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Hit-Run Driver Arrested Here Early Saturday

Millie Walker And Howard Kell Help Catch Reckless Driver

Mrs. Millie Walker, local telephone operator, and Howard Kell of the Gold Hill Garage were instrumental in apprehending a hit and run driver here Saturday, who was involved in two collisions with the Walker car Thursday evening.

The driver, Orin Tracy of Glendale received a ten-day sentence for not reporting the accident, and he and his companion, Mrs. Mary Jones Wilson of Klamath Falls were held for the grand jury on \$1000 bond, on a charge of attempted burglary, as a result of their attempt to retrieve their car which had been held as evidence in the case. Thursday morning they appeared before County Judge H. D. Norton and the case was suspended.

Sideswiped Walker Machine
Mrs. Walker's presence of mind, sharpened by righteous indignation at the hit-run driver resulted in Tracy abandoning his car after a three-mile chase from the foot of Blackwell hill, where the Tracy car sideswiped Mrs. Walker's machine, to a Gold Hill side street, where the cars met head on.

According to Mrs. Walker, Tracy failed to stop after the first collision, and she trailed him into town, where he turned out his lights and ducked off the highway at the Ham grocery corner. Not to be outdone, Mrs. Walker circled the block at the next intersection, and the cars met head on in front of the Dick Walker residence in this city.

Evidently thoroughly frightened, Tracy backed his car quickly, drove it to near the Gold Hill dance pavilion on Main street, and, with his companion, fled the scene.

The car was placed in the Gold Hill garage by authorities, to be held as evidence in the case, and it was when Tracy and Mrs. Wilson attempted to retrieve it that they were trapped.

Their first visit to the garage was Friday afternoon, and an unguarded remark by the woman that they would "have to move two cars to get the Hudson" was overheard by Howard Kell, working under a nearby car, and aroused his suspicions. When Chas. Kell, garage owner, came to wait on the couple they merely asked for an odd size tire patch, and when told it was not stocked they departed. Kell took pains to note the license number of the car they were using, an Oakland roadster, which they had parked near Ham's grocery.

Anticipating an attempt to remove the car, Mr. Kell stationed Howard in the garage that night, and the couple were twice frightened away from the building. On the second attempt, at 3:20 a. m. Saturday morning, Howard watched the couple run to the Southern Pacific depot, and he phoned Medford police, who with state traffic officers, rushed to the scene.

Caught Near Old Smelter
A quick tour of the Sams Valley road disclosed the Oakland roadster parked near the old smelter a short distance from Gold Hill and Tracy was picked up there and taken to Medford. Before abandoning the search, Mr. Kell and Howard located the woman, also, and notified officers, who took her into custody.

Tracy admitted the attempted theft, and the hit-and-run accident. He has a wife and four children at Glendale. Mrs. Wilson, whom authorities are investigating, has an alias of Billy Nelson. Her divorced husband resides at Klamath Falls.

Checking up on the cars, which at first were thought to have been stolen, neither one of them carrying registration cards, officers found that the Hudson had been bought a few weeks before, and the transfer was not yet registered. The Oakland, it was learned, was bought in Medford between the time of the acci-

Drunken Driver Gets Jolt In Local Court

M. P. Kilgore of Grants Pass was handed a 30 day sentence, fined \$100 and had his driver's license taken away for a year when he pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving before Judge H. D. Reed here Wednesday. The jail sentence was suspended.

Kilgore was picked up by state police near Gold Hill Monday afternoon. His companion, Louise Higgins, was sentenced to five days in jail and the sentence suspended.

Wrestling Card Monday Night Among The Best

The wrestling card at the Medford armory last Monday night had many thrills for the spectators and the fans agreed it was one of the best in months.

Bob Montgomery won over Les Wolfe of Texas in the main event but the majority of the crowd thought the bout would end the other way. Wolfe had taken the middle fall and had Montgomery pinned again with his dangerous hook scissors. Fans thought it was all over but Montgomery used his head and launched a terrific leg thrust which laid Wolfe low and gave the match to himself.

