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THE PAPER THAT'S LIKE A LETTER FROM HOME

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Coast Guardsmen Cause Excitement Tuesday Evening

Two drunken Coast Guardsmen from the station at Cape Blanco caused a great deal of excitement in Coquille about 8:30 Tuesday evening.

They had come up from Curry county and at the Fuhrman Pharmacy corner, the speed at which they were traveling and the effort the driver made to round the highway turn, caused the car to jack-knife, and it crashed sideways into two cars parked there and caused the second car to damage a third as it was jammed backward.

The first car, belonging to Mark Anthony of Napa, Calif., had fenders and running board mashed the length of it.

The car back of it was registered to Robert Walton Mast of Coquille and its front fender was turned over across the radiator.

The third car belonged to A. N. Young, of Eugene.

The two in the Chev which did the damage were Fritz Lee Kimbriel, the driver, and Clarence Bakalis. The car belonged to John Masterson of Port Orford, who had turned it over to them to repaint. It had but little gas in the tank when they took it, but they were evidently able to procure some fuel. The owner did not tell them they could use it.

The two drunks did not stop but continued out the highway. However a call to the State Police got Officer Turnbow on the way right now and he caught up with them just beyond the Cunningham railroad crossing.

He lodged them in the city jail over night and Wednesday morning they were taken before Justice Bull. Kimbriel was charged with driving failure to stop at the scene of an accident. He was fined \$100 on the first charge and \$50 on the second, with 34 days in each case.

His companion, Bakalis, was charged with being drunk on a public highway. He was fined \$10 and costs.

They were also given a 30-day jail sentence each, but the sentence is to be suspended provided fines and costs are paid by Sept. 1.

Rotary Publishes Year Book and Roster

The new year book and roster, published this year for the first time by the Coquille Rotary Club, were distributed by the secretary at the noon meeting of the club at the hotel on Wednesday.

A short quiz program on Rotary was presented by Jess Bayars.

Rotarian guests present were Judge Del M. King, Lou Pearce, John D. Carl, of Myrtle Point; Charles A. Gault, of West Hollywood, Calif.; John E. Runyan, of Roseburg; J. E. Richmond, of Eugene; and Chas. F. Frazier, of Honolulu.

The club had two service men as guests: Bob Littrell, T. Sgt. of the Army Air Corps, and Gene Bartlett, W. T. 2/c, of Myrtle Point who was present with his father, P. F. Bartlett. Other guests were Arnold Bodtker, of Corvallis, and Geo. H. Jenkins, Geo. A. Ulett and Evan Alborn, of Coquille.

Baby Girl Born To The W. J. B. Heads Monday

Wm. J. B. Head was very happily passing out the cigars Tuesday morning. The occasion was the birth of a six pounds, ten ounces baby girl, named Susan Jean, who was born at the hospital in Myrtle Point at six o'clock Monday evening.

The McNellys Left Sunday For San Francisco

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNelly, who have operated the Coos county farm out on Cunningham for many years, left Sunday for the San Francisco district, where he is to be a partner in a cannery business.

S. F. Stevens, Not Keith Leslie, Sold To O. T. Gant

The Sentinel slipped last week in mentioning that Keith Leslie sold the house and lot, corner of Second and Beach, to O. T. Gant. The house belonged to S. F. Stevens, who has been residing in it since he bought it from Mr. Leslie soon after the latter and family moved away from Coquille.

Two Hundred At Shrine Picnic Sunday

Last Sunday was a lovely day for the annual Coos County Shrine Club picnic, and there were more than 200 Shriners and their families in attendance who enjoyed the day, the feed, the entertainment and the beautiful Mast grove on the banks of the river.

The Shriner from the greatest distance belonged to the temple in Lincoln, Nebr., but there were also several from Los Angeles and Seattle, and the potlatch from Hillah Temple at Ashland was also there. He is Samuel Steinbaugh.

The barbecued beef, with Lefe Compton, Bard Keener and Ted Grubbs on the committee, left nothing to be desired in this feature of the feed and one Coquille Shriner said he had not eaten so much meat for months. The entire meal was furnished by the Shrine Club, except that those attending brought their own sugar, as well as their silverware.

Visiting and horse shoe pitching were the principal entertainment features of the day, in addition to the splendid dinner, and everyone who attended has been most positive in saying it was a day long to be remembered.

Many Blood Donors Can Be Accommodated At Eugene Mon.

Another group from Coquille, headed by Mrs. B. T. Hepler, will go to the Red Cross blood center in Eugene on Monday, August 13. Mrs. Hepler states she will be able to include two or three additional passengers, if they will contact her immediately. Her phone number is 9-R-5.

