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19-Year Old Boy Being Held In Coquille City Jail

Recognizing the culprit from the description given him by the State Police, Chief Robt. H. Creager arrested a man, clad in a Naval officer's uniform, across the street from the Sentinel office last Thursday morning, and he has since been held in the city jail, where he reads all night and sleeps daytimes, while waiting for F.B.I. officials to come from Portland and get him.

He is a 19-year old youth, over six feet tall, who is charged with impersonating an officer and who is wanted in Washington for theft of a car in 1942. His name is Martin E. Maher, but he has a dozen or more identification cards which he has evidently stolen here and there.

The police have checked and learned that he purchased the Naval officer uniform at a Portland store.

His trouble in Coos county started when two Naval officers from Tillamook entered a public room in Marshfield last Wednesday evening where Maher was throwing a party. The officers immediately contacted the State Police and when the latter entered the room with them, Maher faded out and, although search for him was made at the Bay, he was not found until Chief Creager ordered him into the police car on his early rounds Thursday morning.

Maher carries a discharge from the Navy slip, it was not marked "dishonorable" either, but he does not know that the police have also fastened the car theft on him.

Those Who Will Teach This Year

Supt. Carl E. Morrison hands in the following list of teachers who will be on hand in the Coquille schools next Tuesday, Sept. 5, when the fall terms open:

High School
Ernest R. James, Principal and Soc. Science.

Ruth Bayers, Mathematics.
Lucile Counts, Eng. and Girls Phy. Ed.

Idyl Godard, Commercial.
Earl, "Spike," Leslie, Phy. Ed. Coach.

Edna Lee Montgomery, Eng. and Spanish.
Madeline McKeown, Socio-Economics and Ec. Geog.

Leone Ingman, Chemistry and Home Making.
Olivia Olson, Gen. Sci. and Biology.

Paul Snider, Industrial Arts.
Wayne Smith, Band.

Thora Watson, Senior English and Chorus.
Lincoln Building

Wayne Smith, Principal and Phy. Ed.

Alice Lafferty, Art, Music and Geog.

Marie Stewart, Social Science.
Mona Ingman, Mathematics.

Elfreda Endsley, Gen. Sci., Girls Phy. Ed., Spelling.

Ruth Shaw, English and Library.
Ellen Arrell, Reading and Health.

Washington Building
Hazel Hanna, Principal, 5th grade.

Mrs. Marion E. Barton, 5th grade.
Jane Creager, 4th grade.

Lavinia Peart, 4th grade.
Viola Mintonye, 3rd grade.

Althea Harrah, 3rd grade.
Dorothy Page Fisher, 2nd grade.

Arlene Robertson, 2nd grade.
Florence Breedlove, 1st grade.

Gladys Cook, 1st grade.
Helen Thomas, Remedial.

Due to the change of the high school schedule, it is necessary to add another teacher to the high school faculty for Library and English. This position is not filled at the present time but it is hoped that a full roster of teachers will be on hand for the opening day.

Just A Grass Fire Last Evening

Someone turned in a fire alarm about 5:30 o'clock last evening, which called the department out to Sixth street, where a grass fire was smoldering in the wet bottoms, across the street and down the hill from the Consolidated Freight depot.

George Oording had issued a fire department permit to do the burning and the department turned the truck around and returned to the city hall. The fire was not spreading, nor threatening to, the owner having piled it up for burning.

Next Monday Is Labor Day — Go To The Fair

Practically all places of business in Coquille will be closed next Monday, Sept. 4, permitting a general exodus to Myrtle Point, where the third and last day of the Coos & Curry Counties Fair will be attracting hundreds and thousands of visitors and sightseers.

The carnival for the fair has already been set up and is now operating, and both the old and new race horse stalls have already been engaged.

Christensen Bros. of Eugene who are furnishing the stock for the Rodeo, say that a great many riders of the Pacific Northwest will be competing for the prize money: Red Allen from Miles City, calf roping and dogger; Jack Sherman from Klamath Falls, calf roping; Slim Thompson from Baker, bareback horse rider and bull rider; John Scott of Eugene, not to mention a number of local entries from Coos and Curry counties.

Friday, Sept. 1, will be entry day for exhibits and the horses, and will give people a chance to look over the Rodeo stock. The Rodeo proper will start on Saturday, Sept. 2, and will last through Sunday and Labor Day, Sept. 4. Each show will be replete with thrills galore.

