

Tillamook Headlight

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ORGANIZATION OF 10TH CO. IS RECALLED

TILLAMOOK'S FIRST MILITARY ORGANIZATION BROUGHT TO MIND BY FORMER MEMBER OF OLD TENTH COMPANY.

About the month of July 1916, a number of the boys of this city gathered together and discussed the proposition of organizing a Coast Artillery company here. After getting about fifty of the boys to consent to join, a representative from the Adjutant General's office came to Tillamook to organize the new company. Sixty five men were required before a company could be organized. When the organizer arrived we were still short about ten men and if we ever worked hard, we did then, to get that number, but we finally succeeded and on the 6th day of August, 1916 the 10th Company Oregon Coast Artillery, National Guard came into existence.

In those days the boys were allowed to choose their Captain and by a unanimous vote S. S. Johnson was elected to that office. Captain Johnson then appointed Ray B. Walls as First Lieutenant, T. B. Handley as Second Lieutenant and Leslie Harrison as First Sergeant. Appointments of non-commissioned officers came later. The old Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Tillamook building were then converted into an Armory and within a short time we were supplied with uniforms and equipment.

Drills were held once and sometimes twice a week. How well we remember the hard times the non-coms went through especially when they would give the wrong command and then to the non-com's astonishment see his squad or platoon march up to a building as though they were going to wreck it or the men get confused and one half of the platoon march down the street when the other half was marching in the opposite direction, and then how that poor old non-com would search through his military dictionary for a command to get his platoon together again. And now we look back upon those days when we were rookies with a smile and chuckle.

We all remember the intense excitement the 6th day of April 1917 when our country was plunged into war and how eagerly we awaited the call to arms and which finally came to the Oregon Coast Artillery on July 27th, 1917. The main building at the fair grounds was our barracks for four days and then on the 29th we entrained for Fort Stevens. To those who were at the depot that day, the scene will never be forgotten. One hundred eleven men belonged to the company at that time and a few days after we arrived at the fort we were marched to the hospital where several of the boys were given their walking papers for home on account of physical disability. We were then transferred to Fort Columbia and lived in tents a few months before a cantonment was erected.

By this time we had lost all of our officers from home who had been returned to civil life. Anxious months passed and finally the order came for the mobilization of the 65th C. A. C. About twenty three men were transferred from our company to go with that unit. A few months later came an order for the 48th, then the 43rd, the O. A. R. D., followed by a few other miscellaneous units. About three fifths of the boys reached France and quite a number of them saw real action.

The only casualty suffered by the former 10th company men was that of Loyd D. Williams (known among the boys as "Bill") son of Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, who died from the effects of the "flu". His body was returned to this city and buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. It is interesting to note that of all the Tenth company men who are still living in Tillamook county only three have not yet joined the American Legion.

Former member of the 10th Co. Floods have their after good effects. Alfred Reynolds, who owns the new bungalow just west of the Hogwart slough bridge, states that the flood waters deposited several inches of fine silt on his yard and garden, and saved him the trouble and expense of hauling it. He further states that there were but two inches of water on his house floor during the highest stages of the flood, and not from 2 to 3 feet as reported.

Cedar is becoming very scarce in the state of Washington, and mills over there in many places, will have to quit making shingles. Tillamook county has a lot of good cedar, but much of it is not easy of access, owing to a lack of road facilities off the main lines of travel. Shingles are now quoted at \$2.25 per M.

SCENES OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE RECENT FLOOD WHICH INUNDATED A LARGE SECTION OF THIS COUNTY



(Courtesy Ovo Studio)

1. View of west end of Tillamook river bridge, showing damage caused by logs swept against the structure. 2. On main road south of city, near Tillamook creamery, where flood washed out culvert in grade and caused much inconvenience to traffic. 3. Scene of cattle surrounded by high water. 4. Another view of the wreckage of the Tillamook river bridge.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Two straight pieces of ribbon are sewed together at the ends to make a circular band, then shirred together on the selvege edge and stuffed with cotton and sachet powder. Three more rows of shirring are put in, and the fullness gathered into the center. The central rose is made by twisting a piece of ribbon into the desired folds, and sewing down tightly to the center of sachet. The leaves are made of two pieces of green ribbon, sewed together into a point, so that the selvege comes under the rose-and you have fashioned the dearest, daintiest Sachet for her Christmas gift that could possibly be thought of. Try it.