On account of a certain large group cancellation on the same date, information has just been received to the effect that quite a large number from Coquille, may be accommodated at 8:30 a. m., August 13, in addition to the above group, if arrangements are made immediately. This would be a fine opportunity for lodge, club or church groups to avoid themselves of the rare privilege of saving lives of our servicemen overseas. The local Ration Board is authorized to issue gas coupons for this purpose. Those interested may phone Mrs. D. B. Keener, 170-M immediately.

Clarence Osika To Have Injured Leg Operated On

Clarence Osika, who has been crippled and using crutches ever since he was hit last October 15 when the airplane crash in the north part of Coquille demolished a store and two houses, was admitted to Emanuel Hospital in Portland yesterday afternoon. He is to undergo an operation on his leg tomorrow, and, if everything goes well, he will be able to come home in three or four weeks. Bert Gould took him up to Portland on Sunday.

Mrs. Osika and baby left by bus this morning to be in Portland at the time of the operation. She expects to return early next week.

Mrs. Earl Miller Tells Us One For Ripley

Mrs. Earl Miller, who lives out on the Sitkum route from Myrtle Point, was in town Monday and gave the Sentinel another "Believe It or Not."

When she stopped her car down on Front street one of her two months' old kittens came crawling out from the gear under the truck onto the running board. It seemed quite happy and contented, but how it managed to hang on to its perch over some of the rough roads, Mrs. Miller had to travel is a mystery. It's 20 miles or more that the kitten covered on its first joy ride.

Third Child Born To Former Coquille Couple

Coquille friends will be interested in knowing that a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Branstetter, at their home in Capetown, Calif., last Friday. He is their second son and third child and weighed eight pounds. The mother, the former Helen Lyons, was born in Coquille, the daughter of Mrs. Marvin Lyons who now resides in Coos Bay.

F. O. E. Auxiliary Drill Teams To Give Dance Aug. 25

The Drill Team of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles will give a dance in the Community Building, August 25, with music furnished by the Blue Jumper Orchestra of Coos Bay.

The ladies also have charge of the social program at the Eagles' Hall on their next meeting night.

Recorder Leslie Given 30-Day Leave By Council Monday Eve.

At the regular session of the city council Monday evening the request of Recorder F. G. Leslie for a month's leave of absence was granted and the city treasurer, who will be acting recorder, was instructed to secure the assistance of Mrs. Salma Caughell in the office when additional help is needed.

City Engineer Gearhart's report on sites for the city's sewage disposal plant, which will not be constructed until after the war's end, was that only two sites are possible, one on the former Kistner ranch, now owned by Geo. E. Oerding and Mayor Franklin Bandon, and the other a parcel belonging to Smith Wood-Products, on the old Sitka Spruce mill property. He recommended the parcel near the Hunt Shingle mill, where it will be cheaper to build the plant.

The state engineer, here recently, also recommended the same site.

The report of the Library Board was read. It showed a balance of \$1,107.50 on hand June 30, 1944, receipts to July 1 of this year bringing that total to \$3,512.61, and expenses for the year of \$2,316.35. This left a cash balance on hand the first of July of \$1,274.06, less another item of \$74.40.

A resolution was adopted selling to Mr. and Mrs. Claire M. Gray the city-owned lot at the rear of their home on Coulter street, extending over to Henry, for \$189.37.

An order for additional fire-fighting equipment, submitted by Chief Craig Perrott, was approved. The items will be purchased from the Eureka Fire Hose Co.

The application having been approved by the fire chief and building inspector, a restaurant license was ordered issued to Eley Shelton for the Coquille Cafe on Front street. Chairman of the street committee, John Turkey, reported that the area of which Mrs. W. H. Ziedrich recently complained, was four-fifths on city property and one-fifth on the Ziedrich lot, and that it leaned out over the street. The council voted not to have it removed.

Mike Westbrook asked the council establish definitely the alley, or narrow street lines, of Cypress, off Fourth street on Spurgeon Hill where he said another property owners was going to set a post which would prevent egress, by auto, from four pieces of property. Inasmuch as the strip mentioned has never been deeded to the city and is only a privately owned thoroughfare, the council advised that the abutting property owners come to an agreement and have a survey made which would establish just where the lines of the alley are. Different surveys made there vary by 18 inches or more. The offer of City Attorney Berg to attempt a settlement between the conflicting property interests was accepted, but the council felt that the city could not take any part in this neighborhood row.

Burning Of Beach Street Bridge Narrowly Averted

A fire which Frank Dungey says would have been serious if his arriving had been delayed ten minutes, occurred one evening early this week at the Beach street bridge's north end.

A couple of young hopefuls, who had four cartons of paper matches, had built the fire close up under the bridge decking and were busily engaged in piling wood on the blaze when Mr. Dungey arrived.

