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## Police Frighten Him—Deserts Wife, Children

### Pennsylvania Ex-Con Skips After Wrecking Car At Cunningham Crossing Tuesday Night

From eleven o'clock Tuesday night until noon yesterday the state police were searching in the brush up Cunningham creek and on the adjoining hillside for a man who deserted his car Tuesday night after he had wrecked it on the curve this way from the Coquille Auto park.

What makes his desertion reprehensible is the fact that his wife and four children, the oldest four years old, were in the car when it overturned and he did not even wait to see a law man before he fled.

His name is Robert Benjamin Collins, 30, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Collins says he is out on parole from the Maryland pen. When he disappeared he was wearing a gray slip-over sweater, and no hat.

Coming from Marshfield between 10 and 11 o'clock Tuesday night, one of the state police stopped Collins because the tail light of his Ford was out. It was at the Coos City bridge that he was stopped and the officer told him to pull ahead where he could get off the highway.

He pulled ahead all right, pushing the throttle to the floor board and started a mad race, being all over and off the highway on both sides and narrowly missing several cars, the officers keeping close to him with siren warning approaching cars.

Collins' attempt to navigate the turn just before reaching the railroad crossing brought him to grief. His car turned over, hit the bank, and then righted itself.

Collins jumped and ran and while the officer was investigating whether any of the other occupants were hurt, he was hiding behind some brush. Men who happened along just then captured him and started toward the wreck.

Collins feigned leg and arm injury and the men let go of his arm. He was limping badly but on arriving at the track asked, "Is that an officer?" and without an answer darted up the railroad track at the speed of a frightened deer. The men could not keep him in sight and gave up the chase.

After searching for twelve hours the officers decided to wait until he got hungry and came out of the brush. None of his family were seriously hurt and they were taken to the nearby auto court.

The Ford was brought in to the Bosworth Motor Co. garage. It looks as though it had been tumbled over and over.

Mrs. Collins said they had been on the road for some time but could give the officers no light on why he was afraid to be questioned. There can be little doubt, however, that he has been guilty of law violations since leaving the pen and was fearful of all law enforcement officers.

## Progress On Increased Water Supply Program

The city engineer's survey of the North Fork water line has been completed and application has been made to the state engineer for permission to appropriate two second feet, which means 950 gallons a minute.

Mr. Gould and S. V. Epperson found a pass across the hill from the North Fork to the city reservoir which is 43 feet lower than the one first considered. The distance is 7,150 feet that the water would have to be pumped and it would be necessary to raise it 642 feet to the top of the pass.

As soon as the water right is secured application will be made to the WPA office in Portland to proceed with the project.

## Dogs Must Be Kept Up After This Week City Council Declares

After a period of innocuous desuetude of several years duration, Coquille's dog ordinance is to be put in force again next Monday and all dogs, whether they have a county license or not, will be subject to capture by the Coos Humane Society if found running at large. A fine will be required to secure its release and if not claimed, and no home can be found for it, the dog will be put out of existence in the society's lethal chamber.

The city council Monday evening, by a four to one vote, Dr. R. F. Milne voting in the negative, approved a contract with Jack Broshers, president of the humane society, under the terms of which it will be the society's duty to capture all dogs running at large within the city. For this service the society is to receive \$25 a month and the 80 per cent of dog license fees which the city is entitled to receive from the county.

## Primary Election Is On Tomorrow

The most interesting contest in Oregon at tomorrow's primaries is that between Gov. Martin and Henry L. Hess for the democratic nomination for governor. That the governor has a real fight on his hands no one denies, but his record is such that every right thinking American will cast his vote for him, if he is a democrat.

In county politics there will be some very disappointed candidates when the ballots are counted. In the race for sheriff there are two possibilities, with three candidates, on each ticket, with the odds favoring a Coquille man in each case.

That the republicans will nominate a farmer for county commissioner seems to be a foregone conclusion. But there has not been enough strife in the county to pick a winner with certainty.

May the best man win in every instance is a trite saying but an honest wish.

To vote is not only the prerogative but the duty of every citizen and if all the registered voters would perform that duty at every election this country would be safe, notwithstanding the communistic and dictatorship aims with which our democratic form of government is being increasingly deluged.

