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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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Coos County's Only Debt Is \$92,000 In Bonds Not Yet Due

In going over the county records to assemble data for making the Coos County Semi-Annual Financial Statements, County Treasurer Chas. Stauff ran across several items which will make interesting reading for the taxpayers.

In the last six months the county has redeemed \$228,535.48 in county warrants, practically all of it for current expenses and on which there was no interest. But he did find one warrant listed on which interest amounting to 81 cents had been paid. It was on a warrant called some time ago but not presented at the time, and the 81 cents was for interest prior to the warrant's call. That is a vast difference from the warrant payments of ten years ago, when the county did not have funds to redeem with, and the interest on a warrant often amounted to half as much as it was drawn for.

During the last six months of 1944 the county's bonded debt was reduced by \$372,000 of which \$67,000 worth were of 1944 maturities and the \$305,000 additional were all the bonds that were callable last year. A comparison of the interest paid on bonds last year with what it will be this year is interesting, and again most satisfactory to the taxpayer. In 1944 the interest payments amounted to \$13,325. In 1945 it will be \$3,412.50, slightly over a quarter as much.

All of Coos county's indebtedness is now in bonds, which are not yet callable. Of the \$92,000 in bonds outstanding \$50,000 will be paid this year and there is in the bond sinking fund now a total of \$37,151.91 with which to pay interest and to apply on the bond payments.

Of the \$42,000 which will still be outstanding in bonds at the end of 1945, \$12,000 will mature in 1946, \$12,000 in 1947, \$9,000 in 1948, and \$3,000 in 1949.

Coos county property owners have cause to be proud of the way its financial affairs have been handled in recent years and it has meant and is meaning less taxes to pay.

Rep. F. W. Adams Reports On Legislative Matters

Fred W. Adams of Gold Beach, joint Coos-Curry representative in the legislature now in session at Salem, writes the Sentinel as follows:

Just a few lines to let you know I am on the job and find the work very interesting.

Representative Moore and myself have introduced a bill in the house for an appropriation for experimental purposes, for the eradication of Gorse.

I have attended committee meetings on the pasteurization bill and I am quite sure the bill that finally gets to the voting stage will be quite satisfactory to both Coos and Curry counties.

We are also working on the truck bill which is going to be a hard fight to get anything of a permanent nature done, perhaps nothing but a permit, same as last year until after the war.

Representative Moore was appointed one of three this morning from the House on the Senate and House Investigating Committee, to investigate Washington and Oregon liquor deal that they had this past summer. A fine recommendation for Representative Moore.

There are other bills of interest to Coos and Curry counties and we are trying to keep track of them. Would be glad to hear from you on any new points of interest to Coos county.

Ernie Smith Opens Insurance Office In Drane Building

Ernest R. Smith, who has sold insurance in the past, his office being under his hat, this week opened an office in the Drane Building on Second street, where he will handle all kinds of insurance—Life, Auto and Fire. He invites consultation on any insurance matter. His phone number is 97.

Bills Introduced At Salem On File In Sentinel Office

Due to the courtesy of Sen. Wm. E. Walsh and Representative Ralph T. Moore, in Salem, copies of all printed bills introduced in the Oregon legislature are received by the Sentinel and may be seen by any one who is interested in them.

Cheese Storage Plant To Be Built Here

R. H. Beck, agent for the Superior Cheese Company which is a chain of creameries owned by Safeway, has disclosed plans for a cheese storage plant to be built in Coquille in the near future.

The plant is to be located on a 200x400 foot plot near the County Barn and owned by Audrey Baker. It is to be of large enough capacity to store one and one-half million pounds of cheese and is to employ twenty people.

Plans are being made to contract cheese from the creameries of this district. Baker will retain possession of the property until September.

Letter From Jap Prison Camp

Albert M. Malden received the following letter, Wednesday, from his son, George, who is in the Osaka prison camp, in Japan:

Dear Father, Sisters, and Brother: Just a line to let you know that I am still alive and feeling all right. Was very glad to receive your letters; also to hear that you folks are all very well and that papers have been filed to take care of the mine 'til I return. Give all my friends and relatives my best regards and let them know that I am thinking of them as I do of you folks, every day.

