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COUNTRY GIRL IS DROWNED IN DITCH AT WALTERVILLE

Victim is Eleven Year Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hays

BUCKET AND HAT FOUND

Lena Hays Meets Death While Gathering Berries Along Small Stream of Swift Water

Lena Hays aged 11 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hays, of Walterville, was drowned in the Eugene Municipal power ditch a short distance below Walterville yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The little girl in company with a number of playmates was gathering berries along the bank of the ditch. The children did not know how she happened to fall in the ditch but immediately upon discovering her plight her brother, Clifford, tried to rescue her. When the body was finally recovered it had floated down the ditch and had become lodged in the eddy formed by the piling at the bridge, about one-half mile below the scene of the accident.

At the place where the accident happened the water in the ditch is from three to five feet in depth. The child's bucket which she had been picking berries in and her hat were found about one-fourth mile above the lighting plant floating on the water. The plant is located about one and one-half miles below Walterville.

As soon as the word was made known at the plant the force of men hastened to the scene of the accident and found the body. The pulmotor belonging to the city of Eugene was rushed to Walterville but came too late to aid the victim.

The little girl is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hays, and two brothers, Clifford, aged 13, who tried to rescue his sister, and a baby brother. Mr. Hays is employed on the excavation work at the lighting plant. The family has lived in this country for a number of years and are well known among the country people.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at one o'clock at the Walterville church with interment in the Camp Creek cemetery.

QUITS POSITION AT BANK

Alexander McKinzey Will Take Place of Fenner Travis

Fenner Travis, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis, of this city, who has been employed as assistant cashier in the Commercial State Bank in Springfield for the past five years has resigned his position on account of his health. Mr. Travis' resignation will take effect September 15. He has not fully decided what he will do yet but will find some work out of doors.

His place will be filled by A. P. McKinzey who left Springfield a few months ago for Forest Grove where he has been employed in a dry goods store. Mr. McKinzey was employed as manager of the Hampton store in Springfield until the business was closed down the first part of the year. Later he was engaged in farming on the ranch owned by his parents near Pleasant Hill.

Holding Eighth Grade Examinations

Eighth grade examinations are being held today and tomorrow under the direction of County Superintendent, E. J. Moore in Eugene. This examination is for the benefit of those who were conditioned in one or two subjects in the June examination.

Is Delegate to Conference

Mrs. W. H. Gantz, of Hayden Bridge left Tuesday morning for Portland, where she will attend the conference of the Methodist church, south as a delegate from the Hayden Bridge M. E. church South.

ARTICLES ARE FINISHED

Red Cross Needs More Knitters to Work for Our Soldiers

The Red Cross sewing classes met Tuesday afternoon at the Lincoln school building where they meet to sew. Twenty eight ladies were present to sew for the soldier boys. During the afternoon the following articles were finished, ready to return to Eugene headquarters: Hospital supplies: six bed shirts, 12 surgeon's operating caps, and 6 hot water bottle covers; gauze surgical dressings: two dozen 4x4 sponges, 1 dozen 1/2 inch drains, and three gauze rolls, 4x36 inches.

More ladies are needed to knit and to help sew. At present the auxiliary is meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Domestic Art room at the Lincoln school building the use of which has been donated to the Red Cross free of charge. The business meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the public library building.

Aged Woman Dies in Springfield

Mrs. Randy Halaas, Mother of Mrs. A. D. Moe, Passes Away Last Evening

The death of Mrs. Randy Halaas, mother of Mrs. A. D. Moe, of this city, occurred last evening at 11:45 at the home of her daughter, on North Mill street. Mrs. Halaas would have been 88 years old had she lived until December 25 of this year. Her death is attributed to her old age and to the effects of a fall which she received last spring and from which she has been confined to her bed since the accident.

Mrs. Halaas was born in Norway nearly 88 years ago. She was married to T. Halaas and six children were born to the couple. Four of whom survive their mother. In 1872 she came to this country with her children, her husband having died in Norway. The family made their home at Carrington, North Dakota. Six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Moe and family moved to Springfield and the next year Mrs. Halaas came to make her home with them.

The four children surviving are: Mrs. A. D. Moe, of Springfield, and Edward, John, and Ole Halaas, all of whom live in North Dakota. The funeral services will be held at the Walker chapel in this city but further arrangements will not be made until word is received from the relatives in North Dakota.

INSTRUCTOR WILL RETURN

Mrs. A. Middleton Plans to Come Home Soon

Mrs. Daisy Beckett, Middleton, wife of A. Middleton, of this city, writes that she will be in Oregon September 21. Mrs. Middleton has been slinging with a Chataqua company in the eastern states and attending school in Boston this summer.

