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## Collision Monday Night Fatal To Gene E. Jennings

No criminal negligence on the part of either driver was the finding of the coroner's jury at Myrtle Point yesterday afternoon which was summoned to investigate the death of Gene Edward Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Jennings, of Remote, who died as the result of an accident at 12:30 Monday morning. Henry Schroeder acted as coroner at the inquest.

The accident happened just this side of the four-mile post on the highway to Myrtle Point. Just beyond the Geo. Davis ranch there is an old barn and milk house on the lower side of the highway and it was on the straightaway, between the two curves, and above the milk house that the collision occurred.

Young Jennings was bringing a group of young people back to Coquille from Myrtle Point where they had attended a charivari and the truck he met belonged to Arthur Adams, Lee farmer, and was driven by Seth Lanegan.

The Jennings' car was a 1937 Willys and after viewing it as it stood on the street here Tuesday, one wonders how any of the six young people escaped death. None of the remaining five received anything more than contusions and bruises although one girl is said to have suffered a broken tooth. The left front of the car was completely mashed, the windshield broken and the whole left side mashed beyond repair. When it stopped after the accident it was crosswise of the highway.

Riding with Gene Jennings were Betty Jo and Opal Faye Groves and Donna Gilmore, all of Coquille; Delton Walton, of Myrtle Point, and Cortland Smith, of Riverton.

With Lanegan in the truck, which had no doors, with Grady H. Harrell, whose home is in Palo Alto, Calif., but who works on the Adams' ranch. He was thrown out when the cars hit and received a lacerated forehead and contusions on both legs as the result of sliding on the pavement.

Lanegan, when he found the steering mechanism would not work, jumped from the truck before it went over the grade.

Harold Reed, who was following the truck, took Harrell and Jennings, who passed away at 1:30 o'clock, to the Mast Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending, awaiting the arrival of word from the deceased boy's brothers, Wayne and Clifford, who are in the Air Corps. The body is at the Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries at Myrtle Point and interment will be in the burial plot on the Jennings' place at Remote.

## Laurie Robison Writes On Invasion

Mr. and Mrs. Rock Robison last Friday received the first letter they have had from their 22-year old son, Laurie, in four months. It had been written July 13, after the invasion of Sicily, from somewhere in Africa, and tells of his experiences and observations.

Laurie is with the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, which transported equipment and troops, mostly paratroopers, across the Mediterranean. He is a technical sergeant.

He attended Coquille High for three years, graduated from Myrtle Point High in 1939, and enlisted in the air service three years and seven months ago. He was in England for two months before landing in Africa last Nov. 7, has received a good record medal and has also been decorated by Gen. Doolittle, but for what his parents do not know.

The only complaint he has ever voiced in his letters was about conditions in this county, a letter written before this last one but not received earlier saying, "The fellows are surely burned up about strikes, the dirty rats!"

Following is the latest letter Mrs. Robison has received:

Well today marks another month here in Africa. You can figure out how many months I have been over here by my other letters. By now

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Mrs. Laura Brandon left last week for a visit in Kansas with a sister whom she has not seen for 19 years. She expected to stop enroute to see her son, Warren, at Klamath Falls, and her daughter, Mella, at Sacramento.

## Three Coquille Residents Pass Here This Week

Mrs. W. L. Kistner, who had been seriously ill at her home here since she underwent an operation three years ago, and for some time before that, passed away at five o'clock Monday afternoon.

Funeral services are being held at the Schroeder Bros. chapel here at two o'clock this afternoon, with Rev. W. S. Smith officiating and George Gilman, W. E. Cross, E. L. Detlefsen, O. C. Sanford, S. M. Nosler and George Lorenz acting as pallbearers. Interment is to be in the Masonic cemetery.

She was born Charlotte Eleanor Trigg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trigg at Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, Dec. 5, 1868, being seven months and 21 days past 74 years of age. Both her parents are dead, her mother having passed away here more than 30 years ago at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Geo. Davis.

With her sister she came to the states in the 1890's and they located in Ferndale, Calif., where she met Mr. Kistner and they were united in marriage, at Ferndale, Jan. 1, 1899.

The next year Mr. Kistner purchased the ranch at the southwest corner of Coquille where they have since lived. They brought stock and equipment with them, shipping it by boat from Eureka to Empire and thence by boat up the slough and they drove the stock from Overland to Coquille.

