

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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## Addition To Grade School Building Under Consideration

To provide adequate facilities to meet the post-war demands of our schools, the Board of Education of Coquille is studying plans drawn by F. Marion Stokes, architect of Portland, for an addition to the Washington grade school which has a capacity enrollment at the present time; also, for the remodeling and modernizing of the present high school building. The latter plans would provide for needed classrooms, improved laboratories and better facilities for all departments of the school. A new addition would add an auditorium, a modern cafeteria, a music room, office space, and extra classrooms.

Mr. Stokes is the same architect who designed the Washington building, which is considered among the best grade schools in the state.

This much needed program will be further studied and more details will be made available to the public as plans are worked out. It will then be submitted to the voters of the district and carried out subject to their approval.

## American Legion Window Display

In compliment to the American Legion's 28th Anniversary, the American Legion Auxiliary has arranged a window display in the J. C. Penney window, that is very interesting.

There are both Japanese and German souvenirs and also some hand-craft articles from France and Sicily. The Japanese things were captured on the Island of Atsu.

The window display will also emphasize the need for every American to co-operate in the war effort. On the list of "what YOU can do," there is a suggestion for everyone.

The Auxiliary wishes to express its gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Ross and to Mrs. Ross, who were kind enough to lend their souvenirs for this display, and to Past President Robah Robison, who has also contributed and has arranged them.

## Betty Emery, Joe Don Estes Married Mar. 2 At Boling Field

The Sentinel is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. F. S. Emery, at Elgin, Ore., stating that their daughter, Betty, and Joe Don Estes of the U. S. Air Force—he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Estes—were united in marriage at the Post Chapel at Boling Field, Washington, D. C., on March 2.

Miss Barbara Taylor, of Arlington, Va., a cousin of Betty's, was her only attendant, and the groomsmen were Ray Gilchrist, of Seattle, a member of the U. S. Air Force and a buddy of Joe Don's.

Both of the contracting parties being members of the Coquille Episcopal church, the service of that church was used.

After a short honeymoon the happy young couple will be at home at #14 Alabama Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

## Auto Thief Given Five-Year Pen Sentence Tuesday

Sheriff Howell left for the penitentiary at Salem yesterday, taking with him an auto thief, Delbert Lee McWhorter, who had been sentenced on Tuesday by Judge King to five years in the pen after he had pleaded guilty to the theft in charge. It is not his first visit to the pen for the same offense.

He stole the car belonging to Mrs. C. E. Dick at Coos Bay on Jan. 6 and had taken it to Illahe on the Rogue, where he had repainted it and chiseled off the motor number. When the state police found the car he was gone but they picked him up Tuesday morning.

## The Harold Harts Return Again To Make Coquille Their Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hart, who left Coquille two years and a half ago, returned to this city last Wednesday and will again occupy their home here as soon as they get it into condition. Harold, who was in the Marine Corps and saw action in the Pacific, has just been discharged from the Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif., after being treated there for 18 months. Mrs. Hart, formerly employed in the TipTop here, has been living in Oakland to be near Harold. He now has his discharge from the Marine Corps.

## Red Cross Drive Over The Top

In the first five days of the drive for funds for the Red Cross, Coquille and its rural areas met the quota assigned for it for 1945. At noon last Saturday the committee in charge of the drive was able to report that, although many individuals remained unsolicited, the quota had been reached. However, the committee emphasized that even though this district had fulfilled its pledged amount, the drive is not over. The many individuals still to be solicited will be seen as soon as possible and they are expected to give just as generously as possible.

The chairman of the drive committee, Rev. Robert L. Greens, stresses the fact that the response to the call for funds is indicative of the sense of the worthiness of the cause for which the money has been given. Mr. Greens further emphasizes that to stop soliciting because the quota has been reached would deprive others of the opportunity to do their share in answering the call of those who will benefit. The drive will continue until all have been given the chance to contribute.

