

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

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## Coquille Exceeds Its "E" Bond Quota By \$20,000

While figures are not yet available to show just how much Coquille and Coos county went over their quotas in the 6th War Bond drive which closed Saturday evening, it can be definitely stated that both went over the top. Coquille exceeded its \$115,000 E bonds quota by \$20,000, the total sale being \$135,000, but until the other bonds total figures are released by the Federal Reserve Bank, it cannot be stated by just how much the Coquille grand total of \$285,000 has been exceeded.

The following comment on the Coos county quota and commendation of many of those who aided in the county sales campaign is a press release handed out by C. H. Coe, who was chairman of the Coos County War Financial Committee for the drive just ended:

In the 6th War Loan, as in all previous Bond drives, Coos county was assigned a quota of "E" Bonds which was far too high. A comparison of the bank deposits, savings accounts, agriculture income and payrolls of Coos county with other counties of the state shows that this quota was unjust and unreasonable; but, by the united effort of everyone, we made it. The final official figures (Continued on page five)

## Annual Meeting Election C. of C.

The annual dinner meeting and election of officers for 1945, of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Coffee Shop next Tuesday evening, January 9, starting at seven o'clock.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$1.25 for adults and 75c for children under 12. Seating in the dining room is limited, so those who desire to attend should see Secretary C. G. Caughell in the city hall and secure their tickets at once.

At the Chamber board of directors' meeting Tuesday noon this week, O. L. Wood, chairman of arrangements for the annual meeting, was requested to arrange a program consisting of music and an outside speaker, if one can be secured. Just whom he can find who will be able to come is at yet uncertain but whoever it is, the speaker will probably have an opportunity also to address the monthly meeting of the Coquille Woman's Club the same day.

It is anticipated that attendance at the Chamber of Commerce election meeting will fill the dining room. The names of those who have consented to serve if elected was published in the Sentinel last week.

## Christian Church To Have New Building

At the annual church business meeting of the Christian Church Dec. 31, the congregation voted to start plans for the construction of a new building, following the war. By starting their plans now, the church feels that it will be able to begin building soon after the war closes and thus be better equipped to meet the spiritual needs of the community.

The congregation has chosen Mrs. Martha Mulkey to serve as Bible School superintendent for another year. A worker from Northwest Christian College is being added in the Religious Education Department. Officers of the board for the coming year are: Everett Wolgamott, chairman; Don Farr, clerk; and Paul Simpson, treasurer. Liston Parrish is the pastor.

## Deputy Revenue Collectors To Be In Coquille Jan. 9-10

Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue, J. H. Bowen and Clyde E. Deal, from the Marshfield office, announce the following itinerary for assisting Farmers with filing of their Forms 1040ES, Declaration of Estimated Tax for the Calendar Year 1944:

Deputies will be at the IOOF Hall, Brookings, during Jan. 3-5, incl.; Court House, Gold Beach on Jan. 6; Curry Co. Bank, Port Orford, Jan. 8 and City Hall, Myrtle Point on Jan. 8; City Hall, Bandon on Jan. 9 and City Hall, Coquille on Jan. 9-10; P. O. Bldg., Marshfield during Jan. 11-15, incl.

## Mrs. W. H. Fortier Succumbs To Her Affliction

Death released Mrs. W. H. Fortier, at nine o'clock last Sunday evening, from the suffering she had undergone for some years, as the result of a trouble for which medicine nor surgery had no cure.

The funeral services were held at Schroeder Bros' Mortuaries here at 2:00 p. m. on Wednesday, Rev. Robert L. Greene officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery. Pallbearers were Clarence Tuttle, Wm. F. Howell, Carl Gilbert, I. A. Elgød, Ed Lorenz and E. A. Walker. Mrs. Fortier was born Caroline Jans Oederkirk, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oederkirk, at Park Rapids, South Dakota, March 12, 1890, and she was eight months and 19 days past 54 years of age.