No expense has been spared by the Fair Board of the Coos county Fair association, says the Myrtle Point Herald, to make this 33rd annual Fair the biggest and best ever, and they wish to extend a hearty invitation to all residents of Southwestern Oregon to come to Myrtle Point on Sept. 2, 3 and 4, to see Coos county's own show.

Rotary Party One Of Best Ever

"One of the finest Rotary parties yet given" is the unanimous designation of the Coquille Rotary club's annual party given at Laurel Lake last Thursday evening at which more than 100 were present, including Lions club members and other guests, who enjoyed Rotarian hospitality.

The tables had been arranged near the J. A. Berg cottage and Rotarian committees had devoted considerable time that day to have things in readiness for the arrival of the guests and members between 6 and 7 p. m.

It was a most delicious meal to which all did full justice. The nine salmon, the piece de resistance of the dinner, had been caught by Jack Rankin, Bob Greene and Hode Caughell out in the ocean, and they were taken hot from the bakery oven here and warmed up upon arrival at the picnic ground. The salmon were only a part of the menu which was excellent in every respect.

It was a delightful evening out of doors and when darkness began to fall many card games were started in the cabin, some of which did not break up till after midnight.

To Celebrate 5th Birthday With Great Grandmother

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hawkins left last evening for Weott, 30 miles south of Eugene, Calif., taking their grandson, John Dimmick, with them that he might celebrate his fifth birthday, as he had each preceding one, with his great grandmother, Mrs. George Pattison, who is coming from her home in Los Angeles for the occasion. Mrs. Pattison, who is 85 years, is the grandmother of John's father, Thomas Dimmick.

Thos. Dungey Funeral Services Held At Gano Funeral Home

The Sentinel owes Mrs. Gladys Gano an apology, which it hereby makes, for not stating in last week's issue that the funeral services for the late Thomas Dungey were held at the Gano Funeral Home, as they were.

The rush of preparing for publication on Thursday during the first three days of the week occasionally is responsible for inexcusable errors as this one was.

August Tax Collections Amounted to \$32,998.48

A. O. Walker, for the Coos Tax Department, made the turnover of August collections to County Treasurer Chas. Stauff yesterday. The amount so transferred was \$32,998.48.

Aloha Allen is spending the week in Portland on a vacation visit with her parents.

Powers Couple Killed In 200 Foot Drop Sunday

How their 17-year old son, who was driving the car, ever survived the 200-foot drop which killed Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alfred Humphrey of Powers early last Sunday morning, is a mystery that will never be cleared up.

They had taken a friend to China Flats that morning and the accident, whatever caused it, occurred about five and one-half miles south of Powers on the road to Illahe.

State Police Officer Tally, who assisted in bringing the bodies up to the highway, said that it was necessary to use ropes, that the cliff was so steep they could not be carried up.

Just how much of the fall was sheer drop, or how often the car hit the earth in its downward plunge is not known, but the auto is too completely wrecked to be worth hauling up for salvage.

In some way the son, Donald LeRoy Coats, had managed to get up to the road, in a semi-conscious condition and suffering from shock, and was passed by O. L. Wood and Elton Schroeder but as he did not ask for a ride they drove right by and did not even see where the car had left the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rhule, who had stopped to view the scenic beauty of the hills and canyon, were the ones who saw the car lying in the chasm and called the police.

Mr. Humphrey, 43, is the third member of his family to meet a violent death; his father, Chauncey Humphrey, having been killed in a logging railroad accident near Powers 30 years ago, and his brother, S. L., was killed by a dynamite explosion near Powers nine years ago.

Mrs. Humphrey, 46, was the daughter of Mrs. Mable Quick of Bunker Hill.

They are also survived by seven children, ranging in age from 2 to 17 years. Three of them were Mrs. Humphrey's children by a former marriage, Donald Coats being one of them; two were Mr. Humphrey's by a former marriage, and they were the parents of the other two.

Later information is that Donald probably was thrown from the car at one of the points it hit the earth, just how far up is not known, but he was bruised and cut from head to foot.

Even in his half unconscious condition he had climbed down to the bottom of the gorge, removed the bodies from the car, and then climbed back up the cliff.

\$100 Covers Loss At Condensary Fire

Ed Parent, manager of the Western Condensary plant, just east of the river bridge here, where the fire department was called at 11:30 last Friday night, says that the damage to the roof cost less than \$100 to repair, that there was no damage to machinery or equipment, and that the plant was operating as usual next morning.

A spark generated by the striking of a blow propeller on a piece of metal caused the explosion in the dust collector room which started the fire, but the prompt response of the fire department soon had everything under control.