The frivolous, sweet, dainty, younger sister wishes for pretty, dainty articles as her Christmas gift. A boudoir can be made with a circle of net twelve inches

diameter and a band of net, two and a half inches wide and forty inches long for the foundation. Close the band and sew to the circle of net. Four rows of lace one inch wide trim the band—three rows turned down and one row turned up. Binding at the top and bottom of the band, sewed between the rows of lace, holds fine baby ribbon which, when tightened, gathers the top to the head. A reserve of baby ribbon with a rosebud and sprig of ribbon with a fetching touch. Old-rose, old-gold and old-blue silk twists are mounted on black velvet ribbons one-half inch wide for the foundation velvet band mounted with flowers for hat trimming. For each twist, eighteen inches by one and one-quarter inch strips of silk are sewed over one-eighth inch cotton piping cord. Twist round and round into small circles, sewing in place at the back.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morrison November 23, 1921, a son.

I. O. O. F. LODGE ELECTS

Tillamook lodge No. 94, I. O. O. F. last Tuesday night elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Noble Grand, J. M. Wilson; Vice Grand, Ben Egge; Recording Secretary, F. F. Conover; Financial Secretary, Emil Heusser; Treasurer, C. H. Coe.

N. J. Drew and W. D. Clark of Salem, who are connected with the state highway commission, were in the city Wednesday last.

Miss Willie Fisher, who attended the big stock show at Portland last week, returned home Sunday.

R. Burford's father, who has been visiting him for some time past, returned to Portland last Wednesday.

Rev. J. T. Keating went to McMinnville Tuesday last for a few days.

FLOOD DAMAGE SLIGHT LOCALLY

Compared with Yamhill and Lincoln counties, the damage done by the late flood in this county was small. In Lincoln county the damage done to bridges and roads and to stock and houses and barns, will come close to \$150,000. At Newport the wind picked up the roof of the Minthorn bath house and deposited it on another building over a hundred feet away, wrecking the latter also. On the Siletz river houses and barns were washed away, and considerable stock lost. At Sheridan 3 business buildings, one a merchandise store, were undermined by the Yamhill river and wrecked in the flood waters. Portions of the railroad track and parts of the highway were washed out near Willamina. The flood was the highest known since 1891.

In many places fence rails were scattered by the flood over the premises of farmers, and considerable new fencing will be necessary. But the accumulated fine silt soil, which makes Tillamook lands so valuable, was more than an offset to the damages done.

BIG SLIDE BELOW BEAVER BLOCKS TRAFFIC 8 DAYS

A big slide, containing hundreds of tons of earth and gravel, at the Bigby grade below Beaver, which blocked travel by that point for six or seven days, was cleared last Tuesday, so that autos can now get past that point. The stages operated during the blockade by transferring passengers to cars on the further side. With this impediment to travel removed, the road will be clear a considerable distance. The work of bridging the gap in the trestle leading from the cheese factory in this city to the Trask river bridge, east of town, is proceeding, and probably will be finished this week, which will be very acceptable to people living beyond the Trask bridge, who have daily trips to make with milk to the town cheese factory. Pedestrians have been coming over on a temporary foot bridge.

The beach road is open to travel all the way down to Maabattan, and the hill route to Mohler, up the Miami, is reported to be in good shape. The Netarts road is closed to travel indefinitely. The taking out of the lower Tillamook bridge during the flood, isolates the Netarts section from communication with this city by auto and teams. It is reported that the Wilson river road is also closed to travel for some distance up the valley.

FLOOD DOES DAMAGE AT TRASK RIVER FISH HATCHERY

Between four and five hundred thousand young salmon and eggs ready for hatching—principally Chinook fry an eggs—went out of the ponds at the Trask river fish and trout hatchery, five miles above this city during the recent flood. The overflowed trout ponds, and the flume went out, and there was no water for the hatching pools inside the hatchery, and the eggs had to be turned loose. The fry and eggs were principally from Chinook salmon and Cut throat trout, and were a total loss. About 250,000 fry went out into the Trask, the balance being ripe eggs ready for hatch ink.

The footbridge was carried away across the river; also all the racks on Gold creek, including flumes and board walks up the stream. Deputy Fish Warden Pollock estimates the damage at about \$3,000.