Tournament Winners At City Park Playground

Tournament winners at the City Park playground, as announced by Mrs. Dorothy Fischer, were: Tuesday, Horse Shoes, Monty Cooper; Wednesday, Croquet, Dick Cooper and Larry Trather; Thursday, Badminton, Don Pierce. Prizes are candy bars one week and ice cream cones the following week. A dress-up day is slated for August 17.

Mrs. W. G. Headrick, who was here ten days ago to attend the Coos & Curry Pioneer Historical Association annual meeting and picnic, was in Coquille again last Saturday after spending several days in North Bend where she was a teacher in the schools when she was Miss Ida Mitchell. Her home is now in Bend, Oregon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scolari Injured

Disaster visited in earnest the hay fields of the Joe Scolari family this year, on their farm, the first on the Fairview road as you leave Coquille. To begin with, Mrs. Scolari fell off a high load of hay and broke her arm at the wrist two weeks ago. She still carries it in a sling. Scolari managed to finish up the early hay and started on the second crop.

When he started the first row after lunch last Friday, he had his two youngsters on the wagon and one was guiding the team. One of the horses stepped up and Mr. Scolari took the lines to quiet him. Suddenly the other horse stepped up and they began to run. The youngsters immediately jumped off the wagon and Scolari tried desperately to stop the racing team before he was thrown off and badly injured. The team ran through a gate and a dislodged post ran through the wheels, locking them and stopping the horses. The horses were none the worse for their flight, except that one is a little lame.

Lying in the hospital bed with a broken collar bone and a broken shoulder, Scolari has a little time to think it over and has decided a large nest of yellow jackets nearby could have been responsible for the runaway. He knows of nothing else that could have excited the otherwise-gentle team.

Art Schaefer The New Man In The Bank Here

Art Schaefer, the new first assistant manager of the bank here, and Mrs. Schaefer arrived in Coquille on Thursday last week from their home in the Kenton district of Portland, where he was connected with the branch of the First National of Portland there. They were more fortunate than many who are seeking to rent in Coquille for L. D. Willshire was able to secure the house formerly occupied by E. W. Hughes at 180 East Second before they arrived.

John O. Berglund, with his family left this week, for his new post with the bank at Klamath Falls.

Lt. Don Smith Is Back Home For A Week

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith were most happily surprised Tuesday morning when their son, Lt. Don Smith, walked back in on them. They had heard from him, from Fort Lewis, that he was being sent back to the Hawaiian Islands and supposed he had shipped across. But no vessel was available on which he could leave so his departure from the U. S. was postponed for ten days and he came back home to help J. L. in the hay field again.

L.O.O.F. Members Repair Their Building's Roof

An old-hat, no committee group of Odd Fellows gathered together last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of roof repairs on their building. Labor shortages had had effects on the roof and to avoid further delay in its repair some of the good and faithful members decided to take the matter in their own hands. Wives and children came, too, and during early afternoon they served a potluck dinner, which was enjoyed by all those who had assembled for the express good of the lodge.

Notice To Members Of C.C. Pioneer and Historical Assn.

All members who affiliated with the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical Association during the year 1945 are exempt from dues until 1946 and thereafter.

All others who have not paid their 1945 dues of fifty cents each, will do the association a favor by sending in that amount without being solicited. The secretary, Mrs. Inez R. Chase, will acknowledge the receipts by return mail.

Visitors Liked Coquille Brand Of Weather

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor were honored by a surprise visit of Mrs. Grace Brewer and daughter, Pamela, from California, who arrived Friday evening. Mrs. Brewer intends to leave for home today. She was the hostess at the wedding reception given in Richmond, Calif., for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on June 2. After visiting in Coquille, Mrs. Brewer remarked that she wished she did not have to return to the San Francisco Bay area.

C. of C. To Get Out Booklet Soon

At the Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting in the hotel dining room Tuesday noon, the publicity committee was authorized to make an agreement with Frank Hilton, formerly publisher of a paper at Port Orford, to prepare and supervise the publication of a Coquille booklet this summer. His compensation would \$100 and the entire cost of the folders was estimated at \$400. Paul Snider, chairman of the boat house committee, submitted an oral report telling that he has been attempting to systematize the parking of boats there and said there are now five vacant stalls in the boat house.

A letter from the Recreational committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce stated that about a dozen members would be here the morning of Sept. 14, for a breakfast session with the directors to consider the establishment of a state myrtle grove park out on Brummett creek.

There was talk of having an other ladies' day luncheon, at which Coasked to attend but no date was set for it.

Jack Towne Missing

Mrs. Jack Towne this morning received a telegram from Washington telling that her husband, who was with U. S. forces in China, had been missing since July 29. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Towne of this city.

Sunset Dairy Sold To Joe Sinko

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Watson, on the first of August, gave possession of the Sunset Dairy to Joe Sinko of this city, who made a deal for it last month. The deal included the dairy, stock and equipment, and the new proprietor leases part of the land from the Watsons and the balance from Geo. Long. Joe had more recently been employed in the Cream O'Coos plant.

