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Had A Most Sreuous Time On His Vacation

Had he broken a mirror every day, walked under a ladder once in every block and waited for black cats to cross his path, Thurston Grimsgaard could not have encountered any more trouble than he did on the vacation trip, from which he returned Sunday evening.

Like the short stories featured in popular magazines, Thurston's experiences build to a better climax if they are reviewed in reverse of their chronological order. He returned home just as the first radio flashes were heard of the army bomber crash at Charleston. In the Montana town, where he visited friends, he arrived soon after the wife of the community's bank president had been killed in a shooting fray with her nephew.

Only stiff argument, a water tight alibi and excellent credentials permitted Thurston to leave Seattle for Montana. Two weeks ago Saturday, he arrived in the Washington metropolis and went to the Olympic hotel, Seattle's finest hostelry. He noted, while registering, that the lobby was filled with men and women wearing gala finery. Settled in a room on the ninth floor (to make this story perfect, it should be the thirteenth floor) Thurston was unable to sleep for the noise of revelry emanating from the room directly above his.

Torn between a desire for quiet and sleep and a reluctance to be a spoil sport, Thurston paced the floor. He believed laughter or the loudness coming from above could not be long lived: a correct assumption. There came one whooper louder than any of its predecessors. It was an alarming noise, more of fear than joy. Thurston dashed to the window just as a body hurtled past it. Shocked, he saw the body open to rest on a ledge protruding near the building's third floor level. There were groans and stifled screams. In the half light, he could see that the form was that of an unclothed woman. Deathly silence penetrated only by occasional faint groans, oppressed him.

He went to the telephone and reported the affair. The switchboard operator accused him of being potted and advised him to go to bed and erator and asked that help be sent to sleep it off. Again he called the op-the groaning woman. The second call brought unexpected results in the form of a couple of house dicks, who seemed intent on nothing but silencing him. After considerable persuasion he made them go to the window to look at the woman. Instead of summoning help, the dicks tried to pin the crime on Thurston—they insisted that he had held the party and he had pushed the woman out of the window. More persuasion was necessary to induce the detectives to send for a rescue crew. Seattle firemen spent an hour and a half jockeying their ladders into position for the rescue. During all that time, Thurston was being held by the police. In fact, he was in police custody until six in the morning. By that time sufficient evidence had been secured to clear him entirely. Everyone realized that he was in no way implicated in the affair.

Seattle papers, according to Thurston, gave small mention to the tragedy—for tragedy it was—the woman died minutes after she was reached by fireman. According to the press, the woman committed suicide, "because she was despondent over not having any boy friends."

Ironically, when Thurston paid his bill at the Olympic, the cashier said: "We hope you enjoyed your visit and will stop here when next you are in Seattle."

No Wonder It Went To Garage

It's a good story one of the garage men tells this morning. It can hardly be called a human interest story, rather a rodent household story. A pick-up truck brought in for work at the garage, when the hood was lifted, was found to have a well-arranged rat's nest on top of the engine—paper, straw and litter being used.

Mrs. F. A. Pook returned Sunday morning from a visit with her daughter, Jeannette—Mrs. Robert Roake—and family in Portland.

Army Officer Killed At Bay

Major R. P. McDonald, a World War I ace, was killed about 7:20 o'clock last Sunday evening when the army bomber plane he was driving upset as he was attempting to make a landing on the beach two miles north of the Coos Bay jetty.

His companion, Lieut. J. J. Trauernicht, had released himself and bailed out just before the crash.

Various reports have been in circulation as to the plane's itinerary that day, it having left Salt Lake City in the morning, but it is doubtful that the report of the army investigating board will be made public, whatever is learned.

They had evidently been up in Washington and were headed down the coast for San Francisco, when their gas became so low the major was forced to make a landing.

Flares released before he attempted to land were plainly visible from the highway across the dike toward Bandon.

When the Coast Guardsmen who saw the plane sail down to earth, reached the spot they found Lieut. Trauernicht attempting to drag the body of the major from the wreckage. With their assistance it was done, but it required an additional day for getting a tractor to the spot to get the bomber pulled up on the beach.

It had landed while going 75 miles per hour and pancaked, hitting the water where it was several feet deep and then nosing over upside down. Major McDonald was 48 years of age and was with the 35th Pursuit Squadron.

Working On The Shaft At Hotel

Workmen have been engaged for the past ten days making the shaft for the new automatic elevator which is to be installed in the Coquille Hotel and this portion of the work should be completed in another ten days.

Just when the elevator will be put into operation is uncertain for it will require six weeks for two men to install it after the machinery and equipment have arrived—possibly the first of June will find it ready.

