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TWO KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Thompsons Have Narrow Escape In Collision Wed.

HIT TURNING INTO DRIVEWAY

Paul Suffered Slight Concussion; Was Fourth Accident of Week

In the fourth of a series of automobile accidents in and near Gold Hill this week, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of this city narrowly escaped serious injury when their car was struck by a car driven by Roger E. Mything of Portland as they turned into the driveway of their home on the Pacific highway. The accident happened a few minutes after six o'clock last evening.

The cars came together against a tree at the corner of the Thompson yard, the front of the Thompson car resting on the hood of the Mything car.

Mr. Thompson was thrown out of the car by the impact onto the lawn of their home and was unconscious for some time. Doctor's examination revealed no broken bones, however, and this morning he was resting as easily as could be expected. Mrs. Thompson, who was driving was apparently uninjured, except for severe bruises, and a wrenched back, and is around as usual.

Mrs. Thompson had driven to the Beaver Portland Cement plant to bring her husband home to supper, as is her habit. On her return she states she saw the oncoming car, but as it was more than a block away and she had given the signal for a left turn for some time, she proceeded to turn into the driveway. Just as she turned, however, Mr. Thompson saw the approaching car had veered to the wrong side of the road, and said, "He's going to hit us," but the warning was too late.

A path cut by the tires of Mr. Mything's car showed even today where he had slid for more than thirty feet on the left shoulder of the highway before the cars hit. In a statement made last night he said he had hoped to be able to turn into the Clark yard to avoid the crash.

Witnesses state that Mything was traveling at a high rate of speed. His car was not seriously damaged but the Thompson car is badly wrecked.

Two Get Fines in Reed's Court Monday Morning

A drunken driving charge and an improper license case were heard in Judge Reed's local court Monday morning.

Clyde D. Purves of Talent, charged with operating an auto while intoxicated, was fined $100, sentenced to 30 days in jail and had his license taken away for good measure when he was brought before Judge Reed. Purves was arrested early Monday morning in Medford by state poilce, who allege he "was so drunk he could not walk or talk, and in no condition to drive an auto."

Veltie Biles, of Medford, appearing in the same court, charged with operating an auto with improper license plates, was assessed the costs of the proceedings, $4.50, and instructed to procure a license. He was charged with driving a new car with a dealer's license.

Cerico Pena of California, arrest- Sunday for driving with improper license plates failed to appear for trial in Reed's court here Monday, preferring to forfeit his bail.

Harlan Swenson, driver of a speeding truck appeared before the judge Wednesday. He was fined the costs of the case, and received a five-day suspended jail sentence.

Mr. Lively Seriously Burned in Steam Cooker Explosion

J. M. Lively received severe burns about his face Friday evening when the pressure cooker with which he was working exploded.

The petcock on the cooker had become plugged up, and Mrs. Lively had called her husband to see if he could open the vent. He decided to remove the lid, and when he loosened the lugs the explosion resulted.

The lid of the cooker struck Mr. Lively in the face and the hot apple sauce was thrown in every direction most of it striking his face and inflicting severe and painful burns. Mrs. Lively who was standing nearby received minor burns on her arms.

Although his wounds were very painful, Mr. Lively seemed to get along quite well after receiving medical care, but on Saturday suffered nervous chills, and on Monday was removed to the Community hospital in Medford. Considerable apprehension was felt until Wednesday morning when he seemed to be improving slowly.

Mr. Lively is almost 80 years old and the injuries were a shock to his entire system.

School Board Asks County to Gravel Galls Creek Road

The county court has been asked by Shcool District Number 57 to gravel the upper end of the Galls Creek road where one of the district's busses travels to transport children to the Gold Hill school.

W. E. Ross, chairman of the board, and Dan McCarter, director, called on the court Tuesday. One-eigth of a mile of county road is ungraveled. The road is now passable but when the winter rains set in the road will be in a very bad condition unless it is graveled. The court took the matter under consideration.