She was united in marriage to Wm. H. Fortier, at Moscow, Idaho, Oct. 8, 1908, and they came to Coquille 21 years ago.

Besides her husband she is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Vera McCurdy of the Cunningham road section, two grandchildren, Sandra Lee and Larry Kent McCurdy; two brothers and two sisters, Verne L. Oederkirk, of Coquille; Ray Oederkirk, of North Bend; Mrs. Vera Esser, of Coquille, and Mrs. Cora Whidden, of Long View, Canada.

While her affliction had kept Mrs. Fortier at home most of the time for some years, she leaves a great many friends who thought most highly of her and who deeply sympathize with her family in their great loss. She was a good woman whose stand was always on the right side.

## Very Little Change In Coquille's Official Circles For 1945

After hearing the minutes of the Dec. 18 council session read and approving the December list of bills, the old council adjourned sine die Tuesday evening and the new city fathers immediately organized with George A. Ulett succeeding Dr. G. E. Stark as councilman.

Claire M. Gray was re-elected as chairman of the council and Mayor Wood announced the following official appointments which were confirmed by the council:

Marshal, R. H. Creager; deputy marshals, W. A. Keller and C. C. Gunter.

Building and Fire Inspector, F. H. Dungey.

Superintendent of Water and Streets, S. V. Epperson.

Engineer, J. N. Gearhart.

City Treasurer, C. G. Caughell.

City Attorney, J. A. Berg (temporary).

Fire Chief, Craig Perrott; Assistant Chief, F. F. Schram.

Health Officer, Dr. L. B. Gould.

Auditor, Bruce Yergen.

Guard at dam, Frank Miller.

Park Commission—S. F. Stevens, chairman; Don McCune, secretary; E. E. Leslie, D. E. Rackleff and C. M. Gray.

On the Library Board the following are now serving, their terms of office all expiring on Dec. 31 of the year mentioned after the names— (Continued on Page Five)

Sgt. Florence Oerding of the Wacs, who is stationed in Seattle, came in Wednesday morning for a short visit at home with her husband, Harry H. Oerding.

The annual meeting of Oregon State Dairymen's Association will be held Jan. 15, 16, 17, at Corvallis, according to announcement released by state officers of the organization. A number of subjects important to the dairy industry are scheduled for consideration. Several nationally prominent authorities are scheduled to speak and a representative group of Coos county dairymen are expected to be in attendance.

Lieutenant C. J. Savage, stationed with the Army at Great Falls, Montana, has now earned the rating of First Lieutenant. Savage is a brother of Mrs. Ben Payne and a cousin of Mrs. Norma McNair.

Mrs. Audrey Mattoon is in Spokane visiting her husband.

## C. of C. Urges Continued Saving Of Paper And Cans

At the final meeting of the 1944 Chamber of Commerce board of directors, at a dinner session held in the Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, Secretary Caughell read a letter from the Oregon Coast Highway Association headquarters on the Bay, with a ballot enclosed, asking that the Chamber vote on the question of eliminating the word "highway" from the association's name.

After some discussion the directors instructed the secretary to cast Coquille's ballot with a "No."

Another letter was read in regard to the meeting to be held in Gold Beach at 2:00 p. m. on Friday next week, Jan. 12, at which time the organization of a Tri-County Chamber of Commerce is contemplated. The three counties to be included are Coos and Curry in Oregon, Del Norte in California, and, if it is carried out as suggested, it will probably mean the disorganization of the Coos County Chamber of Commerce.

Expression around the table Tuesday noon was that if southwestern Oregon could effect such a tie with Del Norte county it would probably result in increased tourist travel up the Coast Highway from the south. To represent Coquille at that meeting President Oerding appointed O. L. Wood, Dr. R. F. Milne, Phil Alborn, Evan Alborn and Mr. Oerding expects to attend himself.

Don Farr reported that the driver of a Coquille school bus, Rev. V. W. Anglin, had told him that on foggy mornings any driving on the highways is more dangerous than formerly because of the new obliteration of the center yellow line.

