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## Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Home from 10,000 Mile Trip

### They Circumscribed the United States, Saw All Kinds of Weather and Enjoyed It

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant returned from their six weeks trip around the rim of the United States last Thursday evening, having been in or passed through 28 states, besides getting over into Canada and a few miles into Mexico.

While very glad to be home again, they had a most enjoyable trip, 8,000 miles of it being after they secured their new Buick in Flint, Mich.; in round numbers a 10,000 mile jaunt.

They left Coquille on the morning of Dec. 3 and Portland at 3:30 that afternoon. They took the Steamship for Seattle, then to Vancouver, B. C., and returned to Seattle on the morning of Dec. 15. After securing their new car, they crossed into Canada and re-entered the U. S. at Niagara Falls. Theirs was one of the first cars to enter Buffalo after that extremely heavy snowfall in early December, when people left their cars standing outside at six o'clock and on going out at ten o'clock were unable to move them to the garage.

They were in the New England states, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, D. C. While in the latter city they visited both the senate and house of representatives and Mrs. Bryant said the way the lawmakers conduct the business she wonders if our system of government is really the best that human ingenuity can devise. While the wage and hour bill was under discussion, a speaker on the floor could not be

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## Coquille People In Wreck at Bandon

The taxi driven by Louis S. Everton, with Lois Edlund, Wm. Johnson and Marion Goodrich as occupants, was completely wrecked on the hill going down into Bandon last Saturday night.

Lights from an approaching car blinded the driver and he got off the pavement on the right side of the highway. Then in attempting to get back on he hit a bump or deep rut, which threw the car across the highway and it nosed down the sharp incline there, turning a somersault on to its top when the wheels stopped.

Miss Edlund suffered a severe head cut and was brought to the Coquille Hospital for treatment. Everton's most serious injury was a knee cut but all the occupants of the car were more or less badly bruised and shaken. The taxi is a total loss.

Everton has given up his job as taxi driver here and will return in a few days to his former home at Grants Pass.

Ben Cox has a new taxi in operation here now which he will operate himself.

## Funds for Turfing the Field

The Eagles' dance placards this week are headed "Help Wanted." The help needed is co-operation on the part of all Coquille, whether he or she attends dances, by buying tickets for the dance in the Community Building this coming Saturday night. The proceeds are to be used in turfing the field at Athletic Park. Babe's Melody-Kings will furnish the music.

## Hollywood Premiere and Coquille Follies at Liberty Next Tuesday

On next Tuesday evening, the Liberty Theatre will present the biggest event in the theatrical history of Coquille when the theatre offers to its patrons this city's first Hollywood Premiere and Coquille Follies. The Premiere will be an exact replica of a first night at Graumann's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.

Amid all the fuss and fanfare, the thrills and brilliance for which the cinema capital is famous, the stars will arrive at the theatre entrance, where under batteries of flood and studio lights, they will be greeted by the master of ceremonies and introduced over the "mike" to the throngs of loyal theatre goers waiting to catch a glimpse of their favorite star.

After their introduction out front,

## Mrs. Thos. Krohl Died Last Night

Mrs. Minnie Krohl, wife of Thos. Krohl, passed away at their home on Seventh street at 10:30 last night. She had been ill for the past year, and death was due to a sudden heart attack.

Funeral arrangements, which will be conducted at the Gano Funeral Home, have not been completed at the time the Sentinel goes to press.

Mrs. Krohl was born Oct. 25, 1873, in Alabama, and was two months and 24 days past 64 years of age.

She and Mr. Krohl came to Coquille fourteen years ago.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter and two sons, Mrs. Walter Ervin, of Schaufner, Ark., Roy Stewart, of Westwood, Calif., and Jos. Turner, of Sugartown, Ark.

Other relatives are a sister, Mrs. Mary Shelley, of Newport, Ark., and two brothers, Tom Goodrich, of Newport, Ark., and John Goodman, who lives in Alabama.

## Labor Board Sets Hearing for Jan. 26

The National Labor Relations Board notified the Smith-Wood Products company the first of this week that the board would hold a hearing in the court house here on Jan. 26, in relation to the cases filed by the six men who were discharged from service in the Plywood plant last September. About 35 of the men who walked out at that time are back at work in the plant, and the hearing is at the request of the six.

