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Burglaries, Solved And Unsolved, Becoming Frequent

The police have not been able yet to find any clues as to the person or persons who broke into the J. A. Lamb Company hardware store either Saturday or Sunday night.

A check over the store has not revealed anything missing except from the cash register where \$5 or \$8 worth of pennies, nickles and dimes had been left.

Entrance was effected from the rear, under the floor, and then by knocking off some boards.

Whether or not it was the same bunch that broke out a window and entered the Safeway store at the rear is also not known. Unless the theft there was of a few cartons of cigarettes the manager, Geo. Witters, can find nothing missing.

A bunch of youngsters, boys in the eighth grade and Junior High, have been rounded up and, after being worked on by the city police, have revealed the hiding places of \$100 to \$125 worth of myrtlewood novelties taken from Harry Oerding's factory during the Christmas holidays.

Some of it was found in a shack near the old Sitka mill site and more was dug up from under the old barn, across the street south from the Safeway store which is open around the bottom of the building at the rear. A lot of billiard cues and balls were also taken from the factory at the same time.

Another house entry not reported to the police took place in a home near the business section one afternoon last week.

A tramp who may have been temporarily living on the river near town, appeared at the back door and asked for some soda with which to cook. The kind-hearted lady also gave him a part of a glass of jelly.

She was not home that afternoon and when she went to get breakfast next morning found that her three-pound can of coffee was gone.

The man of the house found that cigars he had left on a table in the living room were gone, and also a watch. Upstairs a number of tissue-wrapped articles had been strewn about, but nothing was missed as a result of that dressing table investigation.

The youngsters who have been rounded up for the myrtlewood theft are comparatively all recent arrivals here from Washington.

The Tip Top and Slater's Variety Store have also suffered considerable losses the past few weeks, presumably from the purloining by these light-fingered youths.

Nearly Drowned In His Car

A. E. (Red) Denzer of this city, sawyer at Brodie's Shingle Mill at Norway, had an experience Tuesday evening as he was returning home from work that he will not soon forget and that he is alive today is due to the fact that there were cars traveling the Myrtle Point highway at the time.

In some way his car skidded from the pavement near the Geo. S. Davis place, beyond Johnson's Mill and the old Geo. Chaney railroad crossing. It turned upside down, into the water, and when it had settled down Mr. Denzer had only about an inch of air space between water and floor boards to get his face to the place where he could breathe.

A Greyhound bus, driven by Harold Mullin of Marshfield, was the first car to come along but soon there were others. The men lifted the car high enough that a window could be broken and Mr. Denzer rescued from his perilous position.

After receiving first aid treatment by Mullin, Denzer was brought to the Coquille Hospital for treatment, not a great deal the worse for his harrowing experience.

Fred Bull Buys J. E. Axtell's Insurance Agency

The Fred R. Bull insurance agency on Front Street last week purchased and took over the insurance business of the Title Guarantee and Abstract Co. J. E. Axtell says the title insurance and abstract business is increasing so greatly that he did not have time to devote to insurance business as it should be handled.

Warranty and bargain and Sale Deeds for sale at The Sentinel office.

Jr. C. of C. Had Worth While Year

George Gratke was elected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at a meeting held at the hotel. Other new club executives include Delos Richardson, vice president; Tom Stevens, secretary; Ludwig Scharfer, treasurer; Lawrence Gulseth and Marcus Shelley, two-year term directors.

Leo Sohler, retiring president of the body, reviewed the work accomplished by the Junior Chamber during the past year. Among the projects mentioned was the club's donation of 21 volumes of reference books to the public library. Another civic service of the club was maintenance work on the tennis courts and the donation of a tennis court rules sign. A representative of the organization was a member of the Civic Improvement committee. Contributions were made to the American Red Cross European War Relief fund; the Youth Council and the Christmas Seal fund. Material assistance was given by the Junior Chamber in helping to organize the local Flying Club. The club also sponsored a soft ball team and a volley ball team, both of which played one night a week at the Community building.

Announcement was made by George Gratke that B. W. Dunn, superintendent of schools, will attend an early meeting to present an outline for developing a track field near the high school. Other project outlines will be discussed at the next meeting, Feb. 11.

The business meeting was adjourned that members and their guests might participate in a card party arranged by George Gratke, D. Richardson, Max Morgan and Tom Stevens. Thirty guests of the Jr. Chamber attended the party, and before it was over, more than half of them indicated a desire to join the club. The party wound up with a Dutch lunch.

Mouse Gets Too Intimate

If you are a woman, how would you like to have a mouse crawling down your back.

We heard Monday of a lady who spends a considerable part of her time in a downtown office, who put on her coat to go home at noon. Feeling something at her back her first thought was that one of the men was tapping her between the shoulders. She whirled and the mouse which had been clinging inside the collar of her coat, ran down her back and sought other refuge.

