

Christmas Ship For European Help Headed By Osika

Coquille swung into action this week for the Christmas Ship, the Northwest's own relief drive to fill up a ship with foodstuffs for European relief—similar to the Food for Freedom train—with the appointment of Executive Secretary Clarence Osika of the Chamber of Commerce as drive chairman. A rapid and complete drive is now under way with dates for foodstuffs to be left at Farr and Elwood's Hardware set as

Jan. 15th, and the final date to make cash donations (checks payable to Christmas Ship committee) January 20th.

Speaking before clubs and other organizations this week is Evan Albion who is chairman of the club division; The Rev. Larry Guderian, pastor of the Pioneer Methodist church, is in charge of making known information on the relief ship to stores and lodges; Supt. Ray Hun-

saker of the Coquille public schools, handling the school work for the project; and Mrs. Martha Mulkey Purdy, Coos county school superintendent, in charge of other schools and teacher groups.

Winning a great response in other communities of the Northwest, many Oregon cities have consigned tons of foodstuffs to the ship. Due to the extreme shortage of time now, Mr.

Osika said money contributions would be more desirable than the foodstuffs themselves.

All food can be purchased wholesale for the Christmas ship, and thus would make any money given go much further, he continued.

He, however, stated that either checks or food may be taken to Farr and Elwood for Mr. Farr.

Mr. Osika cautioned against any

He stated that absolutely nothing in foodstuffs not on the official list. Wanted are: flour, fifty or one hundred pound sacks; dried fruits; dried vegetables; sugar in fifty or 100 pound sacks; heavy cereals such as Cream of Wheat, Farina and no flake or fluffy types; canned milk; dried milk; canned fish; canned meat; canned poultry; canned baked beans; canned chili; canned fats.

glass or cellophane could be accepted.

Today the Rotary club directors are considering a cash donation toward the share of the Christmas ship, and it is expected that other clubs will follow suit this week.

With other towns setting a high standard for generous giving, Mayor Biegger today stated he knew of no reason why Coquille wouldn't make one of the finest records in the Northwest.

Oregon Historical Society Auditorium



IN A SWIFT DRIVE to gather contributions for the Northwest Christmas Ship, the employees of the Northwestern Division of the Pacific Power and Light Company have collected \$585.00. Included in this figure was \$200.00 from the management, who matched dollar for dollar up to that amount. Shown here making the first contribution is Ed Pearson, manager. Receiving the gift is one of the employee collection team, (left to right) Leola Stigleman, Lucille Hellman, and Bertha Johnson.

Livestock Association Sets Annual Meeting At Myrtle Point Saturday

The annual meeting of the Coos County Livestock Association has been set for Saturday, January 10, at ten o'clock, in the American Legion hall in Myrtle Point. A potluck dinner is being planned for the noon hour. Topics for discussion during the business meeting are: 1. Spraying livestock for parasite control. 2. Discussion of pasture improvement by clearing. 3. New laws affecting the livestock producers, including Bang's disease control and livestock theft laws. 4. Agricultural conservation practices on range land during 1948. 5. Arranging for delegation to attend the Western Oregon Livestock meeting in Roseburg.

Election of officers and directors of the county association for 1948, will also be held during the business meeting. Several other items of interest to stockmen throughout the county will also be discussed.

County Agent George Jenkins is in charge of arrangements.

Martin Arnold of Gaylor is president of the organization. He is well known throughout Coos county, having taken an active part in the organization for the past four years.

The ladies are urged to attend as well as the men. It is hoped a large crowd will be present both for the dinner at noon and to attend the meeting following.

Swift Plant Gets Closure Order

Closure of the Swift plant here was ordered this week by the state department of agriculture. Makers of cheese and butter, the plant was closed because of "general unsanitary conditions."

The company which has a large industrial site purchased for the erection of a new modern plant was unable to start construction, and was faced with the Jan. 1st, 1948 deadline, it was reported.

Milk and cream were being purchased up to today and shipped for processing to Portland.

Lans Leneve Sells Irish Furze Story

"The Curse of the Irish Furze," a narrative article on the familiar gorse in Coos and Curry counties, and telling of the problems it poses here now, is the title of a yarn sold to Pacific Pathways by Lans Leneve, Sentinel columnist and out-of-doors man.

Mr. Leneve received a nice check for the story this week. It appeared this month.

Notices of Raise Sent—Notices of higher prices for liquid gas were sent out this week by the Gas Appliance company to all their customers. This is in line with a recent raise by all major refineries for their products.



HEADS DRIVE—Clarence Osika, Executive Secretary of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce this week announced plans for a rapid drive to raise funds and foodstuffs for Coquille's share in the Christmas Ship relief drive for needy Europeans. Canned foodstuffs are to be turned in to Farr and Elwood Hardware by Jan. 15th; checks payable to the Christmas Ship committee to be given Don Farr by Jan. 20th.

Shot Men On Way To Recovery

According to attending physicians at the Falk hospital and the Mast Hospital, O. H. Garnier and Thomas J. Cruickshank, Jr., 22, of Coos Bay, who were both seriously wounded Saturday night in a shooting fracas at the Garnier home with a 22 revolver wielded by Garnier, would recover.

