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South Slough Rancher On Rampage---A Neighbor Is Missing

Arthur Ferrie, South Slough rancher and a parolee from the state hospital, was arrested yesterday morning by state police officers and by Sheriff Howell and Deputy Peterson, after the sheriff had taken a chance on being shot by the man who has apparently suffered another aberration.

The officers are still hunting for a neighbor of Ferrie's, Mr. Berg, who was last seen accompanying Ferrie, at the point of a gun, in a boat up the slough.

The officers first began looking for Ferrie when James A. Wages, of Charleston, reported that he had been shot at seven times by Ferrie, with whom he had no quarrel, and had been wounded in the hip and thigh.

When the officers came to the Berg home Mrs. Berg reported that she and her husband had come home to find a great deal of their household furniture and equipment smashed and the interior of the house generally demolished.

While they were attempting to bring order out of chaos, Ferrie appeared and compelled Mr. and Mrs. Berg to go with him to the boat landing. He then ordered Mrs. Berg to go back and fired a shot in her direction.

Then, with Berg at the oars, the two men started up the slough, and Berg has not been seen since, or hadn't been up to last night.

The officers surrounded Ferrie's home during Tuesday night but were warned by the crazed man to stay away. Ferrie's mother was in the house and the officers thought Berg was also a captive there and did not want to start a shooting war for fear of danger to two innocent people.

They expected Ferrie to come out in the early hours to do his chores at the barn, but he did not.

Finally, after daylight yesterday morning, the other officers headed back toward the bay and then crept around back of the house while Sheriff Howell alone went toward the house and called to Ferrie, who knows him. Ferrie answered his call and came out to talk with the sheriff and in a few moments the other five officers had come from the back and Ferrie was quickly overpowered and brought to jail her.

He denies ever having seen Berg, or talked to him; denied that he had shot at Wages or damaged the Berg home.

The search for Mr. Berg is being continued and if he is found dead a murder charge will be filed against Ferrie.

B. B. Tournament Fri.-Sat. Nights

The Coos County High School Basketball Tournament will be held in the North Bend high gymnasium on Friday and Saturday evenings this week, Feb. 26 and 27, with Coquille, Myrtle Point, North Bend and Marshfield participating. The winner there, which on the season's record should be North Bend HI, will enter the state tournament in Salem next month.

Myrtle Point, having won from Marshfield Tuesday evening, is in second place in the regular season standing, and will play the Red Devils, who finished fourth, in the first game Friday evening. North Bend, East, and Marshfield, third, will play the second Friday night game.

Saturday night the two winners the night before will play for championship and the Friday night losers will play a consolation game. Again, on the season's record, the Red Devils and Pirates will play the consolation. Tournament officials will be Ed Siegmund and Bill Robbins, referee and umpire; Harry May and Wayne Smith, timers; C. L. Church and Guy Shellenbarger, scorers.

Each team is limited to ten players, the coach and manager. Coquille's team, with "Spike" Leslie as coach, will be composed of Dick Ray, Glen Gosline, Tom Martin, Bob McCarthy, Bill Mineau, Frank Woodward, Bud Meek, Ben Barton, Floyd DeNoma, Claire Gray, with David Kline and Harold Train as alternates.

The first game will be played at 7:30 each evening and general admission will be 55 cents for adults, 30 cents for students with season tickets, and 15 cents for children under 12 years.

Grand Jury Frees George L. Maynard From The Charge

George L. Maynard was exonerated of all guilt in connection with the death of J. Kenneth Henninger at the Maynard home last December 18 when the grand jury brought in a not true bill last Friday afternoon. Mr. Maynard had never been charged with a crime but had been under bond since the coroner's jury brought in its verdict on December 23.

Others against whom the grand jury returned "not a true bill" were Pete Matthews who had been bound over on the charge of driving a car while intoxicated, and Frank Washington Cook, also charged with drunken driving.

Four indictments were rendered by the grand jury, two against G. A. McIntosh for obtaining money under false pretences, one against J. C. Keller for the same offence, and one against Delbert F. Brown of North Bend for assault with a dangerous weapon.

The latter has not yet been arraigned; Keller pleaded guilty Tuesday and will be tried later.

McIntosh pleaded guilty to both indictments. Pronouncing of sentence on one charge was postponed for 30 days by Judge King. On the other charge he was sentenced to six months in the county jail. Execution of the sentence was suspended and he was paroled to the district attorney for two years on condition that the amount of bogus checks be made good within 60 days.

To Fly South For Her Wedding

Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, expects to leave March 9 for Phoenix, Ariz., where she will be married to Dick Sherrill, whose home is in Marshfield, but who is an Aviation Cadet at Williams Field near Phoenix, and who expects to graduate as a cadet on March 10.