Her shrieks and shudders, we are told, would convince anyone that women really are afraid of the rodent.

Another story is of a Coquille couple who were going up the coast a short time ago. They took their lunch along and also a package containing garbage which they planned on dropping in the ocean at a convenient spot. Mr. Husband dropped a package, all right, but when they opened the other for their noon lunch found only the garbage brought from home.

Rotarians Enjoy Ladies' Night

One of the nicest affairs yet sponsored by the Rotary club was the Ladies Night dinner given at the hotel last evening. The Rotaryans were out in force and the banquet rooms of the hotel was filled to capacity.

Rev. Chas. M. Guilbert gave a splendid talk on the aims and functions of Rotary and stressed the true international features of the organization.

Maurice and Ronald Williams accompanied in a very effective manner by Verene Bailey at the piano and also in the role of announcer, gave several numbers both in solo and duet on the violin. The enthusiastic applause by which they were greeted gave ample proof of the appreciation of their really quite remarkable performance.

A saxophone trio composed of Stewart Norton, Don Estes and Spenny Ross, accompanied by Bobbie Burns at the piano, rendered several numbers which were very well received by the assembled guests.

Dal King, president of the newly formed Rotary club at Myrtle Point, and Mrs. King were present in guests and each Rotarian introduced his Rotaryann guest individually. Miss Muriel Dae was also present with the other guest entertainers.

Coquille Becomes "Bundles For Britain" Conscious

Newsreels, radio commentators, newspaper stories and those brave, sad letters from England that occasionally creep into print, have combined to make local women conscious of the need to assemble Bundles for Britain. Two sturdy steps were taken Tuesday to start participation here in the nation-wide project of helping the heroic Britains.

Mrs. U. E. McClary, to boost the Bundles budget of the Women's club, launched the first of a series of card parties in the afternoon. To assure a succession of parties, Mrs. McClary issued her invitations with the proviso that each guest pledge herself to give a party. Money, at these affairs, is raised by a 25 cent contribution from each guest. Proceeds will be the Woman's club donation to the local Bundles for Britain organization. With these funds, the group will purchase wool to supply willing knitters whose rapid fingers use yarn faster than their pocket books fill with money to purchase it. When an adequate supply of yarn has been accumulated, funds remaining will be used to buy medical instruments. (Continued Page Eight)

Bar Members Make Merry

The Coos County Bar Association, with nearly all the members who were not out of the county present, met for their annual session and banquet in the club house of the Coquille Valley Country Club last Saturday afternoon.

Duncan Douglas was elected president for the coming year, succeeding D. J. Grant, Jr., of Marshfield. Harry A. Slack was chosen vice president; Tallant Greenough, secretary, and Willard W. McInturff, of Marshfield, treasurer.

At the business session the association went on record as favoring a change in the Coos county jurisdiction of the peace set-up, with one justice court on the Bay, with a salaried official presiding, and not less than four J. P. offices in the county. They also favored a salaried office in Coquille but desired the Myrtle Point and Bandon courts to continue on the fee basis.

Claud Giles paid a glowing tribute to his former partner, Chris Boesen, who had passed away the day before and resolutions of condolence were approved.

J. W. McInturff did a fine job as toastmaster at the banquet to which also the newspaper men of the county had been invited, and all enjoyed the very fine banquet, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Maloney.

The principal speaker of the evening was J. C. Dezenford, of Portland, whose subject dealt with the divorce problems. In his talk he expressed the conviction that the presiding judge should sit in on property settlements and divorce arrangements to see that the rights of both parties were protected.

He also favored the organization of kindergartens under the jurisdiction of the courts, to insure that young children will be properly cared for and trained when they lose one of their parents by way of the divorce mill.

Wallace B. Dement welcomed the banqueters on the part of himself, Dal King and Ed Roberts, the Myrtle Point attorneys in charge of preparations, and the response was given by J. B. Bedingfield.

Other speakers were County Judge Ervin L. Peterson, Commissioner Lars Peterson, Edgar McDaniel and Wm. L. Baker.

It was a very enjoyable evening, with stories of bar association banquets of years ago, humorous and serious addresses and one and all agreed this bar association banquet did not suffer by comparison with those of former years.

Howard Kyle Here For Visit Before Joining Fleet

Howard Kyle, who joined the navy a couple of months ago, arrived home Sunday morning from San Diego, Calif., on a nine-day leave before being assigned to duty on one of the vessels in the Pacific fleet.

He left the same morning with his folks to visit a sister in Lebanon for the day. He will leave tomorrow for Southern California and hopes to be assigned to the U. S. S. Astoria.

He reports having seen Eugene Davis, who left here some months ago to join the Navy.

