

Coquille Boys Home On Furlough From Various Stations

Among the boys home on short furloughs this week are a number who were high school students here a year ago.

Charles McIntee came in Saturday night from Corpus Christi, Texas, where he has just finished the Naval Aviation course and is now a chief petty officer. He had expected to be married this week and may yet, if he is allowed a little longer stay at home, but his bride-to-be, Bonnie Billings of Myrtle Point, came down last Saturday morning with the mumps.

LeRoy and Louis Gilbert, Walter Thomas and Dale Stevens came in Sunday evening from Ontario, where they have been in Naval Aviation training since early last November. The Gilbert boys are expecting orders to report at the pre-flight school at Del Monte, Calif., for further schooling. They have already had more than 80 hours apiece in flying. Dale expects to go to Del Monte also.

Dorward (Don) Strong, former Coquille radio man who has been with the Army in Alaska for the past two years, is home on a furlough. He is in charge of one of the army's radio stations in the north.

Marc Shelley and A. M. Willey left this morning for San Francisco, where they are stationed, the former in the Navy and the latter in the Marines. Marc arrived here last Wednesday evening after receiving word that Mrs. Shelley had undergone a serious operation on Monday last week. He says he likes the Navy life very much but does not know how soon he may be sent to sea.

Mr. Willey, who had been home for ten days had been stationed at San Diego prior to his furlough.

Howard Hickam, formerly in the bank here, and who has been in the Navy on a Coast transport vessel running out of San Diego, came in Tuesday on an eight-day furlough. He is a motor machinist mate and has been in the Navy for fourteen months. He intends going to Portland this evening and from there will return to his boat at San Francisco.

Mrs. McKeown Hears From Pat

Mrs. Ed McKeown has recently had word from her son Pat, writing from a hospital in New York City. At the time of writing, Pat had been in New York two weeks and had just returned from a second trip to North Africa. He was being hospitalized for frozen hands. There was no information or explanation.

He said the condition was improving and for his mother not to worry as the hands were healing. He promised another letter before he left but as yet none has followed. Pat was on one of the first destroyers to reach North Africa in the surprise armada.

Tom Martin Is Seeking To Enlist

Tom Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Martin, who would have graduated from high school this spring, left Tuesday afternoon for Seattle to take his physical examination, his preliminary application for enlistment in the Naval Aviation Corps having been accepted.

Hob Martin came in from Eugene Tuesday evening. He is attending U. of O. there and if his name is not one of those called by the Portland board, where he is registered, he will return to the campus next week. Wayne Terry, a fraternity brother and a C. H. S. graduate, is also a guest at the Martin home.

Coos High School Debate March 17

The Coos county high school debate forum is to be held at the Coquille high school next Wednesday at 1:00 p. m., the participating schools being Coquille, Myrtle Point, North Bend and Marshfield.

Kessler Cannon, of Marshfield, county chairman, has announced that the two student speakers from each school will each speak for five minutes on some problem of national importance and interest.

Oregon Nurses Assn. Joins Federation

The announcement came yesterday, through Mrs. O. C. Sanford, of one of the important gains made during her administration as president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. The Oregon State Nurses Association voted to become an affiliate member of O. F. W. C. This is an organization with 1620 nurses as members, according to a letter received this week from Aura Nely R. N., secretary and board member. This is something the Federation has worked for and a recognition which it appreciates. They have stressed "Recruiting of Nurses" as one of the major projects in the national emergency. It is estimated that 20,000 nurses are needed for military purposes besides many thousands for civilian needs.

Two clubs in the state have each raised \$250.00 as gifts for student nurses and many others are supporting a fund for nurses. The scholarship loan fund is offering loans to student nurses up to a period of four years, without interest. Club women are urged to attend classes in First Aid, home nursing and nurses aid. Also they are urged to encourage retired nurses to offer their services. Young women are being urged to take nurses courses. The need is urgent.

Coquille Hospital To Close Monday

The closing of the Coquille Hospital for the duration on Monday of next week is a serious matter to the people of this community, for both the local hospitals have been taxed to the limit for months.

The inability to secure nurses is the reason for Mrs. Lucille Livingston's decision to close the hospital. Four of her staff are leaving at once, some to go into defense industries, and some to take more training, and she says that she herself has become jittery after not even taking her shoes off for four days and nights.

Mrs. Livingston has made arrangements to enter the U. of O. Medical School in Portland the last of this month, for a year of post graduate work. Her sister, Miss Norma Chapman will return to her home in Arkansas City, Kans.