Mr. Parent states that this fall the company intends to install a system of fire protection there which will eliminate any further danger of a fire from explosion of the dust which is a hazard in that kind of a condensing operation.

More Lamb Can Now Be Purchased

The letter from the Coos-Curry Livestock Association, printed on another page of this issue, about the lamb surplus in the Pacific Northwest has had some effect and the fact that O.P.A. director, Chester Bowles, was also given the facts when he was in the Northwest a few days ago, helped to bring about the O.P.A. decision Wednesday to validate a spare 10-point ration stamp for lamb purchases in the Northwest. The stamp is good beginning next Sunday and is for a 49-day period.

This action, officials said, will permit extra lamb purchases of an approximate average of two pounds per person during the 49 days.

Curry County Lamb To Visit New Dealers



This little lamb, shipped by express to O.P.A. Administrator Chester Bowles, had his picture taken aboard the express car at Marshfield before starting for Washington, D. C. The letter from the Livestock Association, addressed to Mr. Bowles, appears on page seven of this issue.

W. W. Winegar Died Tuesday

Walter William Winegar, a resident of Coquille for six years, passed away at his home here at five minutes before midnight Tuesday. He had been in ill health for some time and was forced to give up his position as telegrapher at the S. P. depot here a year ago.

Funeral arrangements, which are in charge of the Gano Funeral Home, will not be completed until the arrival of his children who are able to come.

Mr. Winegar was born in Sloan, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1884, and was eight months and one day past 59 years of age. He had been an agent-telegrapher for railroad companies since he was 17 years of age, and had handled the telegraph key at the depot here since coming to Coquille in 1938, until forced to retire. He had been employed by the Northwestern in Iowa and the Rock Island in Colorado before coming here.

He is survived by his widow, Mabelle Winegar; three sons, Leland of Seattle; Kenneth, who was in the Army Air Corps and is now a prisoner of war in Germany; Harold, a seaman first class in the Navy, who has been in the south Pacific and was expected home on leave in about a week. A fourth son, Curtis passed away in March, 1942.

He is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. Catherine Smith, of Portland; Mrs. Dorothy Trindle, of Overland, Kansas, and Miss Helen Winegar, who lived with her parents; also by three grandchildren.

Mr. Winegar was a member of the Church of Christ and of the Masonic lodge.

Coos Pioneer Passes In California

A telegram from Maxwell Dixon to Mrs. M. O. Hawkins Monday told of the passing last Saturday night of another Coos county pioneer, one who had lived in Los Angeles for many years.

She was Mrs. Fannie G. Dixon, whose father, Chris Lehnher, was the owner of the land in the last century, on which the city of Myrtle Point stands. He laid out the town and was its founder.

For years Mrs. Dixon was a teacher in the Coquille and Myrtle Point schools and since removing to Los Angeles has made a trip up here nearly every year. She was 84 of 85 years of age.

Her husband, W. L. Dixon, was buried in the Myrtle Point cemetery several years ago and she is survived by two sons, Maxwell and Don Dixon, both of Los Angeles. A daughter had preceded her in death.

Finds Grandchild More Fun Than Traffic Cases!

Grandpa Fred Bull is having such a grand time with his grandson, Bruce Lattin, that it's fortunate there have been no justice court cases for him to hear the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Bull's daughter, Mrs. Lattin, has come back from Roseburg to make her home here. Mr. Lattin, who was a member of the State Police will enter the Navy Sept. 7.

The B. & P. W. club, which has been meeting at private homes recently, will resume its regular sessions in the Guild Hall next Tuesday, Sept. 5. All members are urged to attend that meeting.

Back In The 80's

By Bob Harrison

It was on a forenoon of a mid-June day back in 1888, when the little town of Coquille City was set ablaze by the deep blast of a marine craft whistle, and on rushing out to the water front, the curious eyes of the populace could see the dingy grey craft, as it came plowing up, a great white spray at its bow, while the deep, heavy throb of its engine, and the billows of black smoke that rolled from the huge stacks, showed her to be an old "salt" from the briny deep, and true enough, it was the old tug Thistle, a "whale back" or double ender, with the drooping bow and stern. After some backing and hauling, the craft was finally tied up to the city dock and all the stir and bustle, soon died down to normalcy and the big show was off, and everybody went home.

The Thistle, at that time, was under the command of Cap'n Schmartz of Gold Beach, and was out on a mission, looking for laborers, to work in the fish cannery at Ellensburg on the Rogue River, of which R. D. Hume was the general manager at that time. The word soon got around and quite a few of the unemployed about the city went in and signed up for the season's salmon run on the Rogue, at the top wage of \$1.50 per day, with found.

