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Drownings Last Friday In Coquille River And Croft Lake Take Lives Of Five Persons Of This City And Vicinity

A double and a triple drowning tragedy brought sorrow and grief to many in Coquille and vicinity last Friday, when Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green and their daughter, Beverly Ann, lost their lives in Croft Lake, south of Bandon, and two brothers, Chester and Russell Summers, were drowned in the Coquille river, a mile and a half above town. Six others were saved at the Croft Lake scene and two escaped by swimming to a boom in the river.

Accepting the invitation of Bert Folsom to use his cottage at the lake over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Buck had invited the Green family, who resided in the Roy district, to accompany them.

After getting settled for the stay, the party of nine—five in the Buck family and four in the Green—had taken a boat to cross the lake to the sand dunes. The wind sweeps across the water there in a strong current and, part way across, the boat capsized throwing them all into the water. Mr. Buck managed to get his family all on to the overturned boat and also the Green boy, Robert Eugene, a boy of ten years, but Mr. and Mrs. Green and Beverly Ann, after struggling to reach the boat, sank and it was some hours later before the bodies were recovered.

The Summers brothers, who lived in the north part of town with their mother, were going fishing on the river, accompanied by Clyde Williamson and his 14-year old son, Roger, around six o'clock.

The brothers were attempting to change seats, from one end of the power boat to the other, when it turned turtle. Williamson and his son were able to swim to a log boom and to safety, but the brothers soon disappeared beneath the surface of the water.

A call by observers on the bank soon brought the Coquille Fire Department and the State Police, and the boys of the Department, by use of their grappling hooks, were able to bring the bodies to the surface but all attempts to revive them by use of their pumpmoter failed.

Croft Lake, others who were on the shore, put in a call for the Coast Guard at Port Orford, who responded promptly to the call, and worked all night with grappling hooks before all bodies had been recovered. A Coast Guard lieutenant on the Bay rushed to the lake with the hooks, making the trip in a little over an hour.

All who witnessed the work of the Coast Guardsmen, in their night-long efforts, give unstinted praise to the boys of the Coast Guard whose motto, "Semper Paratus"—always ready—was borne out so truly last Friday night.

Dr. G. E. Stark made a fast trip to the lake but here also the pumpmoter could not restore life.

The body of Mrs. Green was recovered during the evening, that of Beverly Ann before midnight, but Mr. Green's was not found until early Saturday morning.

Lloyd Earl Green, who had been here about three years, was born at Arnold, Neb., Jan. 19, 1910, and was five months and 18 days past 34 years of age.

Services for the three members of the family were held at the Schroeder chapel here at two o'clock Monday, Rev. Chas. G. Brown officiating, and the bodies were shipped to their former home at O'Neill, Neb., for interment.

Mr. Green's parents are both dead, and besides his son, Robert Eugene, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters—Raymond G. Green, of the Roy district here; Clifford, of Veneta, Ore.; Margaret, Charles, Ralph and Dean, all of Chambers, Nebr.; Harold, who is with U. S. forces in the Aleutians; and Lester at Stockton Field in California.

Mrs. Green, born Elva Marie Koehler, at Pierce, Neb., May 19, 1918, was 26 years, one month and 23 days of age. She is survived by her father, Alfred W. Koehler, of Lincoln, Nebr., and three sisters, Mrs. Ray Hackett, Mrs. Merrill Strong and Dena Faye Koehler, all of Lincoln. The daughter, Beverly Ann, was two months and 11 days past six years of age, having been born at Chambers, Nebr., April 26, 1938.

Chester Lawrence Summers, who was a logger, was born at Joliet, Mont., Aug. 25, 1912, being 31 years, 10 months and 12 days of age. He and his mother, brothers and sisters had lived here for the past 20 years. He was a discharged, disabled veter-

Coquille's Bond Sales \$330,919.50

Both the state of Oregon and the nation as a whole have gone over the top in the 5th War Bond drive. Coquille has also gone over with a total, up to the close of business here last night, of \$330,919.50. The city's quota was \$300,000.

