

# First Hand Story Of Lurline Trip Told By Local Woman's Dad

## Last Ship to Leave Pearl Harbor Before Attack, Here Safely

"The Lurline Races for Home and Safety" is the title of J. F. Pfeiffer's own story of the trip he made on the last passenger vessel to leave Pearl Harbor before the fateful Japanese attack of Sunday, December 7. The story, released to this paper by Mrs. Orville Smith of this city, daughter of Mr. Pfeiffer, was received by her this week. It relates:

"December seventh—A day of blue skies, quiet seas, and bright sunshine; a perfect day for ship travel.

"On arriving on 'A' deck noticed that ship's speed had been increased.

"At nine thirty an excited man rushed to the deck and shouted, 'Honolulu has been bombed—three hundred killed! Manila has been bombed, the ship behind us has been sunk—we are at war with Japan!' And we were but thirty-eight hours out of Honolulu. It seemed incredible that this could happen. Rumors, rumors, and more rumors spread, until it all sounded like a gibberish of fantastic tales.

"But no—there must be some truth, for soon members of the crew

appeared, with buckets of blue and black paint, to black out the ship.

"Consternation reigned, with here and there a touch of hysteria. A woman grabbed my arm and asked me if it was true.

"In the haste to black out the ship before dark, paint was splashed everywhere and this once lovely, spotless ship was soon spotted on the decks, the companionways, and inside the staterooms with paint. The strong, heavy odor of it was everywhere.

"At noon, a red printed notice was given to the passengers, stating that the captain of the ship would address us at five o'clock.

"He stated that he had news of grave importance: that we were at war with Japan; that Pearl Harbor, Hickman Field, and the governor's mansion had been bombed. We were on a fast ship, he continued, and would reach San Francisco late Tuesday evening. Asking everyone to cooperate with him, he gave us rules to follow; also, instructed us to wear life preservers at all times—as we would not be convoyed to the mainland.

"It was a sober gathering that filled out of the ship's salon. In a few moments they all disappeared, evidently thinking that the cabins were the safest places.

"At dinner everyone seemed to have regained composure, and certain groups were again smiling and gay.

"After the picture show most of the passengers returned to their staterooms. Walked around 'A' deck for an hour or more, enjoying a perfect blue sky, still seas, and the large moon. What a target this white ship made for a lurking submarine this night! Could not let my thots continue along this line—for they are far too disturbing. Down to my stateroom for a restless night. Fifty hours from mainland! What will the coming moments bring.

"December eighth—Another smiling day, which seemed to restore confidence that all would be well. The bar is closed and the familiar clang of the slot machines is absent, as they are locked up. Anxious eyes continually scan the sea and horizon, searching for submarines. If hopes and wishes speed this ship, she will arrive at her destination tonight.

"A forced gaiety is evident, many continually walking the deck.

"Rumors that two destroyers are to arrive soon, to escort us to a safe harbor—but it is now dusk and they have not put in an appearance.

"Dinner is a quiet affair and the picture show is not interesting—but it is something to take one's thots away from possible dangers ahead.

"Doors leading to the decks are now guarded so that no faint light will be visible from the outside. The hallways, smoking room, library, and card rooms are dark. Only dim lights in the lounge. You stumble around in the darkness and have to feel for the doors. Altho port holes are blacked out, they are also covered with a heavy iron casting, and only two dim lights are allowed in the staterooms.

"The hardest moments of the day are those spent just before slumber overtakes one, for we are getting close to the mainland and in waters where hostile craft would lie.

"Another day of stark realism of the uncertain remaining miles. No convoy—and much criticism is heard. Some person aboard is using a radio, which the captain has forbid, and a search is being made. If found, it will be thrown overboard. Would suggest that the person using it follow the radio—for that party is jeopardizing the lives of one thousand people and the possible destruction of a valuable ship.

"We are now in very dangerous waters, and the next ten hours will mean either safety or destruction. Groups of people line the rail, looking eastward for the sight of land.

"The Aloha dinner without the usual gaiety. Use of the decks is not allowed and all doors are double guarded. When will the suspense end—for today's minutes have the length of hours and are getting longer as the evening wears on.

