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## Dr. Belle Merrill Warde Killed When Her Auto Left Road Tuesday Morning

### The Former Belle Mary Ellingsen Was Here On Visit With Her Husband, Car Plunged Over 35-Foot Embankment On Myrtle Point-Arango Road—Two Hours Elapsed Before Wreck Was Found

A tragic accident on Tuesday, July 4, in the morning, took the life of Dr. Belle Merrill Warde as she was concluding a visit of several days here with her brother and sisters.

Some years after the death of her first husband, Dr. Merrill, she became the wife of Robert R. Warde, who survives her.

She had driven to Arango to bid her sister, Mrs. Amelia Lafferty, goodbye before she and Mr. Warde started for Portland.

Those surviving are Arthur Ellingsen, Mrs. Jennie Fries and Mrs. Rose Ashton, all of Coquille; Mrs. Amelia Lafferty, of Arango; Mrs. Lillie Har-

...the failure to return at the time she was expected, Mr. Warde and C. W. Ashton called up Mrs. Lafferty and learning she had left there nearly two hours before, they started out to look for her.

Probably no one will ever know what caused the accident, whether a cloud of dust from a car ahead prevented her seeing the cave-in place on the road, or whether she slipped there in attempting to get across it.

She did not regain consciousness and passed away at 3:15 Wednesday morning.

Funeral services are being conducted at the Schneider Bros. Mortuary by Rev. Geo. R. Turney at 2:00 p. m. The body will then be taken to her home in Oakland, Calif., where a memorial service will be held.

Known professionally as Dr. Merrill, Mrs. Warde had been a practicing physician in Oakland for twenty years.

Planned by the Coos County Chamber of Commerce, the Lamb and Wool Show, which will be held at the County Fair Grounds at Myrtle Point on July 14 are now complete, and premium lists calling attention to prizes which will be offered for winning animals in the various classes are being mailed to all wool growers in the county.

## 'Voice of Experience' At Bay July 14

Dr. M. S. Taylor, whose nationally known "Voice of Experience" is heard over the radio, will be on Coos Bay next Thursday, July 14, to deliver his lecture in the Marshall armory at eight p. m. that evening.

Dr. Taylor, who was formerly superintendent of schools at North Bend, will attend a luncheon in his honor there at noon and will speak over KOOS at 5 p. m.

This talk of his is really the most remarkable that anyone ever heard. I have received letters from Jack Dempsey, Rudy Vallee, Paul Whitman and dozens of other notables telling me this. This remarkable man is giving away bushels of money each month in behalf of charity, so surely we can do our bit toward helping him raise a fund here for the same cause.

## Picnicked at Takhenitch

A Coquille and Portland party, which enjoyed the Fourth holidays at Lake Takhenitch was composed of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergmann, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bergmann (Mrs. Bergmann was formerly Robelle Oederkirk of this city), Mr. and Mrs. William Sob and daughter, and Bruce Miller, all from Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Oederkirk of Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fortier, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Oederkirk, Mr. and Mrs. Verrill McCurdy and daughter, Miss Beatrice Sanders and Verne Oederkirk, Jr., all of Coquille.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Wood, of the Liberty Theatre, and Mr. and Mrs. "Sandy" McBride left last Thursday morning on a two weeks' trip. The McBrides will stop in Billings, Mont., while the Woods will visit their former home in Casper, Wyo., and then go east to Rapid City, South Dakota, which was Orville's boyhood home. Sandy is an employee of the Mt. States Power Co. here.

## J. L. JAMES CHARGED WITH 2d DEGREE MURDER

### Stabbed H. E. Henderson in Side Half Mile East Of Coquille, Friday, Latter Died That Night

J. L. James, 68-year old resident of Coquille, is in the county jail where he is held in lieu of \$7500 bonds, set by Justice Barton last Saturday. He is charged with second degree murder.

His victim, H. E. Henderson, died at one o'clock last Saturday morning at the Coquille hospital where he was brought by Lawrence Abbott last Friday afternoon, as the result of a stabbing which entered his left lung, the knife cutting through two ribs.

When they left the dance hall they all three got into Henderson's car and drove a half mile east out the county road.

James, who had \$25 on his person which had been flashed, says that when Henderson, who stood six feet, one or two inches, and weighed over 200 pounds, began to beat him up that he must have used his knife, although he cannot remember doing so.

Sheriff Howell refers to the weapon as a "punch board knife," with a blade two and one-half inches long. After the cutting young Abbott brought Henderson to the hospital but he could give only a very incoherent story of what had happened, claiming to have been lying down in the car as the men fought.

Henderson, who came here from Medford recently with his wife, was about 40 years of age, and is a relative of the Abbotts. Funeral services and interment here took place on Tuesday.

James says he had never seen Henderson until invited to take a drink the afternoon of the cutting.