Police investigation of the shooting is still underway.

Garnier reportedly shot Cruickshank, a guest at the Garnier home, three times, with one bullet piercing a lung, and seriously smashing nerves in the shoulder.

Garnier then is said to have shot himself with the result that the bullet missed the brain and lodged near the left ear, destroying the left eye however.

City police and state police have conducted hearings and investigations on the shooting.

Coquille Valley Sentinel

VOL. XLIII. NO. 52.

COQUILLE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1948.

10 CENTS PER COPY



YOU CAN HELP—Such Courts of Honor as shown above with District Finance Officer Lloyd Claver, Scoutmaster Phil Ryan, District Scout Chairman Ray Jeub, and Scout Executive Dave Putnam are a part of the active and expanding program of Boy Scout work in this area which needs your financial assistance. A drive to raise funds will start Wednesday, Jan. 14, under the direction of Mr. Claver. (Sentinel Photo)

Coos Is County With Future, Speaker Tells Chamber of Commerce Banquet

"Coos county is a county with a past and a future," Attorney John Galey of Sweet Home, Oregon, told members and guests of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening at the annual Chamber banquet in the Coquille Community building.

He was introduced by Sylvannus Smith, manager of Title Guarantee and Abstract Co., a former law school classmate of the speaker's.

Quoting the Centennial History of Oregon by Joseph Gaston, published in 1911, the Sweet Home attorney who was formerly War Labor commissioner for the War Labor Board, and a graduate of the University of Oregon law school in 1931, the speaker said that in 1907 Author Gaston said Coos county "is one of the richest, if not the richest county in Oregon, yet it is practically a suburb of San Francisco. It is one of the richest counties in coal, timber, seaports, and makes its own ships which ply the sealanes. It has a profitable sea sand mining, and unlimited possibilities."

Mr. Galey then quoted population figures for Coos county, saying that the following dates show the growth of the county. In 1860 there were 445 people; 1870, 1644; 1880, 4,834; 1890, 8,874; 1900, 10,324, and in 1910, 17,959.

Talking about the future of the county, Mr. Galey told of the unlimited demand for goods by the farmers of the state of Oregon. Coos county and Coquille are particularly fortunate, he stated, to be so located in the heart of a rich dairy and cranberry growing section.

Mr. Galey stated that the designation of Coquille area as the "marketing area" for the Douglas-Southern Oregon master timber unit, would help to assure Coquille of a permanent future. He said the state as well as Coos county can look forward to growth, to development, and to new industries.

He stated that the timber practices which will become even more improved and modern in the days to come, will assure the county of a stable industry and growth.

Although we are bulging at this time, the speaker continued, we can expect some abatement, but the solid growth we build now will remain.

He urged, in conclusion, that Oregon go on record as against race discrimination.

(Continued on last page, main section)

Fund Sent Pastor's Widow

A memorial fund of \$341.45 given by Coquille friends in memory of Rev. Lyon Parrish, former pastor of Coquille Christian church who died on Christmas day at Weiser, Idaho, was sent Monday to Rev. Mr. Parrish's widow, Mrs. Kay Parrish.

Word has been received by friends in Coquille, that the congregation at Weiser has given the pastorate of the Weiser church to Mrs. Parrish, who is herself an ordained minister.

Cunningham Curves To Be Repaired

Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and city council streets and highway committees, George Burr this week received word from the secretary of the Oregon State highway commission that the dangerous curves just north of Coquille between the high school building and the athletic field would get action soon.

The letter to Mr. Burr stated that the highway commission had heard the reports on a recent survey made on the curves and dangerous piece of highway over Cunningham creek and that action would be taken to correct the faults.

Scene of many accidents and near accidents, the Chamber of Commerce highway safety committee brought the matter to the attention of the state highway commission recently. They immediately sent an engineer to inspect the project. Working with Mr. Burr were the other members of the city street and highway committee.

The Chamber of Commerce safety committee is headed by Amzy Min-tonye.

Library Board Members Named

Named to the library board by Mayor David Biegger this week were Mrs. George Taylor who is at present serving on the board, and Mrs. C. A. Rietman. Mrs. Rietman will take the place of Guy Mauney who has resigned due to the demand on his time by other activities.

Scout Finance Drives Scheduled

Coquille will hold its annual drive for funds to finance the 1948 Boy Scout years' activities Wednesday, Jan. 14th, it was announced today by District Scout Chairman Ray Jeub. The drive will start early Wednesday and will be headed by District Finance Officer Lloyd Claver.

Need for money is even greater this year than last year, Scout officials said, with many new boys desirous of joining troops and an expanded and growing program underway in the entire area. Funds gathered in the local drive will be used locally with a portion going to the district Scout treasury.

A meeting of the District Boy Scout Council will be held in the City Hall council chambers Tuesday evening at 7:30, Jan. 13th, Mr. Jeub said.

