

Doings of Local People

AMM 2/c Charles Johnson who has served four years and re-enlisted for another four years cruise, arrived June 27, as a patient aboard the light Cruiser, U. S. S. Atlantic, after a three months trip in the Pacific.

Ed Hughes and Margaret Hughes drove out to the valley last Saturday where Margaret will stay for some time acting as an athletic director in the Girl Scout camp at Silver Creek Falls state park above Salem. Ed visited and transacted business in Eugene on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tallant Greenough were on the Rogue Saturday and Sunday working on the erection of a cabin in that section which is being put up jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Tallant Greenough and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Greenough of Gearhart.

The Teen Age dance at the Community building Friday night drew a large crowd of Coquille young people. Ed Hughes is official music master and runs the phonograph record system.

Tickets to the Active club's amateur boxing matches are selling well, according to reports turned in by Dave Johnson, first honorary member of the Coquille Active club.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Corl and small sons, Louis and Gene, are visiting Mrs. Corl's mother, Mrs. Sonne-

land. Mrs. Corl and Lewis came by rail and Mr. Corl with Gene arrived by plane from New York, to meet them the day that Mrs. Corl arrived in Portland.

Mrs. Rodney Creager and three children, Mrs. Ralph Cochran and two daughters, Mrs. Ted Foss, Nona and Stephen and Mrs. Joe Sinko and son, returned Sunday night from a ten-day vacation spent at the Thornton cottage near Agnes.

Mrs. A. H. Davis of Stockton, Calif., a sister of Irving Larson, arrived Monday with her daughter, Eugenia. They plan to spend three weeks at Seaside, taking the Larson's two daughters, Sharon and Judy, and Mr. Larson's mother, Mrs. Hilma Larson, with them.

Joanne Savage spent a week with Laura Emily Ruble at Idleyd Park, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Varney of Long Beach, Calif., is visiting old friends in Coquille. She was accompanied by her father-in-law, Harry Varney.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Savage of Seattle, spent several days visiting friends in Coquille last week. Mrs. Savage will be better remembered as Dorothy Glaisyer. She and her husband are on a camping trip down the coast and plan to return home via the Oregon Caves and Crater Lake.

Farm Wage Rate In Oregon Tops National Figure

Oregon's composite farm wage rate per month averaged 2.7 percent higher on July 1 this year than a year before, according to an analysis of USDA data by the O. S. C. Extension service. The increase was less than the national average of 8 percent during the year ending July 1, however.

At 331 percent of 1935-1939, the United States average level of farm wage rates is now the highest on record. Farmers are also employing more hired workers than a year ago—7 percent more. About a million returned veterans are at work on farms.

After appearing to be slowing down the last part of 1945 and first months of 1946, United States farm wage rates advanced twice the usual seasonal rate from April 1 to July 1. Farm wage rates climbed along with increases in industrial wage rates.

Although the recent advance in farm rates was greater nationally than in Oregon, the current level in Oregon is still relatively higher than in the whole country, both in terms of money wages and in relation to 1935-1939. The highest farm rates in the nation are being paid in Oregon, Washington and California.

The Pacific coast states have a very large volume of farm work to be done during the summer months and the demand for hired help is strong. It was estimated that 708,000 persons were working on farms in the three states on July 1 this year. That is 34,000 more than at the same time last year and 110,000 more than the 1935-1939 July 1 average.

At \$20,000 the number of farm family workers was 7000 less, however, than in 1935-1939, while the number of hired workers was 117,000 greater. Thus the expense of farmers for hired help was approximately six times the 1935-1939 July 1 average for this farm costs item.

Lloyd Claver is still busy doing some painting on the buildings at his farm on Rink Creek.

Mrs. Ralph Taylor returned from Portland last week after a three weeks visit with her sister.

Sentinel Classified Advs. will sell it.

Between the Deadlines.



Newcomers to the Coquille river are prone to wax poetic and prolific in a verbose way over the superb cats that lurk along the bottom of our favorite all-round fishin' stream that meanders down through the green of the valley floor.

They liken it to some of the best fishing that they ever saw back in the dusty mid-west, and look askance at the natives who aren't sold catfish fisherman. Even the tourists who see the strings of cats local boys bring up from the Coquille have been known to stop their cars and ask if there is any place in town you can get "fried catfish."

Having recently and for the first time tasted the succulent white meat of our river cats, we too can say, "it is a real eatin' fish."

But to our mind the story of the cats is yet more interesting. They weren't always denizens of this locale, but were imported like a lot of other things.

Jess Barton who was an ardent fisherman got interested in the catfish getting left in potholes from floods on the lower Columbia and he prevailed on the fish boys to send him a couple a barrels of cats down here.

They came into Coos Bay then Marshfield—and Jess went over after them. He decided to stay over night, and the next morning someone had stolen a barrel of his cats, so he only had one left to plant in the Coquille.

However, today from that small beginning, the Coquille is literally teeming with catfish and it's a real thrill to a lot of people who like the catfish type of fishing to catch these whitemeat fish.

One tourist the other day remarked that Coquille was an enterprising city. It had parking areas that you had to park at least 15 minutes in. . . he was referring to the new zones in which the signs read 15 to 30 minute parking.

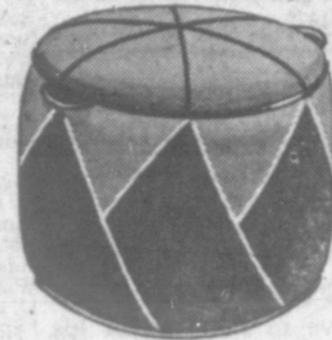
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David Johnson of Madeira, Calif., is visiting in Coquille and attended the picnic of the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical association last Sunday. In 1895 he played baseball for the Coquille baseball team. He is a brother of J. P. Johnson.

Soren Buss was at Gold Beach over the weekend.

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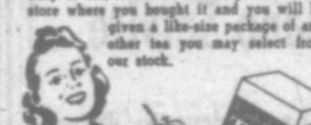
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