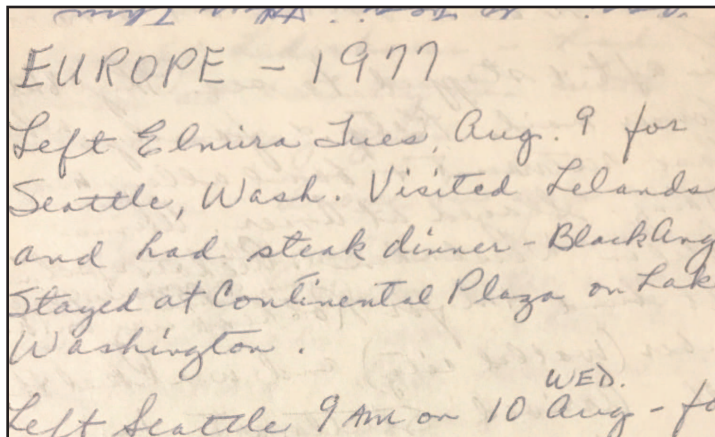


A box of memories: Resident tries to reunite family with photos



Jennifer (21) and Travis (16) in 2004, Christmas.



A letter from Europe in 1977.



Two unidentified people at Arthur Jensen's memorial in 1985.

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Arthur and Anne Jensen celebrated at least 50 years of marriage. It was noted in the local newspaper. Arthur had served in the army. She had written to him there. They had a son, Everett who became an artist, hosting an exhibition of oil paintings and mixed media in Los Angeles in 1969. In 1951, his brother, Earl got married. Her name was Carol Williamson and she had a "nice smile." At one point, Anne lived in Escondido, California and had a license to drive there. She traveled overseas and in 1985, she was in Cottage Grove at a memorial for Arthur, who was buried in a wooded area, an American flag posted to a pole that reached into the clouds over his grave marker. "Arthur Jensen 1899-1985." Phyl gave a reading. Jana, Aaron and Renee were there. So were Jeff, Rose, David and Wally.

Thirty-two years later, the photographs--neatly labeled and protected by laminate--were in the trash. So were Arthur's discharge papers. Anne's license. The newspaper clippings that hailed their 50-year marriage, Everett's art shows and Earl's wedding.

"I walk everywhere, because I don't drive," Jeff Davis said. He was walking by the New to You thrift store in Cottage Grove this May when he saw a box of photographs in the garbage out front.

"I didn't think anything of it but the next day I walked by and people were throwing more things on the pile," he said. "The guy said I could have them if I wanted, so I took them."

The haul was comprised of several boxes of documents, photographs and memories.

There are letters from Phyllis to Wally in 1943. He was in the service and out of sight so she sent him a booklet of photographs, asking that if he ever met a girl who, "he felt was his to have and hold, he would play square" and tell her about it. They became the Reinhards and had a son, Robin.

Jana wrote a letter to her parents after the invention of computers, email and neon green paper. She thought it was a good idea she had gone to the cabin when she did because a litter of kittens—eight in all—had popped up on the property. She'd gone there with David, who she had met the year before around May or June at Embers, where he played in a band.

Someone went to Europe and wrote home about their adventures in 1977.

On Christmas in 2004, Jennifer was 21 and Travis, 16.

The local genealogy library has traced Arthur and Anne as far back as Racine, Wisconsin but hasn't had much luck in identifying a local heir.

There are school report cards, army payment booklets, holiday photos, birthday cards and the receipts of a life lived in the shoe-

boxes Davis found in the trash on Whiteaker St. in Cottage Grove. "I just want to know the rest of the story," he said.

The boxes are currently being housed by the genealogical society and anyone with information on who may belong to the boxes and want the contents back, is asked to contact The Sentinel at (541) 942-3325.



Arthur and Anne(a) Jensen photographed for a newspaper for their 50th wedding anniversary. The article notes that, at the time, they resides in Escondido, California. Arthur was employed by Am. Motors in Racine, Wisconsin and Anne by the Wisconsin Telephone Company. Their anniversary was listed as June 22. They were presented with a Hawaiian vacation for the milestone.

Elizabeth Burnett Is Married In Rites at Baywood Park

Elizabeth Amanda Burnett became the bride of Everett William Jansen in Baywood Park with the Rev. Mack Mitchell of the Baywood Park Methodist Church performing the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell C. Burnett of 835 Yosemite Park Way, Merced. She has one brother, George, also of Merced.

Jensen's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Jensen who live in Escondido. He has carried by five brides in her family.

The couple was attended by Mrs. Lucy Meyer and Don Vierthaler of Morro Bay.

Following the ceremony a reception was hosted by the newly-weds in their home in Morro Bay. The bride attended California Polytechnic Institute at San Luis Obispo two years and is a 1968 graduate of San Francisco State College in sociology. She interrupted her studies in January 1965 to become one of the first 13 persons in the VIS

A wedding announcement cut from a newspaper and saved.

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Wally and Phyllis were regular characters in letters and mementos found in a box in the trash in Cottage Grove.

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