High School Students Elect Class Officers

Senior, junior and sophomore classes of the local high school organized for the year during this week, and elected officers as follows:

Seniors: Edith Dusenberry, president; Bill Hammersly, vice president; Netty Stone, secretary and treasurer; Ted Ritter, sergeant-at-arms; Principal J. A. Thomason, class advisor.

Juniors: Herbert Lingren, president; Dorothy Hammond, vice president; Mabel Dusenberry, secretary-treasurer; Frank Walklin, Balfour point collector; Bob Gay, student council member; Miss Hankey, class advisor.

Sophomores: June Moore, president; Irene Morrow, vice president; Opal Rodgers, secretary-treasurer; Mary Gay, sergeant-at-arms; Miss Cheney, class advisor.

At the same meeting the sophomores made plans for Freshman initiation, laying down rules to be observed this week, and made preparations for formal initiation to be held at the gymnasium Friday evening of this week.

Freshman class members will not elect officers until after they have been properly initiated.

Fancy Price Received for Del Rio Seckels

Sale of a car of Del Rio Seckels at very fine prices was reported this week, bringing an optimistic trend into the pear market situation. The popular pears, grown at the orchards near Gold Hill, averaged $4.60 a box.

The average price for the extra fancy packed was $4.90, for the fancy packed $4.10, extra fancy jumbles $3.85. The pears were sold on the New York market.

BOARD WINS FIRST ROUND

Motion Against Decision on Contract Overruled by Judge Norton

With the overruling of a motion to strike from the plea for an injunction any reference to the contract held by G. E. Meisinger because it was deemed irrelevant, School District No. 57 won a first round decision in its first court action to prevent former Principal Meisinger from holding the district to a contract given him last spring which the present board alleges is illegal.

Hearing on the plea was held Tuesday afternoon before Circuit Judge Harry D. Norton.

The school board had brought suit for an injunction restraining Mr. Meisinger from reporting at the school house daily, stating that he would cause irreparable damage if he continued to do so. They also incorporated in their plea a request for a judgment on the validity of the contract held by Meisinger on which he based his right to be present at the school house daily.

Attorney for Meisinger maintained that the legality or illegality of the contract had no bearing on the injunction proceedings and that Mr. Meisinger, like any other citizen could be on the grounds of a public school. The point to consider, it was stated, was whether he was doing any damage or inflicting any wrong by his presenc. and cited that the school board in its plea merely stated that damage would be done—not that any was being done.

Judge Norton, however, held that the petition as worded asked for a declaratory judgment on the contract, as well as for an injunction, and that one was incident to the other. He therefore ordered the attorneys to present their arguments on both matters.

Attorney for Meisinger then stated that he was not prepared to argue the validity of the contract. However, Attorney Roberts for the school board presented his arguments, stating that the contract did not carry the signature of the district clerk, and also that no time was stipulated in the contract when Mr. Meisinger's services were to begin and end, and cited cases decided in Oregon, and in other states in which contracts had been declared invalid, under similar circumstances.

Judge Norton gave the opposing attorney until the first of the week to prepare his case. He will then study the citations made by both, and an early decision is hoped for.

To Resume Mining on the Original 'Gold Hill'

Gold hill, the butte on the east edge of this city from which the town takes its name, is to see renewed mining activity, according to Jack Hayes, part owner of the old Fredenburg mine on that hill. Mr. Hayes and Eber Davis are giving a 5-year lease to the property to H. H. Russell of Eugene who plans to erect a 20-ton mill on the site. The deal awaits only the signature of Mr. Davis who is now in Douglas county where he has cinnabar properties. The mine is near the place where the famous pocket of gold was found which led to much mining activity here, and the founding of the town.

Extra copies of the News on sale at Jim's Confectionery or this office, each week, 5c.

