

Capt. Woods Recalls Great Comet Of '82

Captain Lee Roy Woods of Eugene, Ore., now in his 80th year and very active in mind and body, remembers well the splendid comet of 1882, reports J. Hugh Pruett, university astronomer. Woods says of it:

"I was 18 at the time and a senior in high school. There was an elective course in astronomy given in our school. The comet was surely a most striking object when it finally got into the night sky. The tail, surely 45 or more degrees long, started very narrow at the comet's head but had so fanned out by the time the 'tail of the fall' was reached that it was very wide. I recall coming home from literary society late one night and noticing that my hand held at arm's length just covered the width of the end. (A dime held at arm's length a little more than covers the full moon, which is one half degree wide.)

"We were told at the time it was the brightest seen in about 100 years. Some people were terribly frightened and were sure it foretold something awful. The fact is it stayed in the sky for so many months that the thing became so common we rather ceased marveling at it. There were an unusual number of sun dogs seen in the sky that year. We were told they were caused by the comet."

Classes For Farm Machinery Repairs To Open December 11

Instruction in care, repair, operation and construction of farm machinery will be given in a series of classes starting in Springfield Monday, Dec. 11, announces Wendell A. Gross, agriculture instructor at Eugene high school, and will be continued as long as there is a demand.

Object of the classes is the encouragement of farmers to repair and construct machinery now, during the slack farming season, so the equipment will be ready for use during the coming crop season. Machinery and equipment will be provided at the Fred Daniels shop on Fifth street in Springfield, for the work, and no charge will be made for their use. Only cost to the farmers will be for actual repair parts, Gross said.

Walter Berkner will be in charge of the class and will assist and instruct the work.

The course will be conducted on Monday and Thursday of each week, from 8 to 11 p. m. there is a demand.

Funds are provided by the federal government as a war-time measure to increase food production and these funds are handled through the Eugene public schools, under Gross' supervision.

All farmers in surrounding communities are invited to attend, and to repair or construct their own equipment, Gross said.

Christmas Music Will Be Featured

The program for the weekly event in the series of recorded concerts, Sunday, will feature Christmas music. The library committee, Miss Ella Currier, Mrs. William E. Chilcote, Miss Bernice Rise, and Miss True Morris, will present the program at 4 p. m. Sunday in the browsing room at the University of Oregon library building.

The program is as follows: Dickens Christmas carol, narrated by Ronald Coleman; Pastoral Symphony and Hallelujah Chorus, from the Messiah, by Handel; Christmas carols—The First Noel, O Little Town of Bethlehem, and Silent Night, Holy Night, by the Lyn Murray singers.

Besides the library committee, the following hostesses will be present: Mrs. O. F. Stafford, Mrs. Phil Epsilon patronesses; Miss Jean Carlin, Mrs. Phil Epsilon; Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. Phil Epsilon alumnae.

This will be the last concert of the series for the fall term on the campus.

Milk, bombarded by sound waves too high-pitched to be heard by human ears, is homogenized so that the cream cannot separate.

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Eugene Girl In WAC

Miss Verle J. Fladstol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fladstol, 251 Lawrence street, is the latest Eugene resident to enlist in the women's army corps, it was announced today by Lt. Elsie Kennedy at the WAC recruiting office here.

Miss Fladstol was graduated from Bremerton high school, and attended the University of Oregon. She will be sent to a medical technician school immediately after receiving her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Ia.

Full information about the various army branches to which the WAC may be attached, along with data on eligibility requirements is available at the recruiting office in the post office building, Lieutenant Kennedy said.

December 11 and 12, a special medical department was interviewing team will be in Eugene to interview eligible women.

Oregon Casualties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Oregon soldiers wounded in action:

Asiatic Area
House, Sgt. William I.—John B. House, father, Ontario.