The only birth reported there this morning was that of a baby daughter weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and who has been named Mary Dee, to Mr. and Mrs. Delos Richardson, Dee, formerly with Stevens' Grocery here, called up the night before the little miss' arrival, just before he sailed with his unit for an undisclosed destination.

Lorenz Store Is Remodeling

Prior to his departure next week for Princeton, N. J., where he will take officers' training preliminary to being commissioned a captain in the Army, Fred Lorenz has been having some very attractive changes made in the Lorenz Department Store, in the ladies' department. Down both sides of the room are glass show cases and down the middle of the room with ample aisle space on either side, is a series of white display table cabinets, the entire color combination of the east room being harmonious and pleasing to the eye.

Increased space has also been allotted to the ready-to-wear department at the rear, with mirrors placed to show the style and fit of the dresses or garments being tried on.

Junior Class Dance Friday Night

China Town Ball, with decorations and lanterns simulating a Chinese gala scene, is the name given the Junior dance, to be held in the high school gymnasium Friday evening, March 12. Rudy's orchestra is to furnish the music and admission will be, including tax, 40 cents per person, or 75 cents per couple. It will be informal. Miss Morris, class adviser, states.

Proceeds from the dance will be used for the Junior-Senior banquet in the spring.

Friends here have received announcement of the wedding at Medford of Gene Archibald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Archibald, who was a youngster of seven or eight years when they lived in Coquille fifteen years ago. Gene is in the Coast Guard, stationed at Astoria.

Observance Of Dim-Out Regulations To Be Demanded

The Oregon coast section has been relaxing to too great an extent on its compliance with dim-out regulations and a more strict observance is going to be required.

At the Civilian Defense "incident" practice, held in Bandon Tuesday evening, Frank M. Shaw, Coos county chairman, and Mr. Lundell, state lighting co-ordinator for Civilian Defense, reported on the findings of an Army officer who recently made a trip along the Oregon coast. This report made a stern demand that the dim-out regulations be observed.

In this connection the following urge for greater vigilance is contained in a Civilian Defense circular:

Lack of recent enemy action on the Pacific Coast should not lull Civilian Defense Corps members into a sense of security, according to General John L. DeWitt, commanding Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

"Enemy inaction along the Pacific Coast during the past several months may well give rise to a relaxation of public interest in Civilian Defense measures," General DeWitt recently stated in a letter to James Sheppard, director of Ninth Regional Office of Civilian Defense, San Francisco.

"A shrewd enemy," continues the letter, "takes advantage of a public state of lethargy, and may even attempt to cause civilian population to be lulled into a sense of security, thereby creating a favorable opportunity for attack. The mere fact that enemy raids have not taken place along this coast should be a challenge to Civilian Defense to re-

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Bert Gould Weds Hood River Lady

A. N. Gould yesterday was calling on friends here, introducing Mrs. Gould, to whom he was married at a quiet wedding in Portland on Monday of this week. His bride was the former Mrs. Georgia Woodward, of Hood River, who has been a member of the draft board in Hood River recently. They will make their home at his place on the Gould tract northwest of the city.

The Sentinel joins their many friends in extending congratulations and wishing them much happiness.

Wayne Watson Buys Geo. Lorenz Dairy

Wayne Watson, of the Sunset Dairy, this week purchased of George Lorenz the latter's dairy and herd of 16 cows, a short distance below town and across the river.

He expects to remodel the barn and dairy house and will make it the source of his dairy operations during the summer, using his present location, a mile out on the Myrtle Point road, for his winter milking headquarters.

The enlarged Sunset Dairy will now be able to supply all the milk required by its customers.

Markey Smith Married Yesterday

Miss Margaret Smith left Sunday afternoon for Medford, where she took the plane that night for Phoenix, Ariz., arriving there early Tuesday morning. Her marriage to Dick Sherrill took place yesterday afternoon after the ceremonies at which the groom was graduated from the aviation training school which he had been attending for several weeks. It is very probable that the bride will return to Coquille when Mr. Sherrill is sent for over-seas duty.

The Harold Goulds To Move To Sutherlin Soon

Harold Gould was here last week-end from Sutherlin, where he is engaged in laying out logging roads and surveying for Smith Wood-Products. He has finally been able to rent a house over there and expects to be back in a week or two to move his family to Sutherlin.