In the match Wolfe pulled one that had never been seen on a card before. Montgomery was walking around outside the ropes when Wolfe grabbed the top rope, swung his legs over and fastened them around Montgomery's neck and then tossed him bodily over the ropes back into the ring.

State Fair Entertainment Program Is Completed

Entertainment properly befitting the 75th milestone in Oregon state fair history will be the order of the week for the Diamond Jubilee fair at Salem September 7 to 13, Solon T. White, director of the fair, promises the citizens of Oregon.

White has selected Monte Brooks, one of the Pacific coast No. 1 showmen, to take over the reins of master of ceremonies for many of the entertainment features including the two big free programs daily in front of the grandstand, the amateur contest and the free dance and floor show nightly following the horse show. Brooks, whose every-ready smile immediately captures his audience, knows what the public wants in its moments away from word, and will give it at the state fair.

Professional acts, the spectacular fire drill by 24 men from the 11th Cavalry Exhibition Platoon, Presidio of Monterey, California, and other features will be seen on the free entertainment event at night, with the morning program to include bicycle races and similar stunts in addition to variety acts. Brooks will also direct two open air concerts each day. Plenty of music is in the air for fairgoers, with concerts by two official bands and by guests bands to augment Brooks' musical programs.

A horse racing program every afternoon but Sunday and a horse show every night but Sunday will draw thousands of visitors. The horse show will be back in all its former glory, and will offer two extraordinary features—the platoon of cavalry from Monterey and the Kellogg Arabian horses from Panama, California, in addition to the regular tanbark features. Six-in-hand driving, always a popular feature, will be on the program.

Pari-mutuels will be in operation for the racing program, for which 300 horses will compete for the \$10,000 in purses.

I.O.O.F. NEWS

Sunday, August 9, Brother Wm. F. Blackert died in Portland, Oregon. He had been sick for about a year. He was the butcher in Gold Hill twenty years ago.

In the near future a delegation is to visit Brother Fred M. Cornutt. We have received good news from him that he has a good chance to recover.

—Toney Ross, Sec.
dent Thursday evening, and their return to Gold Hill to get the Hudson. A quantity of the personal belongings of Mrs. Wilson's were found in the first car.

18-Months Sentence Given Howard Dorman by Judge Norton Thursday Morning

A sentence of 18 months in the state penitentiary was meted out to Howard Dorman by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton in Medford this (Thursday) morning.

Dorman was arrested last week by state police for possession of stolen property. A number of articles were found in his garage here. At a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace H. D. Reed, Dorman was bound over to the grand jury.

This week he expressed a willingness to enter a plea of guilty before the circuit judge for disposition of his case. He will be taken to the penitentiary at Salem soon.

Iowa Picnic At Grants Pass Park This Sunday

Many former residents of the state of Iowa living in this locality are planning to attend the annual picnic of the Southern Oregon-Iowa association to be held Sunday at Riverside park, Grants Pass.

Senator Chinnock of Josephine county, will give a short talk to the picnicers. Several musical numbers are also being arranged for the afternoon.

The picnic will start promptly at 1 p. m.

Turkey Growers To Hold First State Meet at OSC

The first state-wide convention of turkey growers and others interested in that industry will be held at Oregon State college Tuesday, August 25. The one day meeting has been arranged by H. E. Cosby, head of the poultry department, at the request of many turkey breeders and growers throughout the state who have urged that opportunity be given to get together for a discussion of common problems and prospects.

While the detailed program has not been completed, it is known that in addition to a number of college specialists scheduled to speak on disease control, breeding and feeding, there will be outside men present to discuss turkey advertising, preparation of turkeys for market and show purposes, financing of turkey cooperatives and other subjects. The meeting is open without charge to all interested, regardless of membership in any organization.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cook and granddaughter Ruth Lance spent the week end at the Cook mine on Foothills Creek.

