

Coast Guard At Lower Umpqua Said Undermanned

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REEDSPORT—The Reedsport Chamber of Commerce recently called the attention of Congressman Harris Ellsworth and Senator Guy Cordon to the undermanned condition of the Umpqua Coast Guard lighthouse and life-saving station.

Since the end of the war, this station has been reduced to a crew of four men, which is not enough to maintain the expensive equipment the government has located there, nor even to keep the extensive buildings and grounds properly policed.

Quite recently, within the past month, two lives have been lost off the shore quite near the station. Had the proper quota of men been available to maintain the lookout and man the craft, it is probable that both men could have been saved.

However, it was necessary to call the Coast Guardsmen from the Coos Bay station, a distance of 30 miles, and upon their arrival all that could be done was to pick the bodies out of the surf.

That the Umpqua station has always been a most necessary one off the Oregon coast and its neglect at the present time borders on the criminal, is the consensus of the Reedsport Chamber of Commerce.

Just two weeks ago, a fisherman putting out to sea from Winchester Bay struck a bad breaker on the bar and his boat was capsized. He was held under the boat for several minutes before working himself clear and was then rescued from drowning by fellow fishermen also putting out to sea.

New Low Death Rate in U. S. May Be Set This Year

(AP Newsfeatures)
NEW YORK—A new all time low death rate for Americans may be set for this year.

Barring unforeseen developments, such a mortality record appears likely on the basis of policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., who form a representative cross-section of the urban population, says the company's Statistical Bulletin.

The death rate in the first half of this year was 7.6 per 1,000, or identical with the previous low in the first half of 1942, the bulletin said, and "when allowance is made for the increase in the average age of these insured in the past five years, the death rate in 1947 actually establishes a new minimum."

Favorable factors, it continues, have been low mortality from influenza and pneumonia, a decline in the tuberculosis rate and that from heart, blood vessel and kidney ailments, and new lows in mortality so far this year from syphilis, appendicitis, and the main communicable diseases of childhood.

"Cancer alone registers an increased mortality on the basis of rates not adjusted for the aging of the insured group."

Compared with 1946, the suicide rate so far is 7 per cent less, homicides 12 per cent less, and accidents 13 per cent less.

Although the accident rate is lower, oddly enough there were more lives lost in catastrophes—defined as accidents taking five or more lives, the bulletin said.

There were about 1,340 deaths from catastrophes in the general population of the United States during the first six months of the current year—or about 2 1/3 times the number in the like period of 1946.

Cpl. Harold Van Keuren Promoted to Sergeant



HICKAM FIELD, Oahu, T. H. —Cpl. Harold Van Keuren, 26, (above) son of Mrs. Grace Pickles of Oakland, Ore., was promoted to the grade of sergeant here recently. Sergeant Van Keuren, assigned as a mechanic at the Station Motor Pool, is a member of the 308th Airdrome Squadron, Seventh Air Force.

Sergeant Van Keuren, who enlisted in the Regular Army August 1, 1940, has been in Hawaii since April 29, 1946. With him at Hickam Field are his two daughters, Billie Jeanne, 16-months-old, and Patricia Marie, eight-months-old. Sergeant Van Keuren's wife died here early this spring.

The sergeant served with the Infantry during World War II. Following his transfer to the Air Force, he was promoted to private first class in June, 1946; to corporal in October of the same year, and to sergeant this year.

MARKET REOPENS

REEDSPORT—The former Harry's Market on 14th St. in the former Anderson Building, which has been closed since the death last February of Harry Hober, the owner, has been reopened as the Reedsport Market under the ownership of Stanley Stiles, A. M. Hyde, and Frank Trimble. Stiles and Hyde came here last fall from Northeastern Oregon and Trimble, who has been employed as a meat cutter in Bendele's Market, was formerly in business at Roseburg.

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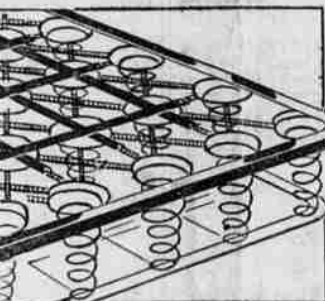
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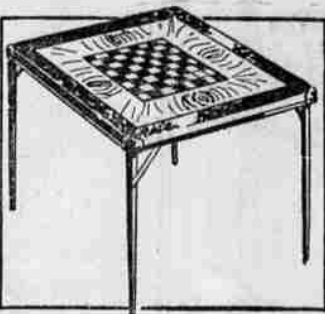
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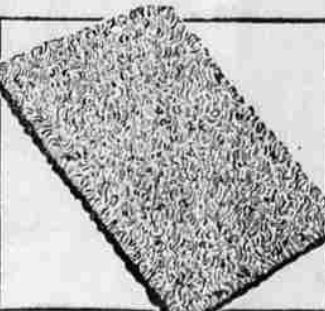
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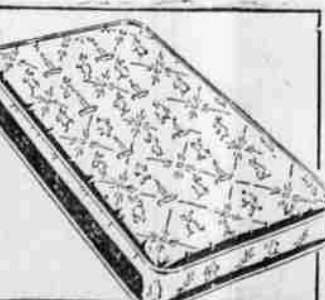
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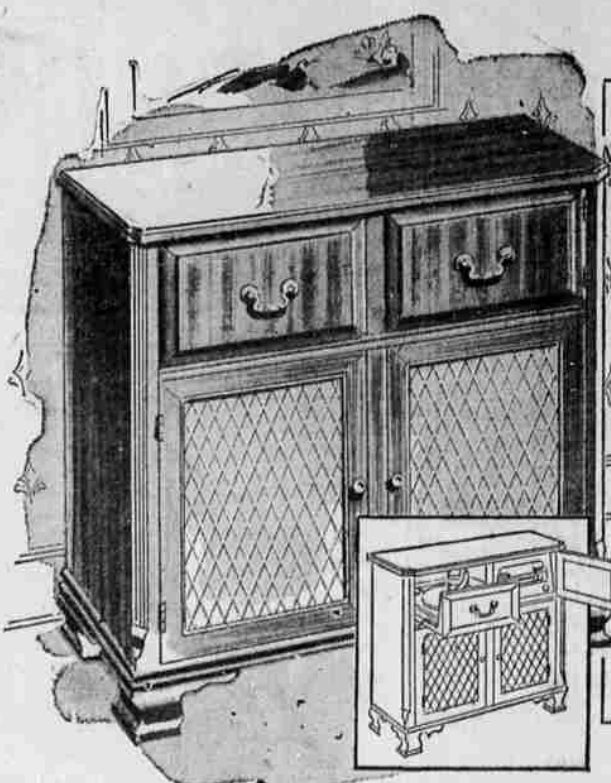


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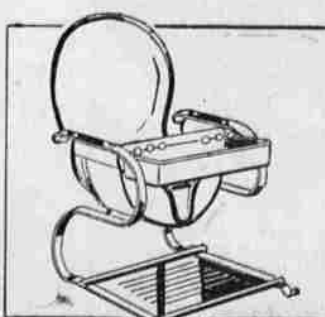
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