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Capt. Marion Carl Honored By Large Crowd At Banquet

Capt. and Mrs. Marion Carl, guests of honor at the public dinner held in Odd Fellows hall at seven o'clock last Saturday evening, were presented with two beautiful pieces of myrtlewood—a tray and a fruit bowl—by George E. Oerding, president of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce. In making the presentation Mr. Oerding said it was not only a guest of honor gift but was also a wedding gift, the captain and his beautiful bride having been united in marriage in New York a few weeks ago.

Odd Fellows hall dining room, where the Rebekahs served a very nice meal was filled to the limit, the committee of the C. of C. having had to stop selling tickets for the affair at noon that day, and all present enjoyed the opportunity to see and hear the flying Marine ace who has nearly 40 Jap planes knocked out, to his credit.

In the Carl party were also his mother, Mrs. Ellen Carl, sister of Mrs. Jennie Price and Mrs. Rose Ashton of this city, and her other son, Lieut. Manton Carl, also accompanied by his wife. Lieut. Carl is in the Artillery Corps and stationed at Fort Lewis. Miss Virginia Carl, sister of the service men, was the sixth one in the party.

Mrs. Ellen Carl and her deceased husband left Norway, where they had operated a ranch, some 27 years ago for the Willamette valley, and the Carl dairy ranch near Hubbard has been one of the best known in that section.

Capt. Carl is not a native of Coos county, he having been born near Hubbard a year after his parents left Norway.

At the conclusion of the dinner H. A. Jeub, who acted as toastmaster, first called on Mrs. Ellen Carl, with a tribute to the mothers and wives who suffer the heartaches in war.

Mrs. Carl said it was like coming home to be here and that she appreciated the greetings and welcome from old friends. She added that she had been a Rebekah for 40 years.

In introducing Capt. Carl, Mr. Jeub said that the captain's deeds were an inspiration to every red-blooded American; that he had outlived the Japs' first offensives, when they were winning with regularity; that he had first seen action at Midway and was one of the Marines which captured Guadalcanal. "It is with a feeling of deep significance that we meet here tonight to honor one of America's ace fighting men," the chairman said.

Capt. Carl said he had made many talks the past few weeks but that it was the first time so many relatives (Continued on page seven)

Basket Ball Game Here Friday Night

The Coquille Red Devils have another home game tomorrow (Friday) evening when they meet the league-leading North Bend Bulldogs for their third conference game. Both A and B games are scheduled.

The Red Devils now stand tied with the Marshfield Pirates for second place in the standing, but may not be so tied after tomorrow night's game. The Myrtle Point Bobcats play the Pirates at Marshfield.

Traveling Man Resents Tagging

City Recorder Leslie read a letter at the council meeting Monday evening from a travelling man, Thos. W. Allen, of Salem, who enclosed a dollar bill. He had been tagged for all night parking on the Taylor street highway, and seemed to feel that the tagging was for the benefit of local garages, and was incensed no end.

Tuesday morning Recorder Leslie wrote Mr. Allen, returning him his dollar and explaining that the prohibition of all-night parking on the street applies only to Highway 101. Last year the military requested that no all-night parking be permitted on highway streets and it is for this reason only that cars parked on Taylor street have been tagged.

Mr. Leslie informed the council that he had been suspending the fines of all such offenders so tagged.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCue returned Friday from a week's trip to Portland.

Eagles Offer City First Aid Car

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has started another move for civic benefit in the carrying out of which they hope to be assisted by other lodges and service clubs in Coquille.

Their proposal submitted to the city council by Larry Estes and Mr. Storey Monday evening was that a panel truck fully equipped as a First Aid car would be presented to the city, without a nickel of cost to the city's budget, if the city will keep it in repair, provide gas and oil, tires when eventually needed, and drivers to take it out when needed.

More and more cities and towns are being provided with First Aid cars in some such manner, Mr. Estes said, and he asked if the council would accept it.

After some discussion and consideration of who should drive the car, the council voted unanimously to accept the gift when the Eagles and others were ready to present it. The lodge plans to give public dances to raise part of the funds for its purchase.

The fire department will probably handle the operation of the car, although police officers may be called upon also in an emergency.

Mr. Estes appeared before the Rotary Club yesterday noon to explain what the Eagles have started and was promised their support.

He states that the first dance to raise funds for the first aid car will be held in the Community Building Saturday evening, February 20.

Port of Bandon Receives Checks

There will be no taxes levied by the Port of Bandon this summer for the Port will have in its treasury upwards of \$170,000 after paying off all indebtedness except bonds not yet callable, and an attempt will be made to secure those bonds by offering a bonus of somewhat less a figure than the interest would amount to if the bonds ran to maturity.