Their home on the Gould tract, northwest of Coquille, may be rented by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Cochrane, who operate the Bergen floral shop here.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Coquille Has Not Met Its Red Cross Quota This Month

Red Cross Treasurer L. H. Hazard reported yesterday morning that the local Red Cross funds so far turned over to him amounted to \$1515. This is only half of Coquille's quota of \$3,000 and is about the same amount that was collected last year, soon after Pearl Harbor.

The need for Red Cross support is greater this year than it was last, this great humanitarian organization keeping step with the armed forces on all fronts, and Coquille has just as compelling an incentive to meet the quota figures as have other communities which have gone over the top.

Many individual contributors have this year continued their former practice of giving one dollar to the Red Cross but it is not enough, and with higher wages now being paid there are hundreds of people in this section who could easily have doubled their former support.

Rural residents, who may have been missed last week can always find some one in the bank here who is authorized to accept Red Cross contributions and write a receipt.

Also for the next payday, March 20, there will again be Red Cross booths in the bank and at the J. C. Peeney store, E. T. Stelle, local chairman, reports and it is hoped many additional hundreds of dollars will be received there.

The volunteer solicitors have done a splendid job in calling on practically everyone in Coquille and vicinity but the results of their efforts has not increased the total amount collected to much more than was raised here last year.

Let us all look at it from this angle—"If I had a boy on the fighting front would I not want to know that the Red Cross was there to look after his welfare and care for him if he was injured?"

\$865,000 Airport For Port Orford

It was reported in the Portland papers Tuesday morning that the Civil Aeronautics Authority had approved an airport project, to be located at Port Orford, which would cost \$865,000 for buildings and field.

This will be, if it is done, the first government war project between Coos Bay and the California line, but there was a rumor going around here yesterday, no one knows where it originated nor whether there is anything to it, that Coquille or vicinity has been selected as the site for an army or navy training camp of some kind.

That there is any foundation for the rumor the Sentinel could not ascertain.

Her Car Was Where She Had Left It

This reporter noticed last Friday morning that Mrs. O. L. Newton went to take a look at the cars parked in the middle of Willard street, west of the Sentinel office, and then turn back up the street, apparently satisfied.

It was not until later in the day that we learned the why of her scrutiny. She had driven her car down Thursday morning, had started to walk home in the evening and was picked up by a friend to whom she remarked that the gas rationing made a lot of difference in the amount of walking done. But the truth was that she had forgotten her car was down town.

Classes To Promote Efficiency In War Production Plants Start

Arch B. Sanders, secretary-manager of the Coast Highway Association, has recently been conducting classes in war production plants on the Bay for the War Man Power Commission and the State Vocational Training department, giving instruction to plant foremen and key men in how to get the most out of their jobs in an educational way.

On Tuesday this week he started two classes at the Smith plant here, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening, with 10 to 12 men in a class, and he expects to be here on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

The Man Power Commission pays the expenses of the course and the Vocational department provides the instructional details.

Planning For Farm Labor In Coos County This Year

Some apprehension over the prospects of recruiting enough seasonal workers to harvest Coos county crops, and the perennial problem of locating enough experienced dairy hands to care for the herds of Coos and Curry counties was expressed by federal, state and local agricultural leaders, as well as attending farmers themselves, Thursday at the sixth day-long session of the 1942 county farm labor program planning meeting, sponsored jointly by the Extension Service and the United States employment services of Oregon, at the Coquille city hall.

One of the reasons for the agricultural labor supply problems which now are prevalent throughout Oregon, was illustrated by Professor L. R. Briethaupt, Extension project leader for farm labor, who used several charts to show national trends of farm labor and wages as compared with industrial labor and wage trends.

"Today there is less than one-half regular farm hands for every essential agricultural job in the United States," Prof. Briethaupt disclosed, adding that during the depression the converse was true and there were more than two men available for every existing farm job. Scarcity, of course, has caused farm labor prices to soar until now they are more than double what the prevailing rates were in depression days. Moreover, the professor continued, "farm labor wages are more than 70 per cent higher than the national average."

Prof. Briethaupt used four words which he called "four-bitters," and which his listeners raised to \$15 each, to summarize ideas and resolutions passed by two major Oregon organizations vitally concerned in the present.

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Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Jos. Laird

A largely attended funeral was held in Myrtle Point Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Jos. Laird, who passed away at the hospital there last Friday morning after an extended illness, and interment was in the family plot at the Dora cemetery. She had been ill for eleven months.

She was born Ora E. Weekly, daughter of those early Coos county settlers, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Weekly, at Dora, Sept. 4, 1881, and was united in marriage to Mr. Laird at Fort Klamath, Ore., March 19, 1905.

