

Oregon Coast Still Not Properly Appreciated, Touring Editor Finds

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BENBOW, Calif. — California's Chamber of Commerce was out in all of its usual publicity glory to welcome us on our first day of vacation.

After one of the heaviest downpours we had ever driven in, we came out over the Alsea Pass to Yahachis where we stayed the first night at Paddock's, owned by transplanted Texans who said they thought the Oregon Coast "just superb" — even after six years here.

"The trouble is," said Tom Garrison, the missus of the duo, "people don't use the Oregon coast enough in winter. They don't know what they are missing." To which we echoed amen! I like the beach best in the winter—and, it is to be remembered, there are winter rates in many places.

Early Dinner Advised
However, if you want dinner between Walport and Florence, you had best get to the coast before 8 p.m. That's closing time for most restaurants, including most of the "accommodation" dining rooms connected with motels. In summer the hours are somewhat later, we were told.

Rain continued intermittently throughout the first day, but even with rain Honeyman's Park was lovely. I have never seen it when rhododendrons were in bloom, but it must be a fairlyland then.

Southern Oregon — now the lumber center of the state—is growing by leaps and bounds—just as many small Willamette Valley towns boomed a quarter of a century ago when lumber was the big IT business.

Coos Bay Ever Busier
Coos Bay grows busier by the year. Gorse, which once was largely responsible for the huge Bandon fire, again covers the hillsides right down to the edge of town—and one wonders, especially when one hears that

Descendants of Woman, 100, Number 103

BARRY, Ill. — Mrs. Cerena Harelson observed her 100th birthday anniversary Sunday at a party attended by 103 direct descendants representing four generations.

Although restricted to the family, the guest list was so long that the dinner party had to be moved from the home of a daughter to the Barry Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harelson has 8 children, 29 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren and 18 great great grandchildren. Eight of them were unable to attend the party.

Mrs. Harelson was born in Brown County, Ohio, and came to Illinois with her parents in 1856 when she was 10 months old. The family settled on a farm near Fishhook, Ill., not far from Barry, in Pike County.

Later she married W. T. Harelson and they began farming nearby. Her husband died in 1925, and since then Mrs. Harelson has lived with her children.

Until her sight failed five years ago, Mrs. Harelson enjoyed crocheting, quilting and blackberry picking.

On her blackberry picking, she said, "I didn't need any help getting over fences either."

Now she said she spends most of her time listening to the radio.

Soviet Housing Experts on Visit To San Francisco

BERKELEY, Calif. — Soviet Russia's 10-man delegation of touring house experts spent an uneventful day in this area Sunday.

Seven members went sightseeing in San Francisco while three others inspected farm buildings at the University of California's agricultural campus at Davis.

The Russians arrived at San Francisco International Airport Saturday night and will leave for Los Angeles Tuesday.

900 'Occupation Babies' on Rolls

HAMBURG, Germany — Nearly 900 "occupation babies" — their fathers allied soldiers and their mothers unwed German girls — are registered by the state of Hamburg. The records show British soldiers, who occupied the state, fathered 60 per cent of the children. There are approximately 100,000 occupation children in West Germany.

Man Killed, 1 Wounded in Idaho Fray

WORLEY, Idaho (AP) — A man identified as William Claude Hise of Marian, Kan., was charged with second degree murder Sunday after one man was killed and another wounded in a spray of gun fire on the main street of this north Idaho logging town.

Hise, 51, was charged in probate court at Coeur d'Alene and his bond was set at \$10,000.

Sam Michael, 30, of Worley was killed and his companion, Christopher Mochelme, 26, was struck by a .22 caliber rifle bullet under his left arm. Mochelme is still listed in serious condition at a Coeur d'Alene hospital.

Hise told officers the shooting occurred after he was "jumped" by several Indians outside a cafe following a scuffle with one of them earlier in a bar.

A companion of Hise, Donald O. Dodd, 59, of Morrison, Ill., who was also taken into custody last night, was charged today with being drunk in public and sentenced to 10 days in jail.

One Killed in Gun Mishap In Colorado

GUNNISON, Colo. — An Arkansas hunter sitting in a car was fatally wounded near here Sunday when a friend's rifle discharged as he attempted to sight in a deer standing by the roadside.

Coroner Alex Campbell said John E. Murray Jr., Jacksonville, Ark., died about 20 minutes after he was hit by the careening bullet.

Campbell said Murray was sitting in the front seat of the car driven by M. S. Davies Jr., Dumont, Tex., when they spotted the deer.

Davies stopped the car, got out and was aiming his telescope sight over the top of the car toward the deer when he pulled the trigger. The bullet went through the roof of the car and into Murray's head.

