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Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

I must tell you of the Palm Cabbage. Of course we do not have cabbage or lettuce or anything green out here and we miss that very much. We do have Palm Cabbage and if you were to sit down to a cabbage salad made of this you could not tell the difference between it and the cabbage you get at home in the States except that it is a little bit finer grade of leaves. It is actually the heart of a Palm tree and the only way you can get it is to cut down the tree and remove the heart. I personally think it is a crime to destroy those lovely Palms but when they are clearing the jungles here they cut them down anyway and remove the heart of the tree at the time. That's the way we got this one. It is about the size of a medium size cabbage head and is on a stem about 18 inches long. Around the cabbage and the stem is a white casing about two or three inches thick. This casing keeps all the sweet in the cabbage heart and when you are ready to prepare the salad you chop the casing off and here is the cabbage. It is simply delicious. Wish you could pop in and try some of it with us. You'd love it I know.

Can't remember if I told you about the Bush Cow or not which was killed out here. One of the bachelors, Mike Poll, killed it. This is the first one on record to be killed by a white man and needless to say he has been the envy of every other man on the plantation. "Bush Cow" sounds a very mild, doesn't it? Well, it is far from mild. A Bush Cow is considered one of the most ferocious and vicious animals in Africa and is more dangerous to kill than a leopard, lion, hippo, elephant or anything else. The animal is huge, something like a Buffalo and it's horns extend straight from its forehead and lay back toward the neck so that when going through the bush it can point its nose out and the horns will not catch on the trees. There are many of them out here and they are seen on the plantation quite often especially in the Rubber Divisions where the native go and tap the trees daily. As I have mentioned before the bachelors and quite often there will be patches of High Bush or Jungle around on the Rubber Divisions and then rows of rubber trees, then more jungle. Animals from the jungles will therefore roam around the plantation and go from place to place. Mike, who is in charge of the certain division, was making the rounds inspecting the native's work one day and was carrying his gun with him when he came upon this scene. The Bush Cow had been slowly driven farther

and farther back as the native's progressed in their work of tapping for the day and it had kept hidden in the bushes. Finally when it became trapped by workers on all sides it made a charge. By the time Mike could climb a tree and take aim at it, it had killed one native boy and was killing another. He shot it seven times before it even so much as hesitated. When he finally pounced it they tried to cut it's throat with one of those huge Bush Knives which the boys carry. The knife is about three feet long and is used in chopping under brush. The skin of the animal is over two inches thick at the throat and like tough leather and they couldn't even scratch the surface. I don't know whether they finally got an axe or what but finally they managed to bleed the animal a little. Mike and another fellow and scores of natives came dashing to the crading Company with the Bush Cow in the back of the truck and everyone dropped what he was doing and came running. There was excitement a plenty. To make a long story short they dressed the Bush Cow and hung it in the ice room of the Trading Company for three weeks then the Firestone Overseas Club gave a big dinner at the big club house which was quite a "brilliant affair" for out here and the main course of the dinner was "Bush Cow." The meat tasted of a certain wild tang but otherwise it resembled coarse beef. It was extremely black in appearance. "Bush Cow Poll" is quite the kid out here at the moment.

We had Captain Veno up to see us when the S.S. Zarembo was in port on the 20th of last month. It is the first trip the Zarembo has made to Liberia since the time it brought us out so we were happy to see Captain Veno. He spent two days and nights with us and is surely a "card". He has promised to bring many souvenirs from the French Ivory Coast and the Gold Coast, Nigeria and Belgian Congo so I am surely happy about that. He seems like a father to us and just to take one good look at him is all you need to decide that he has followed the sea for many, many years. His skin is so weather beaten and the lines on his face are so deep and permanent looking but to us he is a jewel. You couldn't find a better friend if you looked the whole world over. He treats us like we were his children and if advice is wanted he sure can dish it out and get the biggest kick doing it. One of the Barber Line boats the Kebar about, was in that awful storm at sea on a previous trip home, has now been taken off the Liberian run that leaves us with six boats instead of seven for service out here. The S.S. Humhaw was aground south of here for two weeks so consequently that has thrown the schedule off somewhat. She is okay now and has been repairing in Lagos, Nigeria and is expected in the end of this week homeward bound. That is the boat which will carry this letter, I hope. (To Be Continued)

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High School Notes

The senior class Monday issued invitations to the juniors and faculty members to attend a hobo party at the gymnasium Friday evening. Prizes are offered for the best costumed hoboes—one for the girls and one for the boys.

Miss Boshears posted the names chosen for the junior play cast Wednesday morning. There are 5 boys and 5 girls in the cast. The play, "What Happened to Uncle" is to be presented in mid-November. Rehearsals begin Wednesday afternoon.

Margaret Finley left with her parents Wednesday noon for Portland where they will attend the Livestock Exposition.

Ben McManama is working as the janitor's assistant.

A student body meeting was held Wednesday at 12:45 for the purpose of electing a president. Norman Smith was elected over the other candidates. Ronald James was elected vice president to take Norman's place, who had been vice president. Bill Newman, former choice of the student body for president, has had to discontinue going to school on account of his working hours with the United Air Lines.

Norman Smith was elected president of the newly organized Dramatic Club. Miss Wilson is the faculty adviser.

New regulations formulated at a faculty meeting Monday afternoon require students to take seats in the study hall between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

The halls are not to be used as places for social gatherings but are to be kept clear of traffic and as quiet as possible.

The G.A.A. plan a roller skating party for Friday after school. They will skate to the Big Y and back. Miss Eyre, G.A.A. adviser, will accompany them.

Lucille and Willard Gries are new students here. They formerly attended school in Sutton, Nebraska.

Miss Eyre, librarian, has just received a collection of books from the state library. These books are available to all high school students for use as outside reading.

Elnora Love returned to school Monday after a week's absence. During this time she made a trip to California.

Mildred Clark returned to school Monday after several days' illness.

Wilmer Higinbotham was absent Monday and Tuesday working.

The high school had its first fire drill Wednesday afternoon.

Grading and leveling the grounds around the gymnasium has been continued this week.

1914 PACKARD ON DISPLAY—

A 1914 Packard is on display at the Perry Aircraft Motors that it is really worth going out of your way to see. It was owned by E. V. Carter, the Ashland banker. In spite of the many changes made in automobiles there still is something grand about this car. It cost \$5,000 when new.

Mrs. C. R. Luther, who is staying with the Minnicks while regaining her health, has improved greatly.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DIEDRICH C. STRAUS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed her Final Report and Accounting in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 7th day of November, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the court room of said

Court, in the Court House at Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, if any there be, and the settlement thereof.

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Administratrix of the Estate of Diedrich C. Straus, Deceased.

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