

Jas. Earl Pickens Funeral Will Be Held Saturday

Funeral services for James Earl Pickens, 55, county assessor-elect, who died suddenly at his home in Roseburg Thursday will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Mr. Pickens was very active for many years in fraternal circles. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of which he was a past grand. He served as special deputy grand master of Oregon during the years 1923, 1924 and 1925. He was a member of the Encampment, of which he was once grand marshal, and was also affiliated with the Rebekah Lodge, Woodmen of the World, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Evergreen grange. He was a member and active worker in the Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Wayne Pickens, Seattle, and Kenneth Pickens, Oakland, California; a daughter, Mrs. Vermeta Atterbury, Corvallis; four brothers, Will Ham C. and Knaffle B. Pickens, both of Salem; Ollie H. Pickens, Cottage Grove, and Ivan G. Pickens, Roseburg, and two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Taylor, Salem, and Mrs. Marie Travis, McMinnville. He also leaves three grandchildren.

Following the services at the chapel, to be conducted by the Rev. H. P. Sennece, graveside services at the I. O. O. F. cemetery will be conducted by Philetary Lodge, No. 8.

told today by one of the officers who participated in the ambush, but asked that his name be withheld. The story he told: R. J. Robbit, assistant chief of the federal bureau of investigation in the San Francisco area, who headed operations here, investigated an embassy of the de Tristram family and stood with the cigar box in his hand in front of the postoffice here.

Out of eight, police and federal agents waited for the suspect to approach Robbit, and take the cigar box, as had been arranged, by the exterior of the postoffice. Instead, a 12-year-old boy came up and gave Robbit a note. This instructed him to proceed to the cabbage patch and make contact.

Robbit drove to the patch with the posse trailing behind. The men had barely posted themselves behind cover when the shadowy figure of a man approached Robbit, who stood apparently alone in the middle of the field.

"Shoot Threat Defied" "We could have arrested him then," the police officer said, "but we wanted to make sure we had evidence against him, so we waited for him to take the cigar box."

But the suspect grabbed the box out of Robbit's hand and started running. "Stop or I'll shoot," the federal agent called.

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The cast includes: Rebecca Holt, Mary Margaret Ellsworth; Benita Holt, Patricia McClintock; Twink Star, Jim Hees; Dr. Joy, Lowell Rhoden; Little Spinks, Maxine Bailey; Henry Guber, Jack Rickli; Phineas Plunkett, Delwin McKay; Cadwallader Clippy, Ralph Sander; Gerlie Glossop, Anita Young; Gerlie Glossop, Jr., Lila Sanders; Prunella Giff, Doris Chamber; Martha Grubbs, Marian Church; and Jack Gordon, McAfee Campbell, Manager of the play is Joanne Hume.

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