Feeling that this is a serious condition the directors voted to ask civic clubs also to write the State Highway Department asking that the

of the Chamber to vote with the commission, including in his letter a resolution on the subject prepared by Don Gillespie.

Mayor O. L. Wood reported that he had been unable to secure consent of Greyhound officials to a change in bus schedules which would eliminate so long a wait at Marshfield by those going over from the valley to take the night train, or by those arriving by the morning's train, but he did report a suggestion made by a bus traffic officer that it might be possible to have a bus stop all night at Myrtle Point, leave there in the morning for Marshfield, then double back through here and out to Roseburg, return through here to the Bay and then back to Myrtle Point for the night.

For a further bus service in the valley it was reported that private interests are considering a round trip bus line run between Powers and Myrtle Point daily.

No recommendations were made for a bus stop in Coquille where the waiting room would not be on the sidewalk.

Geo. F. Burr, Coquille Salvage committee chairman, called the Chamber's attention to the still vital need for tin cans and paper salvage, and stated his committee was planning on asking merchants to sponsor any pay for advertisements calling attention to the great need for these items as a part of the nation's war equipment and ammunition making program.

The Chamber voted to pay for a quarter page advertisement on the subject and for several thousand heralds to be printed from the adv. and urges all valley residents to save these very essential war-effort items and deliver them at the Salvage depot—the old Train building—corner of Front and Hall streets.

N. P. McDonald called attention of the Credit Bureau installation of officers at a noon luncheon meeting next Monday, Jan. 8, and requested that each member bring a non-member guest.

## Fees Paid In County Clerk's Office In 1944 Broke Record

Collection of fees in County Clerk Oddy's office broke all records in 1944, the total last year being \$14,312.45. The next highest in the past was in 1941 when the total collected was \$13,079.40.

Recording in 1945 brought in \$6,468.90; Circuit court cases, \$3,998.50; probate court, \$1,208.50; marriage licenses, \$906, and miscellaneous, \$1,732.55.

## Coquille Credit Assn. Will Be Organized Here Next Monday

Walter A. Jensen, of Portland where he was born and raised, is to be here next Monday to install the recently elected officials of the Coquille Retail Credit Association, and he will remain in Coquille for a few days.

Mr. Jensen is executive secretary of the Associated Credit Bureaus of



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the Pacific Northwest, District 10, and is also the head of the Northwest Credit Council.

He is an interesting talker and will be prepared to answer all questions in regard to the National Credit Association at the luncheon session in the Coffee Shop at noon.

Tickets for the luncheon may be secured at either Geo. Oerding's office, the Rackleff Pharmacy or at the Western Mercantile agency of Coquille, and each member is requested to bring a non-member guest.

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Succeeding Mr. Gillespie as manager of the store here is Leslie V. (Dick) Barklow, who has been with the Pacific Feed & Seed for 12 years, and comes to Coquille from Salem, accompanied by his wife and two children.

## State Police Officer Now Deputy Sheriff

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Mr. Talley is the first deputy Sheriff Howell has had in his law enforcement department for nearly two years.

## Red Cross Expresses Thanks For Assistance The Past Year

We again wish to express our sincere thanks to the following who have made it possible for us to carry on Red Cross work in Coquille during the past year: St. James' Parish for use of Guild Hall at no expense to us; Central Transfer for gratis transportation of our shipments to and from Coos Bay, and to the Sentinel for continuous valuable publicity, without charge.

—Mrs. J. A. Berg, Town Chairman; Mrs. D. B. Kesner, Ch. of Production.

