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Hale Eubanks Writes About Okinawa Typhoon Experiences

Below are printed parts of a letter from Chaplain Hale B. Eubanks to Mrs. Eubanks, telling of the recent Okinawa typhoon:

"I suppose you heard over the radio what happened to us and I hope you didn't worry much about it. This was the worst we have experienced and I shall never forget it. It is estimated that there are about eighty thousand homeless G. I.'s on the island. The southern end of the island was hit particularly hard and there was considerable loss of life.

"Yesterday afternoon I counted seven large ships with only the masts showing above the water. Several sank in deep water. Most of the ships left the harbor to weather the storm in the open sea. All docks and waterfront installations are gone and the island is a heap of rubbish.

"Typhoons appear to be temperamental creations of Hades, traveling first in one direction, then in another. We received warnings on Sunday and Monday, then the all-clear in both cases. About three o'clock Tuesday morning we were called and notified of another warning and ordered to 'button up.' It had been raining on and off all night and there had been some wind. We have an abundance of wind and rain so no one was particularly concerned.

"When I went out a little after three Tuesday morning there was a (Continued on page eight)

Norton Reports On Highway Meeting

J. E. Norton, who had just returned from a meeting of the Coast Highway Association meeting at Gearhart, gave a brief report of the affair at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club at the hotel on Wednesday. Mr. Norton said that the Association had accumulated a nice little sum for advertising purposes during the war years and the plan was for an active campaign along that line to present the attractions of the Oregon Coast to the travel-minded public for the coming year.

He stated that he had to leave before the final meeting and election of officers but that he was sure that the new president would be selected from either Curry or Coos county and he would venture the prediction that it would be from the former county.

Al Smith introduced his guest as Sgt. Chas. Reynolds, who he said was a former cat operator for Coos Bay Lumber Co. but for some time past had been playing around with a B29.

Two unusual guests were Bernice Sinke and Betty Hauser, members of the Royal Canadian Air Force Wacs, from Vancouver, B. C., who are in the States on a short furlough. Miss Sinke gave a brief word of appreciation and the club sang the international song for them.

Other guests were Mr. Cannon and Miss Casebeer, from the regional office of Social Security in Eugene, and Bill Sage, who had been selected as associate contact student from the High School. Dave Kline was also present.

Chas. R. Frazier, Rotarian from Honolulu who is leaving soon on his return to that place, gave a brief talk of appreciation for his contacts with the local club for the past several months. Rotarian Arthur G. Lothgren, of Portland, also spoke briefly.

Evangelist Services Start At Baptist Church Next Tuesday

Evangelistic meetings begin next Tuesday evening at the local Baptist Church with Rev. J. R. L. Haslam as evangelist. Mr. Haslam, an ex-banker, has had wide experience both as pastor and evangelist. He has a charming personality and is a unique speaker. It is his custom to have the children come to the church after school and he organizes them into a Junior choir that sings in the evening meeting.

He has announced some of his subjects as: "Tomorrow Does Come," "Where Will You Spend Eternity," "God Give Us Homes," "Choice and Influence," "America Where Art Thou?" "God's Remedy For Sin," "A Refuge in the Storms of Life," "The Pleasures of Heaven." Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Near Fatal Duck Hunting Trip

The story of a near-fatal hunting trip last week has been going the rounds in Coquille this week. It concerns two members of the state police force here—Chester B. Liechty and "Red" Alderson.

On their day off they had dressed in heavy clothing, high boots, etc., and gone down river in a boat to hunt ducks. The boat had not been in the water for some time but was not leaking badly and, when down near the Clausen place, they sighted ducks and stood up and shot, the boat turned over.

Liechty went down in 15 feet of water but Alderson managed to grab the side of the boat and hold on. After Liechty had come up once and gone down again, an oar came floating past and Alderson grabbed it, shoved it down to Liechty who was able to hang on to it until Alderson could pull him to the surface.

In their heavy boots neither man could swim and had Alderson not been able to catch the boat both would probably have drowned.

Several days later Liechty was able to locate his gun on the river's bottom and recovered it.

Speed, Wet Bridge Cause A Wreck

A wreck just south of the end of Henry street bridge last Friday evening was due, according to eyewitnesses, to too much speed on the wet bridge planking.

Robert Wilton Mast, who is home on leave from the Navy, was accompanied by Rollo Saylor, and on the bridge his car began to swerve and skid and when it struck the pavement it turned over and hit the car of Mrs. Georgianna Vaughan, parked there. Saylor was considerably bruised and shaken up but not seriously injured.

The estimate of the cost of repairing Mrs. Vaughan's car was from \$400 to \$500, and young Mast has agreed to pay for it.