Pear Truck Tips Over on Sams Valley Highway

A huge Pierce Freight Line trailer loaded with pears broke loose from a truck last Friday afternoon, turned completely over, and strewed its boxes of pears over the countryside near the Lyman ranch up the Sams Valley road from Gold Hill. The truck was bringing a load of pears from the Henry Van Hoevenberg ranch to be sold in the north part of the state.

The top was broken out of the trailer and about 60 boxes of pears destroyed. Loss is estimated at $300.

The load was one of the last to be taken from the ranch, picking and packing having been completed that afternoon.

Daily papers persisted in the report that the accident occurred south of the Rogue River bridge here on the Pacific highway, but this was in error.

C. E. Gates Petition Circulated Here Today

Assurance that the name of C. E. Gates of Medford will appear on the November ballots as candidate for the office of judge, was received here today when it was reported that more than 300 names had been secured in the town of Ashland alone.

Petitions were in circulation here Thursday morning and after but a short time carried 33 names.

Several more independent candidates have filed their petitions and are making an active campaign for the coming November election.

On Monday A. B. (Soapy) Rhodes, of Ashland, filed a petition with the county clerk bearing more than 400 names, and thereby became the fourth candidate for county sheriff. It is said that Rhodes has contemplated making the race for some time.

This makes a four-cornered race for couny sheriff. Gordon Schermerhorn is the Democratic nominee, Everett Beeson, Republican choice, and Lowell Zundell, independent, who filed two weeks ago.

Judge Norton Orders Bates Case to Trial

Circuit Judge Harry D. Norton Tuesday refused to allow postponement of the felony charge against F. A. Bates, Foots Creek miner, when District Attorney George Codding and M. O. Wilkins, Bates' attorney asked for a postponement.

Bates is charged by the state with a threat to commit a felony. A stipulation for postponement of the case was filed by M. O. Wilkins, Bates' attorney, some time ago.

Attorney Wilkins told Judge Norton that Bates was planning to leave the county immediately, and as he and Attorney Codding felt that the disturbance on Foots Creek would be stilled by Bates' removal, that it was not necessary to press the case. Judge Norton, however, ruled that the case should come to trial in its regular order, which is the last case on the present trial docket.

Bates filed a $100,000 libel suit against the Medford Mail-Tribune Wednesday afternoon.

City Caucus Will Be Held Monday

City caucus to nominate candidates for city offices in the coming election will be held Monday evening, September 26, at the city hall. There are no issues involved in the city campaign this year, but several councilmen and Mayor Ferguson have signified that they do not wish to remain in office, and there will be plenty for the citizens to do at this meeing. Everyone is urged to attend and signify their desires as to who shall conduct city affairs the next two years.

HIKER STRUCK ON BLACKWELL

Quick Hypodermic by Doctor Prevents Death of Man, 72

Quick action on the part of a doctor undoubtedly saved the life of J. A. Gogarty, 72-year old Portland hitch-hiker, who was struck by a car on Blackwell hill last Saturday afternoon.

Gogarty received severe head wounds, when caught by the left front fender of a car driven by A E. Fiora of Medford. He was thrown backwards, his head hitting the handle of the door, and the back fender, as the car moved forward. A doctor was following a short distance behind, and when he examinned the injured man he stated there was no pulse action, but he whipped out his hypodermic needle and revived the momentarily stilled heart.

Gogarty was hiking south, and in accordance with the law was on the left hand side of the paving. A car stopped to offer him a ride, pulling well off on the right-hand shoulder, and Gogarty, in his haste to accept the proffered lift, started across the road without noticing the Fiora car, which could not stop in time to avoid hitting him.

Fiora sought further medical aid from Dr. Chisholm of this city, who assisted in caring for the man before he was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford. The car which had offered the ride to Gogarty left without investigating the accident.

Reports from the Medford hospital Wednesday were than, although still in a serious condition, Gogarty is improving slowly.

Girl Scouts Hold First Meeting of School Year

The first regular meeting of the Girl Scouts was held Thursday noon in the gymnasium. There are four patrols in the Wild Rose troop this year, including a high school group.

