

# The Coquille Valley Sentinel

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## Mrs. Rosa Wiggins Badly Injured When Hit By A Car

An unavoidable accident near the Consolidated Freightways depot on North Taylor St., Monday afternoon, put Mrs. Rosa Wiggins, 56-year old resident of Coquille for many years, in the Belle Knife Hospital.

The car which struck her was driven by Mrs. Cedric Cross of the Riverton district. Mrs. Wiggins had started to cross the highway when she saw a car coming and turned to go back and then became so confused that she could not get out of the way of Mrs. Cross' car and, although the latter was driving slowly, she could not, in the traffic, avoid hitting Mrs. Wiggins.

After knocking Mrs. Wiggins down the car went over the grade into the lower land below but neither Mrs. Cross nor her children were injured.

It was feared at first that Mrs. Wiggins' injuries would be immediately fatal and she is in a very serious condition but this morning she is conscious and talks with the nurses.

She suffered a fractured skull, arm and leg, besides many other bruises and contusions and it is still uncertain whether recovery is possible.

## Famous Battle Film Shown At Rotary

The Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday despite the fact that it was a holiday business in the city was closed.

Clarence A. Coe of Coos Bay, county chairman of the 7th War Loan drive, was a club guest and brought along a couple of films showing battles in the Pacific area, which were released in connection with the bond drive. The second film was the battle of Bloody Nose Ridge and was one of the most terrific demonstrations of war that could be imagined. It was stated that eight photographers lost their lives in taking these pictures.

A considerable sum was added to the already substantial bond purchases made by the club members.

Chairman O. L. Wood announced the tentative program for the Fourth of July celebration.

J. E. Richmond, Rotarian of Eugene, was a guest as also were Thos. L. Mehl, of Mabel, Oregon; Geo. A. Ulett, Frank Leslie and Brick Leslie, of Coquille.

## Salvage Committee Is Proud Of Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts went over the top in the April paper drive, with 46,112 pounds from Coquille alone. These boys did a superb job and the War Salvage Committee was all but breathless keeping up with them. Thirty-one boys are to receive the Eisenhower Medal for collecting over 1,000 pounds of paper each.

The Committee expressed pride in the Cubs and their invaluable aid in this work and take this opportunity of thanking the Scouts and all the school children and their teachers for their magnificent co-operation and hard work, during the entire school year, in helping collect paper and tin cans. The end of school does not mean the end of salvage for the school children. They are asked to keep up the important job of collecting paper and tin in their homes during vacation.

## Why The Sentinel Is Later Than Usual This Week

Due to the Wednesday holiday and the fact that the office force was one short the first three days of this week, the Sentinel is later reaching the news stands and postoffice than it has been for many months. It is our aim to have the newsstands—Brandon's Rackleff Pharmacy, H. S. Norton and the Henry street store—supplied with their copies by noon on Thursday.

## Geo. DeNoma Home On Leave

George Earl DeNoma, ACOM, arrived home Tuesday morning, May 29, to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George I. DeNoma, after having served on a baby flat-top in the Pacific area since January of 1942. He expects to report back to San Diego about June 9, where he has been assigned to the U.S.S. Savo Island. His brother, John, is with the Air Force in Burma.

## Clean-Up Period Two Weeks, June 1-16

Watch for posters about "Clean-Up Week." This annual affair has been merged with a salvage drive and extended to two weeks—June 1-16. This gives everybody ample time to assist in cleaning up and beautifying the city and their homes and also to collect every bit of waste paper and tin cans still available.

George F. Burr, local War Salvage chairman, has been appointed by Mayor O. L. Wood as chairman for Clean-Up Week as well. Mr. Burr asks that the townspeople read the handbills and follow the directions therein.