In case some are accidentally passed over, Robert L. Stewart, at the Mountain States Power Company office will gladly accept donations at his office, or a check made out to the American Red Cross may be sent to him.

## The R. T. Newtons To Open New Store

Mr. and Mrs. Rolly T. Newton, who sold their north end grocery store, corner of Tenth and Coulter, last June, and which was demolished by the plane crash out there in October, are opening a new grocery tomorrow, Mar. 16, in the same neighborhood, at 633 North Coulter street.

They thought when they sold that they wanted to be out of business but have decided otherwise and recently purchased at 1100 North Coulter the house across the street from their home. Carpenters are rebuilding the interior and fixing it up as a very nice store room. They will have a refrigerator and were able to purchase all the equipment needed.

Note their opening announcement on another page of this issue.

## St. Patrick's Dance By F.O.E. Saturday Evening

The St. Patrick's Day dance this coming Saturday evening is being sponsored by the Coquille Eagles and will be one of the nicest dances of the current season. The Eagles committee has made excellent plans for entertainment of the large crowd which is sure to attend and the music by Jack Ellis and his orchestra will be the kind which pleases all dancers. It will start playing at nine o'clock.

## Job's Daughters To Present Initiation Work For Guests

Coquille's Jobs Daughters Bethel has been granted a special dispensation to put on their initiatory and other work tomorrow (Friday) evening, March 16.

They have invited all members of the Masonic lodge, the Eastern Star, and their families to be their guests in the Masonic Hall for that occasion.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies by the Eastern Star in the banquet room downstairs.

## Baby Boy Born To The Chas. B. Kashes Yesterday

A phone call to J. A. Lamb from Eugene yesterday announced the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Kash of Roseburg, the arrival happening at a hospital in Eugene. The mother, the former Mary Esther Johnson, and babe are doing well.

## Richard Walker Home On A 21-Day Navy Leave

Richard Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker, who has been gone from Coquille for over two years and has been on a sub-tender in the Pacific, arrived home last Saturday on a 21-day leave. Richard is a Technician third class and has seen a lot of the earth's largest body of water in the past two years, as well as action against the Japs.

The fire alarm, about seven o'clock Monday evening, called the department to the E. A. Wimer house on Sherwood Hill. It was only a flue fire and did no damage.

## Lou Braly Dies From Heart Attack

Just as we go to press word reaches us that Lou C. Braly, popular Southwestern Motor Co. salesman here for the past year and a half, had passed away from a heart attack at Salem last night.

He and Mrs. Braly had gone out there last Friday on an automobile-buying trip, and news of his passing came as a great shock to his many friends in this section.

Besides his widow, Jessie, he is survived by a son, Clark Braly, in France, and a brother, Fred Braly, of Albany. He was about 52 years of age.

L. A. Elrod states that the funeral arrangements are still indefinite this morning but that they will be held out in the Willamette valley and that he will go out for the funeral.

## Oscar Ferris Loses Life By Drowning

The Coast Guardsmen over on the Bay had practically given up hope yesterday of finding the body of Oscar Ferris, 50 years of age, who was drowned in Coos river Sunday evening below the Catching Island bridge.

Ferris, who had been a boom man for Smith Wood Products here since April, 1943, was fishing over there with J. H. Schroeder, who lives on the McKinley route, and when their boat broke loose from its moorings, he took off his boots and swam after it. The water was high and after he had traveled nearly a quarter of a mile he sank from sight.

The Coast Guard answered the call for help promptly but, up to a late hour yesterday, their dragging of the river had produced no results.

So far as can be learned, his daughter, Mrs. Margie Davidson, of Albany, Ore., is his only survivor.

## Mrs. Ellen Carl Died Yesterday

Another former resident of Coos county, Mrs. Ellen Carl, who resided at Norway until 1918, died at her home at Hubbard, Ore., last evening after a long illness, according to word received by her sister, Mrs. Rose Ashton, this morning. Her husband, H. L. Carl, died in 1932. She was the daughter of that pioneer couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Peter Ellingsen and was 67 years of age.