## Coquille Has Airmail Stamp

Coquille joined other cities over the nation this week in looking skyward—in saluting the air mail service on its twentieth birthday and in taking cognizance of the place which air transportation holds in the daily life of America.

Officially, the week's observance started Sunday, just 20 years from the date when single-engine open-cockpit planes first began shuttling over a 218 air mail line between New York City and Washington, D. C. That was the start of the air mail service.

Today, the country's air mail system embraces 62,826 miles of airways extending over the Americas and across the Pacific, with giant cabin liners carrying passengers, mail and express on schedules which make near neighbors of cities thousands of miles apart.

At the local office Postmaster Hawkins is stamping on all air mail going out from here this week a cachet showing Coquille as the hub of Coos county. The map section of the stamp is reproduced above.

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## Ralph Gallindo, Mexican, in Jail on Cutting Charge

### Does Not Know Whether He Stabbed Jim Milhorn Or The Latter Fell Against His Knife

Ralph Gallindo, a Mexican, 40 years of age, is in the county jail, having been arrested Tuesday night by Marshal English for wielding a knife in a cutting affray. Justice Barton set his bonds at \$2000 on an assault with a dangerous weapon charge.

The victim, Lester Milhorn, known as Jim Milhorn, 50 years, was the victim. He is in the Belle Knife hospital receiving treatment and under observation to see whether the knife did any damage. It was reported that he had a laceration on his abdomen for over two inches, pierced the intestines.

According to Gallindo, Milhorn and a companion brought a gallon of wine to his place that evening and all got drunk. Just before the stabbings the Mexican was cleaning his fingernails and when Wilhorn started for him he doesn't know whether Milhorn fell against the knife or if he made a pass at him with the knife. That is Gallindo's statement to the justice, which is all that anyone has given out.

## Pickets Stop Work On Building

Work on the Bob Train building, corner Front and Hall streets, was stopped Tuesday when the common labor union placed a picket in front of the building.

Mr. Train was complying with the city's mandate to put concrete supports under the building to keep it from collapsing. He was employing men who live in the upstairs apartments and owe him rent.

The union walking delegate notified Mr. Train that it was a construction job and that he must employ union labor—hod carriers or common labor members—and that sawmill union men were not eligible to work on that kind of a job.

Mr. Train offered to use half of the crew from the complaining union and keep half the men he had, paying whatever the union scale required, and let the union take their pick of the jobs. His offer was refused.

When the picket line was started the workers, both C. I. O. and A. F. of L. unions being represented, the men quit and no arrangement has yet been made for continuing this very necessary repair job.

## Six States Have No Check on Drivers

Hugh Rosson, of the safety division of the secretary of state's office made a very interesting talk at the chamber of commerce luncheon Tuesday noon, with representatives of the B. P. W., the Woman's Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce being present, beside the C. of C. directors.

After listening to Mr. Rosson for three-quarters of an hour this writer was more firmly convinced than ever that it is the human element only which is the cause of the accidents which killed 39,700 people in the United States last year, permanently disabled 110,000 and less severely injured a million and a quarter.

Starting at the beginning of time, automobilism speaking, the first crude affair appeared in 1897. The first car to be licensed in Oregon was in 1905 and there were 218 given permission to use the highways that year. This year the auto registration will run over 360,000, and there are 30 million cars in the world.

## Coquille WPA Projects Are Being Approved

No official confirmation has yet been received by the city of approval by the WPA board in Washington of the city's application for \$22,583 for water and sewer improvement in Coquille, but the daily press carried the story that the blanket application has been approved.

Official approval in Washington by the WPA has been received by the city for the blanket application of \$53,340 for street work and the Portland WPA office has approved the \$6,754 requested for the Hall, Second and other streets widening and paving project. The council called for bids on that project Monday evening.

## Ranking C. H. S. Student Invited To Portland

### Aaron Frank Scholarship Committee to Meet 15 Girls Saturday—Award Is 4 Years College

Miss Maxine Knight, who ranks highest in the Coquille high school senior class, received a telegram yesterday inviting her to come to Portland for an interview with the Aaron Frank scholarship committee, Saturday noon.

