

# Messiah Presentation By Coquille-Arago Choirs To Herald Christmas

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## Methodist Church Scene Of Sacred Christmas Oratorio

The presentation of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah" at the Pioneer Methodist Church on Sunday, December 16, at 8:00 P. M., will mark the opening of the Christmas season in Coquille.

A 40-voice union church choir will be directed by Elois Wilson Carlson, choir director of the Methodist church.

The group will present that part of "The Messiah" which is known as the Christmas portion consisting of five choruses and a number of solo arias and recitatives.

### Soloists Featured

The soloists are soprano, Mrs. Elois Carlson; contralto, Miss Aileen Wilson; tenor, Mr. Kenneth Talley and bass Reverend David Seaman. Miss Phyllis Hanse will be the pianist and the organist is Mr. Bobby Burns.

Handel wrote "The Messiah" in 1741. When the oratorio was presented in London the next year, King George II was so impressed by the "Hallelujah Chorus" that he rose during the number. The entire audience followed his example and the custom has persisted to this day.

"The Messiah" is considered one of the finest Christmas oratorios ever written.



HERE ARE THE 40 members of the Coquille and Arago union church sacred chorus who will present George Frederick Handel's famous sacred oratorio, "The Messiah," Sunday evening at the Pioneer Methodist church in Coquille. The choir is directed by Elois Wilson Carlson. Shows in the picture are reading from left to right, back row: Meldon Carl, Noble Chowning, Sander, Don Farr, Orville Gant, Kenneth Talley, The Rev. David Seaman, Wayne Smith, Noble Chowning, Jr., Dan Smith, Orville Newton, Earl Avery; 2nd row, Leone Ingman, Kay Farris, Florence Hallock, Helen Cluchsky, Ruth Boyers, Carl Morrison, The Rev. Bennie Howe, R. J. Vanberg; 2nd row, Geraldine Oerding, Dora Oerding, Nina Cotler, Mildred James, Bobbie Burns, organist, Aida Nosler, Clara Sloan, Birdie Skeels, Gertrude Henderson; front row, Lee Montgomery, Alice Lafferty, Velma Coy, Laura Swanson, Aileen Wilson, Elois Carlson, Emma Francis, Phyllis Flasp, Ruth Geist, Clarice Gormely, Roberta Mason.

## Lions To Sponsor Gridiron Banquet Tonight At Hotel

The Lions' club of Coquille will be hosts to an all-city football dinner tonight in the Hotel Coquille, honoring the members of the high school football team.

Special guests besides the team members will be Spike Leslie, coach of the local squad, and Vaughn Corley, head line mentor for the University of Coquille. Motion pictures of playing and games will be shown as a part of the program.

Amusement is also planned by Corley who will talk on football and the development of the game.

Ticket sales were under the direction of Ray Jeub.

## Wrestling Matches Set For Tonight At Community Bldg.

Wrestling matches will make their bow in Coquille tonight at the Coquille Community building, when Jack Johnson, local promoter will put on the first grunt and groin contest in recent years for the Coquille Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Fresh from the toughest contests in the nation, according to advance releases, come Jack Lipscomb, 175 pound West Coast champion to tangle with the meanest man in Sweden, the Swedish champion Gust Johnson who is 172 pounds stripped.

Sneeze Achieu, a 171 pound Chinaman, who likes nothing better than a good bout with any comer will take on Joe Lyman, 169 pound Oregonian. Doors open at 7:30 and the tussle starts promptly at 8:30.

There will be a second match two weeks from tonight.

## Woman's Club Holds Christmas Meeting At Guild Hall Tuesday Afternoon

One of the nicest programs of the year was presented at the Guild Hall, Tuesday afternoon, when the Coquille Woman's club met for their regular meeting. The platform, decorated with greens, a lighted Christmas tree and a manger, formed a lovely setting for the program.

After a short business meeting, conducted by Mrs. J. A. Moore, president, at which time \$5.00 was voted to the Doernbecher Hospital and \$5.00 to the Christmas seals, a lovely program was presented by Mrs. M. O. Hawkins.

