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## Bartons Enjoy 4700-Mile Trip From Middle West

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Barton returned Saturday evening from their three weeks' trip on which they got as far east as Detroit, Chicago and New Orleans. While they would have liked to have attended the inauguration in Washington on Jan. 20, they had no intention of doing so.

After picking up their new five-passenger Buick coupe at Flint, Mich., they went to Chicago, thence to New Orleans, Los Angeles and San Francisco, spending two or three days in each of those four cities, and putting 4700 miles on the car.

Neither of them had been to the middle west before and they enjoyed the trip hugely. Clarence says another time he would know what he wanted to see, more than he did this time—and it wouldn't be Texas. Their route through that state was from Beaumont to El Paso, about 1100 miles of very monotonous driving.

The only partially reconstructed south where they still celebrate the birthdays of famous Confederate generals by holiday, parades and dismissal of school, was a source of surprise to these far westerners.

So also was the attitude of the negro in the south where they are taught to know their place, and keep it; the Jim Crow buses and the way the negro will promptly step out of the way of a white person. "They are really black," said Mr. Barton, "no coffee or cigar colored specimens, showing mixed breeding."

The left Mr. and Mrs. David Biegger in Chicago, and Clarence tells of how nearly the Bieggers came to losing all their baggage and personal effects in Detroit.

Dave had stowed all his baggage in his new car, locked it, and gone back into the hotel for breakfast. When he came out a negro had all their bags, Mrs. Biegger's fur coat and everything from the car out on the sidewalk.

"What's going on here?" asked Mr. B.

"Boss, didn't you tell 'em to have your baggage brought in?" queried the darky.

"I did not, now put it back in the car," was Dave's reply.

The negro did so and then faded from the picture, but on the other side of the car which Dave had not previously seen a window had been broken sufficiently to enable the "colored gentleman" to get his hand through and unlock the door.

Two or three minutes more and the Coquille furniture people would have been stripped of all their effects.

They are leaving Iowa, where they visited Mr. Biegger's parents this week. The parents are accompanying them to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where a brother of Dave's resides, and the local couple expect to be home in about two weeks.

## Rotary Reception For New Citizens

The Coquille Rotary club is making elaborate plans for a program in honor of the men and women who will receive their second papers Feb. 18. Judge James T. Brand has been secured as the principal speaker. Judge Brand will address not only the new citizens but also, many old ones, for everyone in Coos county is invited to attend the Naturalization program, Feb. 18, at the high school auditorium.

According to program plans, the Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts will advance the flag, Rev. C. M. Guilbert will give the invocation and the benediction and Rev. George Turney will lead community singing of patriotic songs. After Judge Brand's address, Maud Skaggs Woodyard will sing a solo of patriotic tenor.

Prior to the program at the high school, local Rotarians are entertaining the new citizens at a banquet.

## Coquille Furniture Store Closes

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy for the Coquille Furniture Co. was filed by Spencer Ross in Portland this week. The store was opened here about two years ago. He lists assets at \$2932 and liabilities at \$4450.

This closing of the furniture store in no way affects the business of U. E. McClary, who occupies a portion of the store in the building, with his stock of radios, refrigerators, ranges, etc.

## Weather Report For January

H. L. Hansen, U. S. weather observer at McKinley, sends the Sentinel the following report for January observations. There may be some difference in temperature and rainfall between Coquille and McKinley which is 19 miles away, but the difference is not great.

Max. temp., 85 degrees, Jan. 29th.

Min. temp., 23 degrees, 2nd.

Total precipitation, 10.34 in.

Greatest in 24 hours, 1.83 in. on the 18th.

Snowfall, 0.

Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 22; clear 7; partly cloudy 4; cloudy 20.

Killing frost on the 2nd, 23 degrees.

Rainfall since Sept. 1, 1940, 40.01 inches.

Average for this district, 87 inches.

## Didn't Know His Onions

At a dinner party in Coquille not so long ago two married couples were guests. Finding that she was short of onions for her salad the lady of the house remarked to friend husband, "Frank I wish you would go out into the garden and get me some onions."

The affable Frank performed the duty and the salad was made.

Soon after the dinner had been eaten the two lady guests became quite ill, one of them very much so.

What caused their suffering was not known for some days until Mrs. Leslie went out into the garden and found the genial city recorder had dug up some of her jonquils for the salad!

## Finger Nearly Pulled Out

Fire Chief Ted Snyder, who is one of the machine shop crew at Smith Wood-Products, is wearing his right hand in a sling as the result of a very painful injury he received at the plant Sunday. He was slipping a moving belt onto a pulley when the metal fastener caught his fore finger, pulling it out of the socket and badly mashing it.

He wanted Dr. Kennedy at the Coquille Hospital to amputate but the doctor refused, declaring he could save the digit.