This surplus in the Port's treasury is due to the \$180,200 received from the federal government for the tug and two barges built some time before the war. Besides that the government gave another check for \$28,000 for rent of the boats prior to buying them, making a total of \$208,200 received last week.

The Port commissioners withstood the attempts of the government engineers to buy the three vessels at a price based on the cost of production, but held out for and received an amount comparable to what it would cost to build them now.

Besides relieving the taxpayers of the Port district of any taxes for a few years, the balance on hand will probably be sufficient to build another tug and barges after the war is over. Construction of new ones is not possible now.

The five commissioners of the Port of Bandon are E. L. Detlefsen and O. L. Wood, Coquille; R. H. Christensen, North Bank road; J. E. Walstrom and A. H. Rosa, Bandon.

Mrs. R. C. Johnson's Father Perishes

Mrs. Rudy C. Johnson and her mother, Mrs. Jesse C. Hughes, who had come here for a visit last Saturday, received terrible news that night when Mrs. Johnson's brother called up to tell that their father had been burned to death.

He was in the house alone for an hour of two, while his son and wife were out, and was lying down. How the fire started is not known and the position of the body showed that he had not moved, possibly having suffered a heart attack. He was nearly 70 years of age, and their home was at Lorraine in Lane county.

Funeral services were held near Eugene on Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who had taken her mother out with them on Sunday, returned home Tuesday night.

\$54,629 Delinquent Taxes Paid In Nov.

The delinquent collections in the tax office, during November, were turned over to County Treasurer Stauff this week. The total in the turn-over was \$54,629.62 and they were for delinquencies in the years 1928 to 1942 inclusive.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Coquille To Have State Guard Unit In Near Future

A dozen men have already signed for enlistment in the Oregon State Guard, which it is proposed to organize here. Brigadier General Ralph P. Cowgill, commander of the State Guard, who was here recently, left blanks with Harry A. Slack and anyone desiring to join may secure blanks from Mr. Slack.

Arrangements have been made with the Community Building committee for use of that building for drill purposes, and Gen. Cowgill gave as his opinion that it is "admirably suited" for the purpose.

The State Guard should not be confused with the National Guard whose members are subject to call in time of war to service in the Army. The State Guard is really a Home Guard and all its duties will be performed locally. Nor will it conflict with nor supplant the Civilian Defense organization.

The State Guard is organized under an Oregon law which expires next Tuesday but the legislature will enact a law before that time to continue the Guard as at present set up.

There are about one thousand State Guardsmen in Oregon and Coquille is practically the only city of its size which does not have one. It is planned to have a membership of 60 in the local Guard and the enlistment will be for the duration of the war.

There is no maximum age for enlistment; a man must be physically fit with good eyesight and good hearing. Not more than 25 per cent of the roster can be boys between 16 and 20 years of age.

To confer with Capt. Duncan Douglas of the State Guard at Marshfield, and to watch the drill, five men from here went over to Marshfield Monday night. They were Mr. Slack, Evan and Phil Albion, T. S. Foss and L. E. Hickenbottom, who have already signed up for the Coquille Guard unit.

The State Guard is for home protection purposes only; its members are not subject to Army call, as a unit, and it will be of the utmost importance should this section ever suffer Japanese attack. In the last World War the organization here was called the Home Guard. The State Guard will have about the same duties but will be part of a state organization.

Let's make it a real factor in protecting Coquille. Get an enlistment blank and sign up.

Found Sellers Not So Eager

Mrs. Irene Boyle, buyer for the Lorenz Department Store, returned Tuesday evening from her buying trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco. She went and returned by bus and says that was the least pleasant part of the whole two weeks she was gone.

She found it strictly a seller's market in the two centers, the wholesale dealers not standing around trying to grab every buyer who appeared but showing a complete indifference as to whether the buyer wanted to buy or not. The sellers were willing, however, to take care of old customers and she was able to buy everything for the store here that she was looking for although in not the quantity desired.

She found the trade journal reports that all-wool dresses, sweaters, coats, etc., will be unobtainable this year is not true; that all such merchandise is 100 per cent wool. She also found that colors in wearing apparel and shoes are very prominently displayed and that it was not a drab market.

Her purchases have already begun to arrive at the Lorenz store.

This Has Been Bad Winter For Stock

Dairymen say that this has been the worst winter for stock that they have known for many years. Between the rains, which have considerably exceeded the average, and the three cold periods all cattle have suffered to a greater degree than usual in the winter.

J. S. Barton received a long distance message from his son, Jess Jr., in Tennessee, stating that he had been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant.

Council Confirms Appointment Officers And Committees

Claire M. Gray was elected chairman of the city council by that body at its regular session Monday evening when all but one of the city dads were present.

The appointment of city officers, boards and commissions, as made by Mayor O. L. Wood, were approved and confirmed by the council. Following was the list he submitted:

City Marshal (1)—John B. Arnold. Dep. Marshals (2)—R. H. Creager and Otho H. Miller.