She leaves three children, Major Marion Carl, of the Marine Corps; Manton Carl, who was released from the service that he might operate their ranch at Hubbard, and Miss Virginia Carl, a student in an Indiana university.

Sisters and brothers-in-law who are leaving Friday to attend the funeral are Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Jennie Price, Mrs. Lillie Hartig of Bandon, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Carl of Arago, and at the junction they will meet Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Carl of Grants Pass.

## O.P.A. Chairman Solicits Car Owners' Co-operation For Week

J. Arthur Berg, Coquille O.P.A. chairman, states that the local tire rationing board is in full accord with National Tire Conservation Week. After checking approximately 200 cars at random here in Coquille, it was found an average of 1.8 tires per car were in need of recapping. This is an alarming situation due to the present scarcity of new tires. Too many people have been lax in having tires kept in good condition since inspection is no longer required by the O.P.A.

Mr. Berg urges each and every car owner during National Tire Conservation Week—March 19 to 24—to have his tires inspected and recapped.

## Roy Porter, Red Devil, On County All-Star Five

Roy Porter, of the C. H. S. Red Devils squad, was one of the Coos county basketball players who was picked by the four coaches as a member of the county All-Star basketball team. The other players named were Don Sutphin and Peck Walton, of Myrtle Point; Ronald Noel, of North Bend, and Homer Duncan, of Marshfield.

Wm. J. B. Head, of the Mt. States Power Co. crew here, returned Sunday from Portland, where he went last Thursday for a check-up at the Veterans' Hospital. The report given him was that he was in very good physical condition.

## Board Re-elects Teachers For 1945-46

At a recent meeting of the Coquille Board of Education all teachers were re-elected for the school year 1945-46, except those who had indicated that they did not wish a renewal of their contracts.

Increases in salary were granted which were necessary to meet statewide and local average.

The shortage of teachers is acute in the state of Oregon since the teacher-training institutions of the state have only enough qualified teachers to fill about twenty per cent of the expected vacancies. However, eastern teachers who desire to come west are expected to furnish a source of supply that will help largely to meet the demand in Oregon Schools.

## Hi School Orchestra Entertain Rotary

Three young men from the High School, Claire Gray, Sherman Gregory and Gerald Ulett, accompanied by Wayne Smith at the piano furnished the entertainment at the noon luncheon of the Rotary Club on Wednesday. They played five selections which were roundly applauded and responded with an encore of the last selection when the crowd wouldn't let them stop.

Bob Greene reported on the current Red Cross drive with the cheering news that it had definitely gone over the top, with many yet unsolicited. The drive will be continued until everyone has an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. Mr. Greene expressed his appreciation to the members of his committee present.

Rotary guests present were L. H. Pearce, E. C. Barker and J. D. Carl, of Myrtle Point. Other guests besides those furnishing the entertainment as mentioned above, were Cyril McCurdy, Cince Finley and Keith Leslie, all of Coquille, and two service men, Richard Walker and H. P. Hart.

## Council Sets Building Rentals

Mayor Wood and the city council members met Monday evening to decide upon a schedule of rental charges for the Community Building and the following is the result of their deliberations:

For dancing or any meeting for profit in the main auditorium, the minimum charge will be \$35 per night with a 33% per cent rental if the \$35 is less than a third of the net intake.

For non-profit meetings the rent is to be \$20 a night, or day.

For the smaller assembly room the minimum is to be \$15, or 33% per cent of the intake for meetings if a third of the net receipts exceeds \$15.

For non-profit assembly the charge will be \$15 and for small groups \$5 a night.

## Rain Since September Now Totals 40 Inches

Rainfall in Coquille, as measured in the gauge at the court house, now totals 40 inches for this weather fiscal year. The total for the past week is 2.96 inches. On the morning of Mar. 9th, last Friday, it measured .82 inch; .93 on the 10th; .35 on the 11th; .60 on the 13th; .65 on the 14th, and .51 this morning.

