

Former Medford Resident Gives Vivid Description of Japanese Attack on Hawaii

Russell (Buster) Coleman, former Jacksonville and Medford boy, but a resident of Honolulu for 20 years, in a letter to his father, William R. Coleman, justice of the peace, written December 8, the day following the Japanese air raid, describes his impressions, and what he saw, in part as follows:

"War in all its grimness and fury struck this peaceful island yesterday, and if my writing appears a bit 'shaky,' please excuse it, as everyone here is nervous and tense with excitement. Ourselves and all our friends are unhurt, but hundreds are killed and wounded, little children have been blown to bits, and the hospitals are filled to capacity. We now realize exactly what real war is, and what England has gone through."

"I shall give you as best I can an account of our experiences and events as well as I can remember them."

"Sunday morning we were sleeping late and were awakened by terrific gunfire. However we thought it was just another alert, one of many that have taken place lately... not until a shell came shrieking over our house did I realize something was wrong. If you have ever heard this sound you can't forget it. I jumped out of bed, turned the radio on, and heard an enemy was attacking us, and to remain calm. The sound of gunfire was terrific and too close for comfort."

"I listened to the radio for awhile and then drove over to the country club near here, which commands an excellent view of Honolulu harbor, but not Pearl Harbor or Hickam field. I could see shells bursting in the harbor around the ships, throwing up great columns of water. Some bombs or shells, I know not which, were bursting close to the club, and soon I saw one burst on a hillside near our house. I then went home and stayed inside the house and listened to the radio."

"The Japanese planes were flying very high, beyond range of our aircraft guns. The blow was swift and caught us unaware and many of our pursuit planes were destroyed before it was realized what was going on. I was talking to some of the young children who went through the attack at Hickam field. They said the Jap planes would dive down low, let their bombs go, and machinegun every one."

"Last night was a complete blackout. We have practiced blackouts before but not until then did we realize the helpless feeling that comes to one. So helpless when bombs drop out of nowhere; no place to go, just sit and wait, no sleep, everyone upset. I suppose we will all get used to it."

"On our way home from town just now we passed a cemetery that ordinarily is peaceful and quiet, really a beautiful spot. Today hundreds of men were engaged in burying the dead. They are hauling them in by the truckloads. It seems so much like a dream, a very bad dream."

"Today soldiers are everywhere; everything gives way to the military. Every few minutes the sound of gunfire is audible; planes go zooming overhead, and we wonder if they are theirs or ours. We wonder how they brought their airplane carrier so close, and have we sunk it since the attack; also will tonight bring another attack? How long will we be able to get food? Of a thousand things are passing through our minds, and only 24 hours ago no one dreamed such a dreadful thing could happen."

"Somehow or someday I wish I could explain this horror fully enough to give everyone back home a picture of what took place. If I could only make them realize how dreadful this war is, and is going to be. It will take 24 hours of everybody's time every day to win this war. Turn out the planes and ship's so fast the world will think a miracle has taken place. Give until it hurts then hurts some more, put all the effort all the time back of war! We can and will win, but it is going to cost us terribly to do it."

"Dad, keep the old chin up, and your fist closed, and when you hit make it hard and fast, and don't give the enemy a chance. That's our motto."

Council Meeting to Be Last This Year

Last regular meeting of 1941 will be held by the city council tonight. The session will be held as usual at 7:30 in council chambers on the top floor of city hall.

Usual year-end business items are on the agenda, including consideration of applications for the renewal of the various licenses required of certain businesses.

POISON OAK?

Try a bottle of ZEMACOL. You must be satisfied or your money cheerfully refunded. Get a bottle today at WESTERN THRIFF.

VOLUNTEERS WHO AID AT CANTEEN RECEIVE THANKS

Mrs. A. S. V. Carpenter, Chairman, Expresses Appreciation; Reviews Work

Volunteer workers who are assisting at the Medford municipal airport canteen and those who have offered to serve were thanked today by Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter, chairman of the recreation committee of the Jackson County Council of Defense.

Since the outbreak of war with Japan, the canteen has been open 24 hours a day, serving not only air corps personnel but the civilian defense guards on duty around the airport. Many women have offered to help at the canteen but no one is admitted to the airport now without a pass and enough workers are already on duty.

Mrs. Carpenter said in expressing her appreciation of the "excellent spirit of unity and co-operation" displayed since this country was plunged into war. The number of workers at the canteen, she added, must be limited to those issued passes.

Examples Cited

As examples of the spirit of helpfulness in evidence here, Mrs. Carpenter said that one

girl serves voluntarily at the canteen on the day off from her regular employment while another serves at night after putting in her regular day's work.

