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## Flying Switch Not The Cause Of H. Abel's Accident

That was a terrible accident in front of the Smith Wood-Products main office at 4:40 last Thursday afternoon when brakeman Harold Abel, of Marshfield, lost his left leg below the knee and had half or more of his right foot cut off.

He was thrown from the top of a car where he was attempting to set the brakes as the car bumped the car standing still with considerable force. Carl Walker, one of the crew, saw what could happen and called to Abel to jump or lie down but either the unfortunate man did not hear him or thought his grip was strong enough to keep him on top.

Mrs. June Martin, the company nurse at the plant, rushed out with ether and hypodermics, and soon had rendered Abel unconscious. It was a frightful mess for her to face but she did it like a true soldier and says that after Abel's first scream of pain there was not a whimper out of him.

He was taken to the Coquille Hospital, where he is reported this week as still improving and will undoubtedly be moved to the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco as soon as he is able to travel. He is 26 years of age and married.

There was some talk around town last Friday that the accident was caused by the illegal "flying switch," but this is not correct. It was the usual method of "kicking" cars back on to a switch track. A flying switch, prohibited by law as well as railroad regulations, is performed when the engine is ahead of the car to be switched. The speed is increased, the car cut loose before the switching point is reached, and after the engine has passed that point the switch is thrown and the car shunted on to the other track, something that was not done in this case.

According to Southern Pacific policy, Mr. Abel will be provided with a cork leg, his half foot built up with a cast and he will later be sent to a school where he will learn to perform some service for the railroad company which condition will permit him to do. At least that has been the company's policy in the past.

## \$250 Was Netted From The Dance

There were over 400 in attendance at the dance in the Community Building last Saturday night and the downtown streets appearance resembled that of several years ago when there was always a crowd in town Saturday night.

The ticket sale at the door brought in \$239 in which will be added \$140 to \$150 from tickets sold by the Lions and Rotary clubs, and Mr. Claver, chairman of the dance committee, said the net profit for the building fund would be right at \$250.

Everyone apparently had a good time and enjoyed the occasion and Mr. Claver said when the floor is laid it is planned to hold such dances every two weeks.

## Logging Truck Dumps Bridge

Traffic on the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway was resumed Sunday after the state highway crew, under the direction of Supt. D. J. Sage, had put in a temporary bridge over Big creek, just this side of Bridge.

The bridge was knocked into the creek Friday noon when hit by a loaded logging truck of Goodwin & Briggs, driven by Eugene Metzger. To avoid hitting another car Metzger had turned clear over on his side of the road, hitting the approach railing at the south end and then the arch support.

The structure fell into the creek and logs were scattered all over the creek's bed.

## Picnic At Golf Course Tomorrow

Weather permitting there will be another work-out picnic at the Coquille Valley Country Club grounds near Norway tomorrow (Friday) with a potluck dinner in the evening. There is still some work needed to be done to put the course in perfect condition and it is hoped all members who can do so will turn out and help finish the job.

## First Fall Meeting Of Coquille Woman's Club Held Tuesday

Mrs. William H. Mansell, new president of the Coquille Woman's club, presided at her first meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Guild hall. A large and enthusiastic group of club women were present to assist in making plans for the coming year and to hear the fine program presented.

Among the major business matters, was the resolution to give to the Coquille Public Library \$50.00 to be used for the purchase of new books.

Five past presidents of the club were present and were called forward by the president to be introduced to new members who have come into the organization since they held office. To each past president was given a cactus plant wrapped in green and gold, the club colors.

Mrs. O. C. Sanford, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, spoke briefly about the program of the national federation. During her talk, Mrs. Sanford stated that the national federation has already purchased \$100,000 worth of Defense Bonds and has donated \$1,000 to the (Continued on page six)

## Sixty Leave Today For Induction

Following are the names of the young men being sent by the Coquille Valley Selective Service Board to Portland this evening for induction into the Army. Two of them however, left yesterday for Portland, having enlisted in the Navy—Chas. McIntee and Bob Arnold.