Campbell said Thelmer Swain and James Woodie, both of Searcy, Ark., were sitting in the rear seat of the car at time of the accident. Two other members of the hunting party, Burl Dykes of Houston, Tex., and Buddy Owens, North Little Rock, Ark., were away from the group in the car at the time.

It was the first death of a hunter by gunshot since opening of Colorado's deer hunting season Saturday.

WINNIE ACCEPTS

AACHEN, Germany — Mayor Hermann Heusch reports Sir Winston Churchill has accepted an invitation—providing no unforeseen circumstances intervene—to come to this city May 10, 1956, to receive its Charlemagne prize for promoting European unity. The prize was established in 1905.

'Social Reject's' Trial Due Today for 'Butcher Slaying'

OKLAHOMA CITY — Otto A. Loel, a man whom psychiatrists term a "social reject," Monday stands trial to see if he is sane and liable for prosecution in the sadistic slaying of his cross-country woman traveling companion.

Doctors at an Oklahoma state hospital declared him an "odd ball," but not insane.

Loel is an almost fictional character, a lean and hungry-looking man who claims to have been a China opium dealer, an Oregon police chief, and a guy who's had nothing but trouble from five wives.

'Butcher Slaying'
He's charged with the butcher slaying of Elizabeth Jeanne Henderson, 31, a Compton, Calif., housewife whose husband thought she was traveling with Loel on a "share the expenses" trip east.

Loel was on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals when he was picked up in a routine bar raid in Sanford, Fla., just a year after the Jan. 10, 1954, motel slaying here.

Loel told doctors at the hospital he had a fight with the Henderson woman, but had no memory of stabbing her.

The 44-year-old man detailed a fantastic life for the doctors and it is this chronicle that the state says it will introduce as evidence early in the sanity hearing Monday.

Started Trip
The psychiatrists said Loel told this story of his life before he met the Henderson woman in a California bar and started the cross-country trip:
He was the son of a county sher-

iff who was shot to death when Loel was 5, and Loel was raised partly in an orphanage.

At 18, he enlisted in the Navy, served a hitch in China, twice got into a fight with his ship's medical officer, was brought back to the United States in chains and given a bad conduct discharge on an AWOL charge.

He returned to China, was a confidence man dealing in opium, and bought a Chinese girl as the first of five wives.

He came back to California in 1936, drifted around as a lumberjack, mink farmer, and chief of police of a small, Oregon town—the town of Sandy.

Wife Trouble
Loel said he was a guy who never cared much for girls, and that his wives gave him nothing but trouble. No. 2 was a "good woman" but "ambitious and wanted to do nothing but go, go, go."

Wife No. 3 was 19 and too young and energetic; he couldn't keep up with her.

No. 4 was on dope.

No. 5 may still be his wife, unless she got a divorce. He left her two years ago.

Loel's defense attorneys contend he is insane. The psychiatrists who had him under observation for the state said he is "something of an odd ball or queer duck" but that he is not insane.

"He is well aware of his surroundings," their report said, "and may cleverly conceal or fabricate his acts in order to manipulate other persons and further his own selfish interests."

If a jury finds Loel sane, he will go on trial for murder in the Henderson woman's death Tuesday.

New Hurricane Reported



MIAMI, Fla.—Map locates hurricane Katie which boiled up in the Caribbean Sea Sunday and is reported bearing down on Haiti and the Dominican Republic. (Story on page 1. AP Wirephoto.)

Farmer Uses His Coffin for Trunk

FERRARA, Italy. — Farmer Giovanni Fabbri, 76, has figured out how to get some extra use out of a coffin.

"I needed a trunk," he explained. "So I bought a coffin. As long as I'm living I'll use it as a wardrobe."

Afterward, he said, he'll be buried in it.

TRAIN "SOLD"

CAIRO, Egypt — Police have arrested a railway guard who "sold" a train to a group of Bedouins in Egypt's western desert. The newspaper Al Akhbar said that for 10 Egyptian pounds (\$28) a trip, the guard permitted the Bedouins to act as conductors and collect fares.

Honors Due 5 Journalists

NEW YORK — Five journalists have been selected by Columbia University to receive Maria Moors Cabot gold medals for "Advancement of International Friendship in the Americas."

The awards, made annually, will be presented Friday to Pedro G. Beltran, director of La Prensa, Lima, Peru; Breno Caldas, director of Correo Do Povo, Porto Alegre, Brazil; John Oliver LaGorce, Editor of the National Geographic magazine; Roberto Jorge Noble, Proprietor and Director of Clarin, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and A. T. Steele, New York Herald Tribune foreign correspondent.

Veteran Sea Captain Joins Catholic Order

NEWTON, N. J. — A 41-year-old veteran sea captain has fulfilled an old dream born during his numerous expeditions across the globe.