Oregon's Forests Support One-Third of Population

If Oregon's forest industries, which now support about 30 per cent of the people of the state, are to be continued on the present basis, a policy of improved forest management, which will include scientific sustained yield, must be adopted at once, it is declared in a report, "Oregon's Forest Problems," prepared by the advisory committee on forestry of the Oregon State planning board, and just released by Governor Martin.

The report, which was written under the direction of the committee headed by C. J. Buck, regional forester and vice-chairman of the planning board, goes deeply into all phases of difficulties faced by the lumber industry. It points out first of all that the annual growth in recent years in Oregon forests has been not more than 50 per cent of the annual cut, but optimistically declares that with proper forest management, this rate of growth can be increased three fold.

The intense pressure put on private timber owners to liquidate their holdings must be alleviated, the report declares, and at the same time means must be found to encourage sustained yield methods of operation. Three means are suggested as an aid to such a program—the first a system of long-term credit at low interest rates so that immediate liquidation will not be necessary, second, adjustment of methods of taxation that will make

Mrs. Harvey, Pioneer Southern Oregon Resident Passes Away

Death took one of Jackson county's oldest pioneers last Friday when Mrs. Auletta Merriman Harvey passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, in Medford. She was 88 years old and had been a resident of this county for 84 years, crossing the plains in 1852.

About 32 years ago Mrs. Harvey and son operated a hardware store in Gold Hill on the north side of town in the old Odd Fellows block. Mrs. Harvey owned the home on the north side now the property of Mrs. Marion Lance.

Mrs. Auletta Merriman Harvey was born August 4, 1848, in Springfield, Ohio. Her father, William H. Merriman, about 1853, located on what is known as the Merriman farm near the Medford city limits. In 1867 Auletta Merriman was married to John E. Buzan, living on a farm near the present Medford airport. There were born to them two daughters—Mrs. Nate Otterbein, now living in Klamath Falls, and Mrs. E. M. Wilson of Medford. Mr. Buzan died June 18, 1870, leaving the widow with the two small daughters.

At the Merriman farm, June 18, 1873, Mrs. Buzan (Harvey) was married to John E. Harvey and their home was on a farm near the present Young and Hall orchard. To this union were born two sons—John A. Harvey, now living in Santa Ana, Calif., and Wm. H. Harvey, who died in 1919.

She was laid to rest in the Jacksonville cemetery August 9 by the side of her deceased husbands and son.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Douglas Cameron underwent a major operation at Community hospital in Medford Friday. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Griffith of Wilderville visited Sunday with Mr. Griffith's aunt, Mrs. Ella Patrick.

The finish grind at Beaver Portland Cement Co. started this (Thursday) morning giving work to a number of men.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gerges of Klamath Falls visited at the Fiene and Taylor home on Sardine Creek one day this week.

FOR SALE: '24 Chev. pickup; 65 mixed hens and year old Minorcas; hay; household goods, jars. Mrs. Fred Stone, Gold Hill. adv.

Wm. Blackert, Former Gold Hill Market Owner, Dies

Wm. F. Blackert, a former resident of Gold Hill died at his home in Portland on Sunday, August 9.

Mr. Blackert was born and raised on Galls creek, receiving his schooling there. Mrs. Ella Patrick being one of his teachers. He had the meat market for several years when it was on the north side of the railroad tracks. Later he moved to Portland.

He leaves besides his wife, Nina B. Blackert, his son Wm. A. Blackert of Marshfield, Oregon and one brother and two sisters. He was a member of the Gold Hill IOOF lodge No. 129.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 11 with vault entombment at Rose City cemetery.

Forest Fire Warning Issued By Forester

A rigid enforcement of the forest law of the state which prohibits the throwing away of lighted material along the highways of the state was announced today by State Forester J. W. Ferguson. Not only have orders been issued from the forestry department to all wardens for a strict enforcement of the law, together with the inauguration of special road patrols in certain hazardous areas of the state, but Charles P. Pray, Superintendent of State Police, has heartily endorsed the move and pledged his support and cooperation through the issuance of orders to his personnel to make a special effort to stop this practice.