Hoping and praying for the day to come when we all can be together again. Hoping I hear from you again soon. From your loving Son and Brother, George Malden.

Tuesday the Coldest Morning Of Winter

Coquille has enjoyed (?) below freezing temperature every morning this week but yesterday's and this morning's thermometer readings were nearer to the 32 degree point, indicating that a rain and warmer temperature may be due.

Tuesday morning the mercury hit a new low for the winter, standing at 22½ degrees. Sunday morning it stood at 23, Monday 24, Wednesday 27½, and this morning at 28.

Red Devils To Play At North Bend Friday Evening

There was no basketball game scheduled in the high school conference for Tuesday evening this week and Friday night's schedule calls for the Red Devils to play the Bulldogs at North Bend and the Marshfield Pirates to meet the Bobcats at Myrtle Point.

The Red Devils' next home game is with the Pirates who make their second appearance here in less than two weeks, Tuesday, Jan. 30, while Myrtle Point is playing at North Bend.

Marshfield won a close game on the local floor last Friday evening, 34 to 32, after leading at the half by a larger margin, 22 to 14.

The same evening at North Bend the Myrtle Point Bobcats won from the Bulldogs, 40 to 34. At this writing Myrtle Point is leading the conference with four wins and one loss while the other three are all tied up with two games won and three lost for each.

Dates Deputy Internal Revenue Collectors To Be In Coos And Curry Counties Next Month

J. W. Maloney, collector of Internal Revenue in Portland, announces the following dates when deputies from his office will be in Coos county to assist federal income taxpayers in preparing their return reports for 1944:

Myrtle Point, Feb. 15; Coquille, Feb. 16-17; Bandon, Feb. 23; Marshfield, Feb. 24 to 26 and March 1 to 15, dates inclusive for both visits; North Bend, Feb. 27-28. In Curry county they will be at Brookings on Feb. 20; Gold Beach, Feb. 21; Port Orford, Feb. 22.

Dog License Fund Dropped \$850 In The Past Five Years

Speaking of the Dog License law which the County court has again ordered be made operative in Coos county, County Treasurer Stauff said that five years ago—Dec. 31, 1939—there was \$1025 in the dog license fund. At the present time there is only \$174.95, the \$850.05 difference having all been paid out to sheep owners for animals killed by dogs, as the state law requires they must be reimbursed.

Jack Bartlett Makes A Most Worth While Talk Here Monday Evening On Post-War Planning --- Economic And Social

The dining room of the Coffee Shop was well filled Monday evening when W. M. (Jack) Bartlett, of Salem, addressed the group on Planning and Post-War Adjustment and Development.

In introducing Mr. Bartlett, Mayor Wood said that he had attended many League of Oregon Cities meetings the past few months and that Jack always stole the show.

After praising the appearance of and the thought which produced the Coquille Community Building, Mr. Bartlett said that for many years the United States had depended upon a systematic planning of U. S. resources, the urge in the east having been "go west young man." Now, however, it must be a different kind of planning, with the outstanding resources of the Pacific coast so largely developed.

He pointed out another of the German planning ideas which was that in their fighting forces only men with the same type of blood were put in a regiment so that proper transfusion could be immediate.

After the war, the speaker said, the Northwest will witness the greatest influx of population and industries that it has ever seen and that the war materially industry on this coast has increased as a result of the war, and added that the post-war increase would exceed that of the past few years. Cheap electric power, he mentioned, as one reason for the increase and stated that in Washington there is now produced ten times as much aluminum as there was in the whole United States before the war.

Mining is to be a big project in Oregon and the low grade ore of eastern Oregon will be one incentive for industries to locate in this state. Another thing will be the utilization of major oil companies' findings in their research laboratories.

He declared it is time Oregon began to do its own job, plan for the future in a big way, and use its own money for development. He urged

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Coquille to study its potentialities, ascertain what are the most important items for future development and, after study, begin to plan for it. If the people are told what the planning contemplates they are always willing to help in the financing, either public or private, and mentioned the favorable vote in St. Louis for an \$80,000,000 program of development, according to plan. He added that the "planning" should not be under the city government. The planning commission (Geo. A. Ulett is chairman of the commission appointed in Coquille) should contact every one in the city. "You'll get lots of new ideas," was the speaker's statement.