Charles W. Ashton Funeral Set For 2:30 Saturday

Chas. W. Ashton passed away at midnight last night in the Belle Knife Hospital where he had undergone an operation a couple of weeks ago to determine if his affliction was incurable. It was found that no operation could help him.

The funeral services will be held at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, Rev. Chas. M. Guilbert officiating.

Charles William Ashton was born in Sacramento, Calif., July 16, 1871, being six months younger than his brother, in-law, Arthur Ellingson, who preceded him in death less than a week.

He came to Oregon with his parents in 1873 and lived at Bandon and on the lower river until 1920 when he came to Coquille, his family joining him here four years later.

On June 29, 1899, at Parkersburg, he was united in marriage to Miss Rose Ellingsen, who has suffered a double affliction the past week in passing of husband and brother.

Four children were born to this union, of whom three are living. Their eldest son, Harold C. Ashton, was drowned in 1923. The surviving children are Mrs. Norma Zelle, of Salt Lake City, who has been here with her mother for the past two weeks; Mrs. Marjorie Warren, of Fresno, Calif., who returned home a few days ago after coming to Coquille, and will not be able to return because of the illness of her infant daughter, and Milton C. Ashton. The latter returned to his home in Seattle last Friday after spending a week here.

Mr. Ashton was a very active man and helped in many ways in the development of the logging industry in the Coquille valley. He operated and built boats, put in most of the booms on the lower river, later selling to the Moore and Mill and Smith Wood-Products.

He and Mrs. Ashton built one of Coquille's nice homes, at the northeast corner of Third and Henry streets, where they lived for some years but more recently have resided in the house built by Arthur Ellingson, corner of First and Henry.

Mrs. Wm. Tension Passes At C. C.

Mrs. Aurora Willard received word yesterday that her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Tension, had passed away at her home in Crescent City, at ten o'clock yesterday morning and that the funeral would be held at Bandon, the time to be announced later. A heart attack was the cause of death. She was eighty years of age last October 5.

She and Mr. Tension, who died at Crescent City, December 12, and was buried at Bandon, were former Coquille residents who left here many years ago.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Nina Morgan, of Riverton, Mrs. Aud Hultin and Mrs. Wm. Panter, of Bandon; Mrs. Josie Christy, of San Francisco, and one son, Lloyd T. Tension, of Crescent City, with whom she made her home. Mrs. J. E. Perrott, of Bandon, is a sister-in-law of the deceased.

To Build Two Boats At Prosper

It is reported in Portland, although it has not been released there yet to the press, that besides the smaller wooden vessels for the national defense program which are to be built at the Kruse & Banks shipyard on Coos Bay, that two of these craft are to be built at the Port of Bandon's shipyard at Prosper. The source of the report indicates that it is correct.

President's Ball Saturday Night

"Dance that others may walk," is the very pertinent comment in the adv. in this issue, announcing the President's Ball, which will be held in Draymond here Saturday evening. Tickets are \$1 per couple. After expenses are paid a part of the net receipts are retained locally for treatment of infantile paralysis victims and the rest sent to the national organization for the Warm Springs sanitarium.

Original Slide Feb. 20, 1926

With the slide just this side of China Camp bridge cutting fresh dikes and proving harder to control than at any time since the tunneling was done there under the direction of Paul Van Scoy more than twelve years ago, many readers have asked when the original slide started to slipping on that mountainside.

The answer is Saturday evening, February 20, 1926.

Mr. Van Scoy was resident highway engineer at that time and although he and his crew fought the earth's fault there for some months, they finally got the tunnel cut through to carry off the seepage and it has not bothered very much since until this winter.

Following is a reprint of a portion of what the Sentinel reported at that time:

The worst slide known since good roads came into fashion in southern Oregon, occurred on the Marshfield road at 8:30 last Saturday night, three miles from Coquille, and along (Continued on page five)

Seventy-five At Outlook Conference

Reports submitted by the four committees on land use, farm home and rural life, crops, and livestock at the first meeting of the 1941 County Outlook Conference held in the Odd Fellows Hall in Coquille on Friday, Jan. 24, will be revised by the respective committees in light of suggestions made by those attending this meeting, according to plans outlined by the general organization committee, following the conference.

The past reports, general outlook information, and recommendations made in previous discussion, will be considered by each of the committees in formulating the final report to be submitted to the second meeting of the conference on all committeemen which will be held in Coquille on the afternoon of February 1.

According to the schedule announced, the land use committee will meet on Tuesday, February 4, the livestock committee on Wednesday, February 5, and the crops committee on Thursday, February 6, all meetings to be held at 1:30 p. m. in the county agent's office.

At the dinner held in the hall Friday noon there were about 75 in attendance, including several members of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce, several of whom made short talks.

Due to the inability of E. D. Webb to be present the Canaries did not warble but J. L. Smith led the group in the singing of well known songs.