The bride-to-be will fly south. Her fiance, Richard G. Sherrill, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sherrill, of Marshfield.

Adding to her happiness this week, as well as to that of the rest of the family, is the fact that her brother, Sergeant David Smith arrived home last night on furlough from duty at the weather base army station near Oklahoma City. Dave, who was in the hospital some weeks ago, is feeling very well now.

Mrs. Brandon Again In Charge

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Brandon came over from Medford, where he is connected with the commissary at Camp White, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Brandon came home to take charge of Brandon's confectionery here, and Marlin returned to Medford this morning. She says she was delighted with the country out in the Rogue valley, but when Alan Bailey gave up managing the confectionery it was necessary that she come back to Coquille. Mr. Bailey has said he expects to go to Arizona.

Harriet Tozier To Receive D.A.R. Medal

Last Friday the senior class of Coquille high school selected Harriet Tozier as the outstanding girl citizen of the class and the selection was approved by the faculty committee. Harriet will receive the D. A. R. citizenship medal.

Dr. and Mrs. Earl C. Hamilton arrived here this week and expect to remain at their home on Cunningham road for the next few weeks until Dr. Hamilton receives his call for service. Early in February Dr. Hamilton was graduated from North Pacific College of Dentistry at Portland, Oregon, where he has attended school the past four years.

B. P. W. Notice
The nominating committee will make its report at the next meeting of B. P. W., Monday night, March 1, at the Parish House. The Big Surprise committee will consist of Hattie Lee Hollimon, Esther Lafferty, Ida Owen and Ethel Roop.

Blank Warranty Deeds for sale at this office.

The Council Orders Insurance On The Community Building

At a special session of the city council Monday evening, with Mayor Wood, Councilmen Gray, Purkey, Burr and Taylor in attendance, it was ordered that \$40,000 insurance, full coverage for building and basement, be placed on the new Community Building. The insurance covering it during the construction period had recently expired.

The council decided to dispense with one of the guards at the city's reservoirs. Mr. Miller will be moved from the big dam and be stationed at the distribution reservoir just east of the city limits where he will do guard duty, cut wood and do such other work as is necessary around the property.

Quite often a city employee from the water or street departments is needed for police duty, as there are now but three officers on the force, each working an eight-hour shift. As compensation for the special police duty the men will receive \$5.00 for the extra shift if they have worked the full week on their regular jobs. If, however, they have not worked a full week there is to be no extra remuneration for the special police duty performed.

The council did not take up the burning question of dogs and chickens.

New Grand Jury, Petit Jury Drawn

The grand jury, which was in session this month, hearing cases in which the defendants had been bound over in justice court, was dismissed by Judge King in circuit court last Friday. The new grand jury, drawn yesterday for the June term of court will be composed of:

S. M. Nossles, foreman; Dora H. Oerding, R. T. Newton, Josephine J. Culver, all of Coquille; Earl K. Littrell and Harold J. Hickerson, both of Marshfield, and Robert H. Hunt, of Bandon.

A new panel of 15 for petit jury duty, who have been instructed to report in court next Monday, was also drawn yesterday. The list includes R. L. Medley, John J. Jayes, of Coquille; Willis W. Kennedy, Rex Ingram, M. C. Freitag, Geo. A. Lyons and Dale Hansen, all of Marshfield; R. T. Barnes, J. W. Anderson, Chas. Hulin, Howard DeWeese and James Diddand, of North Bend; Dale E. Ohlesen and Eldon Brodie, of Myrtle Point, and Leslie J. Giles, of Bandon.

J. H. Jackson To Be Buried Today

Joseph Henry Jackson, a resident of Coquille for the past four years, passed away Sunday at the age of 80 years, 11 months and three days.

The funeral services were held at the Schroeder Chapel here at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, with Rev. R. L. Greene officiating and this morning Mr. Greene accompanied Elbert Schroeder, who took the body to Smith River, Calif., for interment. Mr. Jackson was born at Crescent City, March 18, 1880.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Merle Jackson; two sons, Robert and Bernard Jackson, of Portland; one grandson; six brothers, William J. and John, of Harbor; Alfred and James, of Klamath, Calif.; Chester F. of Woodburn, and Arthur in the military service; and three sisters, Mrs. Zadie Murphy, Crescent City, Cal.; Mrs. S. S. McPeat, of Portland, and Mrs. Laura Stewart, of Medford.

Lou Jones To Be Buried Here Tomorrow

Lou Jones, a fisherman resident of Coquille for several years, passed away last Saturday afternoon at 9:30 and funeral services are to be held Friday, at 2:00 p. m., at the Gano Funeral Home.

Very little concerning his earlier life is known here about Mr. Jones and the only known surviving relative is R. B. Jones, of Seppooose, Ore. He was about 65 years of age.