## Visitors From Bakersfield

Mr. and Mrs. John Conroy and daughter, of Bakersfield, Calif., where he is connected with the Kern County Herald, were Coquille visitors this week. Mrs. Conroy is a distant cousin of R. H. Mast, the daughter of J. Finley Mast, who left Coos county nearly 40 years ago. Mr. Conroy said they were enjoying the cool summer resort weather of the Coquille valley, which they try to visit every two years. It's quite different from Bakersfield, where they have 110 degree or hotter weather for days and weeks at a time.

## Humane Society's Share

The county court this week instructed the county clerk to issue a warrant to the Coos County Humane Society, for \$231.71 as its share of the dog tax license fee. The court allows the society half of the \$1.00 fee for male dogs and \$1.50 for females, plus the \$1.00 penalty which owners must pay for not securing tags before May 1.

## Solicitors Must Be Authorized

All merchants and business men in Coquille are notified to make no subscriptions of any kind for support of the Golden West Days shows unless the solicitor brings a written statement, signed by A. McDuffee, general manager, stating that he is an authorized solicitor.

## \$50 Offered By Eagles For Six Weeks Singing Contests

A six weeks singing contest is being inaugurated by the Coquille Eagles dance committee for their regular Saturday evening dances in the Community Building. While it is advertised as an "amateur singing contest," no one is barred from participating and the winner each Saturday night will be named as a result of the applause rendered her or him.

## COQUILLE TO HAVE CELEBRATION AUG. 10-13

### Golden West Days Will Feature Rodeo, Lumbermen, Pioneer, Townsend Features and Sports

After being without a celebration for nearly two years, Coquille is to be the scene of a big pioneer reunion and lumbermen's celebration in August—the 10th to the 13th inclusive.

The four-day event is sponsored by the Coquille Park Commission, whose chairman, Carl Mack, is also general chairman of the celebration. Other members of the committee are A. McDuffee, general manager, and J. E. Kennedy, treasurer.

A merchants' exhibit and bargain day, a children's day, a Townsend and a lumbermen's day. The Lumbermen's day, will make up a full four days of entertainment. Featured will be a pet parade and children's sports, amateur show contest for children, dancing, wrestling, boxing, airplane stunts, parachute jumps, and a full list of sports for lumbermen and loggers.

In addition to this Mr. Mack has signed a contract with the rodeo company, which staged so successful a show at Empire for the Fourth celebration here, for an appearance here, the contract calling for at least 50 animals on the grounds, and a two-hour show. The park commission will receive at least \$50 for this attraction's appearance and a percentage after expenses are paid.

The Community Building, Athletic Park and the streets are the places where the various features of the four-day celebration will be presented.

The funds, which the park commission will receive as its share, will be used to turf the portion of Athletic Park which is used for football, and through means is secured, to provide lights for night games.

Further announcements of what will be provided to furnish entertainment for the crowds expected to attend will be forthcoming in the near future.

## Chaney Sail Boat Won At Empire

Sen. Geo. H. Chaney's 20-foot sailboat, which is unnamed, won first place in the free-for-all boat race at Empire last Monday, but he does not know yet what the prize-winning trophy is. The McGee boat of Empire, came in second in the two-mile race.

Geo. Chaney, Jr., was skipper of the craft, and the crew consisted of Davis Chaney, Neil McGilvery, Dudley Walton, Bill Walker and the senator.

## 3rd Doctor At Coquille Hospital

Dr. Thos. J. Matthews, who has been in Portland for the past three years, came in Sunday to become associated with the Coquille Hospital and Drs. M. E. Wilson and J. D. Rankin.

Dr. Matthews is a graduate of Wisconsin university medical school, has served an internship of two years in the Multnomah county hospital, and has also been taking an advanced course in the University of Oregon medical school as well as instructing classes in that school on internal medicine.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

## Council Session Held Tuesday Evening

With two councilmen—O. L. Wood and Drue Cunningham—out of town and Mayor J. D. Rankin absent on a professional call, the city council barely had a quorum at the Tuesday evening session, held then because Monday was a holiday. No important business was transacted.

A letter from Stevens and Koon was read, outlining the program they recommend for increasing Coquille's water supply. It was along the same line as given in the Sentinel last week. A contract for \$2,000 was enclosed. This is the amount the city will pay for the services and supervision which Mr. Koon will give to the dam raising.

The application for 16 electric and other signs, accompanied by the \$1.00 fee for each was approved by the council.

Application for a fire hydrant on...

## Two Injured In Tussle For Gun

Waking up at his home at Fairview about 4 a. m. Monday, Orin (Barney) Hamilton made a remark that he "would end it all," and reached for a .30-30 rifle hanging on the wall at the head of his bed.

Mrs. Hamilton grabbed the muzzle and in the ensuing scuffle the gun was discharged, lodging off half the forefinger and the other three fingers of her right hand. The bullet then struck the iron bedstead and a piece of it ricocheted and cut a groove along Hamilton's right temple, scragging the bone and burning the flesh. They were brought to the Belle Knite hospital at once for treatment.

