

Christmas Letter Tells of Post-quake Progress in Alaska

A letter of Christmas greetings to Frank Turner from his daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Jeanette) Huddleston, in Valdez, Alaska, tells of some of the post-quake work being done there in recovering from the big '64 quake and moving of the old townsite.

"Here we are, this second winter PQ (post-quake), still living in the old town-site. However, we are progressing toward that big trek and hoping that the summer of 1966 will find the summer of 1966 with the new site. By the middle of January, 1966, we should be using both the elementary and high schools, when the latter will be completed and the new multipurpose room of the former will be ready.

"The dock, small boat harbor and utilities are now finished, one warehouse is being used and the other is well on its way; the hospital and highway projects are going forward rapidly and our private home and business areas have been assigned us, so that when spring 'building' weather permits, we should be able to work toward our big goal of moving a whole town.

"So far, this winter's weather has been quite mild and if we can 'exist' until time for the snow to leave, our lives, after two years of 'making do' may begin to return to a normal stage. Oh, yes, there are prob-

Carl Linn Drives Down from Alaska

Carl P. Linn, who for the past three years has been working out of Nome, Alaska, with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, arrived for a short visit in Morrow county this week after driving down from Alaska.

He lived in lone for many years after 1913 and now maintains his residence in Portland.

Linn travels all over Alaska in his position, and said that when he was in Tok Junction last week it was 51 degrees below zero.

remarking on our rather nippy weather, he said, "This is just like summer."

Linn drove to Haines, Alaska, then took the ferry to Prince Rupert to hit the highway again. This means that he actually drove only about 400 miles on the Alcan highway. The highway, frozen in the winter time, is better to travel at this season than at some other time of year when either dust or mud are hindrances.

Linn said that he will remain in Portland for about 90 days after which he will return to Alaska to continue work in the spring when weather is milder.

He dropped in to the Gazette-Times office to subscribe to the paper.

"This is the way I intend to get the news from home," he said. "No matter where I am, Morrow county is still home to me."

O'Harra Reports Hospital Facts, Needs to Chamber

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Since there is no local labor pool for the hospital, it must seek competent help elsewhere.

"We will hire most any good registered nurse any time she comes around," O'Harra said.

He said that the hospital is always open for criticism and complaints as it strives to improve service.

In a question and answer period, he touched briefly on changes that may need to be made under state standards. He had pointed out in his talk that the hospital is governed more by the Oregon State Board of Health than any other agency.

The hospital may "graduate" from an intermediate general hospital to a general hospital classification under these standards, O'Harra said. One result may be that it will be necessary to remodel the obstetrical department by taking out the present business offices and waiting rooms to convert the space to obstetrics.

If this is required, it will be a major change and the state will give two years for the hospital to comply, he said.

"These ideas for improvement are all excellent," he said, "but they all cost money."

Problems in acquiring trained help at the hospital are made more severe by lack of public transportation to Heppner, lack of recreation and the difficulty of finding suitable positions for husbands of the nurses, he said.

Boy Hit by Car Suffers Injuries

Tod Ramberg, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ramberg, ran into Court Street at the East Willow intersection Monday afternoon directly into the path of a car driven by Mrs. William (Jane) Rawlins.

Mrs. Rawlins applied her brakes to avoid hitting the child and almost brought the car to a stop before impact, but the vehicle struck the boy, knocked him down and caused injuries sufficient for treatment at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Tod suffered a head injury and abrasions to the hand and head. He was kept overnight in the hospital but showed no complications next day from the injuries.

Mrs. Rawlins said that she noticed the boy, in company with another boy, at the curb-ling as she approached. Without warning he darted in front of the car.

When she visited with Tod and the parents the following day, the lad said he looked before he ran into the street but didn't see the car approaching.

The accident happened about 3:30. Tod attends kindergarten here.

Mrs. Rawlins said she was terribly frightened when she got out of the car and the boy was not moving from his prone position in the street. She was thankful that she was able to stop in time to avoid a more serious accident.

Son-in-Law Promoted

John R. Skaggs, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stout of Heppner and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Skaggs, 5133 Jeannett Road, Hilliard, Ohio, has been promoted to technical sergeant in the U. S. Air Force.

Sergeant Skaggs is a weapons technician at Glasgow AFB, Mont. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command, America's long-range nuclear bomb and missile force. His wife, Barbara, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stout.

Guardsman Home

John Pfeiffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer, Sr., arrived home Friday from Government Island, Alameda, Calif., where he is now serving with the Coast Guard. He has a two weeks holiday furlough.



Christmas Wishes

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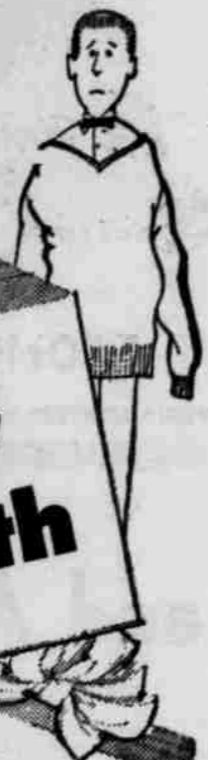
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Sudden Attack Claims Beckner

Funeral services for Lake Sidney Beckner of lone, age 64, will be held at the lone United Church of Christ Friday morning, December 24, at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Walter B. Crowell will officiate, and interment will follow at High View cemetery near lone.

Beckner died suddenly of an apparent heart attack while helping with ranch work at the Delbert Emert place Wednesday morning. He was brought into lone where artificial means failed to revive him before the arrival of the ambulance from Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Born September 9, 1901, at Sweet Springs, West Virginia, he was the son of Fred L. and Amanda Baker Beckner. He was united in marriage to Josephine Pedro on September 7, 1933, in Pendleton. He was a six-year veteran of the U. S. Navy.

As a resident of Morrow county since 1928, he was well known in the farming areas around lone as a steady and dependable ranch worker.

Survivors include his widow, Josie of lone; one brother, Fred W. Beckner of Washtucna, Wn.; one sister, Bessie Mitchell of Natural Bridge, Va., and a number of nieces and nephews in Washington and in the east.

Clubs Go Caroling

The Ruralettes 4-H sewing club was given a Christmas party by our leaders, Mrs. Roland Bergstrom and Mrs. L. A. McCabe on December 14 at the lone cafeteria. The Little Sisters 4-H club was also present. We had chocolate and cupcakes and then went caroling around lone.

Shauna Bergstrom, reporter

Club Adds Member

The Yarn-ettes 4-H club met at Mrs. Harnett's house December 15. All members were present, except Kathleen Ayres, Ava Lynn Green and Terri Cross. We have a new member, Beverly McIntyre. Mrs. Harnett gave us tapestry needles. We had refreshments and our meeting was adjourned by Linda Cooper.

Kathleen Sweeney, reporter



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Here comes Santa, his pack bursting with all the good things he's bringing for you and yours! To this we want to add our good wishes that you find the joy, peace, laughter and contentment of this happy season beneath your tree on Christmas morn. We deeply appreciate your friendly good will and patronage and we hope to continue serving you.



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