An indication of returning peace in the lumber industry in southwestern Oregon is the fact that Smith-Wood Products lumber is being loaded at Marshfield this week on a vessel going to the Islands and that another is to be loaded next week.

## Former Resident Is Gone

The many friends of Calvin Slagle, years ago, will regret to learn that he passed away early this month in Seattle where he had resided for some time. He had been ill for two or three months, one physician attributing his condition to his heart and another to his stomach.

He is survived by his son, Calvin, Jr., and his widow.

Mr. Slagle's first wife, who was Katherine Johnson, sister of E. B. C. McC. and Alfred Johnson, passed away a number of years ago.

Mr. Slagle was an uncle of Mrs. Ula Leach and an uncle by marriage of Mrs. Ray Vaughan, both of Coquille. He was a brother of Fred Slagle, formerly of Coquille, who now resides in Los Angeles.

## Religious Education School

Parents desiring a better understanding of their children and their problems will find the School of Religious Education just what you want.

The purpose of this school is to serve this community in a constructive way. "Knowledge is power," and when rightly used gives desired results.

Our texts are scientific. They deal with principles and laws governing child life and methods for developing the life.

This school is open for all, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Pioneer Methodist Church.

Dean Rev. W. A. Stephens

Mining Location notices for sale at this office.

## Program For the State Dairy Meet Here Tomorrow

### Many Prominent Men to Appear on the Program Which Will Close Saturday Afternoon

Coos county dairymen will have the second opportunity in 45 years to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association at home. This organization meets in the Odd Fellows hall in Coquille on Friday and Saturday this week, January 21 and 22.

The meeting will open at 10:00 a. m. on Friday when E. L. Peterson, president of the Coos County Dairymen's association, calls the meeting to order and gives a word of welcome to visiting dairymen. The meeting will be turned over to George H. Fullenwider, president of the State organization, following an address of welcome by Dr. J. D. Rankin, mayor of Coquille.

Following the president's address, the program on the first day will include a discussion on "Where Are We Going in Bang's Disease Eradication," led by Oscar Hagg, of Reedsville. A progress report on the Oregon cream and milk grading program will be given by J. D. Mickle, chief of the division of foods and dairies for the state Department of Agriculture. Committee announcements will be made just before lunch. S. T. White, director of the state Department of Agriculture, will outline the organization of the work of that department and some fundamentals of dairy cattle feeding will be given by P. M.

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## Lumber Camps Are Being Started Now

The Coos Bay Lumber Co. at Marshfield having started operations at the Big Coos Bay mill on a five days a week schedule, the camps in this vicinity are resuming activity.

The C. W. Kline camp at Fairview opened with a skeleton crew the first of this week, fallers and buckers and yarders for cold decking being all there are working at present. Mr. Kline will not begin delivering logs until April.

The Cal Ray camp is also in operation at Fairview with a larger crew and logs are now being delivered from there.

Geo. W. Bryant on Tuesday took a crew of buckers and fallers and supplies to his camp on Rock creek, where operations are soon to get under way.

Things look very good for Coquille and Coos county this year provided labor dissension does not slow things down as it did three months ago.

## Henry Lorenz Tells of Early Coquille

Kenneth Lawrence, Jr., with several selections on his accordion, furnished the musical entertainment for the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday noon. The members and visitors greatly enjoyed his renditions.

Henry Lorenz, a charter member of the club, gave a very interesting talk on how the Lorenz family happened to come to Coquille and told some of the early history of the city. His father, N. Lorenz, came up here in the spring of 1887 to build a mill for California people but before he got far the proposition blew up and left Mr. Lorenz stranded here with his family. Looking around for something to do, he decided to open a store and bought the lot across from the hotel, now occupied by the Southwestern Motors as a used car lot and there he erected a building and started the Lorenz store, which late last year observed the golden anniversary of its establishment.

Henry Lorenz, a boy at the time, has been connected with the store since its inception.

High school student guests at the luncheon were Patricia Peart, Margaret Stewart and Douglas Donsted. Other guests were J. D. Gillespie, Alton H. Grimes and J. E. Axtell.

## Double Header

At the Community Building this (Thursday) evening the Plywood team will play Bill's Place for local honors.

A prelim, featuring the Plywood Midgets and Riverton, will begin at 7:00 p. m.

## City to Buy Its Street Improvement Bonds

### Idle Water Funds Are Available --Painting Bids Are Called-- No Action on Traffic Rules

All councilmen were present for the first time in over two months at the regular meeting of the city days Monday evening, with Everett Seeley presiding. Mayor J. D. Rankin was absent, being in Portland.

