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Hong Kong Fantastic City, Redfields Relate In Tale Of Their Trip To Orient

Third Installment

We sailed from Manila April 29 at midnight, nosing toward China. The sea was a calm as a mill-pond all the way from Manila to Hang Kong. May 1, May Day, we entered that harbor, which was filled with every type of boat from flat-tops to sampans.

We saw many medium sized ships all decked out with flags and bunting and later learned all these were Communist ships and that anything could happen, due to the Communists celebrating May Day. We were thankful that Britain had several warships and three torpedo boats in the harbor, sent in the day before. The fact we were on Communist land never entered our thoughts. By 11:30 a. m. we were docked on the Chinese mainland at Kowloon, and looking across the water you see Hong Kong nestled at the base of Victoria Rock.

Lunch over, we struck out for Hong Kong. Walking to the ferry, there were three different Chinese men which started walking with us, each wanting to be our guide. Finally one of them drove the two others away, and he leached himself to us, and paid our ferry toll from his own pocket. We decided then to let him escort us about. We told him we wanted to go to the Emporium department store, so he lead us there. We picked out some beautiful English wool, had our measurements taken and

by 5 p. m. the following day both mother and I had a beautiful suit.

We shopped around all that afternoon, buying many hankies, perfume, books, and many other items which struck our fancy. We had a wonderful time shopping and bargaining as the Chinese ask a much higher price than their final price, as all Chinese are Jewish in their selling routine.

We found Honk Kong to be a shoppers paradise. They have almost everything and prices are reasonable. There are streets after streets filled with native shops offering jewelry, brassware, silks, embroideries, linens, carved furniture, china, cut glass—just anything one could desire.

Went back to the ferry and to Kowloon to our ship for dinner. Ferries ply between Kowloon and HongKong and the service is good—the time one ferry is loaded, another takes its place and the trip takes but eight minutes.

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Jet Planes Shown To Rotary Club Tue.

Pictures of jet fighters and jet bombers, some of which approach the speed of sound, were shown to Brookings Rotary club Tuesday noon, when Ben Kerns, reserve air force pilot, was able to obtain the film for showing.

While still much a secret, the pictures, taken in 1946 and 1947, showed the three main craft to be used by the United States Air Forces until later and more modern are made.

The picture told of the years of study and trials before any of the secrets were released to the public. Even at that the pictures would be of no use to any enemy for all were taken at a great distance, without revealing any details.

Publication Out

A new publication of Chris Cross, of Grants Pass, Ore., now on sale at a number of places locally, tells about the fishing on the Chetco, where to find the good places, etc. Cross, who specializes in such type publications, features most all the rivers and spots along the coast.

An advertisement appears on another page of this issue.

ATTENTION!

Merchants and all business houses, lilies for store-front decoration, may be picked up at Darger's Azalea Garage.

Familiar Summer Scene In Area



Lily growing, which first started here about ten years ago, has spread the fame of this area more than any other particular attribute which may be mentioned. The above picture shows how lilies appear out in the fields. This observance gives rise to the annual parade.

Lily Blossom Parade Promises To Be Best Ever Staged Here; Outside Interest Manifested More By Bands and Entries

Whether or not the Grants Pass band will come to the 1952 Lily Blossom Parade was not learned in time for publication, but if it should not, there will be plenty of music and attraction to add color to the already colorful spectacle staged annually by this community.

Success of the 1952 Lily Blossom Parade, at the latest report, indicate that more floats are promised this year than last, and that enthusiasm is mounting. According to reports, too, there will be keener competition for prizes in all classifications of floats.

Leading the parade will be the Chetco Wranglers, and interspersed among float entries will be: Prentice accordion band of Medford, Ore.

Scotia Band, sponsored by the Pacific Lumber Company of that place.

Wheeler Majorettes of Brookings.

Bliss Heine's drum corps of Medford, Ore.

Heron's Majorettes of Gold Beach.

Cave Men of Grants Pass with all their splendor and appeal.

Pirates of Coos Bay, who will try to out-do the Cave Men.

