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Billie Snyder Killed In Auto Accident Last Sunday Morning

A fatal accident on the highway, west of the Masonic cemetery, at 3:30 last Sunday morning, took the life of Leo W. Snyder, known to his friends as "Billie," when the car, in which he and two other young men were returning from the Bay, turned over, breaking his neck and crushing his life out instantly.

Billie was driving and, in turning out to meet an oncoming car, he hit the fence on one side, causing the car to veer across the road and down the bank.

With him were Irwin Hennagin of this city, who was not seriously injured, and Bob Smith of Roseburg, who was taken to the hospital with fractured ribs and bruises.

The funeral services for the victim will probably be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock, at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries here, Rev. Linton Parrish officiating, and interment will be in the Norway cemetery.

He had been at home for less than a week, having recently returned from Officers' Training School at Alameda, Calif., in the U. S. Maritime Service. He had been appointed as third rank officer on Aug. 12.

Billie was born in Powers, Sept. 20, 1920, and was a few weeks less than 23 years of age. He graduated from Coquille High in 1939, and had been overseas with U. S. forces for three years.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Stella McKevey; his stepfather, Alan McKevey, of Coquille; his grandmother, Mrs. Luella Allen, of Coos Bay; two aunts, Mrs. Mina Parry, of Coos Bay, and Mrs. Rena Smith, of Portland; two uncles, Dea Allen, of Coquille, and Ed Allen, of Sutherlin, Ore.

The funeral was delayed pending the arrival of relatives from the mid-west.

Mrs. Lida Rogers Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Lida Ina Rogers, a resident of Coquille and the valley for the past 36 years, passed away at the Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point on Monday this week. She had been hospitalized for the past nine weeks and her death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Funeral services were held at the Schroeder Mortuaries here Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. W. R. Munger of the Assembly of God officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers was born at Tonica, Ill., Dec. 10, 1860, and had lived in Missouri before coming to Oregon 43 years ago. She was eight months and ten days past 84 years of age.

Her husband, Wm. D. Rogers, passed away here in 1928, since which time she has made her home with her sons, Fred, at Leneve and Harry in Coquille. Other survivors are her daughter, May Rogers of Coquille; two sons, Bert and Ira Rogers, of Portland; eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Rotary Club Holds Stag Dinner

Nearly one hundred and fifty members and guests were in attendance at the Annual Stag Dinner of the Rotary Club at J. Arthur Berg's cabin at Laurel Lake last evening.

The "jiggs" dinner was served outside on a series of tables arranged by the committee and was a very sumptuous affair in a setting of perfect weather. Jess Beyers had charge of the eats and with his staff of able assistants deserves a lot of credit for a wonderful spread.

An innovation this year was a portable electric light plant, which furnished illumination for both the cottage and grounds.

After dinner games and vocalization, to the accompaniment of a guitar by a Coast Guardsman, were indulged in till a late hour.

County Fair To Get \$1,691 From The State
County Treasurer Stauff this week received from the State Racing Commission at Salem a check for \$1,691.97, which will go to the Coos County Fair Association. It is from racing receipts between Oct. 23, 1944, and Aug. 8, 1945. Each county in the state receives the same amount.

Schools Ready For Opening Sept. 4

With all buildings in readiness and a complete teaching staff on hand, the Coquille Schools will open on Tuesday, September 4th. School will start in all buildings at 9:00 o'clock.

New teachers who will join in welcoming students back to school are Mrs. Lela Elrod as school nurse; Jacob Moomaw, Social Science instructor in high school; Mrs. Vera Moomaw, English in the Junior High; Herbert R. Holmes, Math, and Boyd Physical Ed. in the Lincoln building; Mrs. Dana Pierce, Primary at Washington School, and Mrs. Mildred James, Latin in High school. Mrs. Dorothy Fischer will again be on the staff at Washington School and Mrs. Gladys Cook is transferring from the Washington Building to a Science and Girls' Physical Ed. position in the Lincoln building. A complete list of the faculty will appear in next week's issue of the Sentinel.

All children in grades 1 to 8 inclusive will report to the Washington School for registration on Tuesday morning. First grade pupils entering school for the first time should be accompanied by a parent or some older person. Only children whose sixth birthday occurs on or before November 15 can be accepted for enrollment and it is very important that beginning pupils be enrolled on the very first day.

Grades 6 to 8 inclusive are all housed in the Lincoln Building and students in these grades will register there on the opening day.

Pre-registration is scheduled in the high school as follows: hours 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. each day: Seniors, Tuesday, Aug. 22; Juniors, Wednesday, Aug. 23; Sophomores, Thursday, Aug. 24, and Freshmen, Friday, Aug. 25. This pre-registration should be important to all high school students in making final schedule adjustments and in the assignment of class periods. All high school students are asked to take advantage of this opportunity for early registration as it will permit a better choice of subjects and a more satisfactory arrangement of schedules. Students who are working or will be away during the registration may make arrangements for registration by telephone.