"The long-drawn-out nervous tension is causing many to leave their stateroom doors open and remain fully dressed, for they wish to be ready for any emergency that may arise. Yes, one can truthfully say that the atmosphere is tense indeed.

"In the far distance appears the faint glow of San Francisco's re-

# SOCIETY CHIT-CHAT

By JUNE SMITH

"Getting ready for Christmas" is the theme song of most everyone these days, and seems to have taken the place of most all social activity and travelling. Many homes are being visited with illness this week, with chicken pox, measles and flu making their unwelcome appearances. And over all the knowledge that our country is in peril has driv-

elled light in the sky, and as it grows brighter singing is heard. At one o'clock in the morning the Lurline slackens speed and, making several heavy lists, passes thru the Golden Gate and into safe waters. One man exclaims, "She may be called the Golden Gate but she never looked more golden than right now!"

"At three in the morning we are called for immigration and customs inspection and all thots of our previous worries are soon forgotten—only the remark, 'I knew she would make it all the time.'

"And now, Dame Rumor, pack up your knitting and go to Japan, Germany, and Italy, where you can be of some help to us.

"A word for the captain of the ship: It is certain that we would be resting on the bottom of the Pacific ocean if his knowledge, skill, and courage had not saved us. The crew is to be commended for their courtesy, willingness, and the long hours of work and standing watch.

"And, as a whole, the passengers deserve great credit, for they took all restrictions and discomforts with good grace."

en from most minds all thoughts of personal pleasures.

Ruth chapter of the Eastern Star, with the Masonic lodge and the Heppner chapter 26 of the Royal Arch Masons are holding their joint installation of officers at the hall this Friday evening. The installation is to be preceded by the annual turkey dinner at 6.

Officers of the Eastern Star to be installed, who were elected at a meeting held last Friday night, are Ella Bengé, worthy matron; Archie Ball, worthy patron; Emma Evans, associate matron; Vawter Parker, associate patron; Sara McNamer, secretary; Rose Leibbrand, treasurer; Neva LeTrace, conductress, and Esther Howard, associate conductress.

Officers of the Masons to be installed are Hanson Hughes, worshipful master; C. R. McAlister, senior warden; George Howard, junior warden; F. S. Parker, treasurer; J. O. Turner, secretary. The officers were elected December 2.

Royal Arch officers elected Dec. 9, to be installed tomorrow evening are, high priest, C. J. D. Bauman; king, A. C. Ball; scribe, Hanson Hughes; captain of host, Harry Tamblin; treasurer, M. D. Clark; secretary, E. R. Huston. The appointive officers are, principal sojourner, R. C. Wightman; Royal Arch captain, George Ely; master of 3rd veil, Chas. B. Cox; master 2nd veil, Vawter Parker, and master 1st veil, J. J. Wightman; sentinel, Walter Luckman.

Katherine Thompson, Mary Kay

Blake and Frances Wilkinson, students of Oregon State, will arrive home tonight for their Christmas holiday.

Ted Ferguson, who has been very ill at his home is much improved as is little Meredith Thompson who has been sick for the last two weeks.

Mr. Jack Forsythe of Klamath Falls, brother of Mrs. Ed Dick, Jr., left yesterday after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dick for several days.

All parents and friends of children attending the Episcopal Sunday school are cordially invited to attend the Christmas program to be given Sunday morning at the Parish House.

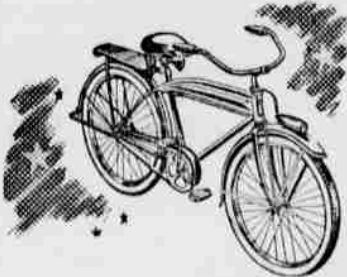
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson and Mrs. Robert Thompson spent Monday in Pendleton.

The Wednesday club met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Orville Smith for dessert bridge. High score was won by Mrs. J. V. Crawford, second by Mrs. L. D. Tibbles and Mrs. Stephen Thompson, third. Three tables were in play, with a Christmas gift exchange held following.

Raymond Parrish accidentally overturned the new family car near Alfalfa Lawn Dairy farm last Friday night. While the car was reported badly damaged the three occupants escaped injury.