## Who Beside Grandpa Fortier Is Eligible

The Old Times Baseball Association game will be held at Young street in Portland on the evening of Monday, July 23, according to word just received from Biddy Bishop, the president. To be eligible to participate must send his name in beforehand and must have a baseball uniform of some kind.

Grandpa Bill Fortier won't miss this big get-together of the Has-Beens, and probably others from Coos county will be there to hear the doleful words, "Strike three, you're out."

## June Relief Payments

June distribution of benefit checks to jobless workers insured under the unemployment compensation law found Marshfield, claim center for Coos and Curry counties, receiving \$34,160.68, for 6.4 per cent of the total for the state.

Re-employment in agricultural pursuits of a seasonal nature and further exhaustion of benefit rights for the current year accounted for a drop of 25 per cent in the state to \$545,956 from the May total of \$730,102.

## Yes, He Pitched A Tent

Perhaps this shouldn't be told on Claire Gray, but his son told. The Gray family camped out over the Fourth and the youngster reported Tuesday that "I had to rebuild the campfire four times to give daddy room to set up that tent; and then it fell down on us." Evidently Claire never worked for a circus, nor used pup tents in the army.

## Three Marshfield Women Held

State police officers brought three women over from Marshfield after midnight last night and this morning they were taken back to Marshfield for a hearing. They are charged with maintaining a nuisance, the specific nuisance being the sale of liquor. Their names are Jerry West, Mae Pitts and Gladys Howard, and they are proprietors of two rooming houses.

Mrs. J. B. Pointer, who was at the Mast hospital this morning to see her son, Ralph, who has been there for three months receiving treatment for his broken arm and lacerations which he received in a logging accident, says he will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Coos Pomona Grange will meet at Bridge next Tuesday. Reports will be given at that time on what was done at the recent state Grange meeting.

## A GOLDEN WEDDING TOMORROW

### Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rackleff Come From Canby, Or., to Celebrate Anniversary at Myrtle Point

A golden wedding ceremony, followed by a reception in the church parlors, will take place in the Presbyterian church in Myrtle Point tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p. m. The bride and groom of 50 years ago are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rackleff, of Canby, near which town they have had a ranch for many years. Rev. W. S. Smith, of Coquille, will perform the ceremony.

Mr. Rackleff, who arrived yesterday with Mrs. Rackleff and their youngest son, was born in Canby, Ore. The couple last was married in Empire to Coquille in 1884, serving two 2-year terms. L. H. Hazard was deputy in the office at the time.

Mr. Rackleff was born near Elton in 1884, and was married to Miss Mary Roberts, who was born in Missouri in 1870, at Myrtle Point, July 8, 1888.

Of the twelve children born to them, nine survive: Lawrence, of Arago; Mrs. T. W. Laird, of Merrill, Ore.; Leland R., of Westport, Wash.; D. E., of Coquille; Melvin, of War-saw, Ind.; Donald, of San Francisco; Lowell, of Klamath Falls; Spencer, of Ashland; and Paul, of Canby. They will all be present tomorrow except Melvin and Leland.

After serving as county clerk, Mr. Rackleff with his family lived at Langlois for 13 years. He conducted a store there, then at Hamden, Florence and Redport before buying his Canby ranch.

Many of their twelve grandchildren will be present tomorrow to make the occasion a more happy one.

## National Milk Campaign In County

Merchants who handle milk and other dairy products in the different towns in Coos county are being called on to intensify their advertising and selling efforts on these products as a part of the national program to increase their use, according to action taken at a special meeting of the directors of the Coos County Dairy-men's Association which was held in Coquille on July 1.

Started by producers a gigantic nationwide drive for the movement into consumption of vast quantities of dairy products was started on June 9 and continues through July 11. Participating in this great voluntary effort to meet a farm industry crisis are more than 200,000 sales outlets. Never before has there been such a large aggregation of distributing outlets concentrated upon a program of service to the dairy farmer, and (Continued on Page Seven)

## Fred Lorenz Here On Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lorenz came in Sunday from their home in Walla Walla, Wash., to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lorenz, and the many other relatives and friends, who are always glad to welcome him home again. It is twelve years since Fred left Coquille and for more than ten years he has been manager of the Montgomery-Ward store at Walla Walla with a force of from 65 to 115, depending on the season, in the store. The new building into which they moved last year is 85x125, four stories in height.

## First Visit in 17 years

Mrs. Faye-W. Jones came in Tuesday morning from her home in San Diego, Calif., to visit here at the home of her brother, J. A. Lamb, and at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marvin Lyons, at Marshfield. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left Coquille 17 years ago and this is her first visit to her old home town since going to California. She will be up here for several weeks and Mr. Jones may come up later.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Archibald were Coquille visitors for a few hours on the Fourth before continuing on to their home in Grants Pass. He was formerly with the Mt. States Power Co. sales department here.