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STRUCK ON HEAD

Ralph Taylor Suffers Fractured Vertebrae in Neck in 10-Foot Fall Yesterday

Ralph Taylor, chief engineer at the Smith Wood-Products plant, suffered injuries yesterday that will keep him in the Coquille Hospital for several weeks. He had just come up on a dock and was stooping down to watch a turbine when his feet slipped on the greasy platform and he plunged down to the river bank below, about ten feet, landing on his head and shoulders among brick and other debris dumped there.

At the hospital it was found he had suffered a fractured vertebrae in his neck and two deep cuts in his scalp. Although serious his injuries might have been worse, but he will be absent from duty for several months. F. S. Emery, superintendent of the plant, stated that the accident was the absence of no one else from the mill, including himself, would so seriously interfere with the smooth operation of the plant as will the absence of Mr. Taylor.

Suffers Skull Fracture

Mrs. E. L. Linn, of this city, was brought to the Coquille Hospital Tuesday afternoon suffering from a skull fracture she received when her automobile left the highway near the service station between the two Coquille bridges and turned over twice, coming to rest with its bottom against a tree. Neither of her two children were hurt.

Mrs. Linn does not know just how the accident happened, but she had just passed a logging truck and may possibly have gotten off the pavement passing it and when she attempted to get back on the shoulder may have forced the car across the highway, and it turned over on the bank.

New Parking Rules Possible

Mayor Rankin suggested to the council Monday evening that the city should get some revenue from the abutting property owners where a private parking space is marked off or where a slope replaces the curb and parking is forbidden. This practice is followed in Portland now, he said, and it might tend to increase the parking sites on the business streets.

This led to a discussion of whether the present policy of diagonal parking was the most efficient for a city with streets as narrow as Coquille's, and the street committee was asked to make a study of the city's parking problem and suggest recommendations for improvement of parking conditions.

New Lighting System Accepted

Now comes the painful part of the new street lighting installation. Last Friday City Engineer Stacer certified to the completion of the job according to contract and Monday evening the council ordered payment of the \$1166.55 still due S. L. Godard, the contractor. A peculiar thing about this job is that on a contract of this size, it was for \$7777, there was not a cent asked for extras.

Elsewhere the city is advertising that the assessment of property in the business district for the improvement has been made, and that any objections to the assessment made in writing to the council, within 15 days from this date will be considered on Monday, May 17.

School Board to Meet April 29

The school board for district No. 8, which could not meet for the regular session on April 10 because Dr. J. R. Bunch was the only director in town, will hold its session next Thursday evening, April 29, when the architect, C. N. Freeman, will be here from Portland with plans for the new gymnasium. It has been definitely decided to go ahead with the \$22,500 authorized by the voters, and forget all about any PWA grant.

Seek Wood Picture House

O. L. Wood and L. W. Claver have made application at Bandon for a permit to operate a motion picture house in that city. Parties from Gold Beach also applied but the permit committee had assured Mrs. E. A. Hartman that she would have first chance to re-establish her business there, and they decided to wait until May 1 to learn what her intentions are before considering any other application.

Trespass Notices, printed on cloth, for sale at this office.

Committees Which Are Arranging May Day Festival

The Coquille Woman's Club May Day Festival will be given Saturday, May 1, at eight o'clock in the Community Building.

Preparations for the affair are progressing nicely and the club hopes to present a pleasing entertainment, after which will be a dance, with good music.

The committees in charge are: Mrs. O. C. Sanford, general chairman; Miss Muriel Dae, program chairman, assisted by Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard and Mrs. C. A. Rietman; Mrs. J. A. Lamb, decorations chairman; Miss Grace Ellingsen, may pole chairman; Mrs. Ida Owen, tickets chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Rosa, costumes chairman; Mrs. Wm. H. Mansell, music chairman.

The admission will be 50 cents for dancers and 25 cents for spectators. The same bleacher seats will be available to the general public. The doors will be open at seven o'clock.

For those who desire a reserved seat for 50 cents additional, tickets for such in the balcony and a few on the main floor can be obtained at Fuhrman's Pharmacy.

The public is cordially invited and a good time assured.

PORTLAND VISITORS AT LUNCH

The hotel dining room was filled Tuesday noon when thirty Portland business men had lunch with a like number of Coquille business men.

The visitors, members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce trade and commerce committee, arrived in Marshfield that morning, loaded on to a Greyhound bus and went to Bandon.

After a couple of hours there, they returned to Coquille for lunch, went through the Smith Wood-Products plant upon invitation from the management, visited Myrtle Point and were back at Marshfield that evening for a banquet tendered them by the Chamber of Commerce. They spent Wednesday on the Bay, met with the North Bend chamber for lunch and returned to Portland that evening.

A. C. McMicken, chairman of the trade committee, presided at the luncheon here after Pres. J. L. Stevens, of the local chamber, had welcomed the visitors and introduced the Coquille men present.