The high school patrol is the Tulip patrol with Dorothy Smith as leader, and Mary Gay, second.

Eighth grade—Star patrol, Marjorie Cameron leader, and Roberta Mullin second.

Seventh grade—Canary patrol, Phyllis Miller leader, and Maxine Holifield second.

Fifth and sixth grades—Evergreen patrol with Sybil Walker leader, and Jean Skelton second.

The leaders and seconds meet with the captain, Marjorie Pena, and the lieutenant, Mabel Moore, at the weekly Court of Honor. Regular study meetings are held in the gymnasium on Thursday noons, while the social meetings will be held once a month on Friday evenings. At this time, parents and friends of the girl scouts are invited to attend and share in the study and fun. When girls are ready to pass tests the Court of Awards will be held at the evening meetings.

ODD FELLOW LODGE NOTES

The I. O. O. F. smoker will be held when the busy season is over, and by that time the weather will be cool and the contestants won't get overheated. Last night's meeting was pleasant and enjoyed by everyone present. Come next Tuesday night and you will be surprised. If you don't laugh, it costs you nothing, says Secretary Toney Ross.

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TRAIL COUPLE ARE VICTIMS

Daughter Loses Control of Car; She and Nephew Injured

Two aged people, Marcus Tuttle, 71, and his wife, Rosa Tuttle, 64, of Trail, Oregon, met death in a car crash on the west edge of Gold Hill Sunday morning when the car in which they were riding turned over end for end as it struck a light coupe when passing a string of cars.

Mrs. G. L. Crafford, also of Trail, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, was driver of the car which carried her parents to their death. She suffered cuts about the head, and her nephew, Lewis Crafford, who was riding in the front seat with her, received injuries to his chest being pinned under the car when it landed upside down.

Dr. B. F. DeVore, of Oakland, Oregon, driver of the coupe, was uninjured.

Was Passing a Trailer

The accident happened about 11:30 Sunday morning, as the Crafford car passed a string of four cars in front of the J. D. Hedgpeth and George Dorman homes on the Pacific highway here. The fourth car carried a trailer which Mrs. Crafford said was bobbing dangerously, and she swung far out onto the shoulder of the highway in order to avoid it, losing contraol of her car. Dr. DeVore, coming from the west, saw the weaving car, and in an attempt to avoid the collision, pulled off the paving, and came almost to a stop. The cars, met, according to Dr. DeVore, after the Crafford car had started to turn over, and the impact seemingly tossed the sedan off the front corner of the radiator of the coupe, bringing it down in the middle of the paving on its top.

The victims were thrown through the top and were instantly killed as they struck the pavement.

Both cars, were badly damaged, the Crafford machine being totally wrecked, while the left side of the radiator and hood of Dr. DeVore's car was bent and twisted. Bumpers of neither car were damaged, which leads to the belief that the Crafford car was tipping when it reached the coupe.

Hedgpeth First on Scene

J. D. Hedgpeth was the first local resident to reach the scene. In the short interval between the crash and his arrival the doctor and a motorist behind him had extricated young Crafford from the car, and Mrs. Crafford was bending over her parents, her father just breathing his last.

Dr. DeVore gave first aid, and Mrs. Dorman and Mrs. Hedgpeth took charge of the injured people, taking them to the home of Mrs. Dorman where they remained until taken to their homes Sunday afternoon.

State police arrived soon after the accident occurred and took charge of the situation.

A large crowd was attracted to the accident, and it was necessary for more than an hour to route traffic to the north side of town at the Livingston oil station, returning to the highway at the cement plant road, the wreck having occurred just a few feet from that corner.

It is understood here that the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle will be returned to Chicago for burial, this having been the family home for more than thirty years prior to their coming to Trail two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle had returned only last week from visiting there, according to their daughter. The Craffords had lived at Trail about six years, coming from Cali-

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