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50.00 THE YEAR

Hubert Harry Drops 175 Feet From Tree Top At Fairview Camp

Hubert Harry, an employee of the Coos Bay Lumber Co. camp above Fairview, was so severely injured last Thursday morning, when he dropped from a tree top, 175 feet above the ground, that he passed away at the Belle Knife Hospital here soon after noon that day.

He had taken the place of a high climber who failed to show up for work that morning and his safety belt, which a climber tosses up along the trunk of the tree as he ascends went over the top at the last throw and he had nothing to hold his body to the tree and without the belt the hooks on his boots would, of course, not hold him. The slant of the top-most cut of the tree was what allowed the belt to slip over.

He suffered a fractured skull and jaw, besides the bodily bruises, and the axe handle which all high climbers carry up the trees with them, pierced his body, between his legs, tore his abdomen to pieces, and was so firmly imbedded that it required all the strength of the first man to reach him to withdraw the handle from his body.

Dr. James Richmond was at once called and he went out to the camp and then had the unfortunate and suffering man brought in to the hospital where he passed away an hour or so later.

The funeral services, unusually largely attended, were held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday at the Schroeder Chapel here, Rev. L. C. Persing officiating, and interment was in the Dora cemetery.

Hubert Leland Harry was born near Coquille, June 25, 1902, his parents being Grant W. and Hannah Harry.

He was united in marriage July 1, 1928, to Miss Violet Ohlsen, and they have resided on Flattrap where they owned a ranch, until they moved to Dora when he went to work at the camp. Ten children were born to this union—Leland, Joseph, Paul, Wayne, Vernon, David, Hannah, Alice, Gene and Hubert, who with their mother survive him. He is also survived by his aged father, Grant Harry, of Marshfield, and three sisters—Mrs. Chloe Tennison, of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Maude Cox, of Eugene, and Mrs. Beryl Sypher, of Langlois.

Mr. Harry was a veteran of World War I, having served three and one-half years in the U. S. armed forces, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

F. S. Emery Is Proud Of Elgin War Bond Showing

Furbert Emery sends the Sentinel a report on the bond sales over at Elgin, Oregon, where he now resides and writes, "Allen, Can Coquille top this?" Elgin is a town of 1200 and the figures show that the \$80,087.50 worth of E bonds sold there was 114.3 per cent of the quota. The total of all bonds sold—\$115,754—was 182.8 per cent of the quota.

Coquille has not gone over the top in the matter of over-subscribing its quota, in percentages, as Elgin did, but we refer Mr. Emery to the figures published elsewhere in this issue which show that Coquille has done mighty well on the 4th War Bond drive.

Sentinel Cannot Let Coos Bay Harbor Claim Pass

The Sentinel begs leave to differ with the Coos Bay Harbor, which last week stated that its subscription rate of \$2.00 a year was "the only commodity in North Bend or Coos county that has not been increased." The Sentinel subscription price is still \$2.00 a year, as it always has been, and we cut that rate in two, a year and a half ago, for boys in the armed service of Uncle Sam.

And we are not bragging when we state the fact that each week we are printing more copies of the Sentinel than were ever printed before for this newspaper.

February Does Not Live Up To Its Reputation

Jim Jacobson remarked Monday morning, "They are still telling the same old story which I heard when I came here in 1905, that February is usually one of the nicest months of the year in Coos county. There have been very few Februaries in that 39 years which have been nice."

C. E. Morrison To Be School Supt.

Carl E. Morrison, principal of the North Bend high school for the past eight years and for nine years before that one of the faculty there, was elected last evening by the directors of School District No. 8 to be superintendent of schools in Coquille next year.

The new superintendent will be accompanied here by Mrs. Morrison when they move to Coquille. They have two children, their daughter being the mother of two children, and their son being in the air service of the United States.

Mr. Morrison is an up-to-date educator, highly respected by all who know him, and in years is on the sunny side of 50.

No principal for the high school has yet been selected, the board waiting for a conference with Supt. Morrison before engaging a principal.

Bond Sales Are Above Quota In City And County

Coquille's purchase of bonds in the 4th War Bond drive was 27 per cent more than its quota of \$201,000, the total sales up to last evening being \$255,306.75. This amount will be increased for all E bonds sold up to March 1 are included in the present war bond sales. According to reports last evening the nation has oversubscribed the 14 billion quota by a billion and a quarter.

The sale of E bonds in Coquille, whose quota was \$120,000, is still \$1,300 short, the figure now standing at \$118,701.75—actual money paid in, not the maturity value of the bonds. It is known by the postoffice and bank officials, who are informed on the subject, that the total E bonds sold here will be in excess of the \$120,000 by March 1.

In Coos county the total bond sales up to yesterday amounted to \$3,221,449.25, which is 146 per cent of the county's quota.