### CLEAN-UP PROCLAMATION

Whereas, It has been the annual custom for Coquille to have a Clean-Up day or week, for many years past, and

Whereas, The City of Coquille should present a neat and clean appearance for the thousands of visitors who are expected to be in Coquille for the 4th of July Celebration, and

Whereas, There is still urgent need for old papers, magazines and paste or card board, and tin cans in the United States production of containers and ammunition for the war effort;

Now Therefore, I, O. L. Wood, Mayor of the City of Coquille, Oregon, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor by the city's charter, do hereby proclaim the weeks of June 1-16, both inclusive, as Clean-Up Week for the city, and earnestly request each home owner or renter to collect all refuse and rubbish around their yards or lots and place it on the curb for collection during that time; that yards and parking strips be mowed, with no unsightly weeds or high grass spoiling the desired appearance of cleanliness and neatness; and that paper and empty cans be also placed for collection, suitably tied or boxed, on the curbs where the salvage committee can pick them up during the clean-up period.

A general cleanup of this nature will help make Coquille, the City Beautiful.

O. L. Wood, Mayor.

## Jury List For June Term

Following is the jury list for the June term of circuit court, which convenes next Monday, June 4, as drawn last week in County Clerk Oddy's office.

Ralph Cochran, T. K. Foss, Mary Arnold, E. D. McCune, Mabel I. Kyle, A. N. Gould, Maxine A. Jeub, Frances Detlesen, J. S. Barton, Vern G. Billings, Helen Lundquist, Bertha Selbig, all of Coquille.  
Alice L. Cox, O. K. Hulien, Ruth Bessee, Alpha Harrington, Winona M. Dimmick, Blanche E. Bergson, Glen W. Curtis, Richard B. Goodman, all of Coos Bay.  
E. P. Holcomb, Alma B. Kay, Ethel DeFreese, James E. Doyle, J. R. Parker, Carl C. Golder, Eric T. Brantelson, all of North Bend.  
Irma E. Coffield, Dan Barklow, Jr., of Myrtle Point.  
May Sell of Arago.

## "Buddy Poppy" Sale Was A Complete Success

The V. F. W. organization of Coquille reports that the Buddy Poppy sale held May 25 and 26, was an overwhelming success. The entire quota was sold by mid-afternoon Friday. They wish to pass along a hearty "Thank you" to everyone, for the splendid cooperation and generosity shown. The life of many V.F.W.'s will be made more endurable by the proceeds from the sale.

## Mrs. Ernestine Stem Now A Pfc. in the WAC

Pfc. Ernestine Stem, the new daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Stem, and who is the wife of their son S/Sgt. Phillip Stem, who is overseas, has just been promoted to Pfc. of the W. A. C.

She is stationed at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine, as was S/Sgt. Stem before he shipped out.

## House On Bush Street Burned Last Sunday

The house which burned at 280 Bush street last Sunday afternoon belonged to Mrs. Robbins, mother of Elton Robbins, and was not insured. Firemen report the fire had started in the bedroom, probably from faulty wiring, and that it was a total loss.

## Memorial Day Was Patriotically Observed Here

The V. F. W. and the American Legion presented a fine Memorial Day service to the people of this area yesterday with a special program at the high school where a fine reading was given by Jean Plieth and Shelton Sackett gave an interesting address. Kenneth Talley sang. All branches of the service were represented by men home on leave or furlough at this time. Members of the Spanish-American war group were unable to attend, but the attendance was splendid.

Sons of the boys from the high school band played for the parade, which marched to the bridge where veterans' wives and auxiliary members scattered flowers on the water and veterans from both world wars formed a firing squad which sounded three salvos over the water. The parade then marched to both cemeteries where the squad fired another three salvos over the graves of veterans.

The committee which planned the impressive services was made up of John Shilling of the V. F. W. and Arthur Erickson and Amy Mintony of the American Legion.

The cemeteries were all attractively decorated for the day and the graves of those who gave their lives in their country's service or who were veterans of U. S. wars were given attention.