Besides her husband Mrs. Kistner is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Frances Kay Estes, who is now in Pensacola, Florida, and by two sons, Kenneth L., of Coquille, and Ross A., of Portland; also by two brothers, Robert Trigg, of Whitby, Ontario, and George Trigg, of Ferndale, Wash., several nieces and nephews and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Kistner was a splendid Christian woman, devoted to her family, and in her girlhood became a member of the Church of England. For many years she was an active member of the Grange here and was a member of the Pythian Sisters when there was a lodge here.

## Claude Lemon

Claude Leo Lemon, who was crushed at the plant here last Friday when he was struck by an electric lumber carrier, passed away at the Belle Knife Hospital at 2:30 this morning.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made but the services will be at the Campbell Funeral Home in Marshfield.

Mr. Lemon was born at Manistee, Mich., July 25, 1883, being three days past 60 years of age. He had lived in Coos county for 20 years and in Coquille the past two.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine Lemon; a son, Claude Lemon, Jr., who resides at home; three daughters, Mrs. Lorene Chase, of Marshfield, Mrs. J. D. Gillfillan, of Portland, and Mrs. Hobart Schaer, of Marshfield; a sister, Mrs. Maude Seagle, of Thomasville, N. C.; twelve grandchildren, and many friends all over Coos county, for all his acquaintances were friends; he never had an enemy in his life.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

## Joe Rocco

Funeral services, with Liston Parrish officiating, were held at the Gano Funeral Home at two o'clock yesterday afternoon for Joe Rocco, who died at the Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point last Saturday afternoon, after being injured at the Coos Bay Logging Co. camp at Fairview that afternoon just before closing time. He was caught by a moving log with fatal results. The pallbearers were fellow employees from the camp.

Mr. Rocco was born in Naples, Italy, March 3, 1877, and came to the United States 41 years ago. He was 66 years, four months and 21 days of age. He had lived in Coos county for 35 years.

He is survived by his widow, to whom he was married this spring, she being formerly Mrs. Mary F. Anderson. He had never before been married; his widow is his sole survivor in the United States.

A beautiful display of flowers was banked around the casket at the funeral home.

A child's blue sweater, lost at the Pioneer picnic Sunday, awaits its owner at the Sentinel office.

## Those Coming To Oregon Before 1880 At Pioneer Picnic

Of the 166 who registered at the desk Sunday—there were one hundred or more who did not—the earliest date recorded as to the time she came to Oregon was by Dora L. Hanly, Coquille, in 1862; the next two being by Florinda Fahy, of Bullards, and M. L. Lee, of Myrtle Point, each being 80 years of age and who were born in 1863; Isabel Hoeking, of North Bend, in 1876; George Steward, of Coquille, in 1872; Fred Von Pegert, Coquille, in 1876; Mary McNamara Randleman, Coquille, in 1887; G. A. Bonebrake, Marshfield, 1887; R. H. Mast, Coquille, 1872; A. H. Bender, Myrtle Point, 1877; Harriet Brandt, Marshfield, in 1866; Kate Hodson, Myrtle Point, in 1865; E. F. Schroeder in 1869 and Mrs. Schroeder in 1876, both of Myrtle Point; Mrs. A. Braden, Myrtle Point, in 1878; Barbara Burnett, Myrtle Point, in 1868; W. A. Neal, now of Los Palos, Calif., in 1865; Ella Laingor, Powers, in 1867; G. A. Schroeder and Geo. S. Robison, both of Coquille, in 1871; Jessie Adams, Coquille, in 1875; Melissa Brownson, Bridge, in 1865; Missouri Ann Kirkendall, Coquille, in 1865, (at the age of 95 she was the oldest person in attendance at the picnic); W. O. Matthews, Fairview, in 1865; Mrs. Emma Hermann, Broadbent, in 1873; Levi Snyder, Coquille, and J. H. Snyder, now of Modesto, Calif., both in 1873; W. H. Schroeder, Coquille, in 1866, and Mrs. Schroeder, in 1874; J. D. Clifkenbeard, Coquille, in 1868; T. M. Colver, Marshfield, in 1869; Mrs. Nannle Collier, Myrtle Point in 1879; Carrie Benham, Bridge, in 1875; C. C. Carter, Myrtle Point, in 1874; Hattie Hatcher, Myrtle Point, in 1865; Geo. B. Adams, Coquille, in 1875; Eliza Lewis, Coquille, in 1870; R. M. Harrison, Coquille, 1876; S. W. Nosler, in 1872; Jennie Price, Coquille, 1875; Amelia Lafferty, in 1873; Warren Deyos, in 1877, both of Myrtle Point; Minnie Donaldson, Coquille, in 1875; Samuel Dietz, Myrtle Point, in 1874; Edna Simpson Fahy, Bullards, in 1879; Mollie Fahy, Bullards, in 1868; H. W. Mast, Lee, in 1873; Eliza Wirth, North Bend, in 1878; A. L. Volkmar, North Bend, in 1866; R. W. Houghton, Norway, in 1877; J. E. Quick, Coquille, in 1874; G. A. Collier, Coquille, 1875; Mrs. R. H. Stillwell, Portland, 1873; Lee Neely, Coquille, 1878; Mrs. Julia Leep, Myrtle Point, 1860; Mrs. W. H. Womer, Coquille, 1877; Mrs. Maryette Morse, Bandon, 1872; Mrs. W. H. Eickworth, Empire, 1879; R. J. Holverstott, Coquille, 1879; Geo. C. Deubner, Berkeley, Calif., 1874; Maude Bean, Coquille, 1878; Tom Guerin, in 1876, and Anna E. Guerin, in 1877, both of Myrtle Point; Wm. Hudson Wise, North Bend, 1873, and J. H. McCloskey, Norway in 1877.