In E bonds alone the total purchases, as reported by headquarters yesterday afternoon, is \$601,330.25, which is 79 per cent of the Coos quota for that classification of bonds. But this percentage, too, will be raised by the first of the month.

Help Offered To Veterans Of World War Two

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 985 has made arrangements to aid the Veterans of World War Two obtain their mustering out pay. A committee will be at the city hall Saturday, February 19, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., to help those eligible make application. Forms, instructions and help will be available. All persons discharged or released from active service in any of the Armed Forces between December 7, 1941, and February 3, 1944, both dates inclusive, should contact this committee.

Willkie's Campaign Manager's Wife A Former Coquille Girl

Ralph H. Cake, who is son-in-law of Mrs. A. J. Sherwood of Coquille, and whose home is in Portland, was named this week by Wendell L. Willkie to be his pre-convention manager in the latter's campaign to secure the Republican nomination for president. Mr. Cake will conduct the campaign from the New York office to be opened shortly by the candidate.

Bobby Taylor, Suffering From Meningitis, Is Improving

Robert, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Taylor, was taken to the Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point last Thursday evening after the doctor has diagnosed his trouble as spinal meningitis. He is improving steadily now and yesterday afternoon his wish to come home was granted. He was feeling so much better that Mr. Taylor brought him home.

Where he could have contracted the disease is a mystery to his parents but the doctor tells them that some people are carriers but do not have the trouble themselves; that the germs die after being expelled from the carrier, within a distance of three feet, and that there is no way of telling from what source he was infected by the germ.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collier have moved to Myrtle Point, where they have purchased a home.

Candidates At The May Primaries Ready To File

While he has made no announcement as yet, it is probable that County Judge L. D. Feilshim will file next week as a candidate for the republican nomination to succeed himself on the county court. The judge has made an enviable record since he was appointed to the office and has proved that Gov. Snell knew what he was doing when he named the Bandon publisher as head of the Coos county business administration.

Judge Feilshim has had able cooperation from the county commissioners, Lars Peterson of North Bend and Pete Culver of Coquille. The term of the former will expire next Jan. 1, and Mr. Peterson told newspaper men this week that he will file for a renomination as a candidate on the republican ticket, for the May primaries.

Two others, who file their petitions with the Secretary of State and who are certain to file for republican nominations, are Senator Wm. E. Walsh and Ralph T. Moore, member of the House from Coos and Curry counties. Both made splendid records at the last legislative session and the former will be in line, if and when he is re-elected next November, for the important position as president of the senate.

J. N. Gearhart, the only other republican incumbent whose term expires, is expected to file for re-election for the primary election.

On the democratic side L. W. Oddy will file for renomination as county clerk, Chas. W. Forrest for county assessor, and Ben Flaxel for district attorney.

Mrs. Martha E. Mulkey, whose office as county school superintendent is not political, will also be a candidate for renomination on the independent ballot.

As yet prospective opponents on the opposition tickets, to those holding offices now, have not made themselves known, but it goes without saying that there will be candidates at the November election, from both parties, for all offices to be filled.

Well Is Now Down 6600 Feet

The drilling crew at the well on Davis Slough had reached a depth of 6600 feet yesterday and was continuing to punch deeper into the earth in search of the oil and gas which geologists say is down there somewhere.

Several hundred feet of casing are still on the ground there but how much deeper the hole will be drilled is not divulged by those in charge of the operation. Nor have any of them stated that another hole will be drilled if or when the present one is abandoned. But at the time arrangements were being made for the drilling it was stated that the Phillips Petroleum Corporation intended to have at least two holes drilled.

Red Devils Play At Myrtle Point Friday

The Coquille Red Devils which last Friday evening dropped a game on the local gym floor to the Marshfield Pirates, 57 to 25, will journey to Myrtle Point Friday evening to play the Bobcats who are in second place in the conference.

Next Tuesday, Feb. 22, the Red Devils will entertain the North Bend Bulldogs at the gym here, the B squad game starting at 7 o'clock.

Al Schultz Now In Charge Of Shell Station

A. C. Schultz, Monday morning, took over the management and operation of the Shell Service Station on Front street, and has a deal pending with Clovis Church for the garage and repair shop adjoining.

Bob Wandling, who had been operating the station the past few weeks, left Sunday for Eugene, his call to the service being imminent.

Not One Divorce Case Filed The Past Week

For the first time in many months not one divorce case was filed in County Oddy's office the past week, nor was a circuit court case of any kind filed.

One divorce was granted in circuit court Tuesday by Judge King, to Edmonia O. Brown, separating her from Delbert F. Brown.