This scholarship award entitles the young lady selected to attend any institution of higher learning in the state with all expenses for the four-year course paid by the committee, except for clothes.

The telegram she received this week reads: "The Aaron Frank Scholarship Committee wishes to interview you at the Portland Hotel Saturday noon, May 21. Fifteen candidates will be present and the selection of the Aaron Frank scholarship will be made after the luncheon. All your expenses will be paid to and from the meeting. Your chaperon's expenses will also be paid." It was signed by John L. Gery, chairman.

Mrs. Geo. A. Ulett has accepted Miss Maxine's invitation to accompany her as chaperon and they will leave tomorrow for Portland.

Dorothy Glaisyer was the recipient of a similar invitation last year to go to Portland, but she did not win the scholarship. As indicated in the telegram fifteen high schools in the state are requested to send their outstanding young lady graduate to Portland where the committee makes the selection of one.

## Bulldozer Didn't—But Man Did

When a bulldozer failed push over the barn on Burns Acres yesterday afternoon, John Estey, in charge of the clearing and grading operations there, gave a slight push with his hand and both barn and silo toppled to the ground.

The supports on two sides had been pulled out, and a chain attached to the ridge pole had only cracked that beam when the power was applied and then the bulldozer had pushed from the east side without avail. Mr. Estey walked to the southeast corner and gave a push to see where the resistance was, and the buildings collapsed.

Quite a transformation is taking place at Burns Acres. Tenth street has been cut through to a curving connection with Willard street. That street and Burns avenue have been graded and the 12-foot bank along the highway has been cut down to a four-foot height for a distance of 200 feet south from Tenth.

All the work being done there is preparatory to placing some fine building sites on the market.

## City Clean-Up Is On This Week

While the city truck has been running since Tuesday, picking up cans and trash set out on the parkings, that is a small part of what should be done during Clean-up week. Civic pride should be a motive for cutting weeds and high grass, but even that is not all there is to the summer's campaign for an improved Coquille.

Tumble-down shacks, woodsheds and other past their prime outbuildings can be removed with a vastly better looking Coquille as a result. Nor should the \$30 in cash prizes for lawn improvement, for residential and business property improvement during the next three months be overlooked.

Coquille's setting, with the ever-lasting hills as a background, offers wonderful possibilities for "a city beautiful" if we humans would cooperate.

## All 6 Per Cent Warrants Called

County Treasurer Chas. Stauff is this week calling all of Coos county's general fund six per cent warrants, everything up to Jan. 1, 1937. Since that date warrants have been drawing only five per cent. The amount to be paid for these warrants is \$45,061.19, plus an approximate \$5,000 in interest.

## Program For Baccalaureate Sunday

Below appears the program of the Baccalaureate service for the Coquille High School, which is to be held in Pioneer church next Sunday, May 22, at eight p. m. All the churches in Coquille are co-operating and there will be no other service Sunday evening.

Prelude, "Ave Maria" - Schubert  
Processional, "Forn and Circumstance" - Elgar  
Miss Rose Naef  
Hymn 259, "Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee" H. P. Smith  
Audience  
Invocation - Rev. W. A. Stephens  
Anthem, "Praise Ye The Father" - Guonod  
Coquille High School Glee Club  
Reading of the Scripture  
Rev. Howard L. Graybeal  
Sermon, "Values—True and False"  
Rev. George R. Turney  
Hymn 111, "Fairrest Lord Jesus" - R. S. Willis  
Audience  
Benediction - Rev. George A. Gray  
Recessional, "March Pontificale"  
- J. Lemmens  
Miss Rose Naef

## To Pay Final F. & M. Bank Dividend

Elsewhere in this issue appears notice of the sixth and final dividend to be paid commercial depositors of the old Farmers & Merchants Bank of this city. The notice, given by the state superintendent of banks, states that this dividend will be for 11.5 per cent which makes a total of 71.5 per cent paid in that department. The savings account has previously been paid 100 per cent.