## Good Time At Cow Boy Picnic

There were nearly ninety head of good-looking saddle horses present at the park for the Cowboy picnic here last Sunday. Many more might have arrived but for the threatening wet weather. However, despite the dampness during the day, everybody seemed to enjoy the fine food and fun, particularly in the parade and the practicing of the various stunts and races, with plenty of thrills and spills.

This Spring Preview pep up the ponies and their riders, encouraging them to start training right away in preparation for the big string of prizes on the program. A list of these prizes will be published soon together with the program for the real, sure-enough horse show here on the Fourth of July.

## Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slagle To Visit Here Through June

Guests at the J. A. Lamb home this week are Mrs. Julia Johnson, who came over from Roseburg on Monday to be here for Memorial Day, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slagle, who came in Wednesday evening from their home in North Hollywood, Calif., where they operate a store. Fred Slagle was formerly Coquille's tailor and he ran a shop here for a number of years, but they left about 25 years ago and have been making their home in southern California since.

They will probably be here for the most of June but must be back home by July 1.

## Washington School Pupils Make Fine Bond-Stamp Record

Coquille can well be proud of the fine Stamp and Bond sales record of the youngsters of Washington school for the past year. They had set a goal of \$5,000 and were about \$200 short of reaching it the week before school was out. Not the least discouraged, the children rallied to the fight and purchased almost \$350 worth of bonds and stamps the past week.

There was a total of \$4,149.60 for the year for stamp sales and \$990.30 for bonds. Bond applications totaled about 125. The total actual cash brought to school by youngsters during the year was \$5,139.90.

## Ensign Elaine Gray, Navy Nurse Corps, Home A Few Days

Elaine Gray, Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps, is enjoying a twelve-day leave at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claire M. Gray. Ensign Gray flew from her station at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Seattle, to Portland, where she was met by her mother and brother who drove with her to Coquille Sunday night. She will leave for Portland Tuesday, June 5, where she will take a plane to return to her station in Seattle.

## Committees Named To Handle Coquille's July 4th Celebration

Following the recent action of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce that it again sponsor a Fourth of July celebration this year, the initial meeting of the committee was held Tuesday evening, May 28, at the City Hall, for the purpose of organizing and formulating plans for the coming year.

Committee chairmen were appointed as follows:

Solicitation—W. H. Fortier.  
Street Sports—Ray Jeub.  
Street Parade—Larry Lundquist.  
Publicity—L. W. Claver and E. W. Alborn.  
Decorations—R. L. Stewart.  
Victory Girl Contest—Stan Sherwood.

Parking—Irving Larson.  
Concessions—Iris Elrod.  
Finance and Information—C. G. Caughell.

Dance—Jack Moore.  
Horse Show—J. L. Smith.  
Square Dance—Burton Dunn.  
Window Displays—E. L. Anderson.  
Boy Scouts—Ken Talley and Fred Bull.

Ministerial Association—Liston Parrish.

Music—Wayne Smith.  
Tentative plans call for an opening dance on the evening of July 2nd, with the following two days devoted to festivities, with dancing in the evenings. Full details will be announced later.

The meeting was presided over by O. L. Wood, general chairman for the past three years.

## This The Last Day For County Farm

The recent order of the Coos county court that the county farm out on Coquille be closed June 1, goes into effect tomorrow.

The twenty elderly patients who have been living at the county infirmary out there have all been moved. Some of them were taken to the Mercy Home in North Bend, some to the Timmons Rest Home here in Coquille and some of them will be cared for by relatives.

Arrangements for transfer of these dependent oldsters was made by Mrs. Irene Lundell, administrator of the Coos County Welfare Commission and her care-workers.

## Rheo Walker and John Burg Married in San Francisco

Ed Walker received a telegram Tuesday from his brother, C. D. Walker of San Francisco, informing him that his daughter, Rheo, was married there Sunday, May 20, at three o'clock to John W. Burg, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burg of Coquille. Mrs. Ed Walker accompanied her daughter south for the ceremony. Mr. Burg had just returned to San Francisco after spending a leave here with his parents.