This high school will again operate on a five-day schedule.

Play Ground Program In Park Ends Next Friday

Friday, Aug. 21, will mark the end of the supervised play period in the City Park for this summer. Mrs. Fischer announces a full program, with a fine pet show, has been scheduled for that day. She expressed the hope that all children who have participated in the playground activities this season will bring pets and their lunch, and come prepared for a day of fun.

The youngsters enjoyed a parade through town last Friday, on dress-up day. It seems most of the boys chose to represent Indians. Each child was given an ice cream cone. Tuesday, Bob Ward won the horse-shoe tournament.

F.O.E. Auxiliary Drill Team Dance Saturday Evening

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary drill team will parade the business section this coming Saturday evening, Aug. 25, at 8:30 p. m., preceding their dance which will start at 9:30. The Blue Jumpers orchestra furnishing the music. During the evening the Coos Bay Drum Corps will present an exhibition drill inside the Community Building, and during the intermission the Ladies of the Drill Team will also present an exhibition drill. Admission to the dance is to be 60 cents per person, including tax.

Natal Day, August 31, To Be Observed In Coos Bay

The annual Natal Day Association meeting of the O. E. S., will be held in Coos Bay Friday, Aug. 31. Registration will be from 10:00 a. m. until noon at the I.O.O.F. hall and meetings will be held at Rudy's Rendezvous. Any member desiring transportation and members having cars with extra room will please call Mrs. R. E. Boober.

12 Carloads Of Wool For Boston Loaded This Week

The Southern Pacific yards here were pretty much congested on Monday and Tuesday this week with growers' trucks which brought huge quantities of wool which has been shipped to Boston, Mass.

2 Business Houses Were Burglarized Here Last Night

Two Coquille business houses were burglarized some time last night, the robbers gaining entrance to the Farr & Elwood store by breaking a window at the back, and they then were able to open the cash register. Dan Farr had not checked this morning to ascertain how much the burglar had taken.

Entrance to the Henninger store adjoining was gained by opening the door between the two stores.

At Ernie Wallace's meat market they took about \$30, all he had left in the cash register.

The burglar or burglars were unable to open the Henninger Market cash register, but there was only small change in it, Mrs. Henninger having hidden the greater part of the receipts after depositing that day. He or they did, however, take several packs of Camel cigarettes.

As soon as the stores were opened this morning the State Police, Sheriff Howell and the City Police were called and they are working on the case.

Without mentioning any names, one man remarked this morning that every time a certain young man comes to Coquille, there is a robbery of some kind.

Suicide Attempt Not Successful

Thomas Corson, a 27-year old Coquille man, attempted suicide on August 15, by slashing his throat with a safety razor, in front five of the Watson Rooms on Front street.

Corson, whose home is in Louisiana, had been drinking, and was depressed after a long distance telephone conversation with his father, in which his father refused to give the assistance he requested.

Corson was taken to the Coquille Hospital, where his condition has improved. The razor blade completely missed the jugular vein.

Restrictions Off On Retail Lumber Sale

George A. Ulett announces this morning that all restrictions are off on the sale of retail lumber. The Smith Wood-Products received that information this week and anticipate that possibly on Friday they will receive a similar removal of restrictions notice on the sale of plywood.

Congressman Ellsworth A Coquille Visitor Monday

Hon. Harris Ellsworth, congressman from this fourth Oregon district, who is visiting as many important points in the district as he can while congress is not in session, was a Coquille visitor on Monday. He also visited on Coos Bay, looking at the Navy airport, and looking over the coal mines of the county. He was the speaker also at a meeting held in Coos Bay. He will return to Washington for the re-opening of congress early in September.

The Lanis Bosworths Back To Coquille This Week

Mr. and Mrs. Lanis Bosworth, former proprietors of the Coquille Garage and the Ford agency, arrived here Tuesday evening and are guests at the O. L. Wood home.

Mrs. Bosworth, who has been in Texas with relatives since he joined the Seabees met him on the west coast after he came home. He was on New Guinea in the South Pacific but has been discharged from the service.

Baby Girl Born Friday To The M. D. Rempels

A baby girl, who has been named Elaine Elizabeth, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Menno Rempel at the Belle Knife Hospital last Friday morning. All are doing well, including the father, and visitors will be welcome to see the mother and babe.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Harry Turkel and two children left Wednesday for Santa Ana, Calif., where he was to report this week. Mrs. Turkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stauff, had been here since February of last year when her husband was sent to Europe.