There were four bidders on the job of redecorating the walls and furniture of the city engineer's office, the police room, the toilet, etc., of the city hall, but as some of the bids were for one coat of paint, some for two and some for three, it was decided to reject them all and call for new bids.

A contract with the Hooker Electrochemical Co. was made for the city's chlorine needs for 1933. The price is the same as has been paid in the past, nine cents per pound.

Restaurant licenses were granted and their bonds approved for the Highway Cafe, The Squeeze In, and The Black and White.

After the street committee had reported on its meeting with the Chamber of Commerce at which greater leniency in tagging out-of-town cars for parking violations was suggested, the chairman of the street committee, C. T. Harrington, moved that the city engineer present an estimate for removing the parking strips, between curb and sidewalk, on both sides of Second street from Hall to Willard, and on Hall from Second to Front, and also for paving the streets full width from walk to walk. If that is done it will increase parking space outside the area where parking is limited to one hour.

The decision on whether to buy a flusher for street cleaning was laid over till the Feb. 7 meeting for further investigation. Chas. Gardner

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## H. E. Hess Family Likes Salem Ranch

The Sentinel editor while returning home from his vacation trip last week stopped at the H. E. Hess ranch which is ten miles from Salem and seven from Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. Hess, Marion and Junior, all were delighted with their new home place, where they moved to in April last year.

It is a very fertile ranch containing 285 acres of Willamette valley bottom land and another wooded tract of twenty acres on higher ground. There was a tremendous amount of brush clearing to be done on the place when they went there, but the present appearance of it shows the hard work Henry and Junior have done the past nine months. He says his corn ran 35 bushels to the acre last year. Besides corn he has a considerable acreage of winter wheat coming on this spring and will soon have the entire ranch under cultivation.

The young people attend high school in Salem, going in every morning.

In reply to a question, Coos county's ex-sheriff said he was very glad to be where he is and not have an office in the court house in Coquille.

## Couldn't Make the Grade

The bulldozer being used by the contractor's crew on the site for the new Coquille gymnasium went over the embankment yesterday and because of the very soft and slippery condition of the ground it was impossible to drive it back on to the job.

## Small Per Capita Fire Loss

Fire Chief Frank Schram reports the Coquille fire loss for 1932 as being \$3,712, with \$43,850 worth of property endangered by the fires. Estimating Coquille's population at four thousand, this means a per capita loss of 92 and eight hundredths cents.

## This Is Last Day to Decline

Today (Thursday) is the last day on which ladies who will be subject to jury duty at some time in 1933 may file their objections to serving and have their names withdrawn from the lists.

## W. E. Marrion Has Shown the Way for Gas and Oil Development in the Coquille Valley

The drilling of a well, the bringing-in of commercial gas, the laying of a two-and-one-half mile pipeline, the acquiring of a city gas plant and distribution system ready to deliver natural gas to its customers—these things, accomplished well - night one-handed without substantial capital, present a picture not often seen in the oil and gas field.

Yet such a picture is the composite achievement of W. E. Marrion, and it came into being without least peddling of the stock of that corporation of which he is, as he has been, virtually the sole owner. Such accomplishment seldom is observed, and that it is deserving of emulation

but it demonstrates that, despite present discouragement, that which waits doing can still be done. The requisites are the pioneer spirit, courage, sound judgment, and competent technical knowledge.

Mr. Marrion found his challenge, and accepted it, on what is geographically known as the Pulaski arch structure—an old government survey—about two miles from Coquille, county seat of Coos county.

For generations it has been believed by observers that ultimately Oregon would be supplied with oil and gas from this and similar structures along the Oregon coast. The fact that the 1937 convention of geologists at Los Angeles foretold that the next oil field of first rank would be on the Oregon coast in no way detracts from Mr. Marrion's credit, for he began his project long before that gathering gave its opinion.

Six years ago, W. E. Marrion, already an experienced oil drill contractor, became convinced that the Pulaski was a true oil and gas structure, and began considering its development. It would have been usual, at this stage, to undertake an adventure in high financing. But the Pulaski structure was not to be developed, nor exploited, by these means. Self-reliance was to be the watchword of the new development.