Presented by several of the Girl Scouts was most effective. Those taking part were Karen Slate, Louise Jenkins, Judy Sue Perrott, Karen Mauney, Marion Mintonye of the Brownie Troops; Colleen Walsh, LeAnna Ponder, Thelma Bechell, Lucille Roth, Phyllis Stevens, Marilyn Atkinson and Rosalie Arnett. Group singing with Mrs. Hawkins at the piano was followed by lovely quartet numbers and solos.

The quartet, composed of Mesdames Harold Stromquist, Charles Stauff, Birdie Skeels and Miss Aileen Wilson sang several lovely numbers.

The older girls, dressed in costumes to represent Spain, Russia, Sweden, England and France, presented gifts for Doernbecher hospital, while solos in the various languages were sung by the ladies of the quartet. As a surprise interlude, three antique music boxes, Swiss, Swedish and American, were played by Mrs. Clara Bosserman. These were loaned by Mrs. Leona Bryant.

Tea and cookies were served by Mesdames Geo. Jenkins, Ray Jeub, Guy Mauney, L. W. Oddy, Bert Folsom, F. R. Osterhout, Geo. Burr, E. E. Benham and Geo. Taylor.

Others present were Mesdames G. L. Ransom, F. C. True, W. E. Bosserman, Harold McCue, O. L. Zentner, W. H. Mansell, E. L. Perrott, P. T. Craig, J. R. Jameson, Paul Snider, R. L. Stewart, Ida Owen,

## Detroit Lions Get To Laugh At Our "Jeep"

Add to all stories of that now world-wide Jeep of Coquille that went out with the boys of the local Lions club one Sunday not so long ago and entered into the Annual Fish Derby of the Lions Club, the story appearing in a special Detroit Free Press issue in which his end of merriment was occasioned on that urbane purveyor of staid and sober news items.

For it was definitely news to that press of the motor capital of the world, when they ran a specially headlined story emblazoned on their front page complete with all the details of the "sinking of the Jeep."

## Bond Drive Goes Ahead With Children

Many schools have reported to the county superintendent, Martha Mulkey Purdy, that the children are making headway commendably in their campaign to secure pledges for victory bonds.

Superintendent Carl E. Morrison reported that Lincoln school, with Wayne Smith as principal, has reached the sum of \$6,375. Mrs. Hanna, principal of Washington school, reported \$1,775. The high school reports \$2,325, according to the principal, E. R. James. This totals the amount of \$10,475 with the goal set at \$50,000 to be reached before the campaign ends.

## New Officers For 1946

At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Coquille, nominees were placed on the election ballot by the nominating committee with the following men named:

President—Evan Alborn.  
Vice President—George Burr.  
Secretary—Hode Caughell.  
Treasurer—Bob Stewart.  
Directors—"Andy" Anderson, Dick Barklow, Dave Biegger, Ray Buckles, L. Craven, Don Farr, R. L. Greene, Melvin Giles, Cliff Gulseth, George Jenkins.

Harry Johnson, Larry Lundquist, Ralph Milne, Carl Morrison, Jack Moore, Geo. Oerding, Dave Rackleff, J. D. Rankin, J. L. Smith, Harry Sjaek, C. G. Stem, John Shilling, Ralph Stuller, Geo. Ulett, Lewis Wiltshire, Orville Wood.

Of this number 17 members are to be named to the board of directors.

## Waunda Kintzley Initiated Into Job's Daughters

Waunda Kintzley was initiated into Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 15, Monday night at the regular meeting held in the Masonic Hall. An outstanding feature of the Bethel is the choir of ten voices, which adds greatly to the initiation ceremony. Members reported ill were Nancy Godard, Sally Gable and Adrienne Eubanks. Following the next regular meeting Dec. 24th, a party will be held in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple at which time secret sisters will be revealed. Later, the Bethel daughters will go around the different streets singing Christmas carols.

The installation of new officers, originally planned for Dec. 26th, will be held Jan. 7th. At the previous meeting, the following were elected: Honored Queen, Laura Emily Rubie; Senior Princess, Roberta Medley; Junior Princess, Joyce Benham; Guide, Sally Bonney, and Marshal, Marion Moore.