"We are now entering the most critical period of the fire season," stated Mr. Ferguson, "for records of past years show that the most disastrous fires occur after the first of August. This year there is a definite increase in the hazard over past years because of a favorable spring with frequent rains which has resulted in an unusually dense growth of grass and weeds. With the coming of the hot, dry weather and the drying out of this growth, it has resulted in one of the most hazardous fire situations that has faced the department in a number of years. Smokers are responsible for nearly a third of all man-caused fires which have occurred on lands coming under the jurisdiction of this department, and the fact that the major portion of them originate along the highways of the state indicates that it is the traveling motorist who is to blame.

"This law which prohibits the throwing away of lighted material has been in effect for the past eleven years and an intensive educational campaign has been carried on to inform the public of the fact and to secure its cooperation. Nevertheless, the number of these fires is far too great and a determined effort will be made to reduce them through law enforcement."

SAFETY FIRST

Says Chief McCredie, Don't be too speedy; But when you drive, For Safety Strive! Don't be a boob, but if a boob, To saner people don't be rude. Look and listen, watch with care, Watch the traffic everywhere, Nor quarrel as to right of way, For danger dire may be to pay, So show the brains God gave you, And cause fatalities to cease; But if you haven't any sense, Your head is thick and dull and dense, And with danger you would play, Why turn and go some other way; If but a boob, you try to spark, Then off the highway, stop and park!

FARMERS & FRUITGROWERS BANK

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Mr. and Mrs. John Cook spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson of Sams Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, daughter Patricia and sons Lyle and Rowland, of Sawyers Bar, California, arrived Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends in Gold Hill.

Plans for Fair Here Sept. 12 Taking Shape

Free Barbecue Again To Be Drawing Card; Entertainment Planned

Details connected with the sponsoring of the annual Northwest Jackson County Fair at Gold Hill are being taken care of and finishing touches to arrangements assure one of the best fairs ever held. Fair date—Saturday, September 12—is just four weeks away. Entry day will be Friday, September 11.

With a large list of cash prizes awaiting exhibitors the fair board is anticipating a heavy entry of farm and garden products from this section of Jackson county.

Free Barbecue Again
A free barbecue will again be one of the highlights of the fair. Last year approximately 2,000 people enjoyed this feature of the fair. A kitchen was built on the city hall grounds and an outdoor oven for cooking the meat provided. Chas. Kell is again in charge of the barbecue arrangements and Monday night at the board meeting reported that Harry Easton and R. Kies had consented to prepare the meat. These two men handled the work very efficiently last year.

Sports Program
Carl Routh is in charge of the sports program for the fair and is arranging a list of events that will enable young and old, fat and lean, to compete for the prizes.

A parade will again start things off the morning of the fair. It is hoped that a band will be on hand to lead the parade. The Grants Pass band has been invited but word has not been received from them up to today.

About 25 persons attended the board meeting Monday night which was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the year. All four granges were represented and each one is making plans to have the best booth entered in the fair.

Besides the grange booths there will be at least two flower booths. The Table Rock club sent word this week that they planned an entry and the Gold Hill Garden club will have a display.

Special Meeting August 24
Chairman Fish has called a special meeting of the board for Monday, August 24, when final plans for this year's show will be perfected.

THE QUESTION BOX

How much do you know?

The following questions are taken from current events. See how well you are posted. Answers will be found on the back page of this issue.

1. What is the occupation of Westbrook Pegler?
2. On what charge was John S. Farnsworth recently arrested?
3. For what is Annapolis, Maryland best known?
4. What was the origin of the custom now used to formally notify a presidential candidate of his nomination?
5. What well known radio character in a public address recently referred to President Roosevelt as a "liar"?
6. For what is George M. Cohan noted?
7. Of what nation is Anthony Eden foreign secretary?
8. Of what state is the sunflower the emblem?
9. What is meant by the expression, "As the crow flies"?
10. What is the purpose of the soil erosion program?

THOMPSONS HAVE BOY
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson are the proud parents of an eight pound boy, born Thursday, August 6, at the Sacred Heart hospital, Medford. He has been named Philip Rand.