Work will soon begin on new racks, flume and other work to replace the flood damage. A new suspension bridge from the hatchery across the Trask will also be put in, and the new one will be high enough to escape future floods. The force will begin taking Silversides and Cutthroat trout to compensate as much as possible for the fish and egg loss, due to the high water. Much work will be necessary in removing huge log jams on the former site of the racks and flume. The damage to the old hatchery was slight.

S. W. Conover and family returned last Saturday night from a two months visit in New York state. Mr. Conover expressed himself as being mighty glad to get back to Tillamook. At Havre, Montana, the thermometer ranged at 30 below zero, and there was snow in all the Rocky mountain region. He stated that there was little snow when he left in the Eastern states, but heavy rains were falling. Mr. Conover stated many changes in his native state, after an absence of twenty years, but nevertheless enjoyed the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rowe of Tillamook, started from that place for McMinnville in their car Sunday but had to leave the car at Grand Ronde. They walked through the heavy storm, mud and water from Grand Ronde to Willamina in the afternoon, and hired a car here to take them the rest of the way, as it was necessary for them to reach McMinnville that night.—Willamette Times.

MOLE CAMPAIGN BEING PUSHED ALL OVER COUNTY

UNITED STATES BIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT INTERESTED IN RIDDING COUNTY OF MOLES AND OFFERS BOUNTIES.

A county-wide mole and gopher eradication campaign has been launched in Tillamook county. County Agent W. D. Pine and the U. S. Biological Survey are co-operating to make this campaign a thorough one. Ira M. Gabrielson and H. I. Speer of the Biological Survey are now in the county to carry out the surveys part of the program. During the next three weeks practical demonstrations of the most effective methods of combating these pests will be given as many of the schools of the county as possible. Approximately 40 of these demonstrations will be given.

In addition to the regular five cent bounty paid by the county on moles and gophers \$200.00 is available for prizes to the boys and girls catching the largest number of moles and gophers.

For the purpose of awarding these prizes the county has been divided into four districts, as follows: Cloverdale district includes all the schools in the south end of the county up to but not including Beaver; Pleasant Valley district includes all school districts from Beaver and the Blaine district up to South Prairie school district; Tillamook district includes all the territory between South Prairie and Garibaldi including both of these districts; Nehalem district covers all the northern end of the county from Garibaldi to the Clatsop county line.

In each district \$50 in prizes will be distributed as follows: The boy or girl catching and turning in the largest number of moles and gophers will receive a \$25 prize. The boy or girl catching the second largest number \$15, and the third largest will get \$10.

The skins of moles and gophers must be sent to the county agent's office in order to be counted toward the prizes. The mole skins, unless requested returned by the boy or girl sending them, will be held by the county agent, and all skins sold together in a big pool and the money received for them will be divided among the boys and girls according to the number of skins contributed by each. The contest will run a year and every boy or girl in the county is eligible.

Detailed instructions in methods of setting trap, skining and caring for skins will be given at each school house and arrangements made for sending, receiving the skins and payment of bounty money.

INTERESTING DATA ON AUTO REGISTRATION IN COUNTY

The following letter from the Secretary of State's office should prove interesting reading to automobile owners in this county:

"Up to the present time during the year 1921 there have been registered motor vehicle dealers, 6,436 chauffeurs, 3,106 motorcycle operators, passenger and commercial cars, from which the total license fees aggregate \$2,319,207.00. The fees, less administrative expense, are distributed one-fourth to the counties from which the registrations are received and three-fourths to the State Highway fund for use in road construction and improvement throughout the State generally.

"The distributions of the registrations up to September 15, 1921 shows that in Tillamook county there were registered six motor vehicle dealers, 120 chauffeurs, 2,289 motor vehicle operators, 28 motorcycles, 1,312 passenger cars, one ambulance and hearse, 9 busses and stages, 44 commercial cars of less than one ton capacity, 140 trucks of from one to five tons capacity and 11 trailers of from one to five tons capacity, or a total of 1,598 licensed passenger and commercial motor vehicles."

Mayor Moulton spent Sunday at the Maunahat on beach and he and M. J. Maddox initiated the winter bathing season at the beach resort. Mr. Maddox reports that "the water was fine" and the reaction most exhilarating, and recommends the cold water plunge to his friends.

Mrs. A. K. Case, of this city, is in Portland on business for a few days. During her trip she will visit her daughters, Miss Helen Case of Portland and Mrs. C. G. Reiter of Hillsboro.

Fritz Bellz left last Saturday for Portland where he intended spending a few days on business.