Bus Line, Coquille-Powers, Operated By Jay Curtis

A new bus line was started last week by Jay Curtis, between Coquille and Powers, which will make two round trips a day in his five-passenger car and a ten-passenger bus.

The schedule calls for leaving Powers at 7:50 a. m. and leaving Coquille on the return trip at 9:30 a. m. In the afternoon the bus leaves Powers for Coquille at 3:10 and starts back from here to Powers at 5:30 p. m.

Until the P.U.C. approves a seven-day service, the bus line will not operate on Sunday.

The Ten Per Cent Water Rate Increase Already On

From the inquiries made at the recorder's office the past week as to the ten per cent increase in water charges to provide funds for Coquille's new sewage disposal plant when it is built, the Sentinel must have given a wrong impression last week. That ten per cent increase has been paid for many months now and there is to be no further increase.

George Ulett Now Has 429-Acre Ranch On Fat Elk

Geo. A. Ulett has made a deal with Roy Folsom for the purchase of a part of the latter's ranch, over on Fat Elk, which lies between the one Mr. Ulett already owned and Dr. Rankin's. The Folsom ranch contains 220 acres and this deal gives Mr. Ulett a total of 429 acres there. He is also buying the 125 head of Hereford cattle which Mr. Folsom had on the place.

Ingram's Medal Award Was Not For Flying Operations

Following is the text of the post-humous bronze star award and citation made for John W. Ingram, Jr., to his parents here last week by Capt. Wm. A. Cass, Jr., who came from Corvallis to make the award as stated below, the award was not for flying operations on the Normandy beach head:

"For heroic and meritorious achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy in Normandy on June 17, 1944, I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the bronze medal has been posthumously awarded to your son."

Ernie Smith Caught The Big Fish At The Lions Derby—The Eighty Attending Saw Amphibious Jeep Go To Bottom Of River

The committee in charge of the Lions Club annual Fish Derby, held last Sunday about six miles up the river, reports that several of the Lions and Rotarians hooked the female Jack Salmon, for the landing of which a prize of \$15,000 was offered, but in every instance she got away before the fisherman could gaff her!

Ernie Smith received the prize for landing the largest salmon, his catch being a Chinook weighing 23½ pounds. O. L. Wood's boat caught the next largest, a 12-pounder, but with all the kidding there has been about it an outsider cannot tell whether "Hiz Honor, The Mayor," or someone else actually hooked it. Neither one looked like a very good fish, one of them apparently being about ready to spawn.

The catch in each boat was so small that no one turned their boat's catch in for weighing, and as far as the committee members know that prize will not be claimed. Ray Jebb's boat had two for the day's sport, a jack salmon (male) and a trout.

It was raining for most of the morning but the feed committee had a big canvas spread over the tables, set up at the Peterson bar, next to the old Lett place near Norway, and the 80 Lions and Rotarians enjoyed a splendid feed at noon. It consisted of baked salmon, excellent clam chowder, roasting ears, relishes, coffee, etc.

Everyone who attended had a most enjoyable day.

The big event of the day and the most exciting was the performance of the amphibious jeep which CNY Gulseth and Iris Elrod drove up there.

All of those present wanted to see how it would act in the river, so with Jim Bunch as driver, Bill Ulett alongside him, Bob Hartison and Phil Alborn in back, it was started down the bank for the water. Just before the plunge Phil must have had a hunch for he stepped out.

When the jeep got out to where it could float, water began to come up through the bottom and had rescue boats not rushed alongside, the three others would have had to swim ashore, for the jeep settled down into 14 feet of water in the middle of the river.

Joe Sayre and Denton Ellingson stripped, dived down and fastened lines on the vehicle and at seven o'clock that night it was pulled from its watery grave. A turn of the switch brought the lights on and the tank was found to be still half full of gasoline, and the jeep was not at all damaged by its immersion.

Later it was found that the reason for its sinking was due to the fact that the "inspection plates," which had been taken off down here had not been replaced.

It Was Southwestern Airways That Coquille Disapproved

It is called to the Sentinel's attention by Evan Alborn, president of the Chamber of Commerce, that it was the Southwestern Airways corporation application to the federal government for a west coast franchise, that the Coquille Chamber disapproved, not the Western Airways' application.

Mr. Alborn also said that it was not requested that Coquille be made a part of call by the company that secures a franchise, but that the Western Airways' proposal appeared to have more possible benefit for Coquille than does the Southwestern.

