

Linus Seeley Awarded The Purple Heart For Injuries Sustained At Tarawa



Marine First Lieutenant William L. Seeley, 29, a former Coquille resident, is shown at a Pacific Marine base, receiving the Purple Heart Medal for wounds sustained during the Tarawa campaign. The presentation was made by Major General

Julian C. Smith, who commanded the Second Marine Division at Tarawa. Lieutenant Seeley, a University of Oregon graduate, entered the Corps in 1942. He is also a Coquille High graduate.

Dr. Calver Mace Agrees With Lans

Following is a letter recently received by Lans Leneve from Dr. Calver O. Mace, of Santa Barbara, California, which commends our Bear Creek correspondent for a recent item in the Sentinel which he wrote. The letter speaks for itself:

Many years have rolled around since you and I met in Coquille. About 1910, if my memory serves me right. We have seen many changes in country and government. We talk and lament the passing of game and the Douglas Fir, Port Orford White Cedar; yes, it's bad but nothing to be compared with the passing of the "government of the people, for the people and by the people." Our ancestors would weep if they were here today.

You mention about the passing of the firearms from the citizen. I wonder why? I wish you would ask your readers what is the difference between (I mean the end result) what is happening in occupied Europe and here in that respect. The story of the camel getting his head into the tent, then what followed is quite like our government in the manner in which it gets in ahead of the rights of the individual states.

It makes me think of the words of our Savior. He said, "Was man made for the Sabbath, or the Sabbath made for man." In what position is the state in relation to the federal government, is the state made for the federal government or the federal government made for the state? I wonder, in the light that has shone, (if you can call it "shone"), in the last years of Roosevelt.

In Long Beach, Calif., next day after Roosevelt was elected for a third term a man walked the streets with a big button on his coat, it read, "No 4th term!" Everyone thought it quite a joke. It took like it might be a fourth and a fifth if he lives.

I think we should join and vote for "anyone" but Roosevelt. That's a good slogan, don't you think? I can't believe the people will elect him again. I hope not.

I think he was good at first but anyone in his position gets poisoned with power. He is no exception. If we are to survive, to have the country our fathers founded, we must have a change. This can't go on! We must get rid of the thousands of people on the federal payroll. At least 325,000 of them. That's why we have to pay such a tax; not all the reason, just a part, but why let it get worse or even carry on like it is. No hope unless we have a change.

I believe in prayer, I think we should all pray about it, don't you? This simply can't go on any longer. We even put on our money, "In God we trust." Surely we can go to Him in this great hour of need and ask His guidance and help.

Thank God for our Glorious Faith, that man may live as brothers and a life after death. Our boys are giving their lives for what? The "Four Freedoms?" I pray to God in this hour of need that America may be what God wants it to be so that what few soldiers return may find rest and peace.

The downfall of every nation, down through the ages, has been caused

by either greed or ignorance, or both. Are we to fall in such manner? We say it can't happen here; it did happen at Montgomery Ward's plant. A display of power, power abused! This will ever be a blot on America, the just.

We are all talking about Freedom and say we are fighting for it. That's not what we want. It is Justice we want. Where there is freedom there is not always justice, where there is justice, there is always freedom. Am I right? We must have a government that will stand the test when it is weighed in the scales of justice, no less! The heart of America aches!

I could go on. Let's get together and say, No more, there is quite enough!

I was interested in your cat story. A friend of mine has a cat he taught to box, really box. If you got rough he would bare his claws and wade in, otherwise he keep them hidden. It was fun to watch him box. A right and a left, quite clever in his blows.

I heard you were sick, sorry to hear of it and, by now, hope you are on the road to recovery. Keep the chin up, we need you, Lans.

Must stop. You are at liberty to use any or all of my letter in print for if it would change one vote it would be sufficient. Again, my best wishes to you, hope to see you some day and have a hunt or go fishing with you.

Coos To Receive \$12,565 Wagon Road Grant Land Taxes

Coos County Assessor Charles W. Forrest has just received notice from W. H. Horning, chief forester for the Department of Interior in Portland, that Coos county will receive \$12,565.62 on the Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands Tax Roll for the year 1943-44.

The certificate has been issued and received by Mr. Forrest who will immediately mail a copy of the tax roll, with the certificate, to Washington, D. C., for payment. A check will be mailed from there back to the county treasurer who will deposit the money to the credit of the schools, ports and other districts as apportioned and prorated by Assessor Forrest.

