

### S. Sgt. Newton Now At Home

Thomas Jay Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newton of 690 N. Coulter St., arrived home Wednesday, November 21st, from the separation center at Portland after receiving his discharge with the rating of staff sergeant. He entered the army air forces as a private in July 1943.

Sergeant Newton served overseas with the 9th Air Force for more than five months as an engineer-gunner aboard a B-17. He has been awarded the air medal, the victory medal, the American defense ribbon, and wears three battle stars on his ETO ribbon.

A student at Coquille high prior to enlistment, he plans to attend the University of Oregon. He was last stationed at the flying fortress pilot school, Hendricks Field, Fla.

### Christmas Sweets Without Sugar

Christmas traditions of home-made sweets may be observed in spite of sugar shortages by the use of sirups, honey, dried fruits, and other sugar extenders, says Lucy A. Case, extension nutritionist at O. S. C. A variation of old fashioned sugarcorn molasses taffy combined with mint in a delicious product. A new method of combining dried fruits, chopped nuts and honey or sirup produces a delectable variety of Pansian sweets.

Excellent crackerjack for the youngsters or oldsters can be made with molasses and a small amount of sugar. Brittle chocolate taffy can be made from dark corn sirup and a small amount of brown sugar.

Recipes for these sugar-saving sweets, including a new marshmallow made with fruit, are given in a new circular HE 1927, "Sugar Saving Christmas Sweets," which is available free at all Extension service offices.

### Early Days in Coos

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Popular Southwestern Oregon Historian

Last week we very briefly outlined the steps which led up to the first settlement in Coos county, at Empire City on Coos Bay in 1853. Today let us take a little closer look at that pioneer group. Several sources of information are available, but the following is taken almost entirely from the publication called "Inventory of the County Archives of Oregon—No. 6, Coos County."

Sometime in 1852 Perry B. Marple with six others and two Indian guides made a short exploring trip into the Coos Bay region. Impressed with the charm of the region, the immense coal deposits, the splendid harbor, the gigantic timber, and the extensive fisheries, Marple gave a glowing report on his report to Jacksonville.

**Company Organized**  
The result was that in May of the following year a company was organized to visit and explore the country more thoroughly, to select town-sites, timber and mining claims. A company of forty men with pack horses loaded with provisions, guns and ammunition, rode northward from the Rogue River valley over the Oregon-California trail to the Umpqua almost to the present site of Roseburg, then by way of Canas Valley across the Coast range to the upper Coquille river. At the junction of the Middle and South forks they encountered a large band of Indians.

After some difficulty in making themselves understood, they succeeded in arranging for canoes and guides to take them down stream to the present site of Bandon. From there they went up the coast to Coos Bay. I should say that half of the party arrived. The other half turned back when they met the Indians at the forks of the Coquille.

After their arrival, the group of men entered into an agreement as follows: "This indenture made and entered into on the twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. eighteen hundred fifty three at Coos Bay in the County of Jackson, and territory of Oregon, between Coos Bay Co. as a body on one part, and we the original members thereof, as the other, Wilmerseth, That Coos Bay Company shall consist of, and be known as, the association of the twenty men, who have engaged in the Coos Bay enterprise, under a company organization of the name aforesaid."

**To Take Land Claims**  
The expressed purpose of the company was for each of the twenty men to take up a land claim, prove up on it, receive a patent, and then turn the land over to the Coos Bay Company, and those married or who should later marry should obtain land claims in their wives' names and obligate them likewise. The purpose of the agreement was to bind themselves to such a course.

The members of the company and others who followed later in the same year and bought a share in the company located claims in various parts of the area. Capt. Wm. H. Harris located at Empire; F. G. Lackhart at North Bend; J. C. Tolman and a man named Waarwich at Marshfield; John Davis, Mart Davis, W. H. Jackson, A. P. DeCuis, M. M. Leam, Vet Parker, Fortnight Miller, C. W. Johnson, and others located on Coos river; Patrick Flanagan, James Flanagan, S. S. Main, N. C. Boatman, Amos Rogers, James Aiken, Henry W. Sanford, William Duke, Nelson Northup, David Belchet, James Rooke, John Yeakum and others located on Coal Bank slough. Captain Harris was the first to locate and file his claim and built the first cabin.