In E bonds the \$125,000 quota has not yet been reached. Bank sales of the E variety totals \$69,943.75 and the postoffice has sold \$26,988.75 worth, for a Coquille total of \$106,932.50, nearly \$18,000 short of the quota. The sale of other bonds by the bank amounts to \$224,982 for the \$330,919.50 total for the city.

Included in the above are the \$6400 worth of E bonds sold at the rally last Saturday evening. The turnout there was quite small, less than 50 being present.

Decoration Awards For The Fourth

An item which was overlooked in our July 4th reports last week, was that of the store fronts and window displays specially installed for the celebration.

After looking them all over the committee selected, for store front winners, Cooper's Gardens as first and the O. K. Tire Shop as second. Window display winners were Geo. E. Oerding, first, and Lorenz Department Store, second.

Honorable mention was given J. C. Penney Co. Hallow Dress Shop, West Coast Telephone Co., Washer Service Co., Bergen Florists and 101 Cafe.

Marine Lieut. Wasley Laird Here From East For Week

Lieut. George Wasley Laird, who has been receiving radar instruction at Harvard University, came home last week, stopping in Portland to bring Mrs. Laird down with him.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Laird, drove up to Portland yesterday, taking Mrs. Wasley Laird to her home there. From Portland, Lieut. Laird goes east to the Marine airbase at Cherry Point, North Carolina. Whether he will be assigned to duty there as radar instructor or will be sent to one of the war fronts he had not been informed.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Laird expect to return from Portland in a day or two.

Marc Shelley Supervised The Community Bldg. Construction

Just to keep the record straight the Sentinel complies with Ernie Perrott's request for correction of an error in last week's Sentinel about the Community Building. The construction of the building was under the supervision of Marc Shelley, who entered the service before it was completed. E. L. Perrott & Son have been in charge of all the finishing, in the library and elsewhere in the handsome structure, and also were in charge of the laying of the plywood-on-edge flooring in the main auditorium.

Both contractors are entitled to credit for this municipal structure which will be more and more appreciated as time goes on.

W. L. Kistner, Josie O. Gilman Married At Ukiah In May

The Sentinel was rather slow in hearing about a marriage, which took place early in May, at Ukiah, Calif. The contracting parties are well-known Coquille people who have lived here for years—Mrs. Josie O. Gilman and W. L. Kistner. They have since been living in Los Angeles but expect to return to Coquille later this year.

Hand House Sold To Mr. and Mrs. Selbig

Mrs. E. L. Hand came in last Thursday evening from Berkeley, Calif., where she is now employed, to complete the deal of their house on First street to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Selbig. Mrs. Hand says that Lee is now in or near the Solomons over in the Pacific.

Mrs. Ian B. Jamieson, the former Marianne Axtell, and baby boy, arrived here on Monday this week for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Axtell, and other friends.

St. James' Guild will meet with a potluck dinner at noon on Wednesday, July 19, in Guild Hall.

The 396 club will have a potluck dinner at noon on Friday, July 14, in W.O.W. hall.

Rainfall For Year Is 41.76 Inches

Now that the 4th of July is passed and no more rain can be expected until the beginning of another weather fiscal year, Sept. 1, it can be stated that the 1943-44 rainfall is just about two-thirds of the average annual precipitation. Since last September 1 it totals 41.76 inches.

That is going to mean that this will be an extremely fire hazardous summer and extra precautions must be taken at all time to prevent such a conflagration as that which destroyed so much of Bandon and surrounding territory in September, 1938.

Water supplies, too, will possibly be lessened for the summer season and everyone in Coquille should help conserve the supply which is being held in the Rink creek reservoir east of the city.

Mrs. Carlill May Lose One Foot

Mrs. Richard Carlill, who was so severely injured last Wednesday when a skidding double-header freight truck hit her, will not lose her eye as was feared she would by those who first reached the scene of the accident, but it is quite probable that it will be necessary to amputate at least a part of her foot. The heel of one foot was so badly crushed and ligaments torn that it may require an operation.

The baby, born a few days prematurely, did not live and was buried in the Masonic cemetery last Saturday, Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries in charge.