Stephen Robbins, Powers; John Barrett, Coquille; Jules Laswell, Powers; Albert Brown, Broadbent; Lynn Bowman, Bandon; Elmer Strader, Bandon; Alfred Strong, Myrtle Point; John Simpson, Coquille; Allan Evans, Bullards; Lester Powers, Powers; Lawrence Blum, Coquille; Everett Jackson, Myrtle Point; Elgie Hazelton, Foss; George Nodurt, Bandon; Adelbert Steele, Myrtle Point; Wayne Thompson, Myrtle Point; James Navrin, Bandon; Alden Barklow, Myrtle Point; William Miller, Coquille; Alvin Hartley, Broadbent; Glenn Riddle, Coquille; Floyd Marney, Coquille; Everett Warner, Powers; William V. Casey, Bandon; Edwin Lund, Coquille; Rollin C. Horning, Bullards; George Rice, Bridge; Otto Siercks, Myrtle Point; Roy Brewster, Myrtle Point; Raymond Sturdivant, Remote; Glenn Shields, Bridge; Robert Waggoner, Coquille; Leslie Knight, Roseburg; Richard Brown, Coquille; Joseph Barrows, Coquille; William Soden, Coquille; William Goodwin, Riverton; John Andrews Wilson, Bandon; Harry Hess Bandon; James Sanders, Texas; Ralph Elterich, Coquille; Alisco Silver, Coquille; Kanton Myers, Arago; Joseph Forrest, Broadbent; Clarence Russell, Bandon; Nate Smith, Powers; Edward Neil, Coquille; Leonard Klees, Powers; Ferris Fitzgerald, Coquille; Robert Arnold, Coquille; Ivan Mast, McKinley; John Burg, Coquille; Olan Brooks, Myrtle Point; Jack Curtis, Coquille; Alvin Earl, Myrtle Point; Ervin Gant, Coquille; Carl Johnson, Coquille; Charles McIntee, Coquille.

## Two Accident Cases At Coquille Hospital

Don Hultin was brought to the Coquille Hospital last night, suffering from badly bruised legs, although no bones were broken. He is employed at the Morris Ray camp on Bear creek and when he saw an 150 feet tree falling he threw another man out of the way before starting to run himself. He threw himself beside a stump which the tree hit and broke its fall, without injuring him seriously.

"Sandy" McBride, one of the Mt. States Power Co. line crew, evidently did not have his senses when he climbed a tree while picnicking at La Verne Park last Sunday for he fell and was brought in to the hospital. It has not been determined yet whether he has an impacted vertebrae or not.

Miss Norma Elizabeth Chapman, sister of Lucille Livingston, manager of the Coquille Hospital, arrived this morning from Newton, Kansas. She will keep books and do stenographic work for the hospital.

## Council Denies Permission To Repair Old Building

The city council, with five members present, voted unanimously at Tuesday evening's session of that body not to allow repairs made to the building just west of Stevens' hardware store on First street, as Mrs. Emily Hersey had asked permission to make.

In her application to the council, the owner said W. E. Foote had figured that the new floor, truss support, new sills and other repairs contemplated would cost about \$250, which the councilmen figured was more than ten per cent of the building's value. Under the building code, if a repair job is to run more than ten per cent of the value, all such repairs must be of a fire-proof nature, something Mrs. Hersey did not contemplate having done.

Several of the councilmen expressed themselves as being unwilling to set a precedent, in violation of the city's ordinances, which might cause future council a lot of grief when permission is asked to repair other old buildings in town. The idea was also expressed that Coquille's business district cannot be made fire-proof and of a more modern appearance if old wooden buildings, built in the last century, are to be continually repaired.

The council members spent an hour discussing the matter with Mrs. Hersey before taking the vote which was unanimous.

The request of property owners along the Willard street approach, on the north to the Spurgeon Hill bridge, that the city secure a five or six foot strip for widening the street there, was referred to the city attorney and engineer. If a reasonable price cannot be secured condemnation proceedings is the only alternative.

By the addition of this strip to the street it will be possible to install an underpass of the Spurgeon Hill bridge where at some time it may be decided to build a roadway across the bottom to a connection on the south side of the gulch.

It was reported that one owner asked \$100 for a strip which would be 60 feet long. The other property owners there are willing to donate the needed land.

The city has not yet taken out war risk insurance on its buildings, streets, sewer and water lines, reservoirs and personal property and the finance committee and city treasurer were asked to contact insurance agents and ask them to be present at the Sept. 21 council session to give a complete explanation on coverage, rates, etc.

E. E. Deny was given permission to lay at his own expense, 350 to 375 feet of small pipe in order to connect his house and another, at the south end of Fairview avenue, just outside the city limits. He said he had the pipe and he agrees to lay it according to the city's specifications.

David Biegger, chairman of the street committee, reported that the Fifth street graveling improvement had been completed and that now practically every block of every street in Coquille was either hard surfaced or gravelled. A considerable amount of gravel improvements has been done during the present administration tenure of office.

## City Caucus Twelve Days Away

Just to keep it in mind, the caucus for the nomination of city officers will be held a week from next Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p. m., in the Community Building, and the consideration of those who would serve and make satisfactory officials should be discussed beforehand.

Mayor Milne positively refuses to be a candidate for a third term and so far this writer has not heard the name of anyone, other than Claire Gray, mentioned.

