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ABANDONED CABIN BURNS



One of the first fires in the summer fire season was the burning of this abandoned cabin across the east fork of the Illinois near the swimming hole last week. State Fire Warden Lou Blakeslee and Delbert Crowl are shown controlling the blaze to prevent its spreading.

—Photo by Clarence McDaniel

Four Men Hurt
When Car Rolls
Into Canyon

Lovejoy, Moore and
Hanes from Here;
Car Leaves Road

Four men, three from Cave Junction, were injured when their car plunged about 300 feet down the side of Deer Creek Canyon on the Lower River road about 10:30 Sunday night.

The injured:

Palmer Lovejoy Jr., 31, Cave Junction, right leg broken above the knee and a possible skull fracture.

Randy Moore, 59, Cave Junction, hip and shoulder injuries and lacerated legs.

Johnny Hanes, Cave Junction, hip and shoulder injuries and lacerated legs.

Philip Hansen, 36, Central Point, skull fracture.

According to Deputy Sheriff Les Tythcott who investigated the accident, Hanes and Hansen, although both were injured, managed to climb the canyon wall and walk three miles to the Deer Creek Ranch, arriving at least four hours after the accident.

Mrs. Jim Garrison notified Tythcott at about 2:30, who with the aid of Jim Garrison, Jack Gray, Richard Willis and Albert Laughlin of Selma, freed the remaining two men from the wreckage over thirty minutes later.

The rescuers worked many minutes to get Lovejoy out from beneath the wrecked car. The job was especially difficult due to the steepness and hardness of the canyon wall where the car had rolled to a halt against brush and rocks. Valley Ambulance and Hull and Hull Ambulance took three men to Josephine General hospital. Hanes was treated in Cave Junction by Dr. A. N. Collman, and then taken to his home on the Waldo road.

Moore was released from the hospital Monday morning, and Hansen was reported in good condition, according to an attending physician.

The car owned by Palmer Lovejoy was a total loss. Randy Moore was driving when the car missed the curve and plunged down the bank.

Two Valley Men
Acquitted of Theft

James F. Deere and Lawrence A. Maxon of the Illinois Valley were acquitted this week in a quick jury decision of the alleged theft of some Caterpillar tractor parts.

The jury returned its verdict after only 20 minutes of consideration. District Attorney Max Millin presented the state's case and the defendants were represented by Wm. D. Carlson, Grants Pass attorney, R. E. Nealy, Cave Junction, was jury foreman.

The defendants testified taking the parts with the assumption that they had been abandoned for junk. The canopy and tracks sold for junk by the defendants belonged to the logging firm of Plumlee and Spinax, and were left near a logging dock on Deer Creek.

Witnesses for the state in the trial held in Judge O. J. Millard's circuit court were Plumlee, Charles L. Davis, Jack and Vern Saurer and Kenneth Deaton. Defense witnesses were Deere, Maxon, and Una Mae Maxon.

Missing Records Sought;
City Streets To Be Oiled

Future City Buying
To Require Purchase
Orders from Recorder

Two projects important to the City of Cave Junction were given approval by the city council Monday night when it voted to take action to recover missing city records from former city recorder Isabelle H. Small, and to oil parts of certain residential streets and a strip on each side of Main St.

The council also voted to inform Valley merchants that bills will not be honored in the future unless purchases are accompanied by purchase orders signed by the city recorder.

City attorney Wm. D. Carlson of Grants Pass was instructed to attempt to recover certain records by correspondence and to take legal action should letters be unsuccessful.

City Recorder Chas. Hubbard tried previously to request the records' return by registered mail, but the letters were returned "unclaimed," from an address now believed to be incorrect.

The records for city business conducted during Mrs. Small's term as city recorder now missing include the daily cash journal, index file for city and justice court cases, city police records, meter receipt books, and records for 70 of the 110 \$50 water bonds issued in 1949.

The oiling of city streets includes about 6,000 square yards on Caves Ave., 1,000 square yards on Watkins Ave. from Caves Ave. to the Redwood Hwy., 2,200 square yards on River st., and a 10-foot swath on each side of Main St., within the city limits, excepting the portions already paved. The oiling along Main St. is pending state approval.

The oiling approved by the council would cost the city an estimated \$700, and will be done by R. D. Copeland of Grants Pass. All portions oiled would first be graded.