This is the complete list of those who came to Oregon prior to 1880 and, as the recorded ages indicated, many of them were born in this state.

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The week of August 1 to 7 has been designated by the IV Fighter Command as Aircraft Warning Service Week. Governor Snell, along with the Governors of Washington and California, have issued proclamations to this effect. The purpose of this week is to honor the more than 150,000 Pacific Coast men and women who are giving freely of their time as volunteers in the U. S. Army Air Force Aircraft Warning Service to protect our communities from enemy air attack.

This service is truly the eyes and ears of the IV Fighter Command. The Ground Observer Corps maintain hundreds of observation posts, strategically located throughout this area. These posts are constantly manned by volunteers who report all aircraft sighted to the Filter Centers. The Aircraft Warning Corps, also a

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## Office Of Ration Board To Be Moved

The War Price and Rationing Board office in Coquille will be closed all day Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, while the office is being moved from the second floor of the bank building to the room on the ground floor in the Nosler building, next door west of Gant's Grocery.

## Hundreds At Pioneer Picnic—Chas. Stauff The New President

Although the sky was overcast with clouds it did not dampen the ardor of nearly three hundred pioneers who gathered in the Myrtle Grove for their annual picnic last Sunday, July 25.

The pioneers commenced to gather at 10:00 o'clock a. m., and for the next two hours and more there were many reunions of old friends and stories told. At noon they all sat down to a sumptuous repast, as only pioneer women know how to prepare.

The Schroeder clan (of over 200), one of the three first families settling in this valley, who usually have their reunion in August, consolidated with this regular Coos and Curry Pioneer meeting.

One of that Schroeder clan, by marriage, Mrs. J. Fred Schroeder, deceased, who was the mother of Mrs. James (Eva Schroeder) Watson now residing in Seattle, was the first white child born in the Oregon territory. This was back in 1943 when the Oregon territory included also the state of Washington and part of Idaho. She was born in Clatsop county and her father, Wm. Perry, built the first grist mill in the Northwest, at Oregon City.

At promptly 1:50 p. m. the president, Mrs. Mary McNamara Randleman, called the meeting to order, turning it over to J. Albert Matson, Mayor of Marshfield and vice president of the Association, who handled the meeting with much tact and dispatch. Mrs. J. P. Beyers, who led in the community singing, held the attention of the audience which joined

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## Dehydrating Unit On Display Here

A very neat, small dehydrator is on display in the Coos Electric Co-op, R. E. A. office here, which has unlimited possibilities in the preservation, by drying, of fruit and vegetables.