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There were 14 present at the Coquille Retail Credit Association luncheon in the Coffee Shop Monday noon, at which time N. P. McDonald talked on various matters and ways of handling credit accounts. He said also that he planned on holding group meetings in the near future. There are many lines of business represented in the Association and all do not have the same plan of procedure to follow. Retail establishments are naturally in a different category from the more professional lines of business and these group meetings will be attended by those whose credit problems are more or less similar.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Monday evening, Feb. 12, at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall.

The war-time community credit policy under which the Association is functioning and to which its members have subscribed are contained in the following statement of agreements and terms:

We Herely Agree that:
7. All retail credit grantors will (Continued on page eight)

Bryant Gets 5 Years For Stealing Bull

Robert James Bryant, who pleaded guilty in Circuit court last week to larceny of livestock — slaughtering and killing of a prize bull owned by Mrs. Charlotte Smith at Fairview—was taken to the pen Wednesday by Sheriff Howell, he having been sentenced to five years in the pen on Tuesday by Judge King.

Lloyd Edward Walls, from the North Bend Naval Air Station, who was implicated in the affair, pleaded guilty in Circuit court on Tuesday this week. Judge King postponed sentencing him until Tuesday next week and he was released to the custody of his commanding officer at North Bend.

Smiley Burnette To Appear At Rudy's Rendezvous Monday
Smiley Burnette, screen pal of Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, will appear in person on Monday, January 28, at Rudy's Rendezvous in Coos Bay. The day before Burnette appears at Rudy's, he will entertain at Jantzen Beach, in Portland, and after his appearance on Coos Bay he will return to Hollywood, where he stars with the National Barn Dance and The Hollywood Barn Dance. Ozle Water's Colorado Rangers will furnish music for the occasion. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Cpl. Ellis Crosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, left for Lemore Field, California, last week after spending a thirty-day furlough at his home in Coquille. Cpl. Crosby is radioman and gunner on a bomber. His grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Crosby, is visiting with his wife for a few days.

Dr. James Millar Speaker At Rotary

Dr. James Millar, of Portland, was the guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Rotary club at the hotel on Wednesday.

Dr. Millar talked on the subject of the "Dominant Desires of Europe," which he listed first as a desire for prosperity and a consequent higher standard of living; second, a desire for territorial expansion, not only in the so-called dictator countries but also in the others, and third, a desire for security and freedom from fear. He stated that many of the countries, especially the smaller ones, had lived in a state of fear for generations.

Commenting on the responsibilities of good citizenship, Mr. Millar stated that while our boys were overseas, dying for America, that it was up to us to live for America and to see that when the boys come back, it will be to a country worth fighting for.

Dr. Millar is a fluent and pleasing speaker and his frequent flashes of Irish wit in the stories he told were very entertaining to his audience.

Lack of space prevents a more detailed report of his talk but it was thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity crowd in the hotel banquet room.

Rotarian guests present were A. L. Powrie, E. C. Barker and L. H. Pearce, of Myrtle Point. Other guests were Geo. H. Jenkins, Les Greene, P. O. Lund, Geo. A. Ulett, Frank M. Shaw, Frank Leslie, Wes Travis, Harry A. Slack, Marcus Rohlfis and Bob Kelley, of Coquille; A. R. Wheeler, of Eugene, and Clyde E. Deal, of Marshfield.

President's Ball To Be Held Here Saturday Evening

The President's Ball, or March of Dimes as the program for raising funds to combat infantile paralysis, will be held in Coquille this coming Saturday evening, Jan. 27, in the Community Building. It is being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Coquille which has engaged a good orchestra for the evening and advertise that dancing will start at 9:30 p. m. Tickets are 50 cents per person, plus five cents federal tax. Everyone is urged to buy a ticket and help support this most worthy cause.

More than ten million dimes contributed by the American people was spent by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in 1944 to provide the best of modern care and treatment for all victims of the epidemic. Your dimes are again solicited this year, January 14-31.

