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Coquille's V-Day Program Set By Chamber Commerce

The Retail Trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce, of which E. L. Anderson is chairman, submitted the following plan for Coquille's observance of V-day in Europe, and the program was accepted.

That Mayor Wood issue a closing proclamation of all business houses as soon as V-day is officially announced.

That business houses observe the following details in their closing and re-opening:

If news is received during business hours, close doors as promptly as possible.

If closing is before 4:00 p. m., re-open the following day if a business day; if closing is after 4:00 p. m., remain closed the following day until 1:00 p. m.

If news is received Saturday night or up to 4:00 p. m. Sunday, open on Monday as usual. If received after 4:00 p. m. Sunday, remain closed until 1:00 p. m.

A program has been arranged, to be held in the high school gym. If the announcement comes before 4:00 p. m. the program will be at 8:00 o'clock that evening but if it comes after 4:00 p. m., the program will not be presented until 10:30 the following morning.

The program is to be as follows: Fifteen minutes of music by C.H.S. band.

National Anthem, with band accompaniment.

Fledge to the Flag by Color Bearers
Invocation, Rev. R. L. Greene.
Military March by Band.

Song, "America, the Beautiful."
Scripture reading by Rev. C. G. Brown, who will also offer prayer after one minute of silent prayer.

Song, by C.H.S. girls.
Patriotic Address by Hon. Ralph T. Moore, of Coos Bay.

Address by Kenneth E. Talley.
Short address by some one yet to be secured.

Singing of "God Bless America."
Benediction.

The committee announces that the plan for an hour, or possibly an hour and a quarter, will accommodate the above selected features.

Allied Clothing Drive Two Weeks Yet

The United Clothing Drive, which was scheduled for the month of April has two weeks to go. The committee reports that the clothing is coming in but much more is needed to secure our quota.

When your contribution is ready, please take it to the southeast room of the Community Building. If you can not deliver it yourself, call 21J or 72L and it will be collected.

The school children have been very active and helpful in this drive and they may be contacted also.

By Cornelia Otis Skinner
Actress and Author

How would you like to be without any sort of shoes in a country where the only available pair would cost you \$500.00?

How would you like it if you were a family of seven with only one usable shirt to share between you?

How would you like to see your children hobble off to school in crude, homemade footwear which will permanently deform their feet?

And how would you like to see your shivering, coughing baby wrapped in rags and newspaper because there wasn't a single baby garment in the town?

These are no fanciful speculations. They are bare facts concerning conditions in countries which have been despoiled by the Nazis and Japs. And the word "bare" is used advisedly because in the liberated countries, more than twenty million people are "statistically naked"; 125 million human beings are in desperate need of ordinary fundamental clothing, and of the 125 million, thirty million are children.

Think of this, Mrs. Housewife, the next time you go through the hall closet and see that extra warm jacket Sonny has outgrown. Think of this, Mr. Business Man, when you come across that nice substantial suit you so seldom wear. Think of it, Junior Miss, when you gloat over your collection of sweaters, some of which you haven't had on in months. Contribute to your destitute fellow-man!

AN APOLOGY

It has long been the custom of The Sentinel to accept letters and poems of controversial nature, believing that public expression of opinion is better than refusal to publish such offerings. In consequence there appeared in last week's issue of the Sentinel a poem which was untimely and, although printed and mailed four hours before the receipt of the news of the President's death, its publication that day appeared not decent. An apology is due our readers. The whole circumstance is deeply regretted by the Sentinel management.

Albert Gulstrom Accidentally Kills Himself Tuesday

Albert Leonard Gulstrom, who had lived on his ranch between Arago and Norway for the past 11 years, was instantly killed Tuesday morning by the accidental discharge of the gun he was carrying when he started to climb through a wire fence. He had taken the gun from his home, without setting the safety catch, when he saw a hawk in the neighborhood, which he wished to kill. The charge from the gun entered his head.

Funeral services are being held at the Schroeder chapel in Myrtle Point at two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Gulstrom was born in Tillamook, Oregon, Dec. 26, 1887, being three months and 23 days past 57 years of age. He had lived in Coos county for the past 28 years.

Besides his widow, Bernice, he is survived by two sons, Glen Albert and Darwin, of the Arago-Norway section, and three brothers, Olaf and Eric Gulstrom, of Tillamook, and Alfred, of Portland.

The unfortunate victim was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and was a logger by occupation.

Capt. Walter Snyder Injured On Home Trip Across Atlantic

Capt. Walter Snyder received a telegram Monday stating that his son, Capt. Walter Snyder, had been seriously injured on his last trip back to the U. S. from across the Atlantic and that he was in a New York hospital. No word as to how it happened has been received, except that he suffered a fractured bone in his leg and other injuries in a fall on the vessel of which he is the commanding officer.