The box is approximately a two-foot cube, with a fraction of a horsepower motor, four electric lights, and three trays capable of holding nearly two pounds each.

It is a piece of equipment that nearly anyone able to handle tools could make, at a very reasonable cost, if the wiring, motor, etc. could be secured.

However, Mr. Connarn, manager of the Co-op, has the idea that the simplest method would be to secure a W. P. B. authorization for the material needed to manufacture a lot of them and then to award a contract for them to a local operator or builder. He has no information yet as to what the cost would be, but it would not be excessive and a large amount of this season's products of farm and victory garden could be dehydrated, or dried in each.

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## Appeal For More Red Cross Help

The Coquille Red Cross will have another meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 2:00 p. m., in American Legion Hall, announces Mrs. J. A. Berg, general chairman, and Mrs. Bard Kesner, chairman of production.

At the last meeting a number of women who had not done Red Cross work previously, were present and accepted work to be done in their homes. It is hoped that at the coming meeting another new group will likewise respond.

"We realize, of course," states Mrs. Kesner, "that July and August are especially busy months for the housewives, with their Victory gardens, canning, preparing foods for lockers, sewing for the school children, etc." But she urges that "each woman do

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Mrs. Iris Elrod and daughter, Gwendolyn, will return next week from their two weeks vacation in Pendleton, where they are visiting relatives.

## More Than 100 Have Joined Coos-Curry Pioneer Association

The Coos & Curry County Pioneer Association having decided at its annual meeting and picnic here Sunday to incorporate the association, and a dollar being set as the membership fee, there were 82 who signed up that day and many others have joined since. Memberships are still being solicited and anyone eligible may join by signing one of the cards showing when and from where the signer came to Oregon and to one of the two counties, then place and date of birth, his present address, and by handing a dollar to one of the association officials.

The list to date is as follows: Coquille—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Barrows, Florence A. Barton, L. L. Bonney, J. P. Beyers, Mary A. Burns, E. W. Buckner, Mrs. Inez R. Chase, P. W. Culver, Lufe Compton, Minnie M. Clinton, J. D. Clifkenbeard, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Caughell, Robert H. Creager, Minnie L. Donaldson, J. D. Donaldson, Flora E. Dunne, I. A. Elrod, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Folsom, Alton H. Grimes, Lee Goodman, Mrs. P. F. Gehlke, L. H. Hazard, Dora L. Hanly, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins, John W. Leneve, F. G. Leslie, Leta Mast Leslie, W. P. Laws, R. H. Mast, Robert M. McNamara, S. M. Nosler, Earl Nosler, S. D. Pulford, Mary McNamara Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Steward, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stauff, O. C. Sanford, C. Albert Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schroeder, Earl L. Schroeder, Walter V. Schroeder, Dora E. Schroeder, Leslie A. Schroeder, Mrs. Nellie Stephens, Bertha J. Smith, Martin D. Sherrard, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Von Pegert, Clara I. Wheeler, Gladys L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Yarbrough, H. A. Young, D. E. Rackleff, Fred C. Hudson, John Purkey, Geo. C. Oerding.

Myrtle Point—Barbara E. Barnett, Augusta Braden, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bender, Jesse D. Clinton, C. C. Carter, Thos. G. Guerin, Hattie Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Milton R. Lee, E. F. Schroeder.

Arago—John D. Carl. Bandon—L. Myrtle Cox, Maryette Morse. Marshfield—Mamie Gulovsen, Esther J. Henderson, Rose Myren Hillstrom, J. Albert Matson, Millie E. Ostlund, Mr. and Mrs. Evor Rudberg, G. Stengstacken. Powers—Mrs. Ella Laingor. Empire—Mrs. W. H. Eickworth. Broadbent—Mrs. Emma Hermann. Ophir—Mrs. Harvey James. Denmark—A. W. Britton. Norway—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCloskey. North Bend—Emil R. Peterson, Eliza Werth.

Also those living outside the counties, some of whom resided here in the past—A. G. Beales, Tillamook; D. F. Dean, Portland; W. A. Neal, Los Palos, Calif.; Jessie M. Perkins, Eugene.