This will be the first automatic hotel elevator to be in operation in southwestern Oregon.

Case Non-Suited New One Filed

The case of Frank Crafton et al vs. J. E. Paulson and V. V. Hagedorn, who were charged with cutting Port Orford timber over the line for over 450 feet on the plaintiff's holdings were nonsuited in circuit court last Friday after the plaintiffs and witnesses had given their testimony.

The reason for the nonsuit was that Mr. Crafton suddenly learned that the instrument he had given Frank Porter was a deed rather than a sales contract and that he, Crafton, had no title to the land.

The plaintiff attorney, H. A. Slack, this morning informs the Sentinel that he is filing a similar case against the two defendants, with the actual owner of the timber, Mr. Porter, as plaintiff.

The timber is located on Myrtle creek, back of Bridge.

Two Sentenced In Circuit Court

In circuit court on Monday, Wm. L. Snyder, indicted by the grand jury for driving while intoxicated, again changed his plea to one of guilty. He pleaded guilty last week, then withdrew it and pleaded not guilty, and again changed it on Monday. Judge Brand sentenced him to 60 days in jail and fined him \$100, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of the fine.

J. D. Woolms on Monday was sentenced to a year in the pen. He pleaded guilty to giving a worthless check.

Liston Wood was on trial for the same offense yesterday when the testimony was presented. The attorneys were to present their arguments in the case today.

The grand jury last Friday returned new indictments against the two Rasers, Ravito and Pierce, Portland men, who manipulated a punch board at Empire. The first indictment was for jarceny and the last one was for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Cal Ray Building A Magnificent Home At Fairview

The home which Cal D. Ray is having built in Fairview valley has been the mecca which has drawn scores of Coquille people out there the past few weeks. And it is a magnificent structure which one must see to appreciate. A short newspaper item cannot begin to do justice to it.

Except for the "play room," containing a couple of bunks and shower room at one end, the building is all on the ground floor, occupying a square of ground 74x80 feet in dimensions.

Concrete has been used liberally, the largest area being the 20x60 patio at the northeast corner of the house. On the ground floor there is found the beautifully tiled and splendidly appointed kitchen, the dining room, living room with huge fireplace, the den, the master bedroom and the guest room, with large, tiled bathroom for each.

The bathrooms are both things of beauty and are larger than usually found for such rooms. Shower as well as tub are found in each and the corner-set square tub in the guest bath room is something that instantly catches the eye.

The built-in refrigerator, capable of holding a deer and boxes enough to accommodate 50 ducks, can be set at a minimum temperature of 20 degrees below zero.

One thing that instantly attracts the attention of all lady visitors at the house is the wealth of closet and storage room, lockers, built-in cabinets, drawers and the like.

It is said, though not confirmed by those who are in a position to know that there is \$1200 to \$1500 worth of tile in the building, and that the cost of this new home will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

A landing field for airplanes is another feature this estate home will possess.

Contract for the building is in the hands of E. L. Perrott & Sons, who are approaching the completion of their job. The electrical wiring, etc., has been done by the Hooton Electric Shop and the painting by Jos. Esser and Darrel Cox.

The location of this home is a short distance beyond the junction of the Fairview and the McKinley roads, a mile or more from Andy Park's service station at the crossroads.

It will be a revelation to anyone who will take an hour or so to drive out to Fairview to see for him or herself what Cal Ray is having done in the section of the country where he has operated a logging camp for several years with prospects that he will continue there, working over toward the Tioga country, for several more.

Boy On Bicycle Injured Monday

Deputy Sheriff P. W. Culver went up to Broadbent Monday morning to investigate an accident which had resulted in ten-year old Jack Farleigh being taken to the hospital in Myrtle Point, where he underwent a blood transfusion and will have to remain some time while the indention in the flesh over his abdomen is healing.

He and two other boys were going to school on bicycles and Arza Smith, of Broadbent, was approaching them in his car. According to what Mr. Culver could learn the boys were on their side of the road, but when Smith turned out to pass them in some way he and his victim met head on.

No charges were filed nor arrest made.

Sitkum's Newlyweds Charivari'd

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pettit and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Pinkston from Coquille were among the 100 or more who attended the charivari and party for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laird who were married at Roseburg the past week. The affair was held at their home at Sitkum and in the school's auditorium there last evening.

It was a very jolly party and everyone enjoyed a splendid evening. One of the features was the showing of motion pictures of a log drive and other scenes by Mr. Pettit.

Committee Report On Saturday Eve. Opening Survey

L. W. Claver submitted a report for the committee which has been making a survey of the Saturday night store opening in Coquille in all the territory contiguous to Coquille, as well as among the local merchants themselves, at the noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday.