Bond Rally Sells \$15,600 Worth Of E Bonds Feb. 10

It was a very interesting and entertaining program, which had been arranged by Mrs. Dolan, with the cooperation of nearly every business house in town, as well as of many individuals, which was presented at the Bond Rally at the Liberty Theatre last Thursday evening.

Not the least of the interesting features was the splendid way in which Ray Jeub kept the crowd interested and on its toes in auctioning off the scores of prizes which had been donated for the event.

The sales of bonds that evening, with the merchandise and other articles for which the bidders offered to take so much in bonds, as their premium, was \$15,600 worth of E bonds.

Joe Berg seemed to get more kick out of bidding than any other individual present and a lot of prizes were knocked down to him, including a crate of chickens.

Geo. A. Ulett made the highest bid of the evening, \$1,000 for a crate of oranges donated by Thrift's Grocery, and Iris A. Elrod's bid of \$600 for one of Swift & Co.'s premium hams was next highest.

The highlight of the evening was the talk made by Sergeant Geo. Mirich, who came from Camp Whites especially for the occasion. He said he had told the story of his participation in the Battle of Attu a great many times. His exploits in that affair when he hand-grenaded and rifle shot many Japs in their trenches on a beach on the island, all alone after several others had been killed, was very interestingly told in last November's Reader's Digest; how, after his bayonet was shot off by the Japs, he used his rifle butt to smash in the heads of several whom the grenades had not previously killed.

Several Coquille young men, home on furlough or leave, were invited by Mr. Jeub to come up and sit on the platform during the evening. They were Corporal John C. Williams of the Marine Corps, Marvin Goodman and Thurman Hickman of the Navy, and Corporal Harold Kolkhorst of the Army.

The high school band, under the direction of Wayne Smith, the high school girls sextette, and the Hill-billy orchestra provided most enjoyable musical interludes before and during the auctioning.

The \$60 in War Saving Stamps, paid as admissions to the affair, were presented, \$40 to George E. Oerding whose name was drawn first, and \$20 to Mrs. W. W. Brown, second.

Chairman Frank W. Martin, who headed the Coquille committee in the successful effort to put Coquille over the top of its \$201,000 Fourth War Bond drive, expressed his thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted in both the Bond Rally, in any way, and in the raising of the city's quota, and especially thanks Mrs. Jack Dolan who had charge of Rally arrangements; Mrs. Fred Houston, Mrs. O. C. Sanford, Mrs. W. P. Laws, all of Coquille; Mr. and Mrs. Teegarden, of Fairview; Edell Bryant, of the Lions club, and J. S. Barton, of the Rotary, who were active in the solicitation of the people in this district to buy bonds.

He also thanks Ray Jeub, auctioneer; Messrs. Claver and Wood for use of the Liberty Theatre, Smith Wood-Products for the thermometer, and the Mt. States Power Co. which kept the red mounting to the top on the thermometer.

It has been a very successful War Bond drive, but the final figures will not be known until a week from next Wednesday as all E Bonds purchased before the end of the month will be included in the total of bond purchases.

One True Bill Found By The Grand Jury

The grand jury for the February term of court brought in one true bill and three not true bills, when they reported to Judge King in circuit court here Tuesday. The true bill was against Harry Guy Kern, who is charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

Bicycle Tags Can Now Be Secured At City Hall

The metal bicycle license tags have arrived and Chief of Police R. H. Creager is notifying all those who ride bicycles that they must now get one and have their bikes registered and licensed at the city hall.

Rev. R. L. Greene Named Coquille Red Cross Chairman

Lou Blanc, recently elected Red Cross chairman for Coos county, was over here yesterday with Mrs. Emma May Erickson, of San Francisco, Red Cross representative for western Oregon, Mrs. Howard Maloney and Walter Chiene, both of Marshfield, who are Red Cross officials connected with the War Fund drive for Red Cross funds which is to start March 1.

While here they secured the consent of Rev. Robt. L. Greene of the Episcopal Church to act as Coquille chairman of the Red Cross this year. He will name the committees at once which will handle the details of the forthcoming drive, and they will be announced later.

Mr. Chiene is county chairman for the campaign for funds next month.

Waste Paper And Cans Still Are Vital War Needs

Waste paper and tin cans are the two most essential items in the list of articles to be salvaged for the war effort.

It is no military secret that our immense production of war materials have strained our paper-producing industry to the utmost. Each small article to be shipped overseas must be wrapped and packed in paper to protect it from salt air corrosion on the long trip across. Several cargoes of precious repair parts for military machines were previously lost because of salt air corrosion while on board ship.

Waste paper collected in the scrap drive protects these parts from this damage and has done much to remedy the situation. But we are told by reliable and informed persons that many cargoes still sail with only partially filled holds due to lack of packing paper.

While a great deal of effort and cooperation has been given the salvage campaign, much more is needed to hasten the end of the war.