Bob Belloni, brother of Phyllis Belloni of the local Mt. States Power Co. office, is expected home on furlough this week from Fort Sam Houston, near San Antonio, Texas.

Calling cards, 56 for \$1.00.

Local People Saw Coos Bay Tragedy Last Saturday Evening

The tragedy at the Coos Bay bar last Saturday evening when 13 of the crew of 28 men perished as the mine-sweeper attempted to cross the bar, was witnessed by Mrs. Katherine Littlefield of the Mt. States office force here and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Balcorn of this city, who own a cabin not far from the entrance to Coos Bay.

Mrs. Littlefield says the boat, attempting to come in on an ebb tide, was hit by a tremendous wave at the stern which seemed to lift the rear and plunge the bow down. Whether it hit bottom or not is not yet known, but another wave tipped it over, throwing 21 of the crew into the ocean. Five of the men were picked up by the fishing boats nearby and coast guard before they reached Port Orford, where they were forced to go to land the men due to the rough bar. Eight others were trapped in the hull and their bodies removed later.

The mine sweeper which had been on patrol duty outside, was not one of those built at Marshfield and its skipper, Senior Lieutenant Carl F. Lietz, was a newcomer to this section of the coast.

It is reported, though not officially, that the commanding officer had wirelessly in that conditions at the entrance to the bay was bad, but was told to come on in.

The Graham "Five Brothers" fishing boat is given unstinted praise by the survivors for the part its crew took in rescuing those thrown into the sea.

Saturday night this boat and others stood by, medicine and food were dropped from airplanes, and it was Sunday evening before the men were landed at Port Orford where they were met by ambulances from the Bay and rushed to Marshfield.

Found Coast Guard Quota Filled Now

Lloyd Claver and Lin Swain returned last evening from a business trip to Portland on which they left Monday. Lin went up to endeavor to enlist in the Coast Guard but found that their quota was entirely filled at this time. He passed the physical examination successfully; however, and if the Coast Guard has an opening when his induction call comes he has hopes of entering the service of his choice. He said it was strange to see so many boys, 15 to 20, who were turned down by the Navy, of which the Coast Guard is a part, because they could not pass the physical tests. There were 25 of them in the group with which he was examined.

Many Visitors At Rotary Meeting

C. Brazil, of the publicity department of the Bonneville power administration, gave a short talk on the development of Oregon's aluminum clays and coal at the Rotary Club luncheon at the hotel Wednesday and afterward showed a film on public ownership propaganda.

Rev. Robt. L. Greene, new vicar of St. James' Episcopal Church, elected to membership last week, was present and was introduced to the club.

Rotarian guests present were: Webb Ballard, of Kalispell, Montana; Ralph Purmel, of Salem; Fred Schaefer, of Marshfield; Judge Dal King and H. A. Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, and John Carl, of Arago.

Bruce Yergen, of the government employment office in Marshfield, was also a guest.

Baby Daughter Comes To Assessor Forrest's Home

Assessor and Mrs. Chas. Forrest became the parents of their first baby girl last Friday when a seven pounds, 15 ounces, young miss was born to them at the Keizer Hospital on the Bay. She has been named Jean Anne. The Forrests also have two boys.

NOTICE

The Guild will hold a rummage sale beginning March 4, 5, and 6. Donations of clothing or household items should be taken the same week to the vacant room in the Shelley building. Friends having rummage without transportation please call Mrs. J. A. Moore, president of the Guild.

Eagles' First - Aid Car Benefit Dance A Grand Success

One of the largest crowds ever to gather in the new Coquille Community Building, turned out last Saturday evening for the Eagles First Aid Car Benefit Dance. Ticket sales had been in full swing for two weeks and were climaxed by the sale of over 150 additional tickets at the booth Saturday evening.

The committee in charge wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone who so generously contributed of time and money in order to make the undertaking a success. The free use of the Community Building and volunteer services of the members of an orchestra contributed largely to the splendid net profit from the dance. Both were greatly appreciated. Fine publicity was given by the business men in their ads and the Sentinel contributed the printing of tickets free of cost. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles also gave a great deal of time and to them must go most of the credit for the sale of tickets and for the care of the check room at the dance Saturday evening.

Complete returns from the ticket sale cannot be accurately given yet but it is safe to say that the First Aid Car fund will net well over \$700.00, including many donations already received. It is impossible to enumerate and individually thank each of the many persons who have made donations. The following organizations, business firms and professional men have made generous contributions to the fund and several others have indicated their intentions of doing so. These contributions have not been solicited but have been entirely voluntary: Geo. Oerding, Wood & Claver, Chas. Elkins, Woody Jones, Washer Service Co., Dr. James Richmond, Wm. Barrow, De. C. G. Stem, Seventh Day Adventist Church, C.I.O. Local 273 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles.