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## Former Residents Here For The Picnic

Mrs. Chas. Willey, Jr., formerly of Coquille but who has resided at Corvallis for several years, was in attendance at the Pioneer picnic Sunday. She came down for the birthday of her father, Milt Lee, of Myrtle Point, and met many old friends here Sunday. She is a half-sister of Mrs. Harold McCue of this city.

She said that she and their daughter are employed in the office at Camp Adair and that two of their boys are in Uncle Sam's service.

Chas. Willey, Jr., formerly a Coquille plumber, now living with his daughter, Elva, in Portland, is in fair health. He retired from active work several years ago.

Another out-of-town attendant at the picnic was D. F. Dean, publisher of the Coquille Herald half a century ago, who never fails to come down from Portland to greet the old friends he is sure to see at the Pioneer get-together. He is still quite active for one of his years and enjoyed the day thoroughly.

Mr. and Mrs. Novia Landrith were also in attendance at the picnic from Roseburg. They came over primarily to attend the E. E. Johnson funeral that afternoon. He said that he and Mr. Johnson and Chas. T. Skeels were young men in Coquille before their marriages and were chums. The Landriths left Coquille several years ago to make their home in the Douglas county seat.

## Myrtle Point Lions Are "Victims" Of The Incident Drill

Last Thursday evening's incident drill of the Coquille Civilian Defense broke in rather strenuously on the Lions club's hamburger party in Myrtle Grove. The Myrtle Point den was a guest, and incidentally they took back with them the "Leo, the Lion" trophy, which has been in the Coquille den's possession for several months.

When the report reached the control center in the city hall that bombs had fallen at the rear of the Community Building, that several people were injured and that there were saboteurs in the neighborhood, the first-aid units rushed to the scene, where Ed Roberts and Elton Schroeder were found to be seriously wounded, were given aid and rushed to the hospital.

When the police reserves arrived on the scene they quickly learned that "Bud" Griffin, president of the Myrtle Point Lions, was the saboteur wanted. Capt. Ilo Heaton and other reserves, hustled him into a car, but at the control center he broke away and fled down the street. Officer Lin Swain gave chase but seeing that the saboteur could outrun him, the officer had no choice but to shoot him, which he did.

One of the results of the bombing attack on Coquille was a "premature birth" over on Spurgeon Hill. It made no difference to the First Aid squad that the "mother" was a young boy; they gave him all the necessary swathing and treatment and rushed him to the hospital.

While these drills may never be changed into actual happenings and relief—it is earnestly prayed that they never will—it is a comforting thing to know that there is an organization, functioning effectively, which will be able to bring relief and order out of chaos should the need arise.

## Enlist Tomorrow For Aviation Cadets

Final plans for the arrival of Major Eric K. Shilling and an aviation cadet examining board here are announced by David E. Rackleff, local cadet procurement chairman. The air corps examining party will be in Coquille on Friday, July 30, and in Bandon Saturday, July 31 and will headquarter at the city halls in both towns. Their hours for interview and examination will be 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Mr. Rackleff says he already has several applications for enlistment.

The visit of Major Shilling here is a part of the statewide campaign, recently endorsed by Governor Earl Snell, to meet the urgent and mounting need for more aviation cadets to keep step with the army's growing air force. The program, under the direction of Colonel J. J. Fulmer, state recruiting chief, makes it possible for all men 17 to 26 years of age to apply for this training.

Those in the 17-year-old group who qualify for the cadet air crew training will be presented with the official aviation cadet "Silver Wings" which will be worn on their civilian clothes to indicate that they are members of the air corps enlisted reserve. They may continue their civilian occupation or education until after their eighteenth birthday.

Men from 18 to 26, inclusive, may take the cadet examination and if found qualified will be authorized to volunteer for induction into the air corps. For both groups a five-month period of pre-flight training at a leading college or university precedes actual flying instruction.

## Myrtle Point Man Reported As Delinquent By Draft Board

The Selective Service Board in the court house here reports the name of William Joseph Moore, whose address was Myrtle Point, as being delinquent in that he did not respond to the July 7 call as ordered for induction. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this man is requested to contact the board here.

Mrs. Mae Ensele received word this week that she was a grandmother again, a baby boy having been born to her daughter, Geraldine, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Midden-dorf, at Sacramento on Sunday. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces, and his name is Carl. He is their second child, their first being a girl who is two and one-half years old.