## Found Ring After A Year

One of those Ripley "Believe it or not" things happened to Sam Epperson recently. Last year while sluicing out the lake up on the headwaters of Rink creek he lost a ring which he valued, and although he and the others looked for it, the hand was not found.

This year, while the same cleaning out program was in progress, one of the workmen found the ring which had slipped over a small stick.

## City's Water Is Pure

No town nor city in the state has better water than Coquille has now. The last analysis sent by the state department of health listed it as Class A with no bacteria count.

The highest count in months—while the reservoir and the slopes were being cleaned—was only 20 per cubic centimeter.

One thing that Mayor Milne has labored for incessantly during his incumbency of the office was a pure and sufficient amount of water, and he and the council have achieved that result.

## To The Tune Of London Bridge

Donna Dean Bosserman, Western Union messenger, had to do it again yesterday morning but she stalled around quite a while claiming she knew no tune that would fit the words of the birthday message sent by a friend in Marshfield to Dick Connors in the R. E. A. office. He refused to sign for it, however, until she complied with the company's rates that the message must be sung.

Her singing was warmly applauded by the group which had assembled behind the partition to hear her. One of the auditors expressed the opinion that for "raining up such a deal on Donna Dean!

## Flying Club Asks Valley Co-operation Arago Airport

The Coquille Flying club is making very fine progress in securing members and expects to be on a regular flying schedule within 30 days.

The field at North Bend, which has just secured a \$360,000 federal appropriation, will be used until the field at Arago is gotten into shape. The members will also be permitted to use the ship at Coos Bay until their second plane is secured in about six weeks.

The Coquille Flying club should and will receive the support of all service clubs and organizations in both Coquille and Myrtle Point, in the development of an airport at Arago, which when sufficient support has been secured will be in a position to secure support as did the airport at Coos Bay.

Many pledges have already been received, and there can be no better airport than one between these two valley towns, at Arago, when it is developed. Many of the clubs have already pledged their active co-operation.

A contest for a suitable name and for an emblem for the club is to be held this month.

## Arrested For Entering A Home

Francis W. Ator, 26, was arrested at 2:40 this morning for breaking into and entering a private home. The call came to Officer English from Mrs. Neill Milligan at the corner of Fifth and Division, that he had got in through the window of a bedroom where a 16 year old girl was sleeping.

Before the officer could get there Ator had gone and was found in bed at his rooming place, 456 North Collier. His clothing was as wet as though he had fallen in the creek.

Ator is an ex-convict and just what charge will be placed against him had not been decided upon by the police this morning.

## Seven Delinquent Youngsters Paroled To Their Parents

The seven boys implicated in the theft of myrtlewood novelties from Harry Oerding's factory during the holidays were before Judge Peterson in juvenile court Tuesday morning. After lecturing them he gave the two younger ones verbal paroles to their parents, with no court record against them.

The other five were also paroled to their parents, being declared temporarily delinquent, but will still be under jurisdiction of the court and if they get into any more trouble will be sent to the boys' training school.

## Basket Ball Schedule For The Coming Week

Tomorrow (Friday) evening the Red Devils play their final game of the season with the Marshfield Pirates, the game to be in the new gym at the Bay. The same evening the North Bend Bulldogs play at Myrtle Point.

Next Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, the Red Devils are hosts to the Bulldogs here and the Myrtle Point Bobcats play at Marshfield. The Red Devils have won two games from the Pirates and one out of three from the Bulldogs. Their last conference game will be at Myrtle Point on Friday, Feb. 21.

## Boys Ruin Theatre Seats

The Roxy Theatre management is offering a reward of \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the young vandals who deliberately carve the leather seats in the theatre. The large boys of junior Hi or high school age have cut out circular pieces large enough to put leather patches on the sleeves of their sweaters, while the more youthful have just slashed the seats back and forth without taking out a section. Much of this occurred just after Christmas when the boys were trying out their new knives without thought as to how much their cutting would cost the theatre.

The barometer low of 29.40 yesterday did not bring anything to this section except a little rain but down at Ukiah in California and at Ash Grove, reaching a 76 in. p. h. at the observatory station in southern Oregon.

## Report Was Due To An Illusion

Gross Wood went down to Gold Beach Tuesday to take pictures of the wrecked plane reported from there as being eleven miles inland over very rough country. The story appeared in Tuesday's morning papers and the report was that it might be the Walberg plane which disappeared last November.

It was a most unusual illusion which caused the story to be sent to the dailies.

From across a chasm and from a distance of three miles the spot looked exactly like a plane with one door open, and the men who saw it also thought they could see an American flag.