In ways known only to the initiate, W. E. Marrion acquired equipment here and there and courageously began work. He carried on whenever he could muster the funds to pay his help. Since that time he has had

## Gambling Machines Outlawed

It's "lights out" for all pinball and slot machines in Oregon and in Coos county the order for their abolition, given by Sheriff Howell and District Attorney Flaxel, became effective at midnight Tuesday, and there was no attempt to defy the order.

## Earl Downing Leaves Coquille

Earl F. Downing, minister of the Church of Christ here for several years, is now conducting evangelistic services in Myrtle Point. He will move to Dufur, Ore., where he has a call, the first of February.

## Coquille Chamber of Commerce Membership Campaign Is On

There was an 80 per cent attendance of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon in the hotel, 16 of them being present, as well as the secretary.

It was voted that the chamber's fish and game committee prepare a resolution for submission to the state fish and game commission at its meeting in February, requesting that open season for fish above tidewater be changed from Nov. to Dec. 1.

Another resolution was adopted, addressed to the postal department, asking that better mail service be established between Coos Bay and Crescent City, Calif. At the present time a letter going from here down to the California town lies overnight at Gold Beach and the same condition holds for mail coming this way.

Mrs. Norton, the secretary, stated that she was beginning to receive inquiries from travel direction agencies as to road conditions in this section and as to tourist and trailer camp facilities. She had very pertinently replied to some of them that the Coast Highway is never closed while waiting for snow plows to dig through the drifts at this time of year.

ups and downs, of which columns could be written and still leave the outside public unaware of the difficulties of the problem. He simply stuck and worked, day or night or both, and in all kinds of weather.

Nearly everybody knows something about the millions that have been spent trying to strike oil and gas. In Montana 119 wells were drilled before a strike was made. In the Burk-Bennett field in Texas 99 wells were drilled as a cost of many millions, before the money began to flow back. In Oregon several millions have been spent in the last twenty-five years, in the most unlikely places, with nothing to show for it.

Today W. E. Marrion has the way marked not only for his own success but for that of others. He has proved his field beyond a question of doubt, and has his own distributing system with the gas flowing through his own pipeline to the distributing plant. And he has done this without going to the public to finance his operations.

You might say that W. E. Marrion presents the rare spectacle of an extremely modest man sitting, as the phrase has it, on top of the world. The marvel is not that an oil and gas field has been found in Oregon, but that it has been discovered and developed with so small an investment of money.

It must be—as it is—an experience in gratification when W. E. Marrion stands at his distributing plant in Coquille, more than two miles from his well in the Pulaski structure, and realizes that an abundant volume of natural gas flows constantly through the pipeline he constructed—almost with his own hands, and certainly through his own vision. He has proved, against disbelief, that individual initiative and courage, plus a thorough understanding of the problem, are as effective as ever they were. He has proved that individual initiative is still the prime requisite.

The people of Oregon owe a debt of gratitude of Mr. Marrion for the faith and persistence that have made available to the state a great natural resource of tremendous possibilities in wealth and industrial development.

## Coquille at Roseburg Friday

The Coquille Red Devils basketball team which went great guns against the North Bend Bulldogs Tuesday evening, swamping the visitors 32 to 14, will go to Roseburg tomorrow to meet the Indians in a conference game.

The next home game of C. H. S. is with the leading Myrtle Point Bobcats squad.

The team members were honored at a pep assembly at the high school yesterday, at which time California highway motion pictures were shown by a representative of the Union Oil Co.

## J. A. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the membership committee, announced that the solicitation was to start Wednesday and that he hoped to have it finished by Friday, (tomorrow). Following are the committee members for the several districts:

Front street—J. D. Gillespie, Lanis Bosworth and J. A. Fitzpatrick.

First street—R. L. Stewart, D. E. Rackleff, H. L. Claterbos and J. E. Axtell.

Second street—Elbert Schroeder, A. N. Gould, C. C. Farr.

Court house and schools—Fred Jensen, J. L. Smith and L. W. Claver.

Industries—Cliff Gulseth, Lufe Compton and R. A. Jeub.

The club voted to authorize the secretary to sign a pledge card for \$300, the city's 1938 contribution to the Coast Highway Association. It is paid quarterly, \$75 each three months.

The president, J. L. Stevens, thanked the directors for the good attendance and expressed appreciation for the splendid turnout, at an hours notice, at the meeting last week when fifty were present to hear Haldane Holmstrom tell of his solo flight down the Colorado river.