Another name suggested for one of the three nominations for a four-year term as councilman is that of Fred Bull. Those mentioned a few weeks ago were Geo. Taylor E. D. Webb, O. C. Sanford, L. H. Hazard and O. T. Gant, and F. G. Leslie for recorder.

## Cooper's Gardens Shop To Move Into Bank Building

Cooper's Gardens, which has been operating its flower shop here on the Myrtle Point highway across from the Smith Wood-Products plant, has

## B. & P. W. Club Hears Statistical Report On Activities

The first meeting of the fall, held Tuesday evening at the Guild Hall with the president, Miss Ida Oerding, presiding, was opened with the song, "Star Spangled Banner," led by Mrs. Chas. Stauff, with Miss Inez Rover at the piano. The salute to the flag was followed by the club collect, led by Mrs. Inez Chase.

Mrs. Hazel Hanna reviewed the talk she had given before the Rotary Club. Included in it were some interesting statistics of the club's activities since its beginning in 1925. Perhaps the most outstanding project has been the Scholarship Loan Fund. A total of \$3,385 has been loaned to girls to help them through school. Beginning April, 1938, the sum of five dollars per month has been given regularly to the Coquille Library for the purchase of books written by Oregon authors.

A research of the club's activities throughout its history indicates it has participated in many worthy community projects and has been represented in the state federation by having had a president, corresponding secretary and several state chairmen.

The library committee gave a fine (Continued on page six)

## 956,000 Pounds Of Dehydrated Cran- Berries Contracted

A. T. Morrison, manager of the local Cranberry Canners, Inc. plant, was up from his bog near Bandon yesterday and said that the plant here had not yet started operation as a cannery this year because it is impossible to secure the necessary equipment.

It is now planned to pack the berries for members of the co-operative at the warehouse plant here and the ten per cent of their crop which must be canned according to the by-laws of the corporation, will be shipped to the cannery at Markham, Wash.

Last year Cranberry Canners established dehydrating processes at several of their plants and this is going to be a lifesaver for the cranberry industry as a whole for the 1942 crop is going to be as large as the 1941 in the United States.

Cranberry Canners now has orders from the U. S. government, for its armed forces, for 956,000 pounds of dehydrated cranberries from this year's crop. That means that 9,560,000 pounds of the berries will be dried, reducing by that amount the berries offered to the public, for it requires ten pounds of fresh berries to make one pound of dehydrated.

## 706 Enrollment In Coquille Schools

Total enrollment this week in Coquille's three schools, as reported by Supt. B. W. Dunn yesterday, is 706, which is 68 less than it was the opening week of school a year ago. However, there are 15 more students who contemplate entering high school very soon and Mr. Dunn estimates that this will probably be a normal Coquille schools year when all have entered who are expected to.

The high school enrollment this week is 253 which is 29 less than a year ago.

In Junior High the enrollment is 167, or four less than a year ago. In the Washington school this year's total is 286, which is 35 below last year's mark. The loss there is in the first three grades which are 39 below last year's figure while the increase in the fifth grade is four.

In Mr. Dunn's opinion this will make a more even distribution in the Washington rooms and a better balanced attendance for the teachers there to handle. It also would indicate that Coquille's population has not dropped a great deal because of those families which have moved away so that the head of the family could take a defense industry job.

rented the room just west of the bank and as soon as the interior arrangements are completed will move into the new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Folsom and George Folsom spent Labor Day week-end at Lebanon with the George McClellan family.

## Auditorium Floor To Be Laid In A Herringbone Pattern

The floor in the main room and the hall leading to it in the new Community Building is to be laid at once, a contract having been made with E. L. Perrott for its installation and he is ready to start work on it.

The floor will be of plywood on edges as is that in the library room and will be of a herringbone pattern, each piece 21 inches long.

While the sanded and smoothed sub-floor was not a bad floor for dancing, when the new floor is laid, sanded and made ready, there will not be a better dance floor in Coos county and none as large.

The side walls and ceiling of the hall are to be plywood-covered at once and the building is every week assuming a more finished appearance, a structure of which Coquille will be proud for many years to come. It was an ambitious undertaking which George Ulett proposed and has carried through and the people of this city will always remember his untiring efforts to provide the building as well as his generosity in furnishing so much of the material.

## Fishermen, Speeders Found Guilty

Found guilty of violating the fish and game laws by a jury in Justice Clarence Barton's court here yesterday, three Powers men have appealed their cases to the circuit court.

The three were Elvin Hull, Karl Jackson Beatty and Eugene Aubin, who were arrested by the state police on the South Fork above Powers. The charge was that of fishing by prohibited methods and the offense is commonly known as "snagging" salmon.

The trial started yesterday afternoon with District Attorney Ben Flaxel prosecuting the case. The defendants were represented by the McInturff & McInturff legal firm of Marshfield.

