller from Fairview this week was Charlotte Smith.