To Change The Name To Retail Credit Association

A special meeting of the Coquille Credit Bureau has been called by Pres. Don Farr for 9 a. m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the city hall, to vote on an amendment to the bureau's constitution, as recommended by the board of directors, changing the name of the bureau to Retail Credit Association of Coquille. The present name was that used by the privately owned Western Mercantile Agency.

N. P. McDonald, secretary of the association, calls attention to the fact that no franchise or membership is given to companies, only to merchant organizations.

The W. C. Lairds Purchase 130 Acres Near Santa Barbara

Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Laird, former Coquille residents who lived for many years in Honolulu but more recently have been residents of California, have purchased for \$50,000 the Elsueno Ranch on the Hot Springs road at Santa Barbara, Calif. There are 130 acres in the ranch and the Lairds intend developing it for lemon production.

Cranberry Co-Op Elects Officers At Bandon

Following one of the most successful harvests in its history, the Coos Cranberry Co-op held its annual meeting at the Masonic hall Sunday afternoon, with a large attendance. Reports of the year's activities followed the usual dinner.

Officers were elected as follows: Ray Bates, president; Charles St. Sure, vice president; Elmer Gant, secretary-treasurer; H. E. Boak, Wm. Biescke, directors.—Western World.

Guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Rempel at the Baptist parsonage this week were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Miller of Dora. Miller was janitor of the Washington grammar school for a number of years.

All Dogs In Coos Co. Must Be Licensed This Year---\$2.00 Fee

On January 23, the County Court made an order authorizing the County Clerk to collect Dog License fees for the year of 1945, and fixing the license fee at \$2.00 for each dog licensed.

Section 32-2414, 1940 Oregon Code, provides that every person owning or keeping any dog over the age of eight (8) months within the State of Oregon shall, not later than March 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days after he becomes the owner or keeper of such dog, procure from the county clerk of the county in which said person resides a license for such dog by paying to the county clerk a license fee, and the fee for such license shall be determined by the County Court. The law further provides, that if said person fails to procure such license by March 1, the County Court may prescribe a penalty in an additional sum not to exceed \$2.00 for each dog. It is further provided that such license fee shall be the only license or tax required for the ownership or keeping of a dog within this state, and no city or municipal subdivision thereof shall impose any further license fees.

Failure to take out license shall be considered a misdemeanor.

Sec. 32-2415 Oregon Code provides that "any owner or keeper of any dog who shall fail to procure a license, as provided in section 32-2414, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of Ten dollars (\$10.00) for each offence, together with the cost of the proceedings."

County Clerk Oddy has ordered tags, exempt blanks, etc., and hopes to be ready to receive applications for dog licenses by Feb. 5.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Maud Swyeten has received her call to report to Seattle next week for her examination prior to being sent to Alaska as an expert seamstress and mender for the U. S. Army. Mrs. Sweeten closed the dressmaking shop she has operated near Farr and Elwood store and has rented her home to her cousin, Emery Clinton, who recently came here from Stillwell, Misouri.

Mrs. Markie Sherrill, of the O.P.A. office, underwent an appendectomy Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Burr and daughter returned Saturday evening from Portland, where they went last week after attending the Loggers' Congress in Seaside the week before. C. W. Kline was also in attendance at the Loggers' Congress.

Mrs. Laura Minard, who conducts the Quelle Cafe on First street, underwent an appendectomy at the Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point, Tuesday afternoon, and the Quelle is closed until she is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. B. Collier came over from Roseburg yesterday for a few days' visit while "Pats" is in Washington, D. C.

Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Gould have named their new son, Erick Steven.

The B. & P. W. will meet again next Monday, Jan. 29, when an interesting program will be presented and all members are urged to attend.

The W. S. C. S. will meet in the Pioneer Church parlors February 1, beginning at 10:30 a. m., for the regular business meeting, and a potluck luncheon will be served at noon. Following the luncheon there will be an interesting program in the afternoon.

A Correction

The Sentinel erred last Thursday in stating that Mrs. Anna Biegger, who was united in marriage to Leo J. Cary a short time ago in Portland, was the mother of David B. Biegger. She was the widow of the late John Biegger and was not Dave's mother.