New J. C. Penney Manager Buys W. H. Fortier Place

It is reported that L. H. Craven, who came here with his family from Grants Pass the first of the month and is manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, has purchased the W. H. Fortier property, just south of the Assembly of God church, the deal being made through the George E. Oerding agency.

Down To Freezing Again This Week

Again Wednesday morning this week the thermometer registered the freezing point of 32 degrees as it did one morning last week. Tuesday morning's reading was 33.

It seemed good to see the Greyhound buses rolling again Tuesday morning, and the traveling public appreciates the opportunity again to go up and down the coast.

Elmer E. Hook Passed Monday

Elmer Eugene Hook, a resident of Coquille for the past 13 years, passed away at his home, 658 North Coulter street, on Monday morning this week at 8:30 o'clock, where he had been confined by illness since last February.

The body was taken to Portland by the Gang Funeral Home ambulance and services held at the Pearsons & Co. Mortuary, with interment in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Mr. Hook was born in Boone county, Iowa, Sept. 14, 1879, and was one month and nine days past 66 years of age at passing.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fanny B. Hook, and two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Coquille and Mrs. Catherine Orloff of Portland.

Major John Seeley Again A Civilian

Dr. John Seeley, who entered the Army as a lieutenant three years ago and was discharged last week at a base in Utah, with the rank of major, got home last Thursday evening, once again a civilian. John had been in the medical corps in England for two years.

He left yesterday for Portland to look around before deciding where he will locate to resume the practice of his profession.

Don Smith Now Out Of Uniform

First Lieut. Don Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith who returned home last week, is again a civilian but looks as though the three and one-half years he spent in the Army had been good for him, and says the experience was something he would have hated to miss.

Don went in as a Reserve officer, with a 2nd Lieutenant commission, and was in the Infantry until he was sent to Fort Shafter, just outside Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands a couple of years ago. He was stationed there in the Post Headquarters detachment and says the work was not at all arduous.

At the present time he is vacationing but is also looking for a job or position.

Bill Pook To Be Home Soon

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pook here, Lieut. Wm. R. Pook said that he was leaving Japan on Oct. 20 for the United States and would receive his discharge after reporting to a base in this country.

How Bill will get along without some one to wait on him is something his friends will have to wait and see.

He has been with General MacArthur's occupation forces in Japan and wrote that the officers had not had much to do except ride around and view the scenery. The Japs were all anxious to wait on the U. S. soldiers in every way they could, acting as chauffeurs in many trips around the country. He also said if a soldier pulled out a cigarette a Jap would be right there with a match before the American could get his hand into his pocket for a light.

Lieut.-Col. Gene Laird Will Be Home Soon

Lieut.-Col. Eugene E. Laird, who arrived in San Francisco Monday of last week, was met there by his wife. He has not yet returned to Coos county as he had to go up to Tacoma for a check-up at the hospital before coming home, to ascertain his condition after the years he spent in a Jap prison camp, where he was taken after the Japs captured the Philippines in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rover returned Monday from a week's vacation in San Francisco.

Pioneer Ass'n Votes To Join The State

The Coos-Curry County Pioneer-Historical Association held a special meeting at the residence of Mrs. Inez R. Chase, on Oct. 17, the meeting being called to order at 7:30 p. m. by President J. P. Beyers. The purpose of the meeting was the matter of associating with the Oregon Historical Society, which matter was discussed at length, pro and con, by the board, and after due consideration a vote was taken and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Some months ago a representative of the Oregon Historical Society met with the Pioneer-Historical Association here and talked at length on the matter of combining the two organizations, which was very well received by the members present at that time but the matter had rested in committee until this time.

The work of the Oregon Historical Society includes services of many kinds in many fields but may be summed up as "education." Hard-to-find facts are discovered for historians, authentic local-color material is supplied to novelists, museum displays and lectures are arranged for schools, clubs and the public.

The Coos-Curry County Pioneer Association has always heretofore been close guardian of the financial affairs of the Association and in the association with the Oregon Historical Society, the officers have held strictly to the same rule, that no unnecessary expense shall be added to the membership.

The report of the secretary on the matter of finances, and otherwise, is enough to inspire a great deal of optimism in the past year's progress. The matter of a building for the museum rests entirely on the action of the finance committee in finding sufficient funds.

R. M. Harrison, Ass'n Press Cor.

County Sells The Hotel Bldg. At Bay

The bid of W. A. Rushlight, Waale-Camplan Company, a copartnership, et al, Portland, for the purchase of the unfinished hotel property at Coos Bay—the only bid received in reply to a recent advertisement—has been accepted by the County Court, according to County Judge L. D. Felsheim. The property includes three lots occupied by the building and three vacant lots adjoining.