## Coquille Homes Which Were Sold The Past Week

Mrs. Annette Van Keuran, whose husband was killed in action in Germany a few months ago, and her new baby have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shilling near the Folsom Apartments, this week, while Mr. and Mrs. Shilling have purchased a home on East Fourth street from Mrs. Lou Braly, who left by bus Tuesday for Vancouver, Wash., where she will be with relatives while employed there.

## Rehabilitation Center At Eugene Only For Vets Of This War

In the Sentinel's report of what R. W. Rice, service officer of the V.F.W. post here said about the Veterans' Rehabilitation Center at Eugene, an error appeared. The program, which he praised most highly, is not for veterans of World War I, but only for those discharged from the service after their participation in this war.

## Don Estes Transferred From East To West Coast

Friends have been informed that Donald B. Estes has been transferred from Pensacola, Florida, to San Diego, California, and that he and his wife are en route there. He was not certain whether or not a leave would be granted him at this time to permit his visiting in Coquille.

## Coquille Wins Second Place In Contest

The speaker at the Credit luncheon held in the Coffee Shop Monday, May 28, was Walter Jensen, who is secretary of the Northwest territory of the Bureau. Mr. Jensen mentioned that there were 13 districts competing in the recent membership drive and Coquille was second in acquisition of new members. The trophy went to a bureau in Canada. Coquille's showing was especially fine in view of the fact that the larger towns like Seattle were in the competition.

Much of Mr. Jensen's talk was in emphasis of the importance of establishing general credit policies, rigid credit control and definite payment schedules in preparation for the post-war period. Certain oil and gas companies have already requested something like \$25,000 credit reports on former credit card holders, not to mention the new credit applicants. He further stated the opinion that merchants will have their own credit systems regulations ready when government restrictions are removed. The necessity for this is illustrated by the fact that, although sales are tripled by the extension of credit service, four-fifths of the cost of credit lies in delinquent accounts. Character is listed as the most important single item for consideration in a credit rating. Mr. Jensen declared Spokane has the divided units which have been proposed here, and find the setup very good.

The speaker expressed his eagerness to become a resident of this area when he is able to move to his newly purchased home in Bandon.

President Don Farr introduced the guests and visitors at the tables, while N. F. McDonald local manager of the Bureau introduced the members of his office staff. Over 30 guests and members were seated. Before the meeting was adjourned it was decided the June 11th meet would also be a luncheon, since evening meetings are not so well attended.

## Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Unit of the Red Cross will meet Friday, June 1, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., in Guild Hall, ready for work-room sewing and for home sewing. There will be kit bags, bedside bags, bathrobes, scuff slippers and baby shirts. Yarn will be available for sweaters and Sox. At the work table will be crocheting, buttonholes to make, baby quilts to piece, etc.

The Unit thanks the following: Mrs. Frank Shaw, Mrs. F. C. True and Mrs. Annie Robinson for donations of yarn, mercerized cotton and wool material. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ralph Taylor in the loss of her mother.

The following shipments were packed and sent to Coos Bay, during the past week: 120 bedside bags, 60 regular kit bags, 2 bathrobes, 9 pairs pajamas, 30 baby gertrudes, 5 bed jackets and 3 wash cloths. Knitted articles sent were: 6 pairs regular Sox, 5 Army sweaters, 5 maroon sweaters with sleeves, 1 Navy Brooks sweater.

Attention is called to the fact that 1,000 more casualties are arriving in our hospitals each day. They must be supplied with necessary shirts, robes, pajamas, etc.