Mr. McMicken frankly stated that these tours of the trade and commerce committee were good will trips, taken with the sole idea of building up better and closer relations in the territory that naturally would do its buying in Portland and that was the tenor of the remarks of all the Portland speakers.

Mr. McMicken stated that when the Red Cross made an appeal for funds at the time of the Bandon disaster, \$12,000 was the quota set for the Portland district, but that when the committee called it a day that \$27,000 had been subscribed.

Other speakers who responded to the invitation of the chairman, in a more or less serious vein, were Edward F. Sinclair, Leo Baruk, Clarence D. Porter, and Abbott L. Mills. The latter, vice president of the U. S. National Bank in Portland, is one of the youngest executive officers of any large financial institution.

As denoting the changes which take place in the business personnel of a city, Judge Hugh McLain remarked to B. F. Irvine, editor of the Portland Journal, that he had been attending such meetings with Portland business men for 43 years and that he (Irvine) was the only one he recognized of the group who were on this good-will tour.

Robt. K. Welch Buried

Funeral services were conducted at the Gano Funeral Home by Rev. W. Raymond Wilder at two o'clock yesterday for Robert Kemp Welch, who died at the home of his son, Harold, on West Fifth street last Monday. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Deceased was 84 years of age, having been born in Massachusetts, April 2, 1853. He was a mining engineer by profession and was living in Bandon at the time of the fire last September. He has been ill since that time as have so many elderly people who went through that trying and terrible night.

Beside his son he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine D. Welch, whose home is in Philadelphia, Penn.

Judge Carl E. Wimberly, of Roseburg, came over this morning to hold a motion day in the Coos circuit court.

MRS. M. M. LANE

Funeral Services at 2:30 Saturday—Passed Away Yesterday Morning

Mrs. M. M. Lane, a resident of Coquille for the past 34 years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leona Swindahl, on Elliott street at nine o'clock yesterday morning. She had been ill but a week.

Funeral services will be held at the Coquille Assembly of God, with Mrs. Hazel MacLeod conducting them at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery. Arrangements are conducted by the Gano Funeral Home.

Born Amanda T. Knife, June 18, 1867, at Elston, Mo., Mrs. Lane would have been 70 years old in June. Nearly 50 years ago she was united in marriage to Monroe M. Lane, who survives her.

She is survived by her four children, Mrs. Estel Ellis, Mrs. Leona Swindahl, and Mrs. Hattie Coy, of Coquille, and her son, Willard, who came down from the Astoria the first of the week.

Her sisters are Mrs. B. F. Ames, of Arkansas City, Kans., and Miss Jessie Knife, of Coquille.

Five surviving brothers are R. B. Knife and Elmer E. Knife, of Coquille; Everett Knife, of Fortuna, Calif.; John Knife, of Jefferson City, Mo., and Derrick Knife, of Centertown, Mo.

Six grandchildren also survive. Another, Nira Ann Coy, passed away this week and was buried the day before Mrs. Lane's death.

Mrs. Lane realized that the end was near and she was ready to go. Wednesday evening she said to Mrs. R. B. Knife, who was attending her, "Raise me up, Belle, so I can get some air." Then waving her hand, she added, "not a ripple on the water; I will cross easily." And her passing was peaceful although death did not come for several hours, but she did not speak again.

To Enlarge Fire Zone

E. D. Webb brought to the council's attention Monday evening the advisability of extending the city's fire zone, practically doubling it in area. At the present time the four blocks between Hall and Willard, Front and Second, and the south side of Front from the Gregg store to Eaton's Feed Store are included in the fire district.

The suggested enlargement would extend west on Front to Ko-Keel Village and take in the block west of Willard from Front to Second, the two blocks north of Second from Willard to Hall, and the block east of Hall from First to Second.

Drue Cunningham stated that he would not favor doing this until the property owners affected had been contacted.

Fire Chief Frank Schram was asked to present at the next meeting proposals for a fire ordinance in conformity, with the rules of the state fire marshal's department.

To Regulate Chicken Nuisance

Complaints made to the city council Monday evening about chickens running at large and their disturbance of early morning slumber caused the city's legislative body to order an amendment to the nuisance ordinance which would bring chickens within its scope.

Another matter which might come under the same head was that a house in the north end where wash water is allowed to run out across the sidewalk.

Still another was the blocking of the drainage at Seventh and the highway where the water from the hill back of the Consolidated Freight depot has been allowed to run across and under the highway, making it a sloppy spot, and has washed the underpinning out from under the sidewalk.

County Firemen Meet

Several Coquille firemen attended the regular monthly meeting of the county association held in Bandon Tuesday evening and the luncheon which followed the business session was greatly enjoyed by the visiting firemen.