New Episcopal Vicar Called

Called as the new vicar of St. James' Episcopal Church, Coquille, is the Rev. Robert Lessing, vicar of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Downey, California. Rev. Mr. Lessing will conduct his first service at St. James' Sunday morning, January 25th.

Announcement of Mr. Lessing's acceptance of the St. James' work was made this week by the vestry composed of A. H. Grimes, L. L. Boney, Mrs. Charles Stauff, Frank Shaw, O. L. Wood, Harry Slack, and M. O. Hawkins.

Mr. Lessing, who was born in Philadelphia in 1907, has lived in California since 1914. He took pre-law at the University of California at Los Angeles, his law degree at Southwestern university, and his divinity degree from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific at Berkeley, California. He has also taken graduate work in religion at the University of Southern California.

From 1934 to 1941 he was a municipal judge in Los Angeles. He is married and has two daughters, ages five and seven.

Rev. Mr. Lessing and his family will leave Southern California Jan. 19th and arrive the middle of the week.

Coquille Bank Has \$4,392,617.96

Deposits as of December 31st, 1947, showed the First National bank, Coquille branch, having deposits of \$4,392,617.96 with cash on hand \$109,500.37. Loans total \$813,356.09, and other assets amount to \$38,892.55, making a total asset strength of \$5,544,367.37.

Liabilities include \$146,764.78 various; and deposits of \$5,207,602.59.

This statement was issued by the First National bank through Manager Lewis Wiltshire of the Coquille branch. A general statement of the entire system of the First National bank with their branches in the state of Oregon appears in today's Sentinel on another page.

Council Approves New Gasoline Station

No objection was voiced by the city council to the erection of a modern gasoline station on the Paulson corner of Front street when asked by E. L. Perrott about the question of a metal building there for the Texas Oil company. It is understood that it will be erected soon.

High Waters, Storm, Winds Sweep Through County

In a sudden onslaught of winter, rains and wind swept Coos county Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to send trees down over power lines, water over the Bandon-Coquille and Myrtle Point-Coquille highways, over numerous market county roads, to cause land slides and sunken grades and to give Coquille Valley residents the longest power vacation in the history of the Mt. States Power company.

Power went off at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday night and was not restored until 12:45 p. m. Wednesday noon. First major break was caused when the 66 KV transmission line was broken, and later when the 120,000 volt line from Roseburg to Coos Bay was knocked down near Libby.

Mail arrived for the first time Wednesday afternoon and was distributed by the Coquille post office at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Highway maintenance men were busy erecting signs announcing the closure of the highway south, and the condition of high water on the highway to Myrtle Point.

The highway to Powers was in a dangerous condition. And county market roads were demanding attention by County Engineer Floyd Robb and his crew.

Coquille restaurants with gas went ahead with dinner and breakfast preparations, while other eating houses without auxiliary aids closed their doors.

Numerous stores closed their doors

until lights were restored, and the Coquille Studio announced it would open when electricity was restored.

The Coquille schools were closed Wednesday because of lack of heat and electric lights.

In many Coquille homes with gas heat, neighborhood parties were the impromptu note of the day as coffee drinkers came in for hot drinks, a pleasant relief from a cold breakfast.

According to the Schroeder Mortuary three men were reported drowned at Gold Beach when a cable bridge capsized, with no facts available and no way to get to Gold Beach Wednesday.

The Coquille Hotel and other caravansaries were filled to the brim Wednesday night as California bound

tourists and travelers reached the Coquille bridge and the vast expanse of water of the Fat Elk valley.

An Oregon - California - Nevada freight truck was hit in a slide between Reedsport and Drain, and a truck of Benham's Transfer driven by Ray Olsen was only a few hundred feet behind. The Benham truck managed to get through a day later.

Wednesday the Coquille river had reached flood stage at 25 feet and was still coming up.

The Riverton ferry was untied Tuesday from its original mooring and was being raised slowly toward the main street of that town.

At Broadbent the Powers highway was under water, and water was eight inches deep in the Myrtle Lane sec-

tion of the Coquille-Myrtle Point highway.

According to County Engineer Floyd Robb water had closed off residents on the opposite side of the Coquille valley who went in by either Fishtrap or the Fat Elk road. A grade in the Fairview-McKinley sector had sunk, though it was still usable. Cunningham creek was over the road though the drive was still passable; the North Bank road was flooded and closed; Hervey and Fox bridges were flooded; Johnson mill road flooded; Brewster valley and Gravelford flooded, and Lower Norway road in critical condition.

With the storm subsiding Wednesday afternoon, normalcy was expected to be restored by the end of the

week. Coos county's road crews were planning work, and according to County Engineer Robb present equipment will be of great aid. He said no serious damage has been done to the roads.

Wind velocity on the coast reached 70 miles, the coast guard reported, and high slides have been reported by The Sentinel subscribers along the coast.

Coquille city policemen, Cecil Wilson and George Blanchard put in double duty shifts Tuesday night and patrolled the darkened city. Major excitement for the officers was the tearing loose of the Matejka's Jewelry sign and the law enforcement men's attempts to keep the sign from completely demolishing the jewelry firm's window.