The jury, which did not bring in its verdict until midnight, was composed of J. D. Gillespie foreman, David B. Biegger, Donald Farr, Joe Nilson, Jno. A. Martin and Mrs. Vera Oerding.

Justice Barton fined Hull and Beatty each \$100, Aubin \$50, and gave each of them a 30-day suspended jail sentence, from which they are appealing.

On Tuesday Justice Barton found guilty two men, arrested by the state police for violating the basic speed law—traveling more than 40 miles per hour—and fined each of them \$25 which they paid.

The men were Clarence George Linden, of Myrtle Point, and Joe Elmer Richards, of Hollywood.

The police are determined to put a stop to excessive speed on Oregon's highways, and compel obedience to Gov. Sprague's 40-mile maximum rate.

## Eleven Tons Junk Received To Date

Mrs. Jack Dolan, Coquille salvage committee chairman, reports this morning that eleven tons of scrap metal have been turned in at Jack's Place, a part of which was paid for to the young folks who brought it in and that the \$33.05 check, the net received from the junk dealer, has been turned over to D. E. Rackleff for the Civilian Defense expenses. Just what use will be made of this and future receipts has not yet been determined by the local defense council.

## Scalding Burns Prove Fatal

The eight months old baby daughter, Caroline Ann, of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Steinmetz, who had been in the Belle Knite Hospital since Aug. 25 receiving treatment for terrible scalding burns, passed away there on Tuesday. The family came here from Portland about six months ago and the body was shipped to Portland Tuesday night by the Gano Funeral Home.

Besides the sorrowing parents a brother, George, also survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Purvance spent the week-end and holiday in Roseburg, visiting her sister who is not in the best of health.

## The City Manager Plan To Be Voted Upon November 3

The first step in Mayor Milne's ambition to make it possible for Coquille to have a more progressive form of city government was the adoption of an ordinance at Tuesday evening's council meeting which will permit the voters of this city to pass on the adoption of an amendment to the city charter which, if adopted, will permit the future councils to employ a city manager.

If adopted the amendment will not make it obligatory on the council to employ a city manager; it will only empower the council to do so whenever it is "deemed expedient and advisable," and the provisions of the proposed act will permit the council, at any time, if it is deemed advisable, to resume the operations of government which now prevail, and dispense with the city manager.

The experiences of 15 or 20 cities in Oregon in adopting the city manager plan have been universally satisfactory, especially in Astoria where the city manager has brought the municipality out of a deep muck of debt, or is approaching that desirable condition.

Consolidation of offices will be permitted under the amendment and a real saving in public expenditures is the usual result of this move.

The Sentinel is not this week going into all the detail of benefits which will follow, as it has been the case elsewhere, the adoption of the city manager plan will between now and the election date on Nov. 3 present other and many reasons why Coquille's charter should be amended.

Below is given the text of the proposed amendment in full:

Be it enacted by the people of the City of Coquille, Coos county, Oregon, that the charter of the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, being an act entitled "An Act to incorporate (Continued on page six)

## Coquille To Have Junk Receptacles

With representatives from Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers and Marshfield in attendance, a group of 20 met in the hotel dining room last evening to discuss and plan for a continuation of the junk scrap campaign which will last for the duration.

Last evening's meeting was called by the Industries committee of the county which includes business places handling tires, automobiles and petroleum—service stations, auto agencies and the like.

It was stressed repeatedly that the public must be made junk conscious, that the supply at the steel mills is now enough to last but three weeks and that the campaign to collect the millions of tons of old and scrap metal all over the United States must be intensified.

I. R. Tower for Marshfield told how the Bay was bringing it to the attention of the public. Eight boxes, eight by three by three feet, painted red white and blue, and placarded with official notices calling attention to these junk repositories, have been placed at business houses there, at the edge of the sidewalks, where no one can miss seeing them every day, a reminder to search the house and premises to locate any and all scrap metal or rubber.

The boxes are cleaned out every week by a junk dealer who pays the agreed price and the proceeds are to go to some charity or war relief fund.

George Burr, who is Coquille chairman for the Industries organization, agreed to have three boxes located in Coquille, Lou Pearce promised two or three for Myrtle Point, and Mr. Rolf one or two for Powers.

This does not interfere in any way, here in Coquille, with the delivery of metal to Jack's shop on Hall street where the \$5.00 a ton price will still be paid to those who deliver the scrap there. That collected from the boxes is not paid for, to the contributors but is paid for by the junk dealers, the proceeds in Coquille going to the Civilian Defense Council.

"Throw your scrap at the Jap" is to be a continuing slogan while the war lasts.

Sheriff Burk of Marion county was here yesterday to take back to Salem Roy E. Randall, wanted there for theft of an automobile. He had been arrested in North Bend.