Besides her husband she is survived by four children—Major Eugene E. Laird, who was taken prisoner by the Japs when they captured the Philippines last year; Wilford Laird, of Sweet Home, Ore.; Shirley Laird, of Springfield, Ore., and Mrs. Elton Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, and by four grandchildren. Surviving sisters and brothers are: Mrs. Irene Stelle, of Portland; Mrs. Opal Barker and Mrs. Fran Cowan, of Springfield; Edwin Weekly, of Lebanon, Ore., Wm. Weekly, of Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Smith Weekly, who is in the east.

Another son, Keith, was killed in a camp accident a year ago.

Good Response From Loggers, Dairymen

A check for \$89 was handed E. T. Stelle, local Red Cross chairman, yesterday afternoon for the men in the camp of the C. D. Ray Logging Co. at Fairview. The company's contribution was not included in that check and it makes a mark for other camps to shoot at.

John D. Carl, chairman at Arago, whose district includes Fishtrap, Halls creek and other localities in the upper valley said the dairy men in his section had most of them contributed on the basis of 25 cents per cow, and he brought in \$400, expressing the hope that when it was all in that amount might be increased by another one hundred. Here again is a noteworthy mark at which dairymen in other sections might train their sights on.

Illness Of Speaker Causes Postponement of Meeting

Miss Viola C. Hill, missionary from China who was to speak at the Baptist church Friday, March 12, will not be here on account of illness. Fellowship dinner also cancelled till further notice.

County Farm Not To Operate Its Cannery This Year

A valley rancher asked the Sentinel yesterday if it was true that the canning plant at the county farm was not to be operated this year, that no cans had been ordered. He added that last year the produce he had taken to the cannery for himself and others had made about 5,000 cans and he was fearful that much produce and vegetables would go to waste if the cannery did not operate.

Talking with two members of the county court later, this scribe learned why that decision had been made.

An inventory of the canned stock at the farm shows there are from 50,000 to 60,000 cans of food on hand now. Last years' production was around 70,000 cans.

Shortage of labor to do the canning is the principal reason for the decision not to operate this year. And, County Judge Peterson adds, "there is enough on hand now to take care of the farm and jail needs, and the lessened number of indigents whom the county will have to supply with food in 1943."

As to the wasting of fresh vegetables, if the county plant does not operate, Judge Peterson's statement was that there should be a good market for fresh vegetables through regular retail outlets, with the army and navy needs running into millions of cans, and it was his belief that every Coos county gardener or truck farmer who raised a crop this year would be able to sell it to the wholesale or retail trade.

The original cost of the plant, the judge said, was around \$2500. The equipment and machinery there could not be bought outright; it was secured on a lease basis. Of course, the shortage of tin for cans also enters into the picture, but our farmer friend asks if the need for food for the armed forces is not as great as is the need for tin in the manufacture of war equipment and ammunition.

But the problem of getting the help necessary to operate the cannery this year was the big problem influencing the decision. The judge said Mr. and Mrs. McNelly have had a great deal of trouble for months past, trying to keep the farm and hospital functioning smoothly with insufficient help.

Coquille Teaching Corps Re-elected

The directors of Coquille School District, No. 8, at their meeting last evening, ordered that contracts be tendered to the entire corps of teachers, including superintendent and principals, for the 1943-44 school year. Whether all will be accepted or not, the board does not know, but each one is to have the opportunity to teach here again next year.

Normal salary increases were given all teachers, with added salary adjustments being made to teachers whose salaries were too far below the prevailing teacher salary in this locality.

Mrs. Lavinia Peart, who is now teaching in the Valley View school, was employed to fill a vacancy which will occur in the Coquille grade school next year.

Miss Audrey Hall, teacher at Hermiton, Oregon, was employed to teach in the Coquille high school, filling a position which will become vacant at the end of this school year.

Spring Opening Dance, March 20

The Junior Women's Club announces the date of their spring opening dance is to be March 20. For the first time the Community Hall is to be decorated and the orchestra shell is to be painted. The Juniors are at work now on large floral prints to be used on the walls between the windows and around the shell. The president of the Junior Club, Lunelle Chapin, is general chairman of the dance.

Youngsters' Diseases Hit The Benhams

Benham's Transfer has been working short-handed the past few weeks. First Ernest and Noel Benham were laid up with the mumps and now Elmer has the chicken pox, catching it from his son. Another driver, Walter Barnes, left a short time ago to enter defense industry work in Portland.