## Geo. Sherwood The New Sr. Warden Chadwick Lodge

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## Two Beautiful Weddings Take Place In Coquille Last Saturday and Monday Eves

### Margaret Belloni Weds Jack Clinton

At one of the season's prettiest home weddings, Margaret Cecelia Belloni became the bride of Lieut. Leland Jack Clinton last Saturday evening, Dec. 30, at 8:00 p. m. Rev. W. S. Smith, retired Presbyterian minister, performed the ceremony. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Belloni and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clinton, both the bride and groom are members of two well known Coquille valley families.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a dress of classic design, white lace over taffeta, short train and finger-tip veil caught low and held by a carnation spray. The dress had a pointed bodice in front, three quarter sleeves, sweetheart neck, at which was worn a single strand of pearls. A panel of ruffles down the back of the skirt, together with the use of more on the edge of the sleeves and across the bodice front presented a striking becomingness to the bride's brunette type. She carried a white bible, with an orchid and shower of white carnations made with gold and also white ribbon streamers.

Maxine Johnson was bridesmaid and wore a dress of green lace and net. She carried a nosegay of yellow rosebuds with pink and yellow chrysanthemums, pale pink and yellow streamers.

Donald McJellan was best man. (Continued on Page Five)

### Roberta Stonecypher Weds V. L. Cameron

At an impressive candlelight ceremony last Monday evening at 8:00 p. m. in the Pioneer Methodist Church, Miss Roberta Stonecypher was united in marriage to Vernon L. Cameron, of Walla Walla, Washington. Rev. Charles G. Brown officiated with the double ring service. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stonecypher of Coquille and the parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cameron of Walla Walla.

To the strains of the Mandelsohn march, played by organist Bob Burns, the bride entered, the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. Preceding the bride was Mary Riley, maid of honor, who wore a rose-colored satin gown and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds and pink carnations surrounded with a background of pale green satin ribbon.

The bride was picturesque in a dress of chiffon brocade, patterned with hills of the valley and designed in the style worn in the old South, with train and finger-tip veil held by a coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white gardenias and white carnations centered with an orchid.

Bridesmaids were Doris Ann Wood and Bonney Jean Stanley, both in pale pink lace over taffeta and carrying nosegays of mixed flowers.

Best man was Phil Alborn. Ushers were Don McLarrin and Charles (Continued on Page Five)

## Don Gillespie To Leave Coquille

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## Red Devils To Be At Bay Friday Night

The Coos County Basketball conference opens its regular schedule Friday evening, January 5, with the Myrtle Point Bobcats on the latter's floor.

From pre-seasons showing, the four high school teams are fairly evenly matched this year and every game on the regular schedule, which ends February 23, should be a real contest.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 9, the North Bend High team will play Coquille Hi here, and Myrtle Point will play at Marshfield.

Coquille won two practice games last week by identical margins, defeating Roseburg Thursday evening 48 to 39, and Coos River by a 36-27 score. Both were well played games and were on the local gym floor.

## Two Cans Monthly Asked From Everyone

Two tin cans from everyone in Oregon. That is what our government is asking for 1945. Will you help the war effort that much? Tin is as much a vitally needed war material as it was last year and collections have slumped sharply in the last six months. A stupendous and most regrettable number of tin cans are still going to the garbage dump. In 1943 Oregon collected 966 tons of tin cans. In 1945 we must collect 2,724 tons. That is an increase of 1,884 tons or over twice as much as we collected last year.

Can we make it? We can if each one of us saves just two cans a month.

Save them, wash and flatten them and take them to the Salvage Corner. Send your tins cans to war.

## Personal Property Tax Blanks Should Be Returned At Once

The Coos County Assessor's office this week has mailed approximately 3,000 blank personal property forms to taxpayers. The possessor of assessable personal property within the county is compelled by law to file a listing of their property with the assessor. The assessment date upon which the listing is to be based is as of January 1, 1945.

In order that this phase of the assessor's work be completed as speedily as possible the taxpayer is urged to fill out the form according to directions and to mail the same back to the assessor as quickly as possible.

An added inducement for a quick return from the taxpayer this year, Assessor Forrest states, is a self-addressed stamped envelope for return to the Assessor's office.