

Harvey Thommen Lost When Sub, 'Shark' Sank Recently

The loss of the two U. S. subs, the "Shark" and the "Escolar," recently announced by the Navy, brings personal loss to Coquille valley folks for Harvey H. Thommen was a Torpedoman Mate third class on the "Shark." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thommen of Fairview, who were notified last Nov. 27 that he was missing after action in the south Pacific.

Harvey was assigned to the "Shark" when it was first commissioned in Oct., 1943, and had sailed on every trip it made.

Harvey graduated from Coquille High School with the class of 1942 and joined the Navy in Jan., 1943. After going to Farragut, he took sub-training on the east coast. Since then he has been serving his country in the South Pacific, accompanying the "Shark" on many successful missions.

Bill Seeley Gets Bronze Star Medal

Mrs. John Seeley has just received word here that Linus (Bill) Seeley, who is with the Marines and has seen much action out in the Pacific, has been awarded a Bronze Star Medal for the part he took in action on Saipan last June 24.

Bill joined the Marines in the spring of 1942, a few months after Pearl Harbor.

Pearce At An Air Service Command Depot In England

The engine overhaul department at which Sgt. Calvin Pearce, of Coquille, is serving, has been one of the most important factors in the intensified air assaults on Germany, according to figures on 1944 production just released by headquarters of the Air Service Command in England.

Working at record speed, he and his fellow-technicians overhauled more than 4,000 engines totalling almost 7,000,000 horsepower and sent them back to combat units.

Sgt. Pearce is the son of M. E. Pearce of this city. A soldier since October, 1942, he has been overseas 18 months. He was employed by Smith Woods here before entering the service.

Corp. Geo. Folsom Writes His Parents From Germany

Corporal George T. Folsom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Folsom of Coquille, has the following address which probably some of his friends would appreciate knowing—Geo. T. Folsom, 3933952, H.Q. Batry, 379, F.A. Bn., A.P.O. 102, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

In a letter just received by them from him which was written in Germany, Feb. 17, he says in part:

Dear Mom and Dad: Well, I'm still around even if I haven't written lately. We have had a little excitement lately; there have been quite a few robot bombs passing over here. Someone said they were headed for Leige, Belgium, although I don't know myself; in fact, I couldn't even tell you which direction is north.

May be this solves your problem, here is an official request for those socks that lady knitted for me. Give me her full name and I'll write her and thank her. It was a very nice thought of hers.

The German stove we've got isn't working and Elbert Eden, (my boss), is standing over it peaking through a little hole but he looks like an old grandma warming her nose.

The more I stay here, the more I appreciate American broadcasts. The B.B.C. (London) has rotten programs but once in a while they drag out a good record and everything is O.K.

Once more I'm giving you the request for film but I don't suppose you can get it.

Bob Hurrell, No Longer Missing, Meets Chas. Rowell In Belgium

Bob Hurrell and Charles Rowell met in Luxembourg, Belgium, in the Red Cross club. Charles and Bob graduated from Coquille High in 1938. Bob was on his way back to the front and Chuck was returning to a rest camp. This was the first news of Bob since word came that he was not missing, as previously reported.

Robert F. Zentner Made A Captain

Word was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Otto L. Zentner, of this city, that their son, Robert, has been advanced to the rank of Captain in the Air Corps. Robert, who was formerly a pilot for Pan American Airways, is located in Florida at present.

Coquille Valley Boy's Experience In The Philippine Fighting

WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY (VICTORY) DIVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES—Lying on a barren hillside for six hours with bullets spattering and mortar shells bursting all around was one grueling experience of Sergeant Nathaniel B. Chinworth, of McKinley Route, Coquille, in the Philippines campaign.

Pressing toward a new objective, Chinworth's unit, Company "G" of this Victory Division's hard fighting 21st Infantry Regiment, was caught in the murderous fire half way down the slope of the hill.

Hour after hour the men of the company lay sprawled in a carpet of low grass, which offered partial concealment from the enemy positions but not protection from bullets and shell fragments.

But the relentless fire continued undiminished. Finally the nerve-taut men in dispersed groups dashed for positions atop the hill. Many men were wounded.

At dusk, an hour and a half later, the Japs opened fire on the top of the hill. Then they launched two successive counter attacks, both of which were repelled with heavy losses.

At 2:30 a. m. the following morning the enemy crawled to within a few yards of the company's perimeter and threw hand grenades by the dozen. Chinworth and his buddies answered in kind. Within a short time the only sound from the front was that of the Japs dragging away their dead and wounded.

At daybreak the company silenced the forward Jap positions with withering machine gun and mortar fire.

Old papers be a bunch.

Junior Class Play A Huge Success

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owner of the bank and from Chicago, (Melbourne Mitchell); Mrs. Ross, a real socialite, (Wilma Drake); Jim Ross, their son, (Noble Chowning); Eleanor Ross, their daughter, who hates boys, (Marianne Rackleff). Others of the cast were: Carl, a high school big shot, (George Johnson); Henrietta Duval, a high school student, (Geraldine Oerding); Patsy Jones, another high school student, (Shirley Slater); and Lela Pomeroy, a helpful young neighbor, (Genevieve Berry).