Coos Co. Personal Assessments Up \$142,385 This Year

Tabulations compiled last week on personal property assessments by County Assessor Charles W. Forrest reveal an increase in valuation of \$142,385; the 1944 assessment, less exemptions, being \$5,328,085, and the 1945 assessment totaling \$5,470,470.

Due to the revision of Section 110-213 Oregon Laws, by the 1945 legislative session, all tow boats and other craft now enjoy a ten per cent assessment, whereas all other personal property is assessed at 50 per cent. The revision of this law by our legislators reduced boat assessments from \$148,580, to \$35,035, which means a considerable saving in taxes to boat men and an additional burden to other classes of property.

The over-all increase in other personal property assessments entirely offsets the above loss and increases this year's total valuation \$142,385. Forrest states the personal tax rolls to be in better shape this year than ever before and that much of the credit can be given to Deputy Robert MacLeod in checking assessments filed, and in locating new property.

Total number of parcels of property assessed have decreased by 397 ownerships, however. This loss is attributed to the cancellation of many of the boats from the tax rolls. A ten per cent assessment on small skiffs or other craft places the valuation so low that the tax would not pay for the carrying charges, tax roll cards, or tax statements. In many instances the total tax would only amount to four or five cents and the assessment was therefore cancelled.

Merchandise and stock increased \$128,215. Farm machinery and equipment increased \$49,455. Horses, cattle, sheep and hogs remained about the same as the year before.

Personal machinery and equipment, furniture and equipment increased in value slightly.

Increases on tabulated classified properties are as follows: Platted property, \$66,864; Utility property, \$205,038; Personal property, \$142,385.

Due to the recent State Tax Commission, order revising the assessments on timber, this property and acreage property valuations are not compiled as yet. It is estimated, however, that timber valuations will increase approximately \$600,000 and acreage property about \$200,000.

The breakdown on personal property assessments is as follows:

Improvements on lands not deeded or on U. S. prop'ty	\$ 47,815
Movable machinery, equip.	2,073,510
Boats	35,035
Merchandise and stock	1,897,520
Farm implements, machinery	210,905
Furniture and equipment	
In commercial use	387,760
Horses and mules (1,358)	86,110
Cattle (25,103)	658,430
Sheep and goats (22,530)	87,170
Swine (1,291)	9,735
Poultry (32,770)	14,440
Fur-bearing animals	2,810
Miscellaneous	320
	5,471,560
Less exemptions	1,110
Total assessment	\$5,470,450

H. L. Hoover Opens Business Service Office Here

H. L. Hoover, formerly manager of Butler Food Products in Cedar Lake, Mich., has come to Coquille and opened Hoover's Business Service in an office at his home, 141 South Collier. He is prepared to handle bookkeeping for local concerns, monthly statements, income tax returns and anything requiring efficient engineering in accounting.

Purkey's North Bend Store To Be Opened Saturday Morning

The new Purkey Furniture Store, of which Clint Hart is to be manager, will open in North Bend on Saturday morning this week. Mr. Purkey invites Coquille and other friends to drop in and see his new store.

The Coos County Realty Board held its regular monthly meeting in the Geo. E. Oerding office here Tuesday evening.

Friends of T/4 Morris S. Hulsey, of 1108 North Henry St., have been informed of his honorable discharge from the service.

County Fair Opens September 1

The Coos County Fair Board is planning a larger and better fair at Myrtle Point this year than ever before and J. L. Smith, at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce session, said the board would welcome suggestions for still further improving it, and would appreciate receiving criticisms before it is held, rather than after. He said also that they were short of help putting the fair on this year.

Friday of next week, Aug. 31, is "entry day" and the fair opens on Saturday, Sept. 1, and closes on Labor Day. Besides the agricultural, commercial, community, Future Farmers and 4-H Club exhibits, there will be amateur rodeo and horse show, featuring amateur roping, bronc riding, racing and exhibition riding, junior calf roping and riding.

And, as always, there will be the carnival features, and dancing in Oaks Pavilion.

Talk On Penicillin At Rotary Club

A very interesting talk on Penicillin was given at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club at the hotel on Wednesday by Thos. Young of Eugene.

Starting with the discovery and manufacture of the drug which has been accorded so much publicity recently, Mr. Young stated that, while some wonderful results had been obtained from its use particularly among battle casualties, that it was decidedly not the panacea for all ills that had seemingly received public acceptance. Also that it should only be used under careful diagnosis and by an accredited physician.

Careful research and new methods in manufacture have already reduced the cost fully 90 per cent and further reductions are expected, he stated. A sample bottle containing 100,000 units of the drug was passed around for inspection by those in attendance.

Last minute reports were made by the heads of committees in-charge of the stag dinner at Laurel Lake that evening.