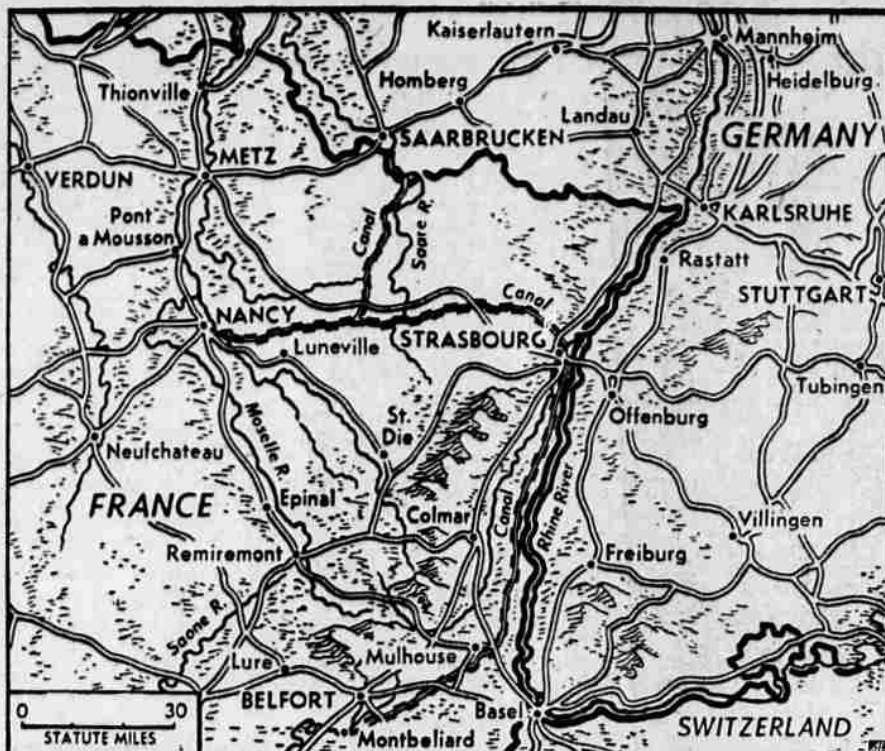
Central Pacific Area
Haley, PFC John J.—Charles L. Haley, father, Portland.
Sauer, Tech. 5th Gr. Jack—Conrad Sauer, father, Marcola.
Weiss, Pvt. Leslie F.—Mrs. Ivy Kinney, sister, Portland.
Allara, PFC Maxwell F.—Mrs. Lulgia Allara, mother, Portland.

European Area
Cox, Pvt. Claude C.—Jefferson D. Cox, father, route 3, Junction City.
Farrow, Pvt. Robert F.—Mrs. Casey H. Farrow, mother, Portland.
Golden, PFC Albert — Mrs. Verna E. Golden, wife, Hermiston.
Hoffman, PFC Donald D.—Carl A. Hoffman, father, Glenwood.
Shellhart, PFC Byrl A., Jr.—Mrs. Carle M. Shellhart, mother, Bend.
Bennett, Staff Sgt. James L.—Mrs. Myrtle Bennett, mother, Portland.
Biegler, Sgt. William J.—Joseph W. Biegler, father, Salem.
Bowen, Sgt. John W.—Mrs. Clara Bowen, mother, Klamath Falls.
Cain, Pvt. Paul W.—Mrs. Carmen W. Cain, wife, Portland.
Caldwell, 2nd Lt. Albert B.—Jesse B. Caldwell, father, Portland.
Clifton, Tech. 4th Gr. Mainard D.—Mrs. Alma M. Clifton, mother, Ashland.
Cool, Cpl. Harry A., Jr.—Harry A. Cool, father, Box 215, Drain.
Craford, Cpl. John D.—Mrs. Betty M. Craford, wife, Seaside.
Duff PFC Deloit A.—George L. Duff, father, Klamath Falls.
Mandic, 2nd Lt. John — Mrs. Jeanette E. Mandic, wife, Portland.
Nielsen, Pvt. Kenneth E.—Mrs. Anna A. Nielsen, wife, Portland.
Peterson, Sgt. Lawrence J.—Mrs. Ethel Peterson, mother, Portland.
Porter, Sgt. Frank A.—Mrs. L. E. Porter, mother, Riter.
Smeenk, PFC Albert H.—Mrs. Blanche E. Smeenk, wife, Mill City.
Mediterranean Area
Brown, PFC Richard J.—Mrs. Oda W. Brown, mother, Forest Grove.
Cowitz, PFC Wilbur J.—Mrs. Elizabeth K. Cowitz, mother, Salem.
Gehrts, PFC Virgil E.—Mrs. Leona Gehrts, wife, Cornelius.
Gnos, Sgt. Frank A.—Mrs. Margaret Gnos, moth, Cornelius.
Hodges, Pvt. Paschall L.—Mrs. Marjorie A. Hodges, wife, Merrill.
Horton, PFC Donald N.—Mrs. Sarah A. Horton, wife, Redmond.
Huseby, Tech. 5th Gr. Joy B.—Mrs. Mildred M. Huseby, wife, Portland.
Lee, PFC Francis J., Jr.—Mrs. Anna Lee, mother, Portland.
McGilvra, PFC Wallace C.—Mrs. Bernice Mary McGilvra, mother, St. Helens.
Milligan, vt. Verl J.—Mrs. Lula Milligan, mother, Crabtree.
Mozorosky, PFC Human—Mrs. Beckie Mozorosky, wife, Portland.
Nickila, Pvt. Alfred B.—Mrs. Mayme A. Nickila, wife, Portland.
Palaniuk, PFC Matty — Mrs. Beckie Palaniuk, wife, rte 1, Box 363, Springfield.
Peedigo, Pvt. Ernie—Joseph Peedigo, brother, Astoria.
Pierce, PFC William K.—Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, mother, Yussia.
Schuette, Pvt. Clarence F.—Mrs. Loretta I. Simmons, mother, Portland.
Thompson, Tech. 5th Gr. Donald S.—Mrs. Anna M. Thompson, mother, Corvallis.
Wallace, Pvt. Archie L.—Mrs. Claire F. Wallace, mother, route 1, Creswell.
Willford, PFC Jack B.—Mrs. Adelyn M. Willford, wife, Tillamook.

