

Brookings Lad Only Witness To Jap Attack on Continental United States

By N. S. Brainard

The only actual witness to a Japanese attack on continental United States joined the local V. F. W. post, Wednesday night.

Howard Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, as a lookout on Mt. Emily, about two miles northeast of Brookings, early one April morning in 1942, watched a small single-engined monoplane circle low over his

station and drop bombs less than a mile to the east. The plane came out of a coastal morning fog-bank and returned into it, later being reported to have been of the type carried in and launched from submarines. As the forest floor was very wet at the time, no fires were set by the phosphorus splattered about when the bombs landed.

Later, Gardner became a para-

trooper with the Americal division, and was awarded the Purple Heart, with cluster, for the wounds received in action in the Philippines.

One brother, Elmer, a ski-trooper with the Tenth Mountain Division, saw much service in the Italian Alps, and a younger brother, Ernest, later of the 3rd Amphibious Marines, participated in several island hopping invasions.

Their father, Fred Gardner, is widely known because of his long time employment in Southwestern Oregon with the U. S. Forest Service. He was long a popular executive in the CCC camps and has probably fought on more miles of fire lines and built more miles of trail and forest roads than any other man in the Siskiyou Forest area.

family to their new home which is being built at the mouth of Harris Creek, about a mile out of town. Norman is going to raise

minks from stock given him by his father, Gus Schiedau, who has a mink ranch on the Rogue River, near Gold Beach.

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Morning Worship at 11 a. m. The pastor will speak on "The Most Dangerous Present Day Shortage." The text is found in 1 Cor. 7:29: "The Time Is Short."

Our fast-growing choir, under direction of O. C. Turley, will sing: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," and "Lift Up Your Heads" By Kratz. Mr. Turley will sing a bariton solo, "Twenty-third Psalm."

Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. Womens Circle will meet at the church with a dessert luncheon as the opening. This is a work meeting.

Star of the Sea Catholic Church

First Sunday of month at 12 noon.

All other Sundays at 8 a. m. Rev. Daniel Kelly, Pastor.

Regular meeting of the Ladies Altar Society of the Star of the Sea Catholic church, will be held Wednesday, March 13, at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Rielsing, on Ocean road, south of Harbor.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver St. Louis, of Slater, Colo., old friends of the Kessler family, paid them a surprise visit Friday when they drove in for the afternoon. It had been several years since the Kesslers had seen their friends, who had been on the west coast for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keklin and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorsell of Portland have been house guests of the Joe Berger family.

Mrs. Edna Newman, who underwent a major operation at a Eureka hospital, is reported to be doing well.

Lawrence Myers, truck driver for Thor Asks, brought back a load of lumber from Coos Bay Saturday, to be used at the H. E. Echols place.

Rec. and Mrs. C. E. Dunham are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Dunham's sister, Mrs. M. B. Kenyon of Salem, Oregon.

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