During the serious portion of the evening's proceedings particular attention was given to first aid work and artificial respiration, and the latter feature was demonstrated by Mr. Tracy, of Portland, who brought an inhalator. Drs. Lucas and Thornberg, of Bandon, attended and explained many things in connection with the principal topics which were of an instructive nature.

THE CITY LIBRARY

Suggestions Made by Correspondent for Benefit of Library and Fire Department

The following article was contributed to the Sentinel by a friend of the Coquille Library who also realizes the very urgent need there is for quarters for the fire department. The ideas suggested are well worth pondering for the time is imminent when a pumper and full time service for at least two firemen will be an absolute necessity for the city:

The library board held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday and routine business was cared for. There is a grave need for more books. With the town nearly doubling its population the library finds itself almost unable to cope with the increased demands upon it. Over two thousand books are added each month. The total number of books owned by the library is about thirty-five hundred. Time and again readers turn away disappointed. All the good books are out. There is nothing they want. More books are needed. More space is needed.

The city fire department, which is housed inadequately in the city hall beneath the library is also in need of larger quarters. The time is not far distant when the present equipment will be all too inefficient for our growing city. Twice the apparatus will be required, and twice the space. It is a well known fact that a fire department with quarters of sufficient size to provide sleeping accommodations for a man or two on the premises will effect a reduction in the insurance rate of our city. It is a question of a new building.

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Couldn't Realize It Was Gone

Jim Davis, an Indian 77 years of age, was brought to the county jail Tuesday to serve a sentence of 30 days, imposed in justice court at Powers, for being drunk in a public place—the hotel there—where he frightened all the people in the building.

Back of this is a story of hallucination that indicates Davis should be cared for in some institution.

Back in 1927 he received \$1000 from the estate of his wife. He placed it in the Bank of Powers and for the next year he lived high, spending the money.

In 1928 he was sent to the pen from Curry county and was just released from there last Saturday.

He immediately went to Powers and wanted to draw out the money he had on deposit, although he carried the cancelled checks, all but two or three of them, which showed he had checked out all the funds he had deposited. The bank had closed his account several years ago.

But he seems to have forgotten all about the year of wild spending and thinks because he put the money in the bank that it should still be there. He was paroled ten months before his sentence expired and will probably be returned to the pen.

Highway Association Meet

The completion of the Neakanie mountain section of the Coast Highway was continued as the number one project of the Coast Highway Association at its semi-annual meeting in Toledo last Sunday and Monday.

The number two project toward which the association will continue its efforts for improvement is the 18 miles of crooked, poorly aligned pavement between Coquille and Marshfield, and number three is the section south of Port Orford to Ophir.

The association decided to sponsor a cavalcade to attend the bridge dedication at San Francisco the latter part of May and it is hoped to have several hundred people from the Oregon coast attend that function.

J. E. Norton and Lefe Compton, Coquille's delegates to the meeting, returned home late Monday evening.

Firemen Sell 300 Tickets

The Fire Department boys have sold the 300 tickets printed for "The Holy Terror" in a day's time and this morning 300 more were ordered. The picture is to be shown at the Liberty next Tuesday and Wednesday and the department will receive a percentage of all they sell.

The turn-out coats for which the proceeds will be used are something the department has needed for a long time and every ticket sold helps add to the equipment.

First National to Have All New Equipment

O. H. Keeler, assistant vice president of the First National Bank of Portland, spent Tuesday in Coquille with the local branch officials, deciding on the rearrangement of equipment. The next day Harry L. Claterbos, the manager, announced that entirely new equipment would be installed as quickly as it can be manufactured and shipped. The counter and cage equipment which separates the lobby from the employees' section, is to be of the low, modern type. Five or six cages for the transaction of business will replace the four in the present equipment and the counter railing will be set back a couple of feet, giving additional space in the lobby and permitting two coupon cages to be installed at the west end of the room between the door and the counter.

Mr. Claterbos says the new equipment will be of the latest design and very attractive in appearance.

Only Food Stores Closing

No agreement has yet been reached by the hardware, dry goods, clothing, variety and other stores in Coquille for a six o'clock Saturday evening closing. The grocery stores inaugurated that policy last Saturday and will continue to observe it.

SENIOR PLAY UNUSUALLY FINE

In nearly a quarter of a century of witnessing the presentation of senior class plays the Sentinel editor has seldom, if ever, seen a school play in which the performance of every one on the stage was as well done as it was Tuesday evening when the class of '37 presented "Girl Shy." One thing was quite apparent, that each student was selected with care for the character he or she was to impersonate, and the action was carried along smoothly, entertainingly—and audibly.

To Harold V. Smith, who directed the presentation, is due the plaudits of the class and cast, and that they appreciated his efforts was demonstrated when he was presented with a nice golf club by Marcus Shelley, between acts.

