

HISTORICAL HEADLINES

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Troller "Unga" wrecked at Depoe Bay June, 1938

A southwest storm disabled the steering gear of the troller Unga near Newport. Two Coast Guard boats were sent to its aid. They found it impossible to enter Yaquina Bay due to the large waves, and towed it north to Depoe Bay.

Upon attempting entrance to the bay, the Unga hit a rock on the south side of the harbor entrance. The result was a hole in the bow of the troller and Larry Cooper, son of Captain Hiram Cooper, was washed

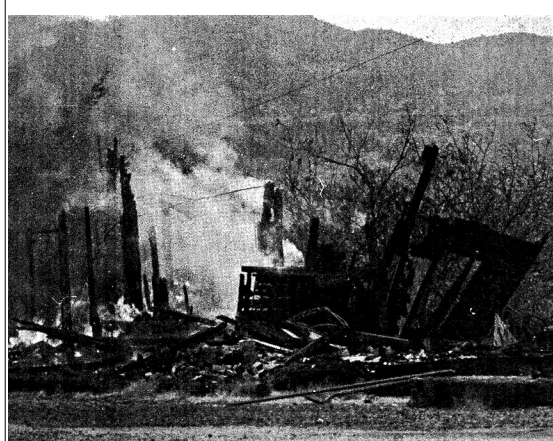
overboard. Someone threw a life preserver from shore, but Cooper was able to win the battle against the surf and climb back aboard. The troller, stuck on a rock, was bumped free by a Coast Guard boat. More trouble occurred as it was towed into the channel, as a swell lifted the boat onto the rocks. Eventually the boat was towed successfully off of the rocks and safely into Depoe Bay, thanks to the heroic work of the Coast Guard.

Blackout! Home Defense Units Set for Tests October, 1941

A demonstration of the United States Army Air Interceptor and Combat Forces will test their home defense unit on October 31st.

Anytime between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. fire sirens will sound the warning. At that time all North Lincoln residents will be asked to immediately turn off all their lights visible from the outside for approximately 30 minutes. If you are driving and hear the sirens, please pull over and turn off your lights.

Planes will then fly over to review the effectiveness of the drill. Any hint of light could be a target for the enemy. If you are outside to watch the planes, do not smoke cigarettes. (Note from the future: These state-wide drills were to prepare for a coastal attack from the Japanese Army. This preparation took place a little over a month before the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Coast Guard then took post in North Lincoln County, and the Navy flew this blimp over the ocean to look for submarines.)



Kernville Tavern Destroyed by Fire June, 1977

One of North Lincoln County's oldest buildings, the Kernville Tavern, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

Firemen arrived after 3 a.m. to find the three story building, which lies on the bank of the Siletz, completely engulfed in flames. Lewis Evison, who lived in the apartment above the tavern, was alerted by his barking dog, who perished in the fire. Firemen finally were able to get the blaze under control at 7:15 a.m. and it was still smoldering in the afternoon. (Note from the future: This building was over 60 years old at the time of the fire. In the mid 1920s, it housed the Bones Store and the post office. It served as the Kernville Store for decades and was located at the north end of the old Kernville Bridge (no longer there.) The location would later be home to the Kernville Steakhouse, which also burned down in 2014.)

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