

**FORMER BROOKINGS MAN  
KILLED IN WRECK**

A former Brookings high school student was killed in a logging accident on July 12, on Dead Indian Creek road near Ashland, Oregon.

Gerald L. Hamann, 20, attend ed Brookings high school in 1951-52. He is survived by his wife, Carol Hamann of Crescent City, a son, Wesley Hamann, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hamann, Crescent City.

Funeral and committal services were held Tuesday, July 16, at 2 p.m. from Roeder's Colonial chapel, with J.C. Bohannan of the Jehovah's Witness Church of Eureka officiating. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows Memorial Cemetery. Hamann was born in Eureka.

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**ELKS PLAN  
PICNIC**

The Brookings Elks Lodge will have their 3rd annual picnic on July 28th, at the Freeman Ranch, about six miles up the South Bank of the Chetco.

Nearly 500 Elks and their families were served there last year.

Games and prizes are planned for the kids as well as the adults. Refreshments will be served and a Bar-B-Qued Chicken is planned for the entree.

**DIALS VISIT**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dial visited friends here for a few days. They recently returned from a trip to Mexico, and report seeing many things in Mexico City and other spots.

Mr. Dial was the former music instructor at the Brookings-Harbor high school. Next year he will be teaching at Hood River.



**CHARLE AMES HAS STORY  
WRITTEN BY HOLBROOK**

Stewart Holbrook, one of the best known Oregon Authors was the writer of a story about Charles Ames, well known area logger and mill operator.

The story was written in an ad form, for Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation.

It was printed in the Lumberman's magazine.

**CHARLIE AMES...**

**HE WANTED TO CLIMB  
TREES**

By Stewart Holbrook

It seems never to have occurred to Charlie Ames, when he entered the woods as a whistle-punk, that some day he might be a logging operator. His sole ambition was to attain the heights, both actual and figurative, of a high-dimber. High-lead was kind, in those days of the twenties, and young Charlie's vision reached only to the top of the tallest spartree.

That was in 1929, when aged fifteen, he went to work for Ira Withrow, boss of the woods for the Polk Operating Company, near Grand Ronde, Oregon. A bit later he moved up the mountains to Black Rock where the noted Gus Wiest gave him a chance as third-rigger, then advanced him to part-time climbing; and at last the wiry young man was taking charge of the climbing and rigging for all three sides of the Willamette Valley Lumber Co.

Charlie now went into his short-stake days. He toured the Valley camps, worked along the Columbia, and did a good deal of climbing including a hitch for the late C. C. McLean, the loading-boom inventor, who was then woods boss for Cobbs & Mitchell at Vasetz.

Then, in 1945, Charlie teamed up on a gyppo job with C. L. Fallert. The two men got along fine. The contract panned out well. Fallert suggested they form a partnership and go into the logging and lumber business on their own. Taking a chance, they sold their trucks and other equipment and bought a small sawmill at Brookings on the coast of Oregon. They organized the South Coast Lumber Company, bought new machinery, stepped-up the mill out to 100,000 feet a shift. Then they incorporated the Vulcan Logging Company the supply the mill.

Now they had the works. Charlie says he had never been in a sawmill until he owned half of one;

but Fallert knew mills from headrip to green-chain. He took charge of the plant. ("I just look in the door once in a while," Ames has said. "I can hear the noise but I don't know what's charge of the Vulcan woods. The outfit cuts its logs not far from Brookings, and trucks the lumber to Crescent City, California for water shipment.

Now at forty-three, Charlie Ames is pretty much the same short, blue-eyed dunamic bundle of energy as when he learned his trade under the three old masters-Ira Withrow, Gus Wiest and Claude McLean.

Although he now belongs in the ranks of logging operators and lumbermen. Charlie still manages to do a little climbing, to hold his franchise in what he says is the best job in the timber

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