## Coquille School District Granted Authority To Purchase New Bus

Approval has been granted by the Office of Defense Transportation, Washington, D. C., permitting Coquille School District No. 8 to purchase a new 45-passenger school bus to replace the one now owned by the district and operating on the run to Coaledo.

## Crew Did Not Leave When Al Jones Quit

The Sentinel was misinformed last week and should not have said that the crew Al Jones brought with him from Los Angeles when he came to take over operation of the Coffee Shop, went with him when he left suddenly a week ago Saturday night, leaving only a note to say he was gone. Miss Barbara Perry and A. W. Carson, who came when Jones' did, did not leave.

The Eastern Star Past Matrons and Patrons club is to meet at the home of Mrs. Julius Ruble on Third street (Thursday) evening.

## Beulah Chapter Honors Mrs. Glaisyer

Last Thursday evening Mrs. Inez Glaisyer, P.G.M. and Grand Lecturer, was honored at a reception given by Beulah Chapter, No. 6, O.E.S., after its regular meeting. More than 112 members and visitors attended this lovely affair. Talks were given by Mrs. Glaisyer, Mrs. Metta Roslow, of Myrtle Point, chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter; Mrs. Blanche Bergen, of Marshfield; Mrs. Lola Kring, of Myrtle Point, Grand Representative, and by Worthy Matrons of Marshfield, Bandon and Myrtle Point; also by Fred Moore, W. P. of Bandon.

Eleven Courtesy Girls presented a most attractive degree, called the "Fan of Friendship," for Mrs. Glaisyer. During this degree, Mrs. Eunice Barrow read two lovely poems based on friendship and Mrs. Leona Bryant sang most pleasingly "I Love You Truly."

Kenneth Talley delighted those present with several lovely solos: "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," "The Rosary," "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" and "Forgotten." He was accompanied by his wife at the piano. Ronald Williams, talented young violinist, accompanied by Phyllis Hanse, played three difficult and entertaining numbers, "Liebesfreud," "Schon Rosmarin" and "From the Canebrake." For an encore, he gave a lovely rendition of "Old Folks at Home."

Following the program a social hour was enjoyed and afterward refreshments were served in the banquet hall. The beautifully appointed tea table was centered by a lovely bouquet of red tulips. Mrs. Mabel Ulett, Mrs. Flora Compton, Mrs. Camilla Rietman and Mrs. Emma Pierce poured; Mrs. Florence Sanford and her committee assisted about the room.

Friday night, March 16, the Masons and Eastern Star members are entertaining Job's Daughters in the Masonic Hall. On March 27 the District meeting will be held in Marshfield.

## Blood Plasma Is Not Being Sold

In response to a letter of inquiry, addressed to Red Cross headquarters, after he had heard street talk that the blood plasma donated by patriotic American citizens was sold to men in the U. S. Services, Rev. Robert L. Greene, chairman of the Coquille Red Cross 1945 drive for funds, received the following very positive statements which are well worth printing in the effort to stop such malicious propaganda.

The question at the head of the letter reads, "Is Red Cross Blood Plasma sold to Members of the Armed Forces?" and following are the answers to that question:

At no time is the blood furnished by American Red Cross blood donors sold to men overseas or in the United States. All blood provided by the Blood Donor Service is delivered to processing laboratories where it becomes the property of the Army and (Continued on page eight)

## Son, Home On Furlough, Handling Standard Oil Business

Corporal James R. Howe, who came in Tuesday from the Boca Raton, Florida, Army camp for a furlough of indefinite length, is handling the business at the Standard Oil Co. sub-station here while his father, George B. Howe, is confined in the hospital at Myrtle Point. He underwent a major operation there Monday morning.