The tabulation showed that of the 700 cards mailed out to outside the town territory, there were 190 who expressed themselves by replying "yes" to the question, "Would it be more convenient for you to trade in Coquille if the stores remained open Saturday night?" Nineteen of the cards voted "No," which means that about 90 per cent of those replying favored the stores remaining open.

Figured on the basis of cards sent out those voting "Yes" were 26 1/2 per cent and those "No," 2 1/2 per cent.

In answer to the second question, "If the stores remained open Saturday nights, do you think it would bring business to Coquille that is now going to other town and mail order houses?" there were 195 who answered in the affirmative and only 14 in the negative.

Answers to the third and fourth questions being "Did you trade in Coquille Saturday night before Saturday night closing went into effect?" and "would you like to see Coquille have an annual celebration?"

It being the adjournment hour when the report was completed president Stewart announced that a discussion of the proposal and consideration of the committee's fact finding report would be made a special order of business at next Tuesday noon's chamber session.

The reports on cards received from the 100 business houses in Coquille showed that only 50 had replied, 39 favoring the Saturday night opening and 21 being opposed.

The cards received from outside the city showed practically 100 per cent as favoring an annual celebration of some kind in Coquille, and about 90 per cent of the replies stressed the need for more parking facilities in Coquille. This is a matter which Mayor Milne has said he thinks the council will be able to work out.

Every card received from the Fairview district recommended the improvement of Henry street, between Tenth and Seventh, which leads into town from the Fairview county road.

This, too, is a matter which the city will undoubtedly attend to when the recently ordered black-topping equipment is received.

The need for public rest rooms, cleaner streets, painted business buildings, washed windows, were a few of the scattering suggestions submitted which would tend to make Coquille a more attractive city and one where the rural residents would enjoy trading.

Bad Bill Passed By The House

The Coquille Chamber of Commerce at the Tuesday noon session, went on decisive and unanimous record against the new gas tax diversion bill which had been passed by the house in Salem. The bill is similar to one which had been earlier defeated and would divert five per cent of the gasoline tax revenue from the state highway department to the incorporated cities of the state, the 5 per cent being divided on the percentage of population in each town and city, except in the case of Portland. The maximum which would be allowed the metropolis was set at \$200,000.

With all the need for major highway improvement there is needed in Oregon at this time, and with the allocation of federal road funds dependent upon match money by the state, the local chamber members feel that it would be most unwise to divert any of the gas tax to city treasuries. The Coquille city administration has also gone on record to the same effect.

Two Days Spring Vacation For Coquille Schools

Thursday and Friday of next week, March 20-21, will be spring vacation for the three Coquille schools—high school, Lincoln and Washington.

Land Would Cost District \$10,000

Supt. Dunn showed the Sentinel yesterday a blue print of the tract which it has been suggested the school district purchase for an athletic field, across Tenth street south from the Lincoln building.

In order to get a tract large enough to accommodate a standard quarter mile track, it would be necessary to purchase land on which the owners set a valuation of \$14,200. Mr. Dunn estimates that after the 58x370 foot tract is set out that there would be land fronting on Henry street which could be sold for \$4,200, leaving the land cost to the district at \$10,000.

The city engineer's estimate as to the amount of earth it would be necessary to move to level the tract would be upwards of 70,000 yards.

The plan will be submitted to the board of directors next week and their decision will be whether or not to submit the proposal to the taxpayers of the district for a vote.

At the same time the board will give consideration to the employing of teachers for next year.

31 Boys, 19 Girls In Senior Class

It's a strange coincidence that the daily enrollment at C. H. C. is down from last year's average by exactly the same number that this year's graduating class is less than last May's—12. Last year's graduating class comprised 62.

There's another unusual circumstance in connection with this year's senior class, which might be indicative of the U. S. participation in war, the theory that prevails when the number of baby boys coming into the world outnumbers the number of girls. Of the 50 members in this year's graduating class, 31 of them are young men and only 19 are young ladies.

77 Degrees Here Monday and Tuesday

The thermometer registered the same maximum temperature last Sunday and Monday, 77 degrees, in a shaded spot on the north side of a building. What more can California offer?

Monday night was quite chilly, however, the minimum for the dark hours between Monday and Tuesday being 37 degrees.

"White Cottage" Is New Name

Mrs. Carl Mack, who last week purchased the Dockery's ice cream parlor, is this week moving a couple of doors east of the past location, into the room formerly occupied by the Atkins candy factory and sales room.

She has also changed the name of the business which will henceforth be known as The White Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Atkins closed their business here and expect to leave this week for Redding, Calif. They are not going into business there but he expects to attempt the sale of rental properties he owns in that state.