The party of four who left Gold Beach that morning found the spot was a cliff with an outcropping of quartz and when they finally reached the spot it looked nothing like an airplane. Had it been a wrecked plane the party said it would have required five days to bring bodies from that almost inaccessible region.

## Department May Lease A Pumper

Fire Chief Ted Snyder asked the city council Monday evening if anything was to be done about purchasing a pumper for the department this year, and use the \$3000 budgeted for the sinking fund on its purchase.

The city attorney replied with a ruling given by the state tax commission that funds from a sinking fund cannot be used for partial payments on equipment until the entire amount is accumulated in the fund, which would mean the pumper could not be purchased until the budget next fall provides the necessary total. He said, however, that he did not know whether the ruling would be approved by a court should legal complications arise.

The fire chief then came back with the suggestion that the firemen might use the \$500 or \$600 budgeted for the department, and pay it down on a lease of a pumper, the lease funds to apply on the purchase price when the council was able to complete a deal.

No definite answer was given the chief, the matter being left for further consideration.

## County Club Committees

Committees of the Coquille Valley Country Club for 1941 were announced at a directors' meeting Monday evening by President Peter V. Norton. Those named were: Finance, Harry Dement, Don Gillespie, Ed Sempert; Entertainment, C. M. Howard, T. Verle Johnson, George Johnson, Miss Ruth Barton, George Linn, Elton Schroeder; Greens and Fairways, Theodore Clinton, Ralph Kring, Spike Leslie, P. C. Roper; Golf Tournament and Handicap, Jack McLarrin, Dr. L. L. Summerlin, Clayton Mast, John Arnold, Pat Rickard, Andy Anderson.

Spenny Ross, who is leaving Coquille soon, resigned from the Board of directors and H. S. Norton was appointed secretary, Jack McLarrin having resigned to head the tournament committee, replacing Spenny Ross.

## Carol Young Chosen As Junior Women Candidate

According to Georgianna Vaughan, president of the Junior Women's club, Carol Young has been chosen as the club's candidate for appointment as a delegate to the national convention in May at Atlantic City, N. J. Eight clubs in this district are submitting candidates. From the eight young women, two delegates will be chosen by a committee of the state federation to represent this district.

Clarice Barker of Marshfield was last year's national convention delegate.

## Wm. Sweet, Evelyn Perkins Married Here Saturday

Evelyn Perkins, the daughter of Hillis Perkins of New Lake, on Saturday became the bride of William Sweet, son of W. J. Sweet of Elk River, at a quiet ceremony performed by Rev. C. M. Guilbert at St. James' Episcopal church. Only a few relatives and intimate friends of the couple witnessed the rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet will live at the home of Mr. Sweet in New Lake. The ceremony was held at 11 o'clock and the property

## City Motors To Have New Home

Oscar Larson, proprietor of City Motors, was present at the council meeting Monday evening to consult with that body in regard to the new building he proposes erecting and occupying with his automobile agency.

He has leased the 75 feet on the south side of First street, belonging to O. C. Sanford and Mrs. C. A. Machon, next east of W. H. Fortier's place.

His plans contemplate a 25-foot display room with glass front, metal roof, east and south wall, adjoining the brick Machon building.

The 50 feet to the east will be for a used car lot, with possibly a covering over a portion of it. The whole tract will be planked at the street level.

He was informed that when his building plans and specifications are prepared, and they are given an O. K. by the building inspector and fire chief that the building permit will be granted.

His lease on the Tillmann location, corner of Front and Willard, expires April 1 and he hopes to have the new building ready by that time.

## 1760 Per Cent Profit

This story did not come to the Sentinel from Mike Daniels who conducts semi-monthly auction sales at his shop this way from Norway, but it is a boost for the auction business.

A rancher who lives between Myrtle Point and Arago was in Portland recently and a lot of household equipment in a second hand store caught his eye. Inquiry of the proprietor finally resulted in an offer of sale for \$10.

"Load 'er up," said the Coos man. "I did not offer to load it," was the response.

"No load, no sale."

The Portland dealer thereupon loaded it on to the truck, making a good sized load, and Mr. Rancher started south.

He arrived in Albany while the weekly auction was going on and decided to see what he could get for his bargain.

When the smoke of bidding had cleared away the Coquille valley man received \$186 for his truck load of furniture and equipment, less the percentage deducted for entering it in the sale!

## H. S. Honor Roll

Following is the Coquille High honor roll for the first semester of this term:

Straight Ones: Phyllis Bunch, Jr.; Beverly Farrell, Jr.; Kay Leslie, Soph.; Jim Peart, Fr.; Mildred Smith, Sr.