## Inter-Fellowship Meeting Of Churches On June 12

The next meeting of the inter-fellowship will be held on Tuesday evening, June 12th, in the social rooms of the Pioneer Methodist Church. The ladies of the Christian Church will serve as hostesses for the pot-luck dinner. The Ministerial Association is planning on bringing in an outstanding speaker and Dr. U. G. Dubach of the University of Oregon has been tentatively selected as speaker.

## County Budget Committee To Meet Next Tuesday

The first meeting of the County Budget Committee will be held in the county rooms Tuesday, June 5. The County court has re-appointed Ray Jeub of Coquille and Fritz Hagen of Coos Bay, on the committee. Another member, a dairyman, will be appointed before the meeting date.

## Regular C. of C. Meeting Next Tuesday Noon

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce will be a dinner session in the Coffee Shop next Tuesday noon, June 5, at 12:10 o'clock.

## Hundreds Attend Commencement Last Thursday Evening

Practically every seat was occupied, both the two long rows of bleacher seats and the chairs on the main floor, for the Coquille High School commencement exercises in the gymnasium last Thursday evening, and the hundreds of relatives, friends and well-wishers of the graduating class enjoyed a most excellent program and heard a sound, well-considered address by Dr. James Millar of Eugene, field representative of the Oregon Council of Churches.

Following the processional by the high school band, during which the graduating class, natty and very striking appearing in their mortarboard caps and cape gown of red and white, entered and took their seats on the stage, Rev. Liston Parrish invoked divine blessing.

Miss Vera Bishop, class salutatorian, delivered the address on which she had most evidently spent much time in composition and rehearsal. One of the high lights of her remarks was an eulogy of our late president.

The valedictory address by Miss Phyllis Litzberger was also filled with sincere, thought-provoking ideas and both young ladies were long and loudly applauded at the conclusion of their remarks.

Vocal music for the program was provided by Miss Ariel Crook, with a solo and by the Girls' Glee Club, which rendered two pleasing numbers. Both the soloist and the Glee Club acquitted themselves most creditably.

Dr. Millar was introduced by Supt. C. E. Morrison, who said this was the fourth C.H.S. senior class to be graduated since the U. S. went to war, and stated that Dr. Millar's subject would be "Ships of Citizenship."

The doctor spoke seriously and convincingly for more than half an hour, with an occasional humorous injection into his remarks and those who did not hear him missed a most splendid address.

He said there never was a time when our people needed to take their citizenship more seriously than they do today.

He spoke of credit as the curse of America but added that more people are getting out of debt during this war than did during the last. "Too many people start life by spending instead of by saving."

"My Country," was stressed by Dr. Millar and he said that anything which injures it injures you. Apologizing to the young people who are just entering the more serious phase of life, he said that, "Democracy gives more than any other form of government, but it also demands more."

"We are willing to pay the price of war, but not the price of peace," he said, saying that he had been in countries whose people go to bed hungry every night; which condition, he stated, was one of the causes of war.

Cultivation of a friendly spirit is one of the essentials of life, and it is better to believe in people, though you are sometimes "stung," and the same idea applies to nations. "We are all human but some of us do not remain human," and the doctor advised his listeners to avoid any education that would de-humanize her or him.

Honors presented to the four having the highest grades in the 1945 class, and made by Supt. Morrison, were to Phyllis Litzberger, the valedictorian; Vera Bishop, the salutatorian; Ariel Crook, soloist on the program, who stood third, and Ronald Williams, who received the citizenship cup. Certificates were handed to Miss Litzberger and Miss Bishop.

Principal E. R. James introduced the class members and the diplomas were presented by R. T. Slater, chairman of the board of education.

One of the best commencements C. H. S. has presented in years was closed by the benediction given by Mr. Parrish, after which the recessional was played by the band and the members of the class then received the congratulations and best wishes of the hundreds of friends who had assembled to do them honor.

County Surveyor J. N. Gearhart and his wife have their son, Pfc. Hugh Gearhart, home with them for a furlough. He arrived home, Wednesday, May 23, and will report back to his post about June 1.