Mr. Atkins said they had done well in the nearly four years they had been in business here and expects to return to Coquille some time in the future. But recalling that during the last world war that sugar soared to 17, 20, 25, and even as high as 28 cents, he decided it would be well to quit now for the duration—of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins are the kind of people the Sentinel dislikes seeing leave Coquille and hopes their plans will go through and that some time in the not distant future they will again open a candy factory here.

Sammy Crowell Sets New Record

Sammy Crowell, of the North Bend Bulldogs, set a new high school state tournament scoring record at Salem yesterday afternoon when the Bulldogs swamped the Portland Park Rose high school team, 57 to 26. Sammy, with 12 field goals and seven free throw conversions, for a total of 31 points, made five more points himself than did Park Rose's five players.

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

Woman's Club Presents Program For Junior Club

The Woman's club Monday evening presented an excellent program for the Junior Woman's club. Thomas Cauthers, director of musical activities for the local school system, arranged the program, which revealed an astounding amount of talent among Coquille youth.

The high school band, directed by Mr. Cauthers, gave a splendid performance. The band opened the program with "The Washington Post March," and "Officer of the Day."

Two first graders, Norma Jean Cole and Steve Hilton, sang "Blazing a Trail" and "Home on the Range."

They vied with Peggy Stewart and Tommy Hickenbottom, a diminutive and solemn tap team, dancing to "God Bless America," for top honors on the program. Though the small fry did not surpass their seniors in perfection of performance, they had the irresistible appeal of the very young.

Ariel Crook, a junior high student possessing an excellent voice, sang "Beautiful Oregon Rose," and "Beautiful Dreamer." She was expertly accompanied by Juanita Wardrip. The Senior High Girls Glee club gave "Deep Purple" and their own and original version of "There I Go."

Mr. Cauthers directed the glee club as well as the band. He merited credit for his ability as a master of ceremonies as well as a band leader and chorus director.

The program was preceded by a short Woman's club business meeting, conducted by Mrs. George Chaney. Announcement was made concerning the county federation convention at Powers on Tuesday, March 18. Mrs. Chaney stated that the Evergreen Players of Seattle will appear here April 1, under the sponsorship of the Woman's club and the Camp Fire Girls. Mrs. R. E. Harrison is directing the ticket sales for the Camp Fire groups.

Following the program, Mrs. Ray Vaughan, president of the Junior Woman's club, called a short business meeting. Chief business was the announcement made by Mrs. Alton Clausen concerning the Juniors' Style Show and Cabaret to be held in April. Miss May's Shop will clothe the models and arrange the style show, while Juniors will handle the cagaret and Juniors will handle the cabaret and specialty features.

St. Patrick's refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Harold McCue, Mrs. C. Vernon Smith, Mrs. Claire Gray, Mrs. Lewis Wiltshire, Mrs. Gerald Sutton and Mrs. Harold Gould.

Attending the meeting were Mesdames George Chaney, E. D. McCune, D. G. McEniry, G. L. Maynard, H. W. Stevens, T. F. Stevens, Alton Clausen, T. B. Currie, W. H. Hansell, A. O. Walker, J. S. Barton, T. F. Cauthers, Roy Barton, Guy Mauney, E. L. Hand, Lester R. Childs, Gladys C. Gano, Louis Hollman, J. A. Berg, R. A. Jeub, D. B. Kesner, L. A. Lundquist, G. W. Tyrell, Fred L. Houston, William C. Ulett, Ralph S. Taylor, Norman Fletcher, Martha Gratke, Annie J. Robinson, Louise Schroeder, O. F. Mintonye, Harold Gould, Wm. Barrow, Arlin Elliott, Claire Gray, Lewis Wiltshire, C. V. Smith, U. E. McClary, Ed McKeown, Wendell Sandall, Edna Stewart, Loal Hickenbottom, Harold McCue, H. R. Godard, Dan Fish, R. B. Rogers, Elbert Schroeder, Ray Jeub, Ray Vaughan, George McClellan, Tallant Greenough, B. W. Dunn, Harold Ziegler, Elton Savage, LeRoy Swinney and the Misses Carol Young, Mary Margaret Gedney, Leah Rover, Inez Rover, Jane Kramer, Yvonne Kern, Gladys Mays, Jean Polson, and Tom Cauthers.

To Award B. B. Letters Friday

The high school student body council met yesterday morning and approved basketball letters for eight of the Red Devil players—Chas. McIntee, Russell Koller, Bud Trenchell, Leroy Gilbert, Ralph Duncanson, Dale Stevens, Duane Terry and Eugene Crouch. The letters will be presented by Coach E. E. Leslie at a student body session tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt and Alene spent the week-end at Napa, California.