The other musical feature was furnished by H. S. Norton on his saxophone, accompanied by Bobbie Burns at the piano.

Flying Club To Have Two Boats

A constitution was adopted and permanent officers were elected for the Coquille Flying club at the meeting held in the city hall Sunday evening.

The club starts off with a membership of 35, the Oregon Eagles Flying Club having joined with it. Membership dues were set at \$30.

The club is buying a three place cabin cruiser, Piper Cub, which is not expected for six or eight weeks yet, and with the Oregon Eagles plane will then have two ships.

Until the Arago landing field is ready, the Coquille club will make use of the North Bend airport.

The officers elected were E. R. Smith, president Woodie Connelly, vice president; Dorothy Dietz, recording secretary; C. M. Hanevold, treasurer; Raymond Kirkendall, Pat Holland and Wm. Strong, directors.

The club will meet again, at the city hall, this next Sunday evening, Feb. 2, at 7:30 o'clock.

Had Been Gone From Here A Quarter Of A Century

Clifton Burgess, a brother of Mrs. J. F. Schroeder and an uncle of Mrs. Eva Schroeder of the sheriff's office, dropped in to see the latter yesterday afternoon. Miss Eva had never seen her uncle before, he having enlisted in the army in 1915, before she was born, and he had not been back since. She had been overseas in the first world war and was gassed. He was accompanied by Mrs. Burgess on the trip across the country from their home in Baltimore, Md.

Arthur Ellingson Had Lived 67 Years In Coos County

A pioneer of the Coquille valley who came here when a baby boy of two years, in 1873, passed away last Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Arthur Ellingson had spent 67 years in Coos county, in Coquille, Bandon, Marshfield and sometimes in the outlying districts and was a man for whom everyone with whom he ever came in contact held the highest regard.

Stricken with a paralytic stroke last November while hunting during the pheasant season, he had been confined to his home in the Roy district since, gradually growing weaker and death came as a welcome release from suffering.

The funeral services were held at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Rev. Geo. R. Turney of Marshfield, officiating. Graveside services in the Masonic cemetery were conducted by the officers of Chadwick Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Ellingson was a member, with L. H. Pearce of Myrtle Point acting as worshipful master.

Arthur Randolph Ellingson was born Dec. 20, 1871, in San Francisco, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ellingsen, both deceased, who came to the Coquille valley in 1873 and homesteaded a ranch on Lampa creek in 1874. At the age of 16 Arthur went to work in the shipyards on the lower river which were operated by the pioneer builder, Hans Reed.

In July 2, 1899 he was united in marriage to Huldah Roy, the wedding taking place at the bride's home in the Roy district in the same house in which Mr. and Mrs. Ellingson have resided for the past several years.

For many years he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Bandon, Marshfield and Coquille, selling his last furniture store here to M. J. Hartson nearly 30 years ago. Later he operated a hardware business on Taylor street which he sold to John and Pete Miller and still later a second hand store on Front street.

For the last eight or nine years he and Mrs. Ellingson have resided on the ranch up the river. During that time he has made many boats for customers and they were good boats, too. One of the boats he made was for Haldane Holmstrom, in which the latter earned the fame which came to him as a daring river man.

He is survived by his widow; by one son, Denton Ellingson; one daughter, Mrs. Dena Pierce; four grandchildren; one brother, Chester Ellingson, of Oakland, Calif.; and seven sisters—Mrs. Amelia Lafferty, Myrtle Point, Mrs. Jennie Price and Mrs. Rose Ashton, Coquille, Mrs. Lillie Hartig, Bandon, Mrs. Ellen Carl, Hubbard, Ore., Mrs. Ruby Martin, Reedley, Calif., Mrs. Maud Dugan, Alameda, Calif.

A sister, Dr. Belle Merrill, and a brother, E. P. Ellingsen who was Coos county sheriff at the time, met death in automobile accidents.

One of Mr. Ellingson's outstanding characteristics was his universally cheerful disposition and his good will habitually expressed to all with whom he came in contact. Never self-assertive or domineering, humbleness of character was another outstanding characteristic. He was a good citizen, a man whose integrity was never questioned, no matter how often he might have had occasion to question the integrity of others. A builder, one who helped for more than a half century in the development of this southwestern Oregon empire.

Look At This Beautiful Fish?

One of the ugliest fish to come out of Coos Bay waters in a long time was the freak bass which Frank De Costa caught in Isthmus slough recently and which was on exhibition at the People Market for a time. Two pictures of the pound and a half bass are now posted in the Sentinel window. The protruding lower jaw of this denizen of the deep give him a most unappealing appearance.

Mrs. Webb Mast Stricken

Mrs. Webb Mast was taken to the Coast Hospital in Myrtle Point from her home in Lee Tuesday evening. She is in a quite serious condition, having suffered a severe apoplectic stroke.