By mid-afternoon, when the ship was scheduled to sail, quite a number had signed, among whom were Joe, Waltermier, George Gay, Nels (Continued on page five)

Ziedrich's Pictures Shown At Rotary

One of the most remarkable series of pictures ever shown in Coquille was the one by Wm. Ziedrich at the Rotary club luncheon at the hotel Wednesday. The photographs were in color and were thrown on a screen by a rather complicated projector and depicted many beautiful scenes in California, New Mexico, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Old Mexico.

Evan Albom, chairman of committee to arrange for the publication of a folder advertising the recreational and business features of the Coquille Valley, was present and made an appeal for pictures to be used on the project. A committee was named to co-operate.

Fred Horne, of the interclub committee of the Marshfield-North Bend club, offered the full cooperation of his club in any interclub matters.

Other Rotarian guests were Judge Dal M. King and Jesse Clinton, of Myrtle Point, and R. H. Bennett, of Marshfield.

Other guests were Brick Leslie, Geo. A. Ulett, Fred W. Ingham, and Dr. J. D. Rankin, of Coquille; A. Langfoll, of Marshfield, and R. C. Davis, of Eugene.

The F. S. Emerys Here From Elgin A Few Days

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Emery and Miss Betty came in last Thursday afternoon from Elgin Ore. and left again Monday morning for home. Furb timed his vacation so he could be here for the Rotary party at Laurel Lake Thursday evening and Friday evening he and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Greenough went down to Gold Beach for a couple of days of fishing. The run had stopped a day or so before they got to the Rogue and they had no luck.

City Organizing For Waste Paper Salvage Drive

A concerted effort and drive by local organizations to insure that Coquille does its part in accumulating and shipping its share of the eight million tons of salvaged and waste paper needed in the United States this coming year, will be started Friday when a meeting of heads of organizations is held.

Amey Mintonye, to be installed next month as Legion Commander; Dr. C. G. Stern, the past commander, and Mrs. Geo. H. Chaney, paper salvage committee chairman of the Woman's club, have sponsored the call and the effort will be made to save tons of the waste paper which is now being sent to the garbage dump here each week.

Pledge cards will be distributed to each home in the city, with a space left for designation of what service man, the waste paper is given for, and it is hoped that Coquille can ship a goodly number of tons by the time the Legion drive closes on Sept. 16.

The need for waste paper, cartons and all kinds of paper is acute and the following extracts from a bulletin sent from the War Food Administration office in Washington give some idea of why the salvage is needed and what the condition in stores' wrapping paper and bags stocks is likely to be unless America does wake up and save its waste paper: War Needs Come First

Packing and packaging of supplies for shipment to men on the fighting (Continued on page three)

Season's Warmest 82½ On Tuesday

The summer's warmest day in Coquille was on Tuesday this week when the recording thermometer, 20 feet above the ground and on the north side of the house, showed 82½ degrees. This was 3½ degrees higher than the 79 of a few weeks ago. On Monday the maximum was 78 and yesterday it was 72. The minimum at night the past week was 47, five or six degrees below the minimums of the previous two weeks.

The barometer Tuesday night was below 30 and the little sprinkle of rain this morning gives cause for hope that the rains may quickly put an end to the danger of serious fires in the woods.

The humidity was so low Tuesday that logging crews were laid off that day.

Absentee Ballot Requests Over 625

County Clerk Oddy has received from the Secretary of State's office in Salem a certified copy of the measures to be voted upon at the Nov. 7 election, and of the list of candidates whose names will appear on the ballot.

With the need to get the ballots printed earlier this year so that they may be airmailed to boys in the service overseas, who have requested ballots, it will be necessary to have the ballots printed this year just as quickly as possible after the September 22 deadline for independent candidate filing.

Applications for ballots from Coos county voters now in the service total 625 at present and more are being received daily.

Fallen Tree Delays Mail

Wednesday's mail, via the Southern Pacific from Eugene, did not reach Coquille until four o'clock in the afternoon, eight hours late. The delay was caused by a fallen tree across the tracks, five miles above Reedsport, which caused the engine to jump the rails. The engine did not turn over nor were any of the passengers injured.

Boy Car Thieves From So. California Being Held Here

Three southern California boys, picked up in Curry county, were brought to the Coos county jail on Monday where they are being held until F.B.I. officers come for them. They are charged with stealing in Los Angeles the car they were driving and they are to be prosecuted under the Dyer Act.