City Treasurer—C. G. Caughell. City Attorney—Tallant Greenough. Bldg. and Sign Inspector—F. T. Dungey.

City Engineer—J. N. Gearhart. Fire Chief—T. H. Snyder. Asst. Fire Chief—Leroy Swinney.

Health Officer—Dr. L. B. Gould. Auditor—Bruce Yergen, who expects to be here from Portland soon to audit the books.

Water and Street Supt.—S. V. Epperson. Ordinance Committee—Gray, Taylor and Pettit.

Finance—Taylor Gray Pettit. Fire—Pettit, Stark, Burr.

Light—Burr, Gray, Purkey. Water—Stark, Purkey, Burr.

Streets—Purkey, Taylor, Stark. Park Commission—S. F. Stevens, chairman; Don McCune, sec.; B. W. Dunn, Dave Rackieff, Claire Gray.

Library Board—Mrs. Marguerite Chaney (3-yr. term); Mr. O. C. Sanford, term expires Dec. 1, 1943; Mrs. Helen Ayers, term expires Dec. 1, 1943; Mrs. Ray Jeub, term expires Dec. 1 1944; Mrs. Harriet Osika, term expires Dec. 1, 1945.

Planning Commission—Not appointed as yet. Official Newspaper—Coquille Valley Sentinel.

Division of Public Safety—Police Chief, City Engineer and City Health Officer.

Guards at Distribution Dam—H. E. Liebhart and wife. Guard at Reservoir—Frank Miller.

The guard appointments are temporary only.

All other city employees to remain as in the past. City Attorney Greenough reported on his attempts to learn from military authorities whether a continuance of day and night guards at water reservoirs and sources of supply are still demanded as a matter of civilian defense. So far he has been able to contact no one who can give him a definite answer.

Fire Chief Snyder reported the purchase last week of multiple-woven fire hose. This is a single jacket hose but stronger than the double jacket hose which is not now obtainable. An ordinance was adopted providing for the sale of \$97.84 worth of street improvement bonds for last fall's improvement of Fifth street between Hall and Heath.

The city recorder reported that Bruce Yergen of Portland will be here within a few days to audit the city's books.

The finance committee was authorized to take such action as it deemed advisable in the purchase of two county-owned lots in Coquille. The county has offers of \$25 and \$30 for the two lots in which the city has invested \$21 and \$74, respectively for street or sewer assessments.

The council's action of two weeks ago in accepting the resignation of Police Chief Arnold, was rescinded, satisfactory arrangements having been made with the police officers in regard to days off.

A bowling alley license was granted V. L. Cornelius, he having paid the \$25 for a six months' license.

Twin Girls To The Bob Treadgolds

The hosts of friends of the mother in Coquille are interested in the announcement that twin baby girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Treadgold, at Portland last Thursday. Mrs. Treadgold was the former Vesta Miley, teacher in the Coquille schools for several years and principal at the Washington building before she left here last May. Mr. Treadgold is at Camp White at Medford.

The cumulative value of all Lend-Lease aid extended by the United States from March 11, 1941, to Nov. 30, 1942 was about \$7,500,000,000.

Down To 19 Degrees Here Sunday Night

Coquille was right in line with other cities of Oregon in reporting below-freezing weather last Sunday night but the thermometer did not get as low as it did further inland. The minimum here was 19 degrees and the thermometer remained below the 32 degree mark most of the day Monday. Tuesday morning the recording instrument showed 25 as the lowest point and it has not been below freezing since.

The overnight drop of the barometer recently was the greatest noted here for many years and it reached the lowest point in the past five years.

Prospects for the third overflow of the Coquille valley this winter are at this writing extremely good, bad as that is.

Fred Lorenz To Be Army Captain

Fred Lorenz on Monday received word that his application for a captain's commission in the U. S. Army had been approved and he was instructed to report at Princeton, N. J., on Feb. 8 for training. To what branch of the service he will be assigned was not indicated. He made the application last October.

Mrs. Lorenz will remain here until he gets located and then expects to join him in the east.

Henry Lorenz, who has not been in the store very much the past year and more will be on duty there whenever needed.

Leonard Ensele Here A Few Days

Leonard Ensele, son of Mrs. Mae Ensele of this city, who has been in the U. S. Army Aviation Corps since his enlistment several months ago, left today to return to his camp in Mississippi. He has had a 21-day furlough but spent part of the time in Sacramento where he met his mother last week and they visited her daughter, Mrs. Fred Middendorf, for a few days. They arrived in Coquille on Monday.

Leonard has had 700 hours of flying and spent six months outside the United States, being on patrol duty over the North Atlantic. He says he enjoys flying much more than he does traveling by train all of which are so crowded at this time.