## Purple Heart Awarded Posthumously To Lieut. Leland Jack Clinton

Mrs. Margaret Cecelia Clinton of 123 South Elliott St., Coquille, last week received the Purple Heart posthumously awarded to her husband, the late Lieut. Leland Jack Clinton, who was on the U.S.S. Indianapolis when it was torpedoed off Guam last July 30th and sank with the loss of the greater portion of its personnel.

Lieut. Clinton was born in Myrtle Point December 29, 1918, but had spent most of his life in and around Coquille. He graduated from the high school here in 1936 and later attended O.S.C. at Corvallis where he graduated in logging engineering in 1941 and belonged to the S.A.E. fraternity.

He was also a member of Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M. After graduating from Corvallis, he was connected with the Sutherland Logging Co. until he enlisted in the Navy on July 30, 1942.

December 29 of the same year he was appointed to the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School in New York at Columbia University, where he graduated as an ensign March 21 and reported to Newport, Rhode Island, for training in a PT boat squadron. Starting June 10, 1943, he served overseas as skipper of a PT boat and in May, 1944, was appointed lieutenant (junior grade) and returned to Newport as an instructor. At his request for active duty he was assigned to the heavy cruiser Indianapolis on April 24, 1944, and served on her until his death.

He held the Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with three bronze stars.

## Coquille Host For Casaba Jamboree

Coquille was host to Powers, Bandon and Coos River Tuesday night for the annual Class "B" school Jamboree. Coquille's "B" squad was entered, the "A" squad being ineligible because of Coquille being a Class "A" school.

Each team played all their opponents for a ten-minute game.

**Bandon Wins**  
Bandon won all three of their games, followed by the Coquille "B" squad which won two out of three. The results of the evening have no bearing, however, on the season standings, Coquille not even being in this league.

**Results:**  
1st game—Bandon 7, Coquille 3.  
2nd game—Powers 8, Coos River 5.  
3rd game—Bandon 8, Coos River 6.  
4th game—Coquille 12, Powers 5.  
5th game—Bandon 12, Powers 6.  
6th game—Coquille 14, Coos R. 6.

There will be a County Class "A" school Jamboree Friday night in North Bend where Myrtle Point, Coquille, Marshfield and North Bend high schools will play.

Lieut. Clinton was married on Dec. 30, 1944, to Margaret Belloni. He was the only son of Theodore L. and Mabel A. Clinton, who reside at Johnson Mill, just south of Coquille. He is also survived by a sister, Gretchen, wife of Lieut. Jack Laird of Coquille.



Lt. (jg) Leland Jack Clinton

## Rotary Club Plans Christmas Holiday Dance For Schools

A gala, festive Christmas holiday dance with music by Medford Fuller's dance band has been slated for Friday evening December 21st, in the Coquille Community hall by the local Rotary club.

All proceeds of the dance, after expenses have been paid, will go to the development of the new high school athletic field on the site of the new location, it was announced by Larry Lundquist.

Plans are being made to make this dance one of the outstanding affairs of the holiday season.

## McCauleys Have Guests At Fairview

House guests of Mrs. McCauley of Fairview are her mother, Mrs. Golubin who arrived Monday of last week, and her sister, Miss Golubin, who arrived Wednesday from Des Moines, where she is a sergeant in the WACS.

Miss Golubin's arrival was a complete surprise to both her mother and her sister, since she had not informed them of her intended visit. She reached Coquille four hours late because of the slide on the road between here and Bandon. Sgt. Golubin reported that, had the bus not been forced to stop because of a car ahead of them which had a flat tire, they would have been in the exact spot that the avalanche fell.



IN THE "CIRCLE" THAT brings two free tickets to either the Rocky or Liberty theatres for next week starting with the "Conflict" movie tonight is Marian Gregory, junior class president. All she has to do is come to The Sentinel office and they're hers. The mural is a part of the Junior class "Stairway to the Stars" decorations.



WITH A BACKDROP of starry heavens designed by Bill Sage and Patricia Geaney for a colorful wall mural to depict the motif of the annual Junior Prom, "Stairway to the Stars," are the dance program heads. From left to right, Marian Gregory, Junior class president, Stacy Johnson, Jack Buckles, vice-president of Student Body, Marianne Rackleff, Dave Kline, President of Student Body and Leatha Trout.