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TV GIVEN THOUGHT

WOMAN IS SAVED AFTER 250 FT. FALL.

A dramatic rescue brought a 73 year old woman up from the brink of death here Tuesday. The woman, Winnie Hapens tall, fell over 250 feet down a sheer cliff sometime about 9:00 AM, Tues. morning, about 9 miles north of Brookings in some of the most rugged country anywhere.

She wasn't missed until afternoon, and was finally discovered at about 5:00 PM. The Brookings Police Department, the State Police, and the Brookings Ambulance was taken to the scene, near the Whaleshead ranch, owned by Warren McNeely.

Dr. David Brown and several others went over the side of the cliff with ropes, and managed to reach the woman about 6:00 PM. They found her, still alive, but barely breathing.

Dr. Brown administered plasma and oxygen, and after about three quarters of an hour, Miss Hapenstall revived. The rescue crew decided it was impossible to try to take the woman back up the face of the cliff, jutting out over the ocean.

They put in a call for the Air-Sea Rescue in San Rafael, Calif. for a helicopter to lift the woman out of the beach area, and built fires to attract the plane. The police also contacted John Hewitt, local Anchorage operator, who attempted to bring a boat into the cove. However, the ocean was too rough, and Hewitt was unable to make it.

Then, rather than wait for the helicopter, which couldn't make it up before morning, the men decided to try to carry the woman around a point, and through a

creek bed to a road.

Almost miraculously the tide was low, and the men could carry the woman, wading in ocean water nearly waist deep. They carried her nearly a mile through the brush, led by Dr. Brown before reaching a jeep road and the waiting ambulance. By 11:00 PM the woman was on her way to Seaside hospital with Dr. Brown.

Miss Hapenstall could talk a little. Wednesday morning Dr. Brown reported that the woman was still alive, and seemingly in fair condition. She suffered broken ribs, and numerous abrasions and cuts.

The woman was first discovered on the beach by Wesley Beard, who was logging in the area with his father. He managed to get down to her, and then sent back for help.

Important in the rescue operations, besides Dr. Brown were the Beards, Warren McNeely, who knew the area; Tom Dent and Hugo Mackey who drove the ambulance, and wound up by going over the cliff and helping to carry the woman out. Bob Ismert was also in the party.

The expedition was headed by Bob Pomorane, State police officer, Chief Bud Cross and Pat Simms by directing communications.

PORT DISTRICT BUDGET \$30,000

The Brookings Port Commission has come up with a \$30,045 budget for the fiscal year of 1957-58, their first budget.

A hearing has been set for July 11th on the budget in the Brookings city hall.



JETTY CONSTRUCTION STARTS after years of waiting. Huge rocks were being hauled by 10 trucks, such as the one above, and dumped into the South bank of the Chetco as an anchor for the South jetty. A cat and a crane were also at the jetty site plus a large crew working on the quarry site up the North Bank Rd.

HALL, SAMUELS TO SCHOOL POST

Two new directors were elected to the Brookings-Harbor School board, in a fairly light vote Monday.

Sam Hall was elected to fill the one year vacancy, and Dr. Ed Samuels was elected for the five year post. The men are succeeding Bill Thompson, former Post Master, who left Brookings, and Al Botzek, who was filling an unexpired term.

The vote count was light, only 181 people cast ballots, considering the interest shown in the election before

COUNTY BUDGET OFFICIALLY PRINTED

Many Brookings-Harbor citizens have commented on the printing of the county budget in last week's

hand, with seven candidates running for the two terms.

Hall received 80 votes in the four way split, with Warren McNeely, Clyde Crosby, and Hap Lewis following in that order in the one year vacancy.

Samuels received 98 votes, with a three way split, with Frank Hyatt and Ralph Menning following.

The two board members go into office on July 1st. Other board members are Mrs. Joe Kanick, Dr. Richard Smith, and George Dunning.

Pilot. It was the first time the budget was ever officially printed in the Brookings paper, and gives the local people a chance to see where their county taxes are being spent

The Brookings Chamber of Commerce voted to petition the Federal Communications Commission for the allocation of channel 6 to Brookings.

The action was taken Monday night at a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce with the Brookings city council, and two representatives of the Oregon-California Broadcasting Company.

Earlier the Chamber had withheld support, pending further investigation. The council had gone on record in favor of the Brookings allocation, but hadn't sent their letter in, pending the outcome of the meeting.

The discussion was hot and heavy for better than two hours, with the TV men getting a barrage of questions from the 18 men present at the meeting.

The general consensus of opinion was that it would be better to ask for a Brookings Channel, than have KHUM, which has applied, receive the channel.

The advantages seem to be; having a local station, and eventually local program transmission, plus better reception in the area. KIEM-TV has insisted that they have a transmitter, and will put in the transmitter in the Brookings area, if they are granted the channel.

It was decided that the only advantage in giving KHUM the channel would be the possibility that they would put in a second station in Eureka, and thus, this area would receive two channels. However, councilmen and members of the Chamber of Commerce felt that KHUM has had a channel (13) for 18 months, and hasn't done anything yet, so that the chances of any activity are slim.

Some members felt that "a bird in hand is worth two in the bush". In other words, they were inclined to vote for the local station, in view of the promise of the KIEM men to put in a transmitter here.