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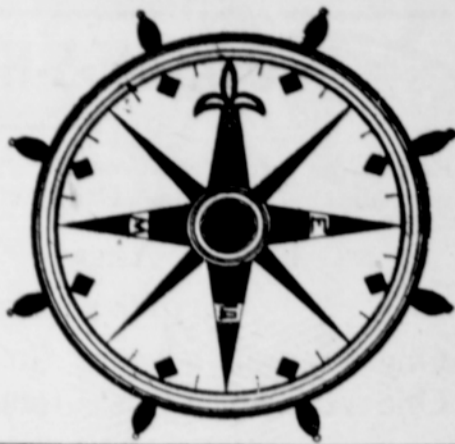
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Plane Accident Claims Life Of Publisher

Dewey Akers, publisher and owner of the Brookings-Harbor Pilot was instantly killed in the crash of a plane near the Oregon-California State line sometime around 5:00 p. m. on Thursday August 11th.

The plane was piloted by Roy Brimm owner, who is in Seaside Hospital with serious leg and other injuries. Ed Thornton, local service station operator, was a passenger in the plane and is also in the Crescent City Hospital with back injuries which will necessitate his being placed in a cast.

It is reported that the State Board of Arronautics established the fact that trespassers on the airport, two automobiles and a group of children on the runway, caused the pilot to gun his engine and take off with the intention of circling the airport and to attempt another landing. In making the circle, the plane was forced to fly thru dense fog and smashed into trees on Gilbert Creek east of the old 101 Highway, just below the State Line.

Ed Thornton managed to get to the highway and hailed or was picked up by passers-by, when he was able to tell what had happened, search parties on the ground and Junior Hanscam in his plane began to look for survivors. It was some hours later that Roy Brimm was found pinned in the fuselage of the plane. (The hillside was covered by heavy ground cover preventing rapid progress.) He was removed to the waiting ambulance by stretcher. Mr. Akers had been instantly killed by head injuries.

The three men were returning from Gold Beach where they had conferred with officers of the Curry County Fair Board relative to a Logging Show to be held this week end at the Fair in Gold Beach and of which Roy Brimm had charge. Ed Thornton was chairman of the Horse Show and exhibition of horsemanship to be given each day of the Fair. Mr. Akers was along in the interests of his newspaper, The Brookings-Harbor Pilot, established in March of 1946, the first newspaper in this coastal area.

Survivors are his wife Minna, sons Ronald and Hugh, and daughter Virginia.

At the last report Brimm and Thornton are holding their own, in much pain, but expected to recover.

REVIVAL MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE

Rev. Patterson announces that revival services will continue through August. The Olp and Everett Musical Quartett will be playing, singing and preaching each evening. Dates are given under the Assembly of God Church announcement.

❖ In Loving Memory ❖



Dewey Akers has left Brookings. His chair, before his linotype, stands vacant. He has written his story for us to read. But as long as there is a Brookings his precepts and example shall be appreciated in this city. He shall be long remembered.

As a heading for his paper he wrote, "Nowhere a better community". He believed what he here wrote. He possessed the ability to see us as we really are. He had faith in us. And in clear, simple and plain words, that all of us could understand, he wrote his faith into the columns of his paper.

Dewey came to Brookings six years ago. He started his newspaper on a shoe string. Through the years, by his own single and untiring efforts, he brought it up to the respectable position that it occupies today. He built it up through long and arduous hours of hard work. The toil of the day never caused him to be cynical of the future. To him each tomorrow was a new adventure. Tragedy and heart aches crossed his path. He never quit. He nailed his banner to the masthead and he never pulled it down.

It was here in Brookings that he found his haven. It was here that his

life's turbulent stream widened out and flowed placidly until it met the sea. It was here, in Brookings, that he began to see his dreams come true. As he sat in his home, surrounded by his family, and looked out at the ocean's changing wonders, he knew happiness. The storms of his life which had assailed him had drifted away across the horizon. His wanderings had ended. He was home.

He was a gentleman and a gentle man. He was charitable, tolerant, generous and he was kind. His pride in his family was magnificent. He was a good neighbor.

If today, Dewey could read what is here written and if he could know what is in our hearts, he would probably say to us, "Aw shucks, I was just an ordinary guy trying to get along." Yes, just like the rest of us ordinary guys who lived here with him, just trying to get along. As he went along he took us with him, and as he went he taught us the virtues of humility and honesty and helpfulness in our dealings with our fellow beings.

Si monumentum requiris, circumspice. "If you would seek his monument, look about you.,,"

Ed F. Ackley

School Opens September 2

Brookings-Harbor High and Elementary School is slated to begin the 1952-53 school year on Tuesday, September 2. During the Summer the janitors have been giving the building a complete cleaning and renovation. The exterior of the high school building has been painted, and the plant is ready for the new school year.

Four new teachers have been added to the staff for next year. Mrs. Rose Peterson, of Myrtle Creek, to replace Mrs. Jennie Carter, who has changed to third grade to replace Mrs. Dotson, who has resigned. Mr. Joe Tobin, formerly principal of the Coquille Lincoln School, has been selected as Elementary School Principal. Mr. Tobin comes to us directly from Greely, Colorado where he has completed his Master's Degree in Elementary School Administration.

Mr. Hirschel Chaney has been hired to replace Mrs. Ingram who has resigned to return to Calif. Mr. Chaney holds a Bachelor's and Masters degree from the University of Kentucky and taught in Ohio last year. This summer he is teaching in the Vancouver Washington Business College.

Mr. William Thompson has been added to the staff to teach Math and Science, and American History. Mr. Thompson formerly taught in Wheeler, Oregon for 2 years. He is a graduate of Nebraska State Teachers' College.

A complete schedule of teachers will appear in next weeks paper, together with opening announcements.

Fund Drive Is Progressing

Solicitors for the library building fund have contacted all residences in the Winchuck, Harbor and Brookings area and are preparing their final reports. In many cases they made repeated visits and found the householders absent. All residents with who personal contact was not made are asked to contact their solicitor or any of the following namely: Ruth Bathiany, Elsa Raveks or Eunice Wollam. The Pilot will be publishing the names of all contributors to the fund in the near future.

Mrs. Ronniger Honoree At Stork Shower

Mrs. Paul Ronniger was the honor guest at a stork shower given by Miss Mary Montgomery at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skopec, Harbor on Wednesday, August 13th. Miss Montgomery is Dr. Ronnigers office nurse. Mrs. Ronniger was the recipient of many gifts and good wishes. Appropriate entertainment and dainty refreshments