Capt. Snyder formerly commanded vessels plying along the Pacific coast.

County Ministerial Assn. Enjoyed Program Monday

The County Ministerial Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Coquille Baptist Church on Monday, with Rev. Menno Rempel, president, in the chair. The afternoon program proved to be a very worth while feature on the general topic of "Helping to Correlate Our Approach to Our Youth Problems."

County Judge Felsheim, Jas. H. Leonard, juvenile officer; Mrs. Martha Mulkey, county school superintendent; Carl Morrison, superintendent of Coquille schools, and Mrs. Lundell, of the County Welfare Association, presented their approach and needs, and the ministers asked questions in turn.

The next meeting will be the annual picnic at Camp Myrtle at Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stelle Gone To Arizona For Month

E. T. Stelle, manager of the bank here, and Mrs. Stelle left Saturday for a month's stay in Arizona in the hope that the warmer, drier climate there would help clear up his ear infection which has been bothering him.

Ford E. Watkins, assistant manager of the East Portland branch of The First National Bank of Portland, came down the first of the week to co-operate with J. O. Berglund in handling the local bank business while Mr. Stelle is away.

Send clothing—warm clothing, useful clothing—blankets, shoes. Send what you yourself would need if you were in the same plight (and it's only by the grace of God that you're not). Contribute generously and proudly to the United National Clothing Collection.

Our goal is 150,000,000 pounds of clothing by April 30. Help make it more!

What can you spare that they can wear?

Splendid Talk By Bishop Dagwell At Fellowship Dinner

There were more than 150 present for the Inter-Church Fellowship dinner in the Pioneer church dining room at seven o'clock Tuesday evening, who enjoyed very much hearing Bishop B. D. Dagwell, of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, deliver a very interesting address after the dinner.

The potluck dinner for the occasion was arranged for by the ladies of the local Episcopal Guild and it was one which left nothing to be desired. Mrs. Chas. Stauff led the assembly singing of a number of hymns and Mrs. Elois Wilson Carlson pleased her audience with her solo.

Rev. Liston Parrish, president of the Inter-Church Fellowship, expressed appreciation for the large attendance, thanked the Pioneer M. E. church for the use of its dining room and then called upon Rev. R. L. Greene to introduce Bishop Dagwell, which he did but said he was unable to give any subject title of the Bishop's remarks.

The Bishop made it clear in the next hour that he is a deep and sincere thinker on world affairs and much of his talk was on world conditions and the need for a peace following the war that is based on justice and Christianity.

He approved heartily the Inter-Church Fellowship idea; it helps all Christians to learn what they have in common and will help prevent disunity and contentions.

His statement that most people would not live in a community without (Continued on page eight)

Items About Boys In The Service

Frank George To Be Guard At S. P. Conference

Frank George of the Rink Creek district, who has been in Uncle Sam's armed service for the past three years and who visited at home in January after spending two years with the Army in Iceland, is one of 50 overseas veterans who have been picked for guard duty at the big conference in San Francisco, which starts next Wednesday.

Ray Mattoon, Fl/c, arrived home Monday morning after completing his studies at electrician's school in Farragut. He will report to Camp Shoemaker for further assignment in about a week.

Boyd Hendrix, S. C. 3/c, has written his mother, Mrs. S. B. Hendrix, that he has been at Iwo Jima.

Corporal Samuel "Chuck" Adams, who is with a Tank Battalion in Germany, sent his wife an unique gift package, which she received Tuesday. In the box were a pair of wooden shoes and a scarf, made from a parachute, with beautifully embroidered initials on it. The principal comment of observers was the fact that the shoes are so rough inside, it would, indeed, be uncomfortable to be forced to wear them. Mrs. Marion Adams is price clerk at the local O. P. A. office.

Amy Britton has received word from her son, Max Britton, to the effect that he has been transferred to the Military Police to escort prisoners of war on trains or boats. He is taking M. P. training for a three-week period in the heart of the Ozark mountains. His address is Pvt. Edward M. Britton, 19104290—527th M. P. E. Co., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mrs. Lloyd Shephard has learned that her son, Ben Howe, has been awarded the Sigma Delta Chi cup for Journalism for the winter term. The award is made to the best beginning student at Oregon State College.

Jerald (Red) Gauer, who lived here and has enlisted in the Marine Corps, is stationed at San Diego now. He would like all his friends in Myrtle Point, Arago and Coquille to write. His address is: Pvt. Jerald G. Gauer, Pli 25 R.D.M.C.B., San Diego (41), California.

Glenn Hutton, of the White Cottage, will leave Sunday afternoon to take his wife to Eugene for consultation with a specialist. Mrs. Hutton has been ill for some time.