A sub-division on the west side of S. S. Castleberry was to have been the major consideration of the planning commission when it met for the first time last night.

The council approved the sale of the city motorcycle to Lavern Saurer for \$350.

Court costs for city cases in Justice Hubbard's court was established at \$4.50 in the future.

Reed Dies from Burns
In Accident Near Kerby

Robert A. Reed, co-owner of the Illinois Valley Logging Co., died of burns received in an automobile fire near Kerby this morning.

Reed was severely burned when his car collided with a burning gas tank accidentally dropped from a logging truck driven and owned by an Ashland man.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, at the Hull and Hull chapel in Grants Pass.

—Help the Hospital—

Kerby Grade School Graduates 76
At Commencement Exercises Friday

Seventy-six Kerby Grade School eighth graders were graduated at commencement exercises at the school Friday night.

Dr. Wm. Sampson of Southern Oregon College of Education presented the commencement address.

Eleven awards and prizes were presented to deserving students by American Legion Auxiliary members at the exercises. Mrs. Myrtle Clifford handed out the following prizes: Americanism Essay contest—first, \$10, Andy Mellow; second, \$5, Barbara Prewitt.

Poppy Poster contest: Class 1, first, \$10, Connie Lee Jones; second, \$5, Roger Sanders; third, \$2.50, Connie Milligan. Class 2, first, \$10, Pamela Sturges; second, \$5, Don King; third, \$2.50, Warren Chappel. Class 3, first, \$10, Charlotte King.

Arthur Kellert presented the American Legion Scholarship awards to: first, Lylabelle Cross; second, Richard Pierce.

The balance of the program included the following numbers: professional, Garland Bengel; invocation, Rev. Paul Kroon; "Pale in the Amber West," Eighth Grade chorus; "Farewell to Thee," presentation of diplomas, Principal Arch Johnson; introduction of class president, Frank Cooke; benediction, Rev. Paul Kroon.

The eighth grade graduating class of 1952 included the following students:

Webb Only
Board Candidate

Polls Open Monday
In All Valley Schools

Norman Webb of Williams is the only candidate to file for the county school board post to be voted upon along with school committeemen at the annual school election Monday, June 16.

Two school committee positions are open to write-in votes at Kerby and one each at the remaining schools, Selma, O'Brien and Central. A straw vote ballot for the unofficial advisory committee for the high school will also be issued to citizens voting there. Charles Downing is the incumbent.

Polls will be open in all Valley schools from 2 to 8 p.m.

Webb is seeking the board position left vacant by Orval Lewman, whose five-year term expires June 30.

Mr. Webb is a logging contractor employed with the Brown Bros. Lumber Co., and a rancher. He has two children in the Williams school.

Interested in school activities and curriculums, Webb has served on the Williams school advisory committee. He is an independent candidate, not being sponsored by any group.

Three Lost in
Hills Overnight

A Grants Pass man and two young children walked about nine miles away from Oregon Caves Monday afternoon, becoming lost when they strayed from the trail, and were found over 24 hours later by a forest service trail crew.

Robert C. Ramboll, his daughter Marjorie, 11, and son Bobby, 5, left the Caves Monday at about 1 p.m. for a hike over the Lake Mtn. trail. The three became lost after snowbanks forced them from the trail. They wandered down Limestone Creek and were found on the Sucker Creek trail about seven miles from Grayback camp. The trio had spent the night out in the open in cold temperatures.

Park Service personnel under Ranger Paul Turner searched for the trio all night with no success. An Illinois Valley Ranger station crew radioed the finding of them Tuesday after they had wandered about four miles by trail and five miles across country.

The trail crew was composed of Hugh White, John Shallenberger and Orlen Pickle.

MC ABBE SPEAKS TO
WOLF CREEK CLASS

IVHS Principal Harold McAbee delivered the commencement address to the eighth grade graduating class of the Wolf Creek Elementary school Wednesday night, June 4.

McAbee spoke to the class on "What You Should Get From High School."

JOBS DAUGHTERS ELECT OFFICERS



Officers of Kerby Bethel No. 36 of Job's Daughters installed in a candlelight ceremony Monday night, June 2, were (l. to r.) Senior Princess Mae Bowerman, Honored Queen Jonelle Bengel and Junior Princess Christine Duncan.