Two Average: Verene Bailey, Soph.; Patricia Berg, Fr.; Georgia Briner, Sr.; Louise Butler, Fr.; Donna Dean, Sr.; Sterling Guenewald, Sr.; Jim Howe, Fr.; Bob Martin, Jr.; Jean Newton, Sr.; Mary Lou Newton, Fr.; June Pullen, Sr.; Winifred Van Fleet, Fr.; Maxine Whereat, Fr.; Marvin Myers, Sr.

Two Average, no grade below a three: Bernice Campbell, Soph.; Glenda Clinton, Jr.; Juanita Culbertson, Fr.; Ilean Griffin, Sr.; Pat Holmstrom, Sr.; Carl Hooker, Sr.; Gerry Howell, Soph.; Bob Kline, Soph.; Mary Alice Nosler, Soph.; Lorraine Norris, Soph.; Marilyn Sage, Soph.; Clarabel Watson, Sr.; Doris Ann Wood, Soph.; Virginia Young, Sr.; Russell Kollar, Sr.

## City Police Cases

All arrests by the police the past week were for drunkenness. Billy V. Gilmore on Saturday and Ernest P. Lubnan on Sunday forfeited the \$5 cash bail they posted.

Ross G. Billings, Feb. 1, was fined \$5 and served the time out in the city jail.

William Clyde Fletcher, a hobo, who claimed Marion, Ill., as his home, and Walt Smith on Sunday and Bacon Sanders on Monday, were each fined \$10, suspended on condition that they leave town and stay away for a year. Each of the three promised to do so.

Peter Francis Teeters paid a \$10 fine on Tuesday. When picked up the night before by Officer English, he wanted to go to a rooming house. The officer took him to one but he soon was amusing himself by knocking over a table in the room. The police were called and took him to the city cooler for the rest of the night.

## City Asks For Three Highway Blinker Lights

The city council Monday evening made a request of the state highway department and also authorized a statement to the same department that this city is opposed to a diversion of the gasoline tax as the League of Oregon Cities is endeavoring to secure by legislative enactment. The League's efforts would compel transfer of a portion of the tax money to cities instead of allowing the highway commission to spend it all on highways.

The request was for blinker lights at the Second street intersection with the highway, at the junction of the two highways on Front street and where the highway from Myrtle Point turns west at the Fitzgerald Service Station corner.

The request of the delegation for an audience forbidding bill board advertising of liquor in town was granted by the adoption of such an ordinance, but Attorney Tallant Greenough stated he did not know whether it could be successfully upheld in a court action to compel removal of such signs.

J. W. Bryan, skating rink operator in the Community Building, said he was losing his customers due to the poor floor and submitted figures of what the material would cost of a new one—for both Masonite and maple. For the main floor \$306 for Masonite and \$661.50 for maple.

If the south side was also floored, the additional cost, for material only in both cases, would be \$122.40 or \$271.60, depending on which was used.

The Masonite could only be used if the underpinning was reinforced to make the present floor rigid which would cost a great deal in addition to the above figures.

Inspector Dungey was asked to submit a report on the building's condition at the next meeting.

A street light on Coulter, just west of the ball park, was ordered in.

The bid of Fred Bull for public liability for the city employees and for property damage was the only one submitted, the figure being \$456.15. The council voted to accept it, if the bid is in accordance with the specifications advertised.

D. E. Cruikshank and Mike Braod, who have been employed by the city for years at day labor pay of \$4 a day, will henceforth be on the city's payroll at \$120 per month.

The application for street vacation, of Geo. A. Ulett on Maple street and Bonnie Walker on Myrtle, where those two streets are on a hillside between Second and Third, came up for hearing, but the council decided to have the city engineer submit a written report on the proposals at the next meeting before taking any action.

Another request for a no-parking spot on Hall street was tabled. The applications of the Quelle Cafe and the White Spot for restaurant licenses were granted and their bonds approved.

The city engineer reported that only about 50 per cent of the property which would have to pay for the gravel improvement of portions of Fifth and Division streets, were represented on the petition presented, but stated that the improvement was desired. The council instructed him to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement.

The bids for pipe for the 10 inch water main which it is intended to lay from near Cooper's greenhouse to Front street and down that street were opened, but pending a report by the engineer as to which was the better bid no contract was let.

Harold Kolkhorst, chairman of the public safety committee appointed by the mayor, had submitted a report on the bad condition of the sidewalk at the Fuhrman's Pharmacy corner, and in front of the Ideal Bakery and Thrift Grocery. The recorder was instructed to notify the owners of the properties.

A rooming house license was granted the Star rooms on Front street.

Sometimes it takes an amateur to show up the professionals. George Taylor and son Bob went over to the Bay Sunday for their first try at striped bass fishing. They were accompanied by Tom Smith. Bob landed five and George and Tom two each. They have the evidence in the form of a picture of Bob's nine fish—over 100 lbs. of striped bass for the day's fishing.