Mr. Forrest states that of this total amount collected, \$788.42 will be distributed to eighteen school districts. The Non-HI district will receive \$3,289.28; Union-HI No. 2, \$675.11; Port of Coos Bay, \$89.42; and Coos county, for its road and other expenditures, \$7,783.69.

School District, No. 65, Sitkum, receives the largest tax on the breakdown of the school districts, it getting \$147.34; No. 36, Coos River, being second with \$134.20, followed by No. 12C, Sumner, receiving \$120.71; all other districts receiving smaller amounts.

This is the second certification of payment of taxes on Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands to Coos county in the past few weeks from the federal government. Mr. Forrest states this will bring the payment of taxes upon these lands up to date which is the first time such an event has come about in the history of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands. Assessor Forrest some time ago worked out a method to expedite the handling of

Ralph Moore's Reply To Coos Bay Times Editorial

In reply to an editorial in a recent issue of the Coos Bay Times, declaring his statements about the federal governments' use of Social Security receipts for other than Social Security payments to be incorrect, Hon. Ralph T. Moore, who releases a column each week to the Coos county weekly papers, under the heading, "Timely Topics," sent the following letter to the Times but which its editor has not yet seen fit to publish:

I note with pride that you have been reading my column in the county's weekly newspapers, as evidenced by your interest in last week's edition. But it is no tribute to my ability as a writer that you have placed a construction on my statements so far removed from their intent.

The issue is the treatment of current receipts from Social Security payments.

I have stated that these receipts are treated as current income by the United States Treasury and are spent for current government operation. My authority for this is the veto message of President Roosevelt on the occasion of the passage of the Revenue Act of 1944.

I have further stated that the expenditure of these funds in that manner constitutes a violation of the intent of the Social Security Act which the Congress directed to be set up as a sacred trust solely for the high purpose of the Act. My authority for this is the address, before the United States Senate, by Senator Alben Barkley on February 23rd, 1944.

I am fully aware of the fact that these funds are replaced in the Social Security treasury by bonds or other promises to pay by the United States Treasury. The Act so provides, and very properly. I heartily agree that there is no better investment anywhere in the world today than promises to pay by the United States. I am currently buying all of them I can afford and am doing my best to persuade others to do likewise.

The point I attempted to make is that Social Security collections, when used by the Treasury for any purpose, should be considered as a loan and not as current income. Orderly provision for the repayment of such borrowings should appear on the succeeding annual budget and taxes levied to liquidate the indebtedness. This has not been done. While bonds and notes have been placed in the Social Security treasury in return for the cash therein, they constitute a lien upon the future tax-paying ability of the public and the net result is the substitution of this tax lien for the primary responsibility of the government for Social Security benefits. This is what I tried to make clear in my column.

If the national income can be held to high figures and the present real value of the dollar maintained, there will be no question of the repayment in kind of the Social Security pledges and the issue will be moot. But if there should be a serious reduction in the national income, with resultant decrease in tax-paying ability, the Social Security fund will be in a serious predicament because it will not be able to pay in kind.

There has never been, and never will be, any question about the ability of the United States to meet its dollar commitments as evidenced by its outstanding securities. It will pay those dollars exactly as pledged. It makes no difference to the United States Treasury what those dollars will buy, whether they be 100 cent dollars or 50 cent dollars. But it makes a lot of difference to the worker who relies upon the purchasing power of those dollars to care for him in his old age. Every effort must therefore be made to stabilize the

these tax rolls which enables the Assessor's office to revise all changes, and to bring the tax roll up to date, once each year, with all possibility of error on any given parcel being eliminated. Heretofore much time was lost shipping the tax rolls back and forth between the Assessor's office and the Department of Interior.

All corrections or changes of the roll which are affected by the cutting of timber are made at one time and checked against the previous years tax roll. When this operation is completed it is ready to submit to W. H. Horning for further checking and the issuing of the Certificate. This certificate of payment of \$12,566.62 for the 1943-44 fiscal year has now been received and sent to Washington, D. C., where the actual payment check will be issued.

national income at a high figure through heavy production and greatly lowered tax levies so that a maximum of capital be available to finance the flow of commerce. Repayment of borrowings from the Social Security reserves should be provided for in every budget submitted to the Congress so that the integrity of the trust be unimpaired.

The facts are therefore just as I have represented them, although I will concede that the language used would be particularly unpalatable to ardent supporters of the New Deal. My intent was to point out what was going on and not to hurt any one's feelings.

As the charge you have made is a serious one, I will appreciate your giving this reply in an early issue.

The diligent fostering of a candid habit of mind, even in trifles, is a matter of high moment both to character and opinions.—Howson.

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