16 Posts Being Maintained; Chief Observers Subject to Call

Fred R. Bull, who took six local Scouts out to the Lucky Boy Scout camp on Blue River, where a two weeks state camp is being held, brought back two other boys who had been out there for a week.

He also stopped in Eugene to confer with the sergeant in charge of the Fourth Fighter Observation Command. Mr. Bull, who is supervisor for the observation district of Coos, Curry and Douglas counties, was informed that 16 observation posts are to be maintained in the three counties, the chief observers, however, being subject to call, if and when necessary, and not at all time.

Weren't We All?

That was as clever a piece of news writing as one often sees, that which appeared in a Salt Lake City paper the day F.D.R. made his long-delayed announcement. Under a double column heading, "Roosevelt Will Accept the Nomination," appeared about eight inches of blank space with a small-type note at the bottom. "We are so surprised we are speechless." Nuf sed.

Deer Hunter Given Sixty Days And Fined \$100

Chester Carl Smith, a Powers man, was brought to the county jail yesterday for hunting deer during the closed season. He was arrested by the state police out at Camas Valley and was taken before Justice A. R. Jones at Myrtle Point. His sentence was 60 days in jail, which is to be remitted if and when he pays the \$100 fine assessed.

Dan Steinmetz Operating The Shell Service Station

Dan Steinmetz, who has been operating the garage and shop at the rear of the Shell Service Station, corner on Front and Willard streets, has now taken over the service station and is operating all the business on that corner. Note his adv. elsewhere in this issue.

Glen Hutton Buys White Cottage On Front Street

The White Cottage Ice Cream parlor on Front street had a new proprietor on Monday, Glen E. Hutton having purchased the place last month from Mrs. Lena Pribble who had conducted it for four years.

Mr. Hutton says he expects to make improvements and changes in the place as fast as he can.

Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Goodwin were here from Gardiner yesterday. After selling their place on Rink creek here they moved to Gardiner and rented a place in the town until they are able to complete the deal for a ranch in that neighborhood which they expect to purchase.

Council Adopts City Budget

With Mayor Wood and all councilmen present at the postponed council session Monday evening, the semi-annual applications for card room licenses came up. Renewal licenses were granted W. H. Fortier, S. H. Donsted and C. L. Elkins.

The application of Lee Osborn, denied a few weeks ago, was again presented, the result being the same as before, the council dividing in its vote, three and three, and the mayor casting a negative vote.

No objection having been presented by any taxpayer, either orally or in writing, the city's 1944-45 budget, as recently printed in the Sentinel, was unanimously adopted without change.

The council voted to purchase a drag saw, to be installed at the upper city reservoir, where the care taker will operate it and cut wood for use at the city hall.

City Engineer Gearhart was authorized to rent a bulldozer and have a fire trail, east of the city and beyond the Shelley place, cleared again this year.

Mayor Wood reported to the council on the recent meeting of the League of Oregon Cities, which he attended, and at which Coquille's proposed expenditure of \$172,000 for sewage disposal plant and sewer extension and development was presented as this city's principal post-war project.

Fourth Financial Report Not Ready

Treasurer C. G. Caughell reported yesterday that a financial report on the benefit of the Community Building will receive as a result of the 4th celebration cannot be made yet as all the concessions have not turned in their receipts.

Neither have all the statements for expenses incurred yet been filed with him but he hopes to have everything in hand so that a complete report can be made at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Coffee Shop next Tuesday noon.

C. C. Smith Family Here A Few Days

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith and daughter came down from Vancouver, Wash., where he is employed in the shipyards, for a few days of enforced vacation. He said Monday was the first working day at the plant he had missed since going there. He is naturally quite proud of the record of the shipyard has made, that of turning out 50 of the smaller aircraft carriers in just one year—one every five days now.

While they were living in Coquille Mr. Smith was engaged in the refrigeration business and says he has seen no opportunity up there to change his mind that he is coming back to Coquille as soon as the war is over. He returned to Vancouver on Wednesday.