Port Of Bandon Buys More Bonds

The following item in regard to the Port of Bandon's financial condition appears in today's Western World: Coos county's war bond record should be boosted materially in the immediate future, due to the decision of the Port of Bandon commissioners to invest the surplus funds of the port districts in government bonds.

The port already has purchased \$4,000 worth, and at the annual meeting held at the port office in Bandon Saturday afternoon it was voted to buy an additional \$96,000 worth. These will be series G bonds of which \$100,000 is the purchase limit for one organization.

While a complete financial statement is not available at this time, port officials estimate that funds from the sale of the tug and the barges together with cash on hand, are sufficient to take care of all indebtedness and leave a balance of approximately \$145,000.00.

All bonds and warrants callable at this time are to be called in for payment. After the debts are paid the balance is to be invested in government bonds.

"We got this money from the government," said President J. E. Walstrom of the port commission, "and it's no more than right that we loan it back to the government to help the war effort. After its over, and when we're ready to go back to pre-war business, we can cash in our bonds and get our money back."

The bonds purchased run 12 years but can be cashed after six months upon 30 days notice.

All officers of the port commission were re-elected at Saturday's meeting: J. E. Walstrom, Bandon, president and treasurer; Ed Detlefsen, Coquille, vice president; Archie H. Rosa, Bandon, secretary. Other directors are R. H. Christensen, North Bank road, and O. L. Wood, Coquille. John Nielson will continue as assistant secretary in charge of the port office.

Roy Thomas Died Here Last Evening

Roy Thomas, who had been a fisherman on the Coquille river for the past eight or ten years, passed away at eight o'clock last evening at a local hospital, where he had been receiving heart treatment for the past week. He had been ill for some time, having suffered a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services with Liston Parish of the Church of Christ officiating, will be held at the Schroeder Bros. Chapel in Coquille at two o'clock Saturday afternoon and interment will be in the Norway cemetery.

Roy Lester Thomas was born at Canby, Oregon, where his parents are buried, Oct. 6, 1892, and was three months and fourteen days past 50 years of age. His wife, Mabel June Thomas, passed away several years ago.

The surviving children are three daughters, Mrs. Alta Rogers and Mrs. Alice Graham, of Coquille, and Mrs. Nova Jones, of Powers.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Zeek of Aurora, Ore., and Mrs. Ethel Thomas, of Portland, and a brother, Charles Thomas, of Canby. Also by five grandchildren.

J. M. Doering Drops Dead Monday Night

J. M. Doering, an employee of the Plywood plant for the past six years, who went off shift at midnight, suddenly collapsed and expired at 11 a. m. Tuesday as he entered his apartment over the Pastime pool hall, with an armful of kindling, and lay down.

The Gano Funeral Home made arrangements for shipping the body to Beaverton, Ore., where services will be held Saturday, and he will be buried beside his father who passed away several years ago. His mother, Mrs. R. B. Gano, arrived here Tuesday from her home in Imbler to assist in the funeral plans.

Judd Melvin Doering was born in Kingley, Iowa, May 17, 1897, and eight months and two days past years of age.

He was a veteran of World War I having served in the Navy for six years.

Besides his mother he is survived by two brothers, Raymond, of Coquille, and Wesley, of Vancouver, Wash., and by four sisters—Mrs. Arthur Crawford, of Portland, Miss Glenn Hoyt and Mrs. Bob Roberts, of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Roy Perry, of Elgin, Oregon.

Old Time Coquille Resident Dies In Ariz.

J. P. Johnson received word last week of the death of his brother, Samuel C. Johnson, which occurred at Phoenix, Arizona, on January 13. He had previously suffered a paralytic stroke. Funeral services and interment took place at Phoenix on Monday of this week.

Born 65 years ago in California, the deceased had lived in the Coquille valley for about 40 years prior to going to Phoenix 14 years ago, and was well known all up and down the river.

He was at one time purser on the old river boat, Dispatch; had built and operated a creamery at Arago and for a time was in a furniture store at Bandon. Since going to Arizona he had operated a service station.

Besides his widow he is survived by a son, Leo Johnson, at Marshfield, another brother, Albert Johnson, who lives at Yuma, Ariz., and a sister, Mrs. Rita Gardiner, who lives at Barlow, Ore.

High Price To Pay For A Deer

Arrested by the state police who charged him with killing a deer out of season and with "wanton waste of game," Lester Dale Meeum was fined \$75 by Justice Bull here on Monday, on each count and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended on condition that he pay the fine. He paid \$29 of it with a promise to pay the balance within 40 days.

The arresting officer charged that Meeum cut out the choice parts of the animal and threw the rest of it away.

Thousands of British-made Lend-Leased barrage balloons now protect the West Coast of the United States.