Fifty meals were served at the canteen Sunday, Mrs. Carpenter related. It is expected, she added, that the canteen will soon go back on its original schedule of operating from early morning to midnight, though thermos bottles of hot coffee will be left for men on duty throughout the night.

The canteen was started by the recreation committee last summer to be of service to air corps officers and men, those stationed at the field as well as those flying through. It has been self-supporting.

SWAPS CARS

New York, (P)—LeRoy Godfrey, 18-year-old Negro had to get to court on time to answer a car theft charge. He got to court on time all right simply by borrowing another car, parking it two blocks from the court and then driving away and around in it for five days after he received a suspended sentence. Judge Charles S. Colden learned all this when LeRoy came back to court about cars again the other day.

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At the first sneeze, sniffle or sign of nasal irritation, put a few drops of Vicks Vapo-rinol up each nostril. Its quick action aids nature's defenses against colds. Follow directions in folder.

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INEXPENSIVE PROTECTION

Accidents of every description! SKATING, SKIING, AUTO, MOBILE, BICYCLE and other HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS. HOME INJURIES.

\$500 Covering hospital, nurse, doctor, X-ray bills— Everything! \$2000 death benefit! Dependable Protection at surprisingly low cost! Ages 5 to 55 years.

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Gifts for Men



ROBES for Christmas

If it's a Robe on your gift list for "Him," choose it from the store that serves him 12 months out of the year! Choose a silk or flannel. Either will remind him long after Christmas of your thoughtfulness. Now ready for gift wrapping are several smart styles. All finely tailored from fabrics that men like.

\$6.95 to \$12.95

Small, Medium & Large

"Medlicott" Sweaters A Real Man's Sweater

Here's a gift that solves Dad's gift problem. A "Medlicott" Sweater as shown on the right. A sweater designed for men. Coat type, comfortable and mighty good looking. He'll love it and play in it and thank you for giving him such a useful gift.

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"Bengals" the Sport Jacket for Men

Give "Him" a Bengal Jacket this Christmas. No other gift will bring so much useful pleasure to the armchair or active sportsman. Finely made from genuine leather with gaberdine sleeves and zipper closing. Two handy breast pockets complete this handsome jacket. Budget priced at just

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MANN'S HOLIDAY STORE HOURS

For your shopping convenience this store will remain open Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 22 and 23 until 8:30 o'clock, but will close Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at 6 o'clock.



MANN'S MEDFORD'S OWN CHRISTMAS STORE

HOLIDAY STORE HOURS

Monday, Dec. 22nd and Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, Mann's will be open until 8:30 o'clock. Wednesday, Dec. 24 we close at 6.

HOLIDAY DRESSES

For that dressy Frock to carry you through the holidays and after, we suggest one of these lovely crepes with sequin, jet and embroidery trim. Both long and short sleeve styles are shown in black, green, R.A.F. blue, parchment, etc. They are sized from 12 to 44 and priced from

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SECOND FLOOR

Wednesday GIFT SPECIAL

Fine Quality Rayon Satin and Crepe SLIPS

Attention Underwear Gift Shoppers! Here's a Wednesday special of importance. Fine quality rayon satin and crepe slips, some lace trimmed, others with tucks and some tailored. Colors are white, teal and opal. All sizes.

\$1.50 Quality

\$1.27

MAIN FLOOR



SILK HOSIERY For Christmas

For that most welcome of gifts, Hosiery, we suggest these three and medium thread silk chiffrons at \$1.15 pair. A fine quality, full fashioned silk hose in lovely winter shades. Let us box 3 pair for you this Christmas. She'll thank you a lot!

\$1.15 pair

Tie Fabrics

Here's an unusual gift suggestion — A lovely hand made tie from these beautiful Cohan tie fabrics. You can make two ties from these yard lengths. We'll give you a pattern free. Many attractive patterns to choose from in silks, rayons and silk mixtures.

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ROBES

For "Her" This Christmas CHENILLES BUNNYTEX

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\$5.98 and \$8.98

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This Christmas Give Her a Lovely QUAKER CLOTH

For someone on your gift list, a new Quaker Lace Dinner Cloth. Here are exclusive copies of rare old hand-made laces. A perfect complement to her gleaming silver and glassware. Quaker lace cloths are nationally known, they grace America's finest homes. A perfect gift.

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54x72 - - - 63x81
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\$1.00 to \$3.98

HIS & HERS TOWELS

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Set of 3 **\$1.84** Set of 6 **\$3.50**

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