Southwest Pacific Area
Loomis, 2nd Lt. Robert B.—Robert Emitt Loomis, father, Forest Grove.
Griffin, Pvt. Vernon V.—Mrs. Edna M. Henderson, mother, St. Helens.
Proctor, 2nd Lt. Raymond L.—C. C. Proctor, brother, Medford.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Oregon naval personnel casualties:

Hebard, Kenneth L., private, first class, U. S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Wife, Mrs. Helen M. Hebard, Reedport.
Kinersly, James C., corporal, U. S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Mother, Mrs. Talmadge J. Kinersly, The Dalles.
Schaefer, William Arthur, machinist's mate, third class, U. S. naval reserve. Dead. Mother, Mrs. Karl Schaefer, Dallas.



First Lady Bought Gifts Early But Everybody Else In Frenzy

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—You know Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt? The lady who does her Christmas shopping when the cherry trees are in bloom?

She's the only female in Washington who does. The others, including a couple of hundred thousand who work for her husband, had me trapped today in the underwear section of the capital's biggest department store. Frenzy was the word.

I never did see so many babes in pince nez glasses squeeze their way to the counters, grab off merchandise that probably should not be mentioned here, and make off with it. Looked like a wholesale shoplifting mob.

The store had given up hope of waiting on the customers. It had signs advising them to help themselves, carry their purchases over their arms, and settle up cafeteria-style at booths along the walls.

Some of these ladies were trying on some of these garments that I don't think I should describe. They were draping 'em across their fronts, sizing them selves up and glaring at me. I was innocent. All I wanted was a nightgown for a lady's Christmas gift.

I kept thinking of Mrs. Roosevelt with her gifts wrapped these many months in rayon ribbons and stacked in the attic: the books she'd bought when there was a chance to buy books, the toys for the grandchildren, and maybe the nightgowns she'd purchased when the buying was good.

I was contemplating the walls of feminine backs between me and the nightgowns and thinking about Mrs. Roosevelt, when a lady who seemed to think I'd squeezed her on purpose, gripped her reticule in threatening fashion. I got out of there. Without my nightgown.

Mrs. Roosevelt, I salute you.

Roseburg Jury Acquits Eugenean

C. K. Clendenin, 859 Jefferson street, Eugene, was acquitted by a jury in the Douglas county circuit court at Roseburg Tuesday of the charge of grand larceny. The jury was out but 15 minutes.

Several months ago Clendenin bought a sawmill belonging to H. A. Beck at Camas Valley, in Douglas county, and moved it to a site a short distance south of Eugene. The prosecution arose out of the deal, Beck claiming that Clendenin owned him \$1000 on the machinery. Clendenin claiming that he paid for the mill in full.