Mr. Watson says he feels that Mr. Sinko is perfectly qualified to handle the dairy which he and his wife have operated for the past eight years. He also extends his thanks to his customers for their patronage.

He and Mrs. Watson intend taking a two weeks' vacation trip and when they return from that he will decide what he will do in the future. He has several plans in mind.

Beach Street Bridge Being Repaired

The Beach street bridge to Knowlton Heights is closed for a ten-day period while the city's street department crew is redecking and making other repairs there.

At Monday evening's council session it was ordered that the blind corner approach of Beach to Knowlton be eliminated by cutting back for a distance of forty feet, the curbing and making a more gradual curve approach from one street to the other. Mayor Wood stated that when he lived up in that section he saw two cars turned over because of the curve and there have been numerous other collisions there.

Coquille Cafe Reopened Last Friday Afternoon

The Coquille Cafe on Front street, next door to the bowling alley, which had been closed for the past two months, was reopened last Friday afternoon, on a 24 hours a day schedule, by E. Shelton who came here from Roseburg. As chef he secured the services of George Moore, formerly with Thiele's restaurant in Portland.

Last Saturday night they did a land office business, although the cafe had had no re-opening advertisement but an adv. does appear in this issue.

Church of Christ To Rebuild After The War Is Over

At the regular meeting of the official board of the Church of Christ Monday evening, reports proved that funds for a new building are accumulating faster than was anticipated. About \$3,000 will go into the fund during the current year and will be used after the war for a new church building.

Mrs. F. A. Pook left Saturday evening for Portland to see a sister, who is in very poor health.

Leonard Farr's Letter Tells Of A German Trip

The following "family" letter, written by Leonard C. Farr on July 14, in Germany, is so interesting and tells so much of what the country looks like and what the people do, that the Sentinel appreciates the opportunity to present the letter to its readers. Long as it is, it is well worth perusing:

Tonight I want to write another of those "family letters." I think you will be interested in the trip I took yesterday afternoon.

So, get out your largest scale map, (I'll try to get hold of one for you, if you can't find any), and come along on the most beautiful one-day trip I have ever had.

Colonel Dubury and I left Munich after lunch to visit one of our hospitals down at Oberau, a small town just north of Garmish-Partenkirchen, which is southwest of Munich about 50 miles (straight flight). Oberau is just a few miles from Oberammergau from where the cast for the Passion Play comes.

First of all, tho, we had to go to Bad Wiessee, which is a small resort village on the western bank of Tegernsee ("see" means lake). This is a beautiful little lake bounded on three sides by wooded mountains which rise abruptly from the lake shore.

Now, in all of these towns which I shall mention, one thing is most impressive. All architecture is in the characteristic Bavarian style. Homes are built in a very quaint and lovely manner. They look like little painted doll houses. The walls are sometimes made of varnished, skinned logs, but usually they are of stucco. About half way up they become weather-beaten board walls with a sort of ship-lap construction. Every home has at least one overhanging porch (one for each floor above the first). Some of these porches run along all four sides of the house but most of them are restricted to the front side. The railings of the porch are cut into intricate designs, blending well with the whole architecture.

Then, if the man of the house is a hunter, (most are), he hangs his trophies (heads of mountain goats and elk), on the outside, above the porch. One farmer, I noticed, had hung his harness there. It was a smart-looking harness, too.

The upper portion of the front wall (just under the eaves), of nearly all homes is painted with a mural of some sort. The favorite seems to be an outdoor scene (a woodcutter or a hunter), but religious scenes run the former a close second. These latter may be scenes from the life of Christ, portraits of the Apostles, or just a cherub scene.

Incidentally, shrines and crucifixes line the highways everywhere.

In the small town of Matriel (between Innsbruck and Brenner Pass [we'll come to that later]), I remember very distinctly the large number of buildings with religious scenes. The church there was constructed in a Spanish or Moorish style and the belfry was nearly covered with a huge portrait of Jesus

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Tommy Tucker And Orchestra Coming

Tommy Tucker and his famous orchestra are to be in Coquille this coming Saturday evening, Aug. 11, when they will play for a dance in the Community Building, and Don Brown and his three two-timers will be featured during the evening.

All the young folks and many of the older ones have heard Tommy Tucker's orchestra on the radio and they will all want to dance to his music, from nine until one o'clock. Admission will be \$1.25 plus the tax.

Riding Club At Myrtle Point To Give Dance Aug. 18

The Myrtle Point Riding Club is advertising a dance to be held in the Oak's Pavilion there on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 18. Music will be by Jack Ellis and his orchestra; there will be a door prize given and everyone is invited to attend.

Service men will be admitted at the same price that ladies will be, 60 cents each, and the charge for other men will be \$1.20. Those admission charges include the tax.