With deposits of around \$100,000 at the time the bank failed, and 50 per cent of the assets tied up in paper, some of which has proven worthless, this is a splendid liquidation showing. It was made without any stockholder assessment, and one reason for the large percentage of the final payment is the small expense of liquidation.

## Eleventh St. Sewer Not Contracted

The bid of Neal Peart for installing the 960 feet of ten-inch sewer on East Eleventh street was the lowest opened by the city council at its regular session Monday evening, his offer being for \$1058 for either vitrified or concrete pipe.

S. L. Godard, of Cottage Grove, was the other bidder, his offer being \$1199.44 for vitrified and \$1178 for concrete pipe.

The council did not award the contract at that time, preferring to give the city engineer an opportunity to check over quantities and unit prices before letting the contract. The engineer's estimate for the job was just over \$1200.

A call for bids for the widening of two blocks on Second street, two on (Continued on Page Nine)

## 'Snow White' Has Record Crowd

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," which closed a six-day run at the Liberty Theatre Tuesday evening, broke all attendance records in Coquille as it has done everywhere it has shown.

People came from Allegany, Gold Beach, Port Orford and other towns miles away, people who had never attended a show here before and some who apparently had never been in a show house before.

## Sailor Brought to Jail Here Monday, By State Police, Sans Pants

A member of the state police force had a funny experience Monday evening with a sailor, Thomas Abner Davis, who was paid off Saturday at Marshfield. He had had a terrific row with somebody at the Bay that night and his face was beaten to a pulp. Taken to the Keizer Hospital, he would run out on them every few hours, get drunk and then go back to sleep it off.

Monday night the officer picked him up near the Cutlip ice cream plant in North Bend, drunk as usual. When he found the physical condition he was in, the officer took him back to the hospital, but Dr. Keizer wanted nothing more to do with that

## No Objections Have Been Made To N.L.R.B. Decision

### Possibly It Becomes Effective Today—Strikers To Be Put On Payroll At Smith Plant Soon

H. A. Minter, president of the plywood A. F. of L. local at the Smith Wood-Products plants, yesterday informed the Sentinel that that union would not file any exceptions to the tentative NLRB decision and would comply in good faith with the board's order in regard to the C. I. O. men who went out on strike last September, and all of them applying would be put to work.

The A. F. of L. local would await a visit from NLRB officials before any further action is taken.

Officials of the company have already stated that no exception will be filed to the decision.

But here is a rumor heard yesterday that came from neither of the above sources. According to this report the C. I. O. boys held a secret meeting and voted to file objections, but as notice of their action was not filed with either the A. F. of L. nor company attorney, as is required by law, it is doubtful that the rumor is correct.

Today is the tenth day since the receipt of the tentative decision in Coquille and unless the C. I. O. did file a bill of exceptions the NLRB at Washington, D. C., could make the order definite and permanent today, which would mean that the men who apply must be back by next Tuesday or Wednesday or the company is liable for wages for every day each of them is not back on the job—those who apply that is.

The next step will undoubtedly be a request, not from the company, that the NLRB call an election to determine what union is the bargaining agency at the plant, and if it should remain A. F. of L. the status of the re-employed men can be easily understood.

## Flood Control Hearing Is On

The Coquille valley flood control hearing by Major S. L. Damron, in charge of the engineer's office in Portland, got under way on scheduled time, but too late for the Sentinel to give any account of the proceedings, as it goes to press before noon.

The hearing is being held in the court room instead of the council chamber which was too small to accommodate those wishing to attend.

The engineers who arrived here yesterday afternoon for the hearing were Major Damon, Ben A. Eddy, Stan E. Johnson, Roy McKeighan, R. E. Hickson, H. B. Butler and J. A. Parker, all from Portland.

## No Fires Now Without Permit

Fire Chief Frank Schram asks the Sentinel to warn all Coquille citizens that with the dry season rapidly approaching, it is now unlawful to burn anything out-of-doors, within the city limits, without first having secured a permit.

## Looks To Be Lost

The plan to form a water district on Coos Bay, purchase the present system and eventually pipe water from Brewster valley seems to be due for a knock-out at tomorrow's election, notwithstanding its daily newspaper boosting.