The play deals with the seeming indifference of Bob Adams and Eleanor Ross for each other from their first meeting on Wednesday until their final capitulation Friday night. The background is the inter-family relationships, their concern and misunderstandings for and of the fifteen-year old girl and seventeen-year old boy. This all affords the chance for characterization, acting and fun, which contribute interest and amusement for everybody concerned, on and off the stage.

Patricia Yarbrough exhibited outstanding stage presence and acting ability, aided by an usually good make-up for the mother part.

Both Bob Adams, taken by Walter McKinney, and Eleanor Ross, the part played by Marianne Rackleff, were splendidly characterized. They were well cast for their parts and in taking them, displayed genuine acting ability. The scene depicting the anxiety for the young couple when they had departed in formal clothes, taking Bob's father's yellow Cadillac for an evening of gaiety, was very realistic,

especially the mother parts taken by Wilma Drake and Pat Yarbrough. Every young person taking part did so with poise and good acting, all of which made the play the success it was.

Mrs. Ruth Beyers deserves her part of the credit due, for the hard-work which must have gone before on the part of the students reflected patience and effort of their coach. Music was provided between the acts by the High school boys' quartet and numbers were contributed by the High School girls' sextette.

Townsend Club, No. 1, Notes

About 30 members attended the Townsend Club, No. 1, meeting Tuesday evening. The weekly Flash was very interesting; it surely is worth the price. Five new members reported and the door prize was received by Mrs. Z. C. Strang. After a short program, sandwiches and cake enjoyed and all had a good time.

visiting. Puddings will be served at the next meeting.—Press. Cor.

Robert Arnold To Go Overseas Soon

To correct an error in last week's issue, Mrs. Jack Arnold states that Robert, who was home for twelve days, returned last Monday to Camp Shoemaker in California, where he is waiting before going overseas. He was in Corpus Christi for more than two years and finished there as an aviation machinist's mate 3/c. Last December he was sent to Shoemaker and now has been given his overseas address, which means that he will soon be leaving for an unknown destination.

Be-gorra' and have ye heard of the St. Patrick's Day dance, the Eagles are givin' at the Community Building Saturday evenin', March 17. Dancing starts at 9 sharp. Music by Jack Ellis and his orchestra.

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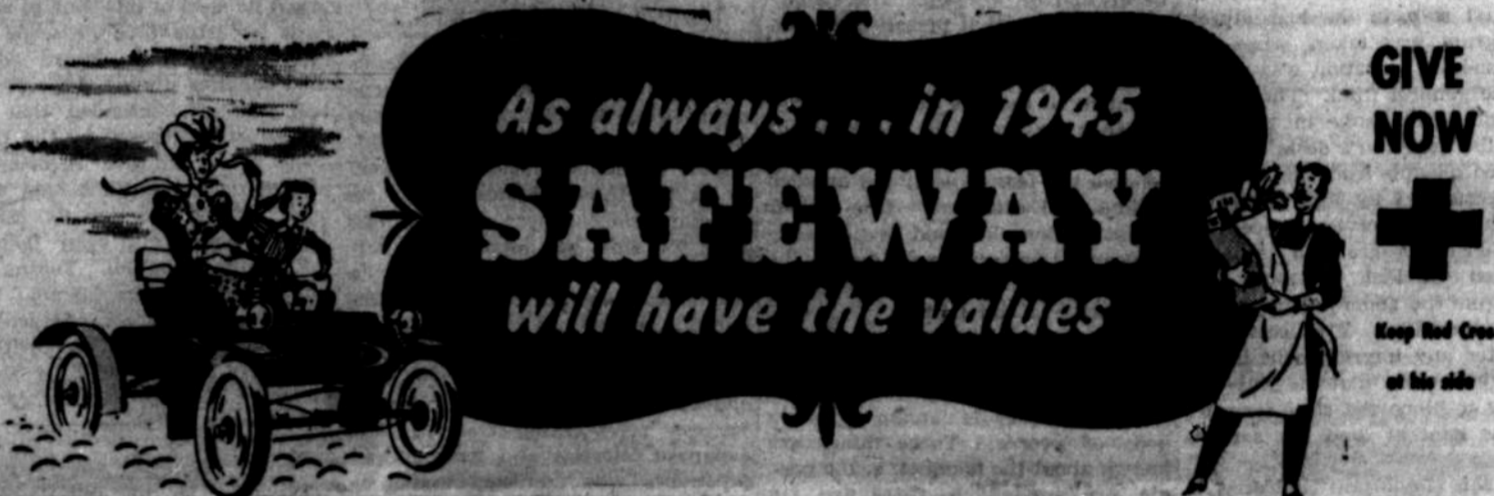
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