The Moore-McCormack Line announced Sunday that Capt. Leonard P. La Rue, who made maritime history during the Korean War by evacuating to safety 14,000 South Koreans from the beleaguered port of Hungnam, has joined the Roman Catholic Order of Benedictine Missionaries at St. Paul's Abbey here.

La Rue, now Brother Marinus, joined the abbey while on a six-month leave of absence. The line said he had been thinking of becoming a monk for some time.

A native of Philadelphia and a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Schoolship, La Rue was skipper of the Moore-McCormack cargo ship Meredith Victory.

On Dec. 22, 1950, the vessel steamed into Hungnam where some 14,000 refugees pleaded to be evacuated before the onslaught of the advancing Red Chinese troops.

The Chinese reportedly vowed to behead every native found in town.

La Rue decided to take them all aboard his 7,837-ton cargo ship, manned by a crew of 35. The vessel, one of the last to leave the nearly-deserted harbor, made its way safely to Pusan in a perilous, three-day journey.

The skipper was cited for his act by the U.S. Government, by various maritime societies and by officials of the Roman Catholic Church.

KAYE DUE HONOR

NEW YORK — Comedian Danny Kaye will be honored, Monday for his work in behalf of the U.N. children's fund. He will receive an award from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at a Waldorf Astoria hotel marking the opening of United Nations Week.

Regular Reapportionment Of State Legislatures Urged

HARRIMAN, N. Y. — Columbia University's American Assembly, ending a four-day appraisal of state government problems Sunday, urged a method of compulsory reapportionment of state legislatures after each federal census.

Reapportionment means increasing or decreasing a district's representation in the Legislature to conform with new shifts in population.

The assembly, in a 1,500-word summary of its findings, recommended also revamping of antiquated state constitutions, increasing interest in state elections by holding them in non-presidential election years, and halting of a trend toward earmarking specific taxes for specific purposes.

Fifty-five business, agricultural, educational and government experts attended the assembly, which was founded in 1950 by President Eisenhower when he was president of Columbia University. It was held at Arden House here.

Conflict Cited

In closed panel sessions, the assembly discussed conflict between city legislators and often out-of-balance rural strength.

It was noted that some states apportioned legislative representation by square mile measure rather than by population. The majority of the assembly felt that "earmarking of specific taxes for specific purposes aids away the power of the purse."

"In some states, more than three fourths of the state expenditures are thus beyond effective control by the Legislature and the governor," the summary statement said.

The assembly felt that every state which has not already done so should take steps to secure a modernized, short and basic state constitution.

Convention Right

The members further recommended that citizens be given the

right to call constitutional conventions at periodic intervals.

Other suggestions included:
1. Annual meetings of the Legislature in all states, without limit on the length or scope of deliberations.
2. Adequate compensation for members of the Legislature.
3. Improved services for bill drafting and research.
4. More public hearings, adequately announced in advance, on contested legislative measures.

Panel leaders for this eighth session of the assembly were John A. Perkins, president of the University of Delaware; Dr. Robert W. French, vice president of Tulane University; and Carl B. Spaeth, dean of Stanford University law school.

Russ Sailors Visit London

LONDON — Soviet sailors from six ships on a good will visit to Britain staged a singing and dancing show in London and played host to thousands of Britons on board the vessels, docked at Portsmouth.

The show, organized on 36 hours notice, drew 4,200 persons for the afternoon performance and 6,000 at night. Admission was five shillings (70 cents).

Eighty performers sang Soviet sea chanteys and romantic ballads and gave expert exhibitions of massed hornpipe and Cossack dancing.

English-speaking Lt. Vassily Marchenko told reporters:

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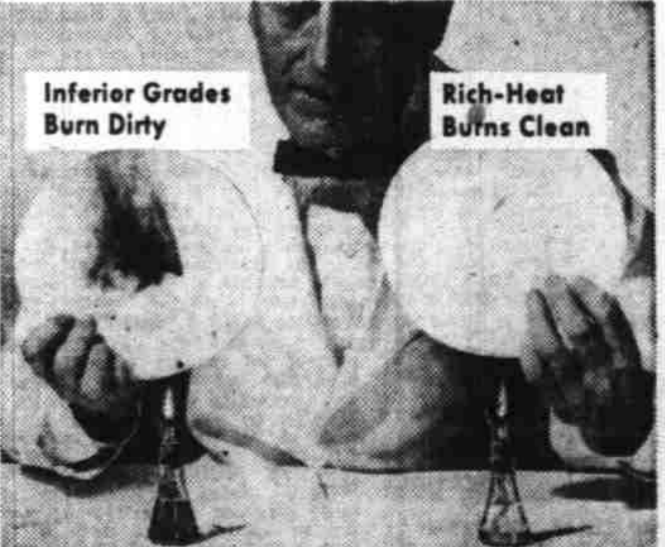
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