The acceptance of the bid involves a 90-day option, during which time the buyers are to prepare plans and specifications to be submitted to the county court for the county's approval. Plans are to include a statement showing the furnishings and other personal property to be placed in the building. Conditions of the sale are that the buyers shall complete at least six floors ready for occupancy and furnish the same as a hotel and/or apartments at a minimum cost of \$125,000.00.

Upon the approval of construction plans by the county court, and the placing of a deed in escrow by the county, the buyers are to begin construction work within 30 days and must complete at least six stories in one year. Upon completion of the building and its approval by the county court, the county will deliver the deed and the buyers will pay the county \$500.00.

In the event buyers fail to complete the project to the satisfaction of the county all improvements and installations made up to the time of surrender become the property of the county.

Suit to quiet title on the property is now in process through the Circuit Court. It is expected that this will be completed and title insurance made available within the option period, and that construction will be started within the next few months.

W. A. Rushlight and the Waale-Camplan Company are widely-known building construction contractors of the Pacific Northwest who have during the past few years completed several million dollars' worth of contracts. They first became interested in the hotel building nearly two years ago, and because of wartime restrictions and the press of government war contracts, were unable to give the matter further consideration. At the close of the war they were again in position to resume negotiations with a view of not only completing the building, but having it occupied.

Friends inform us that the following men have received their honorable discharges: Claud Sell, Bill Gearhart, Pat B. Miller, Carl Christensen.

Ralph P. Stuller Buys Half Interest In The Sentinel

Next week, for the first time in nearly 33 years, the name "Young" will not appear at the mast head of the Coquille Valley Sentinel.

The reason for this announcement is that, effective November 1, H. A. Young's interest as a partner in the Sentinel has been purchased by Ralph P. Stuller, of McMinnville, Oregon, who had many years of reportorial experience on the Oregonian in Portland, as well as on daily papers in San Francisco and Seattle.

Mr. Stuller, who expects to be here next Monday, was here last week with Mrs. Stuller and their ten-weeks old baby, Johnnie. They will join him here as soon as he finds a place for them to live.

The Sentinel was purchased by H. W. Young in January, 1914, from Lew A. Cates, and until his death, Feb. 17, 1927, he was the editor and publisher.

Since that time the Sentinel has been owned jointly by Mrs. Marian D. Grimes, linotype operator in the mechanical department, and Allen Young. Mrs. Grimes retains her interest in the Sentinel and will be a partner of Mr. Stuller and continue as one of the Sentinel's force.

The present editor has felt for some little time that responsibility for publishing Coquille's newspaper should be in the hands of a younger man and when Mr. Stuller came to Coquille a month ago the deal was quickly closed. From our contacts with him the past month, we can emphatically state that our opinion is that Mr. and Mrs. Stuller will be appreciated by the people of Coquille and vicinity as an asset to the community and we bespeak for the new owner the same cordial support and patronage that the retiring partner has enjoyed in Coquille for more than three decades.

The retiring editor has no plans for any immediate occupation but will take a long-deferred vacation and rest. For the present at least he and Mrs. Young expect to continue to make their home in the Coquille valley.

Friends and patrons of the Sentinel are invited to drop in at the office next week and meet its new editor. Again we say to all our friends and supporters, "Thank You."

C. H. S. At Reedsport Next Saturday

The Coquille High Red Devils go up to Reedsport for their next game, to meet the high school football team there. That Umpqua valley town has a good team this year having won Friday, 20 to 0, and have other games in their win column so far this fall. The Red Devils will give them all they have and can probably take the Braves, although it will be a hard-fought game.

Vernon Brockman Home After 30 Months In Coast Guard

Vernon T. Brockman, who has been in the U. S. Coast Guard for the past two years and a half and stationed at Port Townsend, Wash., for the entire time, came home Monday this week once more a civilian. He says it seems mighty good to get back to the old home town and that in some ways the failure to see any action during the conflict was a disappointment but, on the whole, he is very well satisfied that he did not.

Red Cross To Meet Friday In Guild Hall

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, Oct. 25, at Guild Hall, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., to sew, knit and crochet. Machines are available for those wishing to sew at the work rooms. For home sewing there will be: Kit Bags, Pajamas, Bathrobes and Scuff Slippers.

All ladies interested in helping are invited to attend.—Mrs. F. C. True, Production Chairman.

Republican Officials To Be Here Nov. 3 To Confer With Ladies

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Republican National Committee Woman from Oregon, accompanied by Mrs. John Y. Richardson, state vice chairman of the Oregon Republican Central Committee, will be in Coquille, according to their present plans, on Saturday night, Nov. 3, to meet with local Republican women.