Several tons of paper, comprising at least one carload, have been gathered and bundled under the direction of Geo. F. Burr, local salvage committee chairman. For the past several weeks local high school students, using a pickup donated by the Burr Motor Co., have been canvassing the local business houses and residences.

The local committee has the drive organized to an efficient degree and the effort to gather in scrap will continue indefinitely.

Note the salvage advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Sentinel.

Bill Barow's Car Stolen Tuesday Night

Wm. H. Barow is either walking or pedaling his bicycle now. The reason is that his Chevrolet coupe was stolen while he was at Masonic Lodge Tuesday evening and, to date, neither he nor the police have found the car.

He drove it down after supper that evening and just as he arrived at the store the bus came in. He parked in front of the Drane building and later, when ready to go to lodge, got in with Orville Wood to go to the Masonic Hall. When he returned the car was gone.

Sergeant Mirich An Old Friend of N. S. Springer

Sergeant Geo. Mirich, who spoke at the Bond Rally here last Thursday evening, is an old friend of N. S. Springer of this city who had known the sergeant since he was a babe in arms, when they both lived at Bend. They had been pals on bowling squads over there years ago, and the sergeant was a house guest at the Springer's for the evening after the rally and that night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Martin invited Sgt. Mirich and several of the Coquille young men home on leave to a dinner party at their home on Third street, Thursday evening.

Iris Has Been In Bloom The Past Three Weeks

Mrs. Lonnie Clark, 602 South Henry street, sends to the Sentinel a stalk of iris, which had been blooming in her yard for three weeks. Pretty early for even this hardy plant to blossom and it is another indication that spring will soon be turning the corner.

Large Attendance For Boy Scout Dinner And Program Sunday

Sunday afternoon was the occasion for one of the largest dinners ever held in Coquille. Nearly three hundred Scouts, their leaders, parents and friends gathered at the Community Building for a potluck dinner and to enjoy the fine program that followed. The meeting was one of four which this year are taking the place of the usual annual meeting of the Wallamet Council of the Boy Scouts. Similar meetings are being held in Corvallis, Eugene and Roseburg. In addition to a large number of persons from Coquille, guests were present from North Bend, Marshfield, Catching Inlet, Bandon and Eugene.

The program was under the able leadership of Ray Jeub as toastmaster and included the following: Invocation by Rev. L. C. Persing, community singing led by Dave Rackleff, music by the Coquille High school band under the leadership of Director Wayne Smith, and welcome by Scout Norman Persing.

Dr. John F. Cramer, the Council President from Eugene, conducted a short business session. He called on Lloyd Claver for the report of the Council nominating committee. Mr. Claver reported that their choice for Council President for the coming year was J. R. Burkart, of Eugene, and for Council Commissioner Howard Boyd, also of Eugene. A unanimous ballot was cast for the slate presented by the nominating committee. As a second item of business, a resolution was passed changing the name of the Local Council from Wallamet Area Council to Oregon Trail Council and the executive board of the Council was instructed to take the necessary legal steps to make the change. Kenneth Wells, the Scout Executive, concluded the business section of the meeting with a graphic report on the work of the Council during 1943.

A demonstration of Pyramid building was put on by Scouts of Troop 63 of Coquille and Allen Lafferty won a knot tying contest for Tenderfoot Scouts. Burton Dunn presided at a Court of Honor, where second class rank was presented to Robert Marston, Cecil McKee, Bill Anderson of Troop 63 and to Joe Sayre, Ron Kelley, Bryce Tracy, of Troop 14. Raymond Kay, of Troop 63, received first class and Don McLarrin, of the same troop, was awarded Merit Badges in Carpentry, Home Repair and First Aid as well as Star rank. Howard Boyd, the Council Commissioner, awarded Training Certificates to Scout leaders and George Oerding presented the Troops and Cub Packs present with ribbons for the work they had done in the Fourth War Loan Drive.

A very interesting talk on the subject, "I Am An American," was given by Dr. William Jones, of the University of Oregon. The meeting closed as the Scouts retired the colors while the band played "Stars and Stripes Forever."

On the grounds in front of the Community Building the boys of Troop 14 had set up a model camp which was very interesting to all who visited it.

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Rainfall Here Since Sept. 1 Now Totals Nearly 26 Inches

Readings of the rain gauge the past week show a total of 1.39 inches of precipitation. There was none recorded the mornings of Feb. 11, 12 or 13. Monday morning's figure was .84 of an inch, Tuesday's .20, Wednesday's .17, and Thursday's .38. The total for the weather fiscal year now stands at 25.89 inches.

The minimum temperature for each 24-hour period the past week has varied from 32 to 38 degrees, all but one of the recordings being 35 degrees or below.