Chamber Commerce Holds Interesting Meeting Tuesday

With nearly 40 members of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce and guests present at the luncheon meeting in the Hotel Coffee Shop Tuesday noon, another very interesting meeting was held, President Evan Alborn in the chair.

The reading of correspondence by Secretary Caughell informed the local chamber that the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce is announcing the opening of the No. 1 mine of the Coet Fuel Corp. on April 20—tomorrow—and an invitation was extended to Coquille to meet with the Coos Bay Chamber for its noon meeting that day, after which the group will visit the mine. Several of those present Tuesday noon said they would attend.

Another letter was from Army engineers in regard to improvements proposed or contemplated in the harbor at Empire and the channel at Charleston on South Slough. Mayor O. L. Wood stated he would attend this meeting, at 9:30 a. m., in the city hall at Coos Bay, May 4, and he extended an invitation to anyone else who cared to do so, to go with him.

The members voted to expend \$2.00 for an annual membership in the Oregon Historical Society.

Still another letter was from the Inglewood, Calif., Chamber of Commerce, which with the U.S.O. is again sponsoring a series of state parties to welcome outside people who have come to southern California to assist in the war effort. Next Tuesday, April 24, will be "Oregon-Washington Night" and anyone from those two states is invited to attend the basket supper at 6:30 o'clock and the evening of fun which will follow. (Continued on page eight)

Sunday Evening Fire Causes Loss

The fire department was called at about six o'clock last Sunday evening to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Brown, on Burns Acres, a block off the highway, where the fire is estimated by members of the department to have done \$1400 to \$1500 damages.

Just how it started is not known, unless embers from a brush fire Dee was watching fell on the roof unobserved.

With the help of neighbors and passersby, Dee was able to get nearly all the furniture from the house, but there was quite a little loss of clothing as well as the damage to the building.

Really Spring The Past Week

The Coquille valley has been enjoying wonderful fine spring weather the past week with the sun shining the greatest part of each day. It's certainly garden weather for those who have the space and time to put one in.

Last week's rainfall, up to Thursday, April 12, was 3.93 inches, and on Friday morning the gauge showed .01 of an inch. This brings the total for the fiscal weather year, since last Sept. 1, up to 90.5 inches, about 15 inches less than the average rainfall for this section.

The maximum temperature for the past week, registered Wednesday, was 76 degrees.

Lieut. Robert Kline Home On Furlough

Second Lieut. Robert Kline, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, who received his commission at Pecos, Texas, on Sunday, arrived here Tuesday evening for a ten-day furlough with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Kline and Dave, of the Fairview district. This is Bob's first leave since he left here eighteen months ago and he says it's great to get back to God's country again.

He hopes to get in a little fishing on the Rogue river before he leaves next week to report back to Pecos for assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nosler left last Thursday for Portland, where Mrs. Nosler will be in a convalescent hospital for two or three weeks. Mr. Nosler expected to return home this week.

C. & C. Pioneer Association To Meet Here April 28

Two very important special committees, appointed by A. H. Bender, president of the Coos-Curry Pioneer Historical Association, are to make their reports at the next business meeting which is scheduled to be held in the city hall in Coquille on April 28, beginning at one o'clock.

These reports pertain to the possibility and advisability of establishing and maintaining a public historical museum for Coos and Curry counties, jointly, as a post-war project.

Mayor O. L. Wood is chairman of the building committee, other members being: R. M. Harrison, Dr. J. R. Bunch, J. E. Norton, Ernest Perrott, Lloyd Oddy, Geo. A. Ulett and Fred C. True, all of Coquille.

The budget committee is composed of: J. Albert Matson, chairman, Coos Bay; Chas. Stauff, Coquille; Charles Schroeder, Bandon; I. R. Tower, Coos Bay; Collier H. Buffington, Gold Beach; O. L. Wood, Coquille; J. P. Beyers, Coquille; J. D. Clinton, Myrtle Point.

Other business that may come up will also be attended to at this session.

All members and friends of the Association are welcome to attend and to voice their opinions if they wish.—Inez R. Chase, Secy.-Treas.

Senior Class Play Outstanding Success

The Senior Class of Coquille High took a difficult drama and made of it a very satisfactory evening of entertainment when they presented "Silas Marner" in the high school gym Wednesday evening. The cast had been so carefully selected that each member creditably portrayed the character he represented. One could not point out one or two especially well-played parts, since they were all good. Most of the characterizations were quite heavy and many of them called for a dramatic presentation that would tax experienced players. Miss Phyllis Hense is to be complimented upon the direction, which brought out the best efforts from each member of the cast.

The action of the play took place in the living room of the Squire's Red House in Raveloe, England. The beautiful gowns of the ladies, as well as the attire of the gentlemen, displayed the careful study of the correct styles of the early 1800's. Scenes were changed a number of times and each time with such thoroughness that even the hands of the big clock were changed. The last act took place 16 years after the second act. When the curtains were drawn even the scene outside the window had artistically aged.