After exploring the bay region, some of the members returned to Jacksonville. It is said that their reports were glowing in the extreme. They mentioned particularly the harbor, rich bottom lands, fine timber; told of the salt water fish that abounded in the bay, the shell fish, crabs and clams; of the many deer, bear, elk, and other game. Others were thus influenced to come to the newly-found paradise. Among them was S. M. Dement. At some other time we'll have a special story of Mr. Dement as told later by his son, the late Russell C. Dement of Myrtle Point.

**First Woman at Empire**  
Esther (Mrs. F. G.) Lockart was among the first women to locate at Empire, and the only one of the first group to remain permanently. She became Coos county's first school teacher, hired by the parents of that early settlement even before a school district was organized. Mrs. Lockhart's life story has been written by her daughter, Agnes Ruth Sengstacken of Marshfield. The book is called "Destination, West." I believe it is obtainable in all public libraries of Coos county. I recommend it to anyone who may be interested in the lives of our true pioneers.

Mrs. Lockhart tells about their

### S. Sgt. Maury Williams Now In Washington, D. C.

Staff Sgt. Maury Williams, son of Mrs. Jane Williams of Coquille, is now stationed at the National Airport, Washington, D. C., it was learned today. Sgt. Williams was formerly stationed at the West Palm Beach, Florida, air base where he acted as an instructor.

What is called liberality is often merely the vanity of giving.  
—La Rochefoucauld

trip over from Jacksonville. She says: "Our method of reaching the bay was an entirely primitive one. We came to Scottsburg by riding over the mountains on muleback, where we embarked on the little steamer, "Washington," so well known to early pioneers, and arrived at Winchester (Bay) after an uneventful trip. We again mounted mules to make the trip along the beach to Coos Bay."

**Relates Story of Hotel**  
"On reaching Empire City, which consisted of one cabin and a rude hotel, we went to the latter place kept by our genial friend, Frank Ross, and feasted on fresh salmon, clams, roasted wild ducks and geese, all of which were delicious. Although we had to experiment somewhat with the shellfish, we liked it from the first. This was fortunate for us, as it had to be a generous part of our future food supply."

"That night we slept on a puncheon floor, in a big room with forty other persons, both men and women, having only our own feather beds between us and the uneven logs on the floor. But we slept in peace and safety, lulled to rest by the sound of the surf beating musically on the ocean beach a few miles away."

It will be noted in the foregoing that many of those first comers planted themselves so well that their names are still to be found among our leading citizens today.

[I'll be very glad to hear from any of them, relating stories of interest that may have come down from their parents, grandparents or great-grandparents.]

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Last month's attendance was grand, let's do as well this month or even better.

### Personal Mention

**Returns From Vacation**  
Florence Bauer returned from a week's vacation spent below Gold Beach to her duties at the West Coast Telephone office Sunday. She reports a fine time.

Eldon E. Gilman called Wednesday evening from Portland to inform his parents, that he was on his way to see his wife in Los Angeles and to receive his discharge at San Pedro, California, after two years of service in Manila, Australia, New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands. Eldon expects to be here to visit about December 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goodman have learned that their son, Bill, has earned the rating of corporal in the marines at his station on Okinawa. Corporal Bill says they have been issued their "greenies" and one of the camp rumors has it that they will be sent to China.

Mrs. Ray Brenner and daughter, Marilyn, from Ballatin Gateway, Wyoming, and Mrs. Henry Cloninger of Helena, Montana, left here Sunday after spending two weeks with their sister, Mrs. Ben Walton.

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