Among the 47 floats already entered, according to Joe Taylor,

Water Hearing Set By Commission

SALEM—The Public Utilities Commissioner, Charles H. Heltzel, Thursday, revealed that the City of Brookings had asked a hearing in the matter of a complaint vs. Brookings Water Company, and has set Tuesday, July 22, at 10 a. m. Pacific Standard Time (11 a. m. DST) at the Grange hall as time and place.

The hearing is said to be concerning a city franchise and the

All-Year Events Association chairman, Coose-Curry Electric Co-operative will enter one. The Queen's float is being built by the local chamber of commerce.

Still Need Many Things More experienced lily pickers needed to help pick lily blossoms for floats.

Float entries with desired classification and notice as to whether load speaker system is on float, must reach Joe Taylor at Chetco Inn by Friday morning to assure proper position in parade.

Be sure to attend the all-important meeting of All-Year Events Association at Chetco Inn, Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

On the Main Drag

Some Rotarian with out his button.

No pockets in shrouds, says Stoller, who suggests "make a little, save a little, spend a little — be consistent."

Ersa Fisher's fading lily.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Simmons preserving just a few dozen quarts of strawberries for their frozen food locker.

Holiday hang-overs on almost every corner.

Didja ever see Wilbanks baby-sitting—yep, he can.

A. J. Matot just sitting and enjoying the weather.

Ben Kerns observing weather around the clock during the holiday week-end.

Everyone but one co-operating with committee in decorating all

Accordion Band To March In Parade

Those who were fortunate to hear the Prentice Accordion band of Medford on its recent visit to the area, will again be given the opportunity, next Sunday. This is one of the features of the Lily Blossom Parade.

This band, which is reported to be over 200 in number, when all can be present, will march in the parade. Each accordion takes a certain part of the numbers just as a cornet, trombone, or any wind instrument would in an ordinary band. It is not learned just how many will make the trip, but arrangements have been made to charter a bus to bring the group to Brookings.

The fame of this band extends the length and breadth of this nation. Many times it has been called to perform at many California cities, even to New York, for a few of them.

City Budget Was Adopted Tuesday

At the budget hearing set by the city council, for Tuesday evening, only one person appeared in opposition and he to protest the small amount set aside for street improvement, so the budget, as published three weeks ago, was formally adopted.

The budget figures:
Total Est. Exp.\$43,346.00
Total Est. Receipts..... 23,375.00
Amount to be raised
by tax 19,971.00

Smith River Church Was Built in 1878

People traveling through Smith River, especially on the old road, may not take particular note of the church which stands by side of the road. Few can imagine that this building was built in 1878, and remodeled a couple of years ago to make room for the growing congregation.

This old structure, made of redwood for the most part, was tested at the time of remodeling and was found to be just as solid as the year it was erected.

The Smith River and Crescent City Methodist churches are the first Christian churches to be organized in Northern California, back in 1854, it is said.

The pew seats of the Smith River church are made of redwood and are said to be the ones installed at the time the building was constructed. These have been re-finished, as has been the pulpit, and the railing about the choir loft.

Rev. E. C. Hicks points with pride to the building, saying that the church stands like the faith which went into its first building. The church has about 70 members at last report.

Tourist Stricken In Auto, In Harbor

George D. Rodgers, 49, of San Francisco, took suddenly ill just as he approached the McPherson place at 2 p. m. Saturday and stopped his car. Before medical help could be summoned he was dead, according to his wife and family, who were with him.

Rodgers, a sheet metal worker, was just returning from a vaca-trip to Canada with his family. Before that moment, nothing was ever noted to give warning of his general health.

Roy H. Brown Mortuary made preliminary arrangements for the shipment of the body to San Francisco for burial.

Couple Married At Smith River Church

SMITH RIVER—Keiva Mae Moncur and Harold Albert Rapraeger, both of Corvallis, were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 11 a the local Methodist church with Rev. E. C. Hicks officiating. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rapraeger of Harbor, brother and sister-in-law of the groom.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will be at home at Cor-