Characters were: Dolly Winthrop, the housekeeper—Vera Bishop; Jem, the hostler—Don McLarrin; Godfrey Cass, the Squire's son—Claire Gray; Martha Kimble, his aunt—Phyllis Litzberger; Dunstan Cass, his brother—Joe Stone; Squire Cass, an important personage—Jim Kimsey; Silas Marner, a weaver—Leland Waterman; Master Bryce, Godfrey's friend—Harold Train; Mary Gunn, a charming young lady—Jackie Hansen; Jane Gunn, her sister—Thelma Bales; Dr. Kimble, Martha's husband—Wallace Cross; Nancy Lammeter, Godfrey's sweetheart—Ariel Crook; Priscilla Lammeter, her sister—Jean Pileth; Mr. Lammeter, their father—Gerald Ulett; Eppie, Marner's adopted child—JoAnne Williamson; Aaron Winthrop, in love with Eppie—Sherman Gregory.

During the interludes, Ronald and Maurice Williams presented a violin duet, and Jeannie Griggs sang two numbers. Miss Hense was given a gorgeous bouquet of roses by the Senior Class.

Pat Lane Prefers Oregon To The East Coast

Wm. Betts has received word from Coquille's former school superintendent, P. W. Lane, that he and Mrs. Lane are on their way west from Massachusetts where they have resided since leaving Coquille and that they expect again to make their home in Oregon. They are driving across the U. S. in their car and he wrote from a point in Iowa.

Mr. Lane made an excellent record as school superintendent here, he is a live wire, and should have no difficulty in finding an opening in this state.

The City Hopes To Increase Water Supply After War

Mayor O. L. Wood and five councilmen were present for the regular semi-monthly meeting of the council Monday evening, at which time School Clerk C. G. Caughell brought to the council's attention the proposal of the school board of District No. 8 is contemplating in regard to the vacation of Elliott street, between Tenth and Eleventh.

This tract is just east of the Lincoln school building, there is no passageway through between 10th and 11th and there is a gulch on the east side of Elliott. The city owns Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 which are on the west side of the block east of the school and the school board asked that a price be put on them if the vacation plan goes through.

The city has \$223 invested in each of three lots and \$34 in the fourth for the improvement assessment levied when the Tenth street paving was laid, and which the former owner did not pay, resulting in the city's foreclosure of its lien on the property.

The county has offered to take \$10 per lot for its delinquent taxes claim, and the councilmen voted to let the school district have them for \$50 per lot, and when the street vacation is approved.

Another matter of great importance to Coquille which the council considered at length was the proposed increase in the city's water supply. City Engineer Gearhart had prepared the application for sending to the state engineer, for authority to divert the water of Fall creek, a tributary of Rink creek, to the city's reservoir east of town. There is an estimated 30/100 cubic feet per second of flow there and the only other claimant to the water is Walter George, who has a permit to take 1/100 cubic feet per second for his ranch up there and, if the city's application is approved, it is very probable that arrangements can and will be made with him to supply him with all the water he needs.

It will be a post-war project which will mean the laying of 1580 feet of four-inch pipe to connect with the city's present pipe line in that district. The application was ordered filed with the engineer at Salem.

The council voted to again pay the State Highway Department \$200 for use of its road grader on the gravelled streets here this year.

City Attorney Berg was authorized to contact Bob Train as to what he might be willing to do in transferring the Train building, corner of Front and Hall streets, to the city. There is a considerable amount of improvement assessments as yet unpaid on the property.

A restaurant license was granted to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cox for the Hotel Coffee Shop, after the fire chief and building inspector had given their approval.

The reports of Recorder Leslie and Treasurer Caughell for March were accepted and ordered filed.

May Day Fiesta Saturday, April 28

In the advertisement of the Coquille Woman's Club's May Day Festival, which appeared in the Buyers' Guide this week, the hour given was for its start at 7:30 p. m. in the Community Building, Saturday evening of next week, April 28. The hour was incorrect as it will not start with the grand march until 8:30 o'clock.

The ladies have prepared and are drilling for a wonderful pageant at the annual May Day Fiesta.

Retail Credit Bureau To Meet Next Monday Noon

The next meeting of the Coquille Retail Credit Association will be at a luncheon next Monday noon, April 23, in the Hotel Coffee Shop. Manager N. P. McDonald says that matters to come up at that time will make it a very interesting meeting. Reports of committees and of improvement in credit conditions in Coquille will furnish a portion of the program.

More than 30 tickets had been sold for the luncheon by Tuesday evening this week. The dining room will accommodate 50 and Mr. McDonald says that all business men, whether members or not, are invited to attend.