Outstanding Books Of 1944 Listed By U. O.

Now being corded for distribution at the circulation desk of the University of Oregon library is the list of outstanding books published in 1944, selected by and printed in The Nation, national periodical.

As many as possible of the books listed will be put on the shelves in the circulation lobby, Miss Bernice Rise, head of the circulation department, announces.

About 162 books have been chosen by The Nation as the best books of 1944. The list is divided into such headings as: literary history, criticism, music, art, architecture, belles-lettres, drama, social criticism, philosophy, education, biography, memoirs, letters, American history, public affairs, Europe, Asia, Latin America, The War and After and picture books.

Six Schools To Join In Debate Tourney

NEWBERG, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Six schools will be represented in the Willamette valley institute debate tournament of the Intercollegiate Forensic association of Oregon at Pacific college here on Dec. 9.

They are: University of Oregon, Oregon State college, Willamette university, Linfield college, Pacific university and Pacific college.

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New Postal Notes Expected Soon

A contract for the manufacture of 100,000,000 postal notes has been awarded, and efforts are being made to place this new and inexpensive type of money order on sale at all of the 1,575 first class post offices in the United States by approximately Jan. 1, 1945, according to an announcement by Postmaster General Frank Walker.

"The postal note epitomizes what we are attempting to accomplish in the entire administration of the postal service," Walker said. "We want the postal service to be characterized by efficiency and economy. We want to incorporate in our service as many as possible of the extraordinary advances and improvements which have been realized in American business. And we want, while performing our work as efficiently as we know how to do it, to charge no more for a specific service than that service costs."

The new type of money order will be made available to post offices other than of the first class as rapidly as adequate stocks of postal notes come from the presses. However, from the beginning they may be cashed at any post office in the United States.

Eighteen denominations of stamps will be issued along with the notes. They will be in values of 1 through 10 cents, and 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90 cents. There will be 11 denominations of notes, values of 1 through 10 dollars.

The United States had postal notes from 1884 to 1894, but they were limited to fixed amounts and inasmuch as they were payable to bearer, they lacked the security of the conventional money order.

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Chamber Heads To Report On Teamwork

The Oregon Chamber of Commerce association is to convene in Eugene in the latter part of January to hear a report from a special committee regarding cooperation for better inter-chamber cooperation throughout the state, reports Fred M. Brenne, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, who has just returned from a meeting of the group.

Frank Hall, president of the organization, membership of which is made up of presidents and representatives of chambers of commerce in Oregon, appointed Dave Brenne, manager and former president of the Portland chamber, as the committee's chairman.

The chamber executives will function to coordinate work of organizations in Oregon along lines of industrial development and legislative matters.

The 158,000,000 U. S. life insurance policies and certificates in force today, averaging over \$100 per family, represent an increase of 18,000,000 over those in force at the war's outbreak.

Dorsey-Hall-Smiley Case Tossed Out

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 7.—(AP)—One of the weirdest trials in all Hollywood history blew up in mid-air today when the judge decided the confusion was too much for everybody and tossed the assault case of Bandleader Tommy Dorsey, his actress wife Pat Dane, and Gambler Allen Smiley out of court.

Superior Judge Arthur Crum, blinking sleepily after pondering his decision into the wee small hours, ruled that since none of the witnesses could decide which—if any—of the filmland trio slashed Actor Jon Hall during a bloody free-for-all in Dorsey's apartment, the best thing for the court to do was to dismiss the charges.

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- Q. The bags in which coffee is shipped to the United States hold about...**
- ☐ 110 lbs. ☐ 132 lbs. ☐ 50 lbs.
- Q. The native home of the coffee shrub is believed to have been...**
- ☐ Ethiopia ☐ Portugal ☐ Australia
- Q. How many grinds does M. J. B. recommend as right for any desired coffee-making method?**
- ☐ 1 all-purpose grind ☐ 4 to 6 grinds
☐ 2 grinds, regular and drip
- Q. Of all the world's continents, which is the only one where coffee is NOT produced?**
- ☐ Asia ☐ Europe ☐ North America



(In the above Coffee Quiz, Betty Hutton answered 2 out of 4 questions correctly. Correct answers, in order, are: 132 lbs.; Ethiopia; 2 grinds, regular and drip; Europe.)

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