Each member of the cast covered himself or herself with glory. No amateur performer could be more self possessed than was Marilyn Compton, aunt of the girl-shy hero of the show, played by Ernest Detlefsen who wasn't as shy as heralded.

Bill Walker, chum of the "shy" college youth, was quite natural as he tried to horn in on the shy one but he was kept in place by his sweetheart, Peaches Carter, as played by Elizabeth Varney.

Right here it should be remarked that the young ladies taking part presented as entertaining a vision of loveliness as is often seen on the stage.

Lurene St. Clair, the masquerader. (Continued on Page Eight)

Progress at Golf Course

Chas. Jacobsen, former greenskeeper at the Westmost Golf course at Bandon who has been given the contract for putting in the greens and getting the course at the Coquille Valley Country Club in shape, is living in the place now and is actively engaged in planting the greens.

The equipment purchase committee has bought a tractor and mowing machines for greens and fairways. The building committee which met Wednesday evening is still considering plans for the club house.

All members of the club are requested to meet at the course at Norway, Sunday morning at ten o'clock, armed with axe or mattock, and be prepared to do some brush clearing which is necessary before the fairways can be mowed.

State Police Headquarters Here

Provided the three office rooms being fitted up for that purpose in the state highway shops are ready the last of next week, headquarters for the state police in southwestern Oregon will be transferred from the Bay to Coquille on May 1. Sergeant J. Eric Tucker, who has been located in Coos county for several years is the ranking officer in charge.

The other six officers who are to be stationed here are Phil B. Lowd, Irvine Larson, E. W. Tichenor, Lyle Harrell, Patrolman Beales and G. H. Hoxie. The latter who will move his family from Roseburg as soon as he can find a house, will be radio broadcaster and office man at headquarters. Several of the others are also house hunting.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Making Arrangements With Delinquent Water Users for Payment

Mayor Rankin and all councilmen were present for the regular meeting of the city fathers Monday evening at which time several water users were present to make arrangements for payment of their delinquent water bills. No reasonable offer was turned down by the councilmen, but there are many who have paid no attention to the city's notice that water will be shut off unless arrangements for payment of delinquencies are made, and their appearance at council to make such arrangements will follow when their water service has been discontinued.

Along that line a letter from the state health department was read in which Dr. Siskiyous stated that his department could not and would not be involved in any way due to water service being shut off because of non-payment of bills.

The application of L. F. Linn for a taxicab license could not be granted because the city has no ordinance covering the matter. It was ordered that one be prepared.

A car repair bill for \$13 presented by a driver whose car hit an electric light pole because of darkness due to the light being out was denied by the council, with the suggestion that it be presented to the Mt. States Power Co.

Alterations of the Ole Paulson building on Front street where J. E. Erwin wishes to put new foundation blocks underneath and also a partition through the middle of the room, was granted, provided the fire chief and the building inspector approved the plan.

The application of Geo. R. Holbrook for a two-inch water line to the Western Condensing Co. plant was granted. The plant is now served by a three-quarter inch line which is inadequate for their large new boilers. Asking Mr. Holbrook that all unnecessary noises be stopped at his plant, the council tabled indefinitely the petition presented three weeks ago by some of the residents on West Front street.

Declaring that they would not approve the laying of an eight-inch main to an industrial plant where the daily need for water did not require a service of that magnitude, several of the councilmen said if it was needed in order to lower insurance rates that the company must stand the expense itself of the larger installation. This was directed at the Arrow Mill Co., which recently made request for an eight-inch line to that plant.

Enjoyed Their Air Ride

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bryant arrived home Monday evening from their trip to Denver, Colo., on which they left a week before. They drove to Portland and went east by train, but came home by way of San Francisco. Neither of them had previously made an airplane trip and when Mrs. Bryant suggested that they fly from San Francisco to Portland Mr. Bryant instantly agreed. They secured passage on one of the new 15-passenger cabin planes and left San Francisco at 1:30 p. m., arriving at the Portland field in just two hours and 55 minutes.

Mrs. Bryant says she could hardly tell they were moving except when they would pass through a cloud and the plane would drop slightly. Nor did the buzzing of the motors interfere with conversation. They traveled at an altitude of 10,000 feet and exceeded that by 2,000 as they crossed the Siskiyous. Passenger fare between the two cities is \$35 which is not greatly in excess of earth travel when berth and meals are considered.

Eagles to Have Ball Team

The Coquille Eagles Aerie is sponsoring a baseball team to represent Coquille this year in the absence of the regular Loggers organization, and any ambitious young ball player who wishes to try out for a place on the team is requested to report at Athletic Park next Sunday, April 25. The Eagles have made arrangements to use the Loggers' uniforms this season.

Coos City Bridge Order

The county court this week approved the plans submitted by the state highway engineer for a bridge across Isthmus Inlet at Coos City, and authorized its construction provided the cost does not exceed the budgeted \$4750.