## Leo Call Given Medical Discharge From The Army

Leo Call, former Sentinel employee, who entered the Army about four months ago, returned home Sunday having been given a medical discharge at Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles, Calif. Leo says he liked Army life, what he saw of it. When he arrived home he was just three days out of the hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Velorous Call of this city.

## Hamilton Thrift Back In The United States On Furlough

A note from Army camp at Fort Douglas, Utah, states that Pfc. Hamilton Thrift, son of Mrs. Florence A. Thrift of Coquille, has arrived in the United States on furlough from the European Theater of Operations where he served 17 months with the Cavalry.

## Woman's Club Holds One Of Year's Most Interesting Sessions

The Coquille Woman's Club met at the Guild Hall on Tuesday, March 13, at 2:00 p. m. for the regular March meeting. One of the year's most interesting and best programs was given with Mrs. Lafe Compton as chairman. A discussion of dinner ware was presented by Mrs. Rex Ingram, of Marshfield.

A varied lot of fine representative pieces from locally owned dinner sets, as well as a collection belonging to the speaker, were on exhibition. Some extremely instructive facts regarding types of dinner ware were brought out and good advice on its care given. Mrs. Ingram started her talk by touching on the history of the use and manufacture of dishes, as well as the materials, decorations and glazes used. The use of fine ware made in Germany became unpopular after World War I and, no doubt, will remain so following this war, Mrs. Ingram said.

Twelve girls from the High School sang three numbers, Brahms' "Lullaby," "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Had," and "Aloha." They were accompanied by Mrs. Thora Watson.

The business meeting was shorter than usual. Twenty-five dollars was voted to be donated to the Red Cross. The club voted to join the Oregon Roadside Council and to pay the membership fee.

The announcement of the date for the Annual May Festival, sponsored by the club for many years, was made for April 28, to be held in the Community Building. Wilda Schroeder, 1945 chairman of the Fete, gave a resume of the plans.

Decorations Tuesday were spring-like with arrangements of jonquils. Mrs. F. L. Greenough, chairman of the committee for tea, had as her assistants: Mesdames C. L. Tuttle, F. M. Shaw, Paul Seider, Amy McIntyre and on the committee also were Mesdames A. J. Sherwood, L. H. Hazard, Clarence Osika, Lloyd Rosa, Otto Zentner, E. T. Stelle and Jas. Leonard.

## Quelle Cafe To Re-open Saturday

Clarence Summers, who has been part owner and more recently sole owner of the Quelle Cafe on First street since 1937, this week closed a deal with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Allman, who come here from Camas Valley, for the property. The new owners expect to re-open the Quelle this coming Saturday morning, March 17. It has not been operated since the lessee, Mrs. Laura Minard, closed it a month or two ago.

## Firemen Net Over \$300 From Saturday Night Dance

The Coquille Fire Department dance in the Community Building last Saturday evening was very largely attended and those present enjoyed one of the nicest dances of the year.

The ticket sale brought in \$500 and after all expenses had been paid, including the federal tax on tickets, the department will net in excess of \$300.

This money will be used, in addition to what the council budgeted the first of the year, to improve the firemen's headquarters, over the fire hall, and when that work is finished this summer the headquarters will be most comfortable as well as commodious.

## Dr. De La Rhue To Take Post-Graduate Course In East

Dr. T. De La Rhue, Coquille's eye specialist, expects to leave April 1 for the east to take his usual annual post graduate course in matters pertaining to his profession. This year he is going to the university either in Minneapolis, Minn., or Houston, Texas, where he will take the course on contact lens, the kind that sticks under the eyelids. He expects to return home about June 1.

## M. O. Hawkins Brought Home From Eugene Tuesday

Postmaster M. O. Hawkins, who went out to Eugene last week for an operation, was able to be brought home by his daughter, Mrs. Ann Kampf, on Tuesday this week. He was feeling so much improved Wednesday morning that he was able to get up, dress himself and shave.