Stream Pollution Survey Authorized By Gov. Snell

Governor Earl Snell announced on Saturday that plans had been completed for making the stream pollution survey, as outlined at the League convention in May and requested by a convention resolution. The Governor said that the program would begin immediately so that the scientific data required in designed sewage disposal plants might be obtained as soon as possible. Following the League convention an official request for funds to finance the survey was submitted to the Governor by the State Sanitary Authority, which will act as the sponsoring agency. The need for the survey was later discussed with the Governor by representatives of the League and of the State Sanitary Authority. The survey itself will be made by the engineering experiment station of Oregon State College with Professor Fred Merryfield serving as supervisor of the project. Funds for the survey are being provided on a co-operative basis by the State Sanitary Authority, the State Board of Health, the State Game Commission, the Hydroelectric Commission, and the State College. The cooperation of each city to be included in the survey will also be required in securing an accurate record of the volume of each city's sewage and in securing samples for chemical analysis.

The survey will include the Coquille river and valley. This city is one of those in the state which has made a sewage disposal plant one of its post-war projects.

Meeting To Assure That Service Men Will Vote Nov. 7

Secretary of State Robert Farrell issued a request recently for all the county clerks in Oregon, and the printers who will furnish the ballots for this fall's election to meet at the state house in Salem on Monday morning this week, and nearly all of them were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of getting the ballots printed in time so that they can be air-mailed to every man in the service, either at home or abroad, who writes and makes his request for a ballot, can have one in time to get it marked and back in the clerk's hands by election day.

Due to provisions in the laws for registration, filing of independent candidates for office, etc., the first date on which the printing of the ballots can be started is after Sept. 22, and with a possible 16 days each way for air-mailed ballots to reach and return from Asia, the South Pacific, Africa and Europe, or wherever Oregon boys may be stationed, it will cut the time pretty close to have the ballots not started on the presses until 45 days before the election.

However, at the Monday meeting, the clerks and printers approved the plan which had been worked out in the Secretary of State's office and it is felt that no service man from Oregon, who makes the request for a ballot, will fail to receive one on time.

In Coos county the city ballot, which has heretofore appeared on the general ballot will be there again this year, providing the cities of Coquille, North Bend and Marshfield will co-operate and get their nominations for city officers in before the Sept. 22 date. Otherwise they may have to appear on a separate ballot. In Coquille if the nominating caucus is held on the earliest date permitted by the city's charter, there will be no question about the city ballot appearing on the general ballot.

Secretary of State Farrell urged that all county clerks contact city officials at once in order that nominations be made at the earliest possible moment.

Special gas coupons were issued by rationing boards all over the state to the clerks and printers who made the trip to Salem, and the state paid all expenses of the trip, the state officials feeling that unless some agreement could be reached which would insure every service man having a ballot on time, that a special session of the legislature would have to be called by Gov. Snell, to change many dates in the election laws, setting them forward 15 or 20 days, and a special session would have been much more expensive to the taxpayers than the plan which was carried out.

County Clerk Oddy and H. A. Young, editor of the Sentinel, were at Salem Monday morning for the meeting. Mr. Oddy had previously indicated that the Sentinel would furnish the ballots for the Nov. 7 election.

Barton Reports On District Conference

President J. S. Barton gave a detailed report of the district conference of Rotary at Eugene last week, at the meeting of the local club at the hotel on Wednesday. He and Secretary Hode Caughell attended the conference.

A number of votes of appreciation were tendered various persons for their work during the Fourth of July celebration.

Rotarian guests present were J. E. (Deke) Richmond, of Eugene; C. C. Farr, of Marshfield, and John Carl, of Myrtle Point. Other guests were Norman Snidow, of Gold Beach, who is in the U. S. Navy; Carl Morrison, superintendent of the local school, and Geo. Sherwood, of Coquille.

Huge Rhubarb Leaf On Display

A rhubarb, or pie plant leaf, on display in the Sentinel window, is the largest thing of its kind ever seen around these parts. It grew on the Geo. DeNoma place on North Hall street and measures 22 inches one way and 29 inches the other. It was cut before being measured and its height before cutting is not known.