In every way, the campaign thus far has been a grand success and finer co-operation than the Eagles have received from the people of Coquille and vicinity would be impossible.

Marshfield, Bandon, and Myrtle Point were also well represented at the dance and have supported the project in every possible way. The Eagles drill team from Marshfield, together with the Ladies' drill team of Coquille, paraded on the streets and later at the dance and their co-operation was decidedly appreciated.

Fifteen Days Of Superb Weather

Coos county's usual fine spell of weather in February has been very much in evidence the past two weeks, and when southwestern Oregon really puts its best foot forward, as it has now for a fortnight, there isn't a finer climate on earth. And we make no exception of "native son" states nor Florida, nor anywhere else.

With apologies to the memory of James Russell Lowell, "What is so rare as a day in February in the Coquille Valley? Then if ever come perfect days."

Maury Williams To Learn Flying

After several disappointments in not receiving word to report, Maury Williams, who enlisted with the Civil Aviation Administration last year, received word last week-end to report at Pendleton today to the civilian training school. He left by train from Coos Bay Tuesday evening. Just how long the training period is before he can be ready for regular flying service with Uncle Sam's forces he did not know when he left.

Mrs. J. E. Norton To Teach In M. P. High

Mrs. J. E. Norton is going to quit the grocery business and return to the teaching profession in which she has had considerable experience. She has signed a contract and next Monday will enter on her duties as instructor in general business, book-keeping and accounting in the Myrtle Point high school. All her class work will be in the morning.

Mrs. Jack Hultin will assist Mr. Norton in the Busy Corner.

Friend Indeed: One who is never in need.

Interesting Letter From India To L. R. Hickenbottom

Following is a copy of a very interesting letter about India and its inhabitants, received by L. R. Hickenbottom here from his nephew, Staff Sergeant Frank H. Hickenbottom, who is with the U. S. Army in India and whose home is in Enumclaw, Wash. It was written January 19:

Dear Folks: Today was my lucky day again. I just received a number of letters, one of which was from you. I am always so glad to hear from you and you would be surprised what a morale builder-upper letters are to a soldier. Especially when he is so far away from home as in my case. I think that if the American public really knew right down in their heart how much the letters mean to us they would keep them coming over this way a little more often.

You ask in your letter if I would tell you a little about the country over here and also about the people and their customs. I'll try.

My story really begins away back in November in 1941 when I left the shores of good old America. Little realizing what was in store for me or where I was going. Hawaii was the first stop and after we left there and were sailing out on the Pacific, the news came over the speaker that America was at war with Japan and also telling about Pearl Harbor. Can you imagine how we felt out there in the middle of the broad expanse of water after hearing such shocking news?

After sailing for many days and nights we sighted the shores of Australia and I guess we were about the happiest bunch of boys in the Army. Being on the water for weeks at a time may be all right for sailors but not for a bunch of land lubbers like me.

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24 Farm Workers From Arkansas Arrive

W. R. Scherer, manager of the employment office in Marshfield, was over here Monday to check up on the assignment of those 24 Arkansas men who came to work on Coos county ranches and farms. He said that his office has on file many more requests from dairymen and ranchers and that the employment service in cooperation with the Farm Security Administration and the county agent's office, hopes to be able to bring more men from the middle west. He reports those who came as a group who will be a benefit in relieving the farm labor shortage in the valley. They arrived in Coquille last Saturday.

Mr. Scherer was also looking for an office where he could install a desk and have a young lady in charge, as a branch of the Marshfield office.

Selective Service List Is Smaller

Following is the list of men who have been summoned by the Coquille Valley Selective Service Board for induction into the Army for the February call. They left yesterday for Portland:

William Lobdell, Portland
Cyril Lemanski, Seaside
William Higgins, Myrtle Point
Marcus Shelley, Spokane
Edward Miles, Myrtle Point
William Pulford, Richmond, Calif.
David Biegger, Coquille
Edward Moore, Chester, Calif.
Archie Epperson, Powers
William Echmoeckel, Coquille
Lewis Edward, Reedsport
Harry Stallard, Ashland
Bernard Lee Jackson, Bend
Everett Moore, Portland
Earl Warner, Gig Harbor, Wash.
Wallace Stinson, Myrtle Point
Clifford L. Wixson, Coquille
Donald Litterer, Coquille
John Smiley, Independence, Ore.

Johnny Barrett, Glenn Riddle Home From Texas On Furlough

Johnny Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barrett, came in Monday night from Corpus Christi, Texas, where he is attending the Navy aviation school, in training to be a machinist's mate. He has 15 days furlough and expects to be here all this week. Glenn Riddle, from the same station and whose home is in Myrtle Point, came with him.