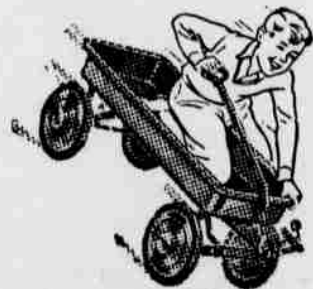
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SKINNED HAMS—Morrell's Pride or CenPak, lb. ....	31c	BACON Any size piece, lb. ....	28c
BEEF ROAST—lb. ....	23c	Ground Beef, 2 lb. ...	45c
SHORT RIBS OF BEEF—lb. ....	14c	RIB STEAK, lb. ....	29c



### Beverages—Juices

Cherub Milk 4 tall tin	33c
Pet Milk Carnation, Alpine, Golden, Morning 3 tall tin	25c
Tomato Juice Sunny Downs—46-oz.	18c
Canada Dry Sparkling Water 6 bottles	25c
Pepsi-Cola 6 12-oz. bottles	23c
Sno-Cola 12-oz. Ctn. of 6 bottles	23c
Canterbury Black Tea 1/2-lb. pk	34c
Lipton's Black Tea 1/2-lb. pkg	42c

### Canned Vegetables—Fruits

Gardenside Peas 3 No 303 cans	25c
Green Giant Peas No 303 cans	15c
Tomatoes with Puree 2 No. 2 2/4 cans	23c
Del Monte Cream Corn 2 No. 2 cans	25c
Country Home Corn 2 No. 2 cans	23c
Country Home Corn White 2 No. 2 cans	25c
Del Monte Pumpkin 2 No. 2 1/4 tin	19c
Libby Peaches T. C. No. 2 1/2 cans	19c
Castle Crest Peaches No. 2 1/4 tin	19c

### Crackers—Extracts, etc.

Snowflake Soda Crackers 2-lb. Cans	29c
Wheat Toast Wafers Sunshine 1-lb. pkg	18c
Westag Vanilla or Lemon 8-oz.	10c
Royal Satin Shortening 3-lb.	57c
Crisco Shortening 3-lb. can	63c
Snowdrift Shortening 3-lb. can	61c

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### For Salads—Desserts

Duchess Salad Dressing Qt. jar	33c
Kraft Miracle Whip Qt. Bot.	39c
Heinz Puddings PLUM, FIG, DATE 14-oz. can	33c
Mince Meat English Maid 2-lb. jar	21c
Heinz Mince Meat 2-lb. can	43c

### Sauces—Condiments

Heinz Tomato Ketchup 14-oz.	17c
Red Hill Catsup 14-oz. bottle	11c
Heinz Chili Sauce 12 1/2-oz. bot.	25c
Moneta Chili Sauce 12 1/4-oz.	15c
Nalley's Treasure Pickles 12 1/2-oz.	14c
Lindsay Olives Ex. Lge.—No. 1 15-oz. can	15c
Cranberry Sauce OCEAN SPRAY 17-oz. can	13c

### Sea Foods

Geisha Crabmeat No. 1/2 can	33c
Battle Rock Oysters 1 1/2-oz.	15c

### Candies—Nuts—Dried Fruit

Pulled Figs Black 6-oz.	9c
White 13c	
Mixed Nuts 1-lb. pkg	22c
2-lb. pkg	43c
Fancy Peanuts 1-lb. pkg	13c
Walnuts Lge. Franquette 1-lb. pkg	25c
Large Brazil Nuts 1-lb. pkg	17c
Jolly Time Popcorn 10-oz. can	11c
Marshmallows Fluffiest 4 1/4-oz. pkg.	13c

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<b>SWEET POTATOES</b> U. S. No. 1s. Fancy, lb.	5c
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<b>GRAPES—</b> Red Emperor, lb.	7 1/2c	<b>DATES—</b> Fresh, 12 oz. pkg.	19c
<b>GRAPEFRUIT—</b> Texas Pink, lb.	5c	<b>PANGERINES—</b> Florida, lb.	11c
<b>APPLES—</b> Winesap, Fancy, lb.	6 1/2c	<b>CALAVOS—</b> Avacados, lb.	16c

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