H. C. Obye, of the Forestry department at Grants Pass and John D. Carl, of Myrtle Point, were Rotarian guests. Others were Sgt. Mark Seeley of the U. S. Army Transportation department, recently returned from duty in England, France and Germany; Lanis Bosworth, who received his discharge from the Seabees last Thursday, after two years in the South Pacific.

Timber Valuations Ordered Cut 40 Per Cent By Commission

County Clerk Oddy has received from the State Tax Commission its order to reduce Coos county timber assessments by 40 per cent from the valuation placed on timber by the assessor. The Commission cannot make the reduction itself but does instruct the Board of Equalization to do so and the Board has complied with the order.

The Board was also instructed to make the same reduction on any other timber assessment petitions which may be filed. The order followed the appeal of nine timber concerns to the Tax Commission.

No Council Meeting Was Held Monday This Week

Mayor O. L. Wood and Acting Recorder Caughell being out of town Monday, and there being no special business to come up at the regular council session that evening, no meeting of the city dads was held this week.

The mayor went up to Portland last Saturday on business and then on Monday joined Mr. Caughell, who went out that morning, at Eugene for a state Rotary Assembly session. They returned Tuesday evening.

Rev. G. A. Gray Is In The Hospital With Broken Back

Rev. G. A. Gray has been confined to the Belle Knife Hospital since before noon last Saturday, suffering from fractured vertebrae. The injury was caused when he fell about twelve feet from the myrtlewood tree which he was topping in his backyard.

The fire call at 4:50 Wednesday evening called the department to the end of the Glen Aiken creek road, southeast of town, where a grass and brush fire was quickly put out without any damage being done.

C. of C. Directors Discuss Post-War Aviation Here

There were 30 present for the Tuesday noon session of the Chamber of Commerce in the hotel, including Mayor K. I. Franklin of Bandon, who was a guest of George E. Oerding. The latter acted as secretary in the absence of C. G. Caughell.

Taking up the subject of post-war aviation, President Evan Alborn read letters on the subject from the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce, which is opposed to a U. S. Civil Aeronautics Administration's recommendation that the Southwest Airways be given the franchise along the Oregon coast. It is referred to as a "hedge-hopping" program with 17 stops between North Bend and Portland and 32 between North Bend and San Francisco. It is designated as a feeder service.

The chamber directors went on record as opposing the hedge-hopping line and local business men are asked to write Washington authorities urging a main line aviation service for this section.

The need for an airport, near Coquille, was brought up also by the president and, on motion, he was instructed to appoint a chamber aeronautics committee which will investigate and recommend a suitable site. Don Farr was appointed its chairman, with O. L. Wood and E. E. Smith the other committee members. Mr. Farr states that the committee would appreciate being informed of available or possible sites for an air port, not too far from Coquille and adjacent to the highway.

Frank W. Hilton was present with preliminary proofs of the chamber's publicity booklet which is to be issued in the near future.

J. L. Smith called attention to the shabby appearance of some of the city's gas posts along the highways, one of them having been partially wrecked. The Highway committee was asked to take their restoration up with the city council.

County Agent Geo. Jenkins reported the recent canvassing of the valley by Salem men who are interested in seeing peas grown here and shipped to Salem for processing and freezing. They hope to have 200 acres of peas grown in the Coquille valley and 200 acres elsewhere in Coos and Curry counties, and they will be back about Sept. 1 to sign contracts with growers for the growing and shipment to Salem of peas.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Following that, the morning of Friday, Sept. 14, there will be the breakfast session with the Portland C. of C. recreational committee, about a dozen of them, who wish to look at the proposed Myrtlewood Park site out on Brummett creek. It is hoped a good delegation will accompany the visitors out to look over the proposed state park.

Mrs. Brandon Met Many Coquille People In California

Mrs. Marlin Brandon returned last week from a ten day absence while she visited Marlin at Camp Parks, near Oakland, California. Marlin leaves this week for Port Hueme, a port of embarkation from which point he was to have been shipped overseas. Whether he goes now after the surrender Mrs. Brandon did not know. She stayed at the Kormandisk Village, a Navy village which she described as the most beautiful place she has ever seen. While at this hostess house she met Allie and Mark Best who are moving to Portland at the end of this month. Catherine Littlefield, formerly of Coquille, was another whom Alberta met one afternoon. Her husband is taking a course in the east and was to have been shipped out soon. Audrey Matson, who also went south to visit Ray at Long Beach returned. He will be home the 25th for a short leave. Everyone every place is talking about discharge Alberta said.

Baptist Church Holds Dedication Service For Those In Service

There was a special dedication service held in the Baptist Church last Sunday for the service men listed on the Honor Roll, as well as for those serving from this community. Kenneth Talley sang, "God of Our Fathers," as a special tribute. Special mention was made of the Gold Stars and the parents and loved ones.