(Aircraft photo, cut courtesy Daily Courier)

Valley School Calendar OK'ed;
State Urges Bigger High SchoolCommitteemen
Named for Valley

Seven committeemen and four committeewomen were left chosen in the Illinois Valley after final primary election returns were released by the county clerk, Ben Coutant, last week.

Each precinct was entitled to select one committeeman and one committeewomen. Those persons selected must sign an acceptance at the county clerk's office on or before the time of the first party meeting.

One Valley committeeman position, Republican in Selma, ended in a tie and was broken by drawing lots. Arthur Whitesell was the lucky man.

Valley precinct committeemen and women selected include:

REPUBLICAN

Althouse, none; Cave Junction, Walter Freeman and Amy R. Hussey; Illinois, Muriel Collman; Kerby, Elsie Smith; Selma, Arthur Whitesell and Lorena Weiss; Waldo, none.

DEMOCRATIC

Althouse, none; Cave Junction, Elwood Hussey and Ruth Rausch; Illinois, Kenneth Hamilton and Sophia Bunch; Kerby, none; Selma, none; Waldo, Wanda Rogers.

Bloodmobile Here
Thursday, 4-8 P.M.

The American Red Cross bloodmobile will visit the American Legion hall in Cave Junction on Thursday, June 19.

The unit will operate from 4 to 8 p.m. instead of the usual 3 to 8 schedule.

This may be the last visit of the bloodmobile to the Illinois Valley this year. Everyone is urged to donate blood who is physically able to do so. Regional chairman Jackson states that everyone who donated at the last visit in Cave Junction, is eligible to donate again on June 19 if they are otherwise physically able.

News of Valley . . .

BOYS IN UNIFORM

Sgt. 1st Class Luther Tibbs returned to Ft. Lewis, Wash. Tuesday for re-assignment after spending a 30-day furlough at the home of his parents, the Silas Tibbs of route one, Cave Junction. Sgt. Tibbs just returned from ten months duty in Korea.

Airman 3/C Betty Tibbs, daughter of the Silas Tibbs' of route one, Cave Junction, is now attending a radio school at Keeler Air Base, Biloxi, Miss. Betty took her basic at Lackland Air Base after joining the air corps in January, 1952.

IVHS Program Under
McAbee Commended
By State Official

The Illinois Valley schools will have their own school calendar for next year as approved by the county school board Monday night.

The board also heard a letter from the state department of education addressed to Supt. L. C. Moffitt commending the program and curriculum of the Illinois Valley high school, giving credit to educational improvements made by Principal Harold McAbee.

The calendar approved by the board calls for school to start Wednesday, Sept. 3, and end Friday, June 5 for the school year of 1952-53. Different from the schedule to be followed by other schools in the county, the Valley calendar eliminates two split weeks of instruction during holidays.

Twelve calendar days during Christmas vacation were designated, and a full week of vacation allowed for Spring vacation.

A contract to paint the Selma school addition and the interior and exterior of the old Selma school building was awarded Fine Arts Painting Co. of Grants Pass, Supt. L. C. Moffitt reports.

Following are excerpts from the letter sent the county district from the state department of education, as released by Supt. Moffitt:

"The new building is a great asset to this section of the county school district, and all parts of the plant are being used to about the full extent of possibilities.

"It is unfortunate that the entire plant as originally planned could not have been constructed at the time the present building was completed. In addition to the present building being incomplete in some respects, it is now inadequate for the number of students that will probably be in attendance next fall. Some additional construction is needed immediately. . .

"Mr. McAbee is well informed concerning the general principles and philosophy of a secondary school and its place in the educational system. He is to be commended on his efforts to advance in his profession, but more particularly the people of this community should be appreciative of the conscientious efforts that are being made to adjust the Illinois Valley High School to the needs of this community.

"His (McAbee's) plans for the organization of the program of studies for next year were reviewed carefully, and with some alterations I should say that these plans are about as adequate as they can be under the circumstances."

The communication was written by D. A. Emerson, assistant superintendent of the Oregon Department of Education, who recently interviewed Principal McAbee and inspected the school plant.

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WEATHER

	Temp.	Humidity		
June	High	Low	High	Low
2	95	24	84	44
3	94	22	87	45
4	94	20	92	48
5	94	29	83	53
6	80	36	71	53
7	68	24	83	54
8	65	22	87	53

For week ending June 8.
(Weather information furnished by Illinois Valley Ranger Station.)