She is prominent in local music circles being connected with the University of Oregon school of music. Mrs. Middleton will stop in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Klamath Falls on her return trip. Mr. Middleton is at present employed by the Star Drug company at Klamath Falls.

Is Filling Vacancy as Engineer

Joe Lemons, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenried, of this city, has taken a place as engineer on the train running from Eugene to Marcola for a short time. The regular engineer "Smoky" Carman is very ill at his home in Eugene. Mr. Lemons' regular run is on the train from Eugene to Portland.

Sues Wife for Divorce

Marion Young, of Springfield began suit in the circuit court, in Eugene this week against his wife, Eva G. Young. They were married in Albany in 1905 and have two children, Malvern, aged 11, and Harriet, aged 8. The father asks for the care of both of the children.

DATE FOR OPENING SCHOOLS CHANGED

Domestic Science Instructor Hired to Fill Vacancy: Bills for Wood Allowed

At the regular monthly meeting of the school board Monday evening the date for the opening of the schools was changed from September 24, as previously announced, to October 1, a Domestic Science teacher was selected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Anne McCormack; janitors were hired for both the high school and Lincoln schools, and a bill for wood was allowed.

At the meeting held last month it was decided to open school on the 24th of September, but since that time it was thought best to postpone the opening until the first of October because so many of the pupils are working, especially the high school students. Also, owing to the fact that the University does not begin until October 1, none of the practice teachers who teach in the high school could begin work until October 1.

Miss Glaser, of Lebanon, has been hired to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Anne McCormack in the Domestic Science department. Miss McCormack, who was in charge of the department has been made head of the food conservation campaign for Josephine and Jackson counties. She is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and gave a great deal of satisfaction as domestic science teacher. Miss Glaser, the newly elected teacher, taught at Helix, Oregon last year.

Janitors were hired for both of the school buildings. Mr. Welch for the Lincoln school building and Frank Waechter for the high school building. Mr. Welch and family recently moved from Creswell to Springfield. A bill was allowed for 42 cords of maple wood for the high school building. This contract was let to W. C. Myers of Hayden Bridge at \$4.00 per cord.

Springfield Boys Arrive in France

Jess Meats and Winifred May Have Safe Journey on Board Transport

Letter from Jess Meats, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meats, of West Springfield, and Winifred May, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. May, of this city, tell of the safe arrival of both of the boys in France. The U. S. A. transport on which the troops sailed left Hoboken, New Jersey, at 2 A. M. July 31, and the troops were landed "Somewhere in France" on August 13. The boys joined the United States Army about five months ago and were stationed at Douglas, Arizona, at the time they received orders to sail for France.

Many of the boys on the ship had suffered from seasickness and others had become poisoned from eating canned meats and vegetables. Both of the Springfield boys enjoyed the trip very much, neither suffered very much from seasickness. "The only things which we have along to remind us of good old Oregon are dried prunes and peaches and even they taste good," they write.

Will Spend Week-End at Fort Stevens

Rev. Arthur Pengra, Mrs. W. J. Pengra, and Mrs. W. G. Hill and daughter Iva, of this city, are going to spend the week-end visiting the soldier boys at Fort Stevens. They will travel in an automobile. Mrs. Arthur Pengra who has been visiting for several weeks in Montana will join the party in Portland.

Go to Hop Yard

Mrs. H. L. Barber and children of Wendling, came through Springfield yesterday on their way to the J. W. Soavey hop ranch on the McKenzie river.

AMBULANCE CORPS IS CALLED OUT

Springfield Has 7 Members University Unit, No. 14, Which Goes to American Lake

The University of Oregon Red Cross ambulance corps, No. 14, organized by Dr. John Eberle Kuykendall, of Eugene, left this morning at 3:20 for American Lake where they will go into camp. The company has been expecting orders to gather for some time. At first it was announced that they would be sent to Allentown, Pennsylvania but it was later decided to send them to American Lake.

A reception was given in honor of the corps last evening at the Armory in Eugene. Patriotic addresses were made and a number of patriotic selections were rendered. Different members of the company have been arriving on every train since definite orders were received, in response to telegrams sent them by Captain John E. Kuykendall.

The Lane county Red Cross has appropriated \$4500 toward the equipment of the corps but the captain stated that at the present cost of equipment and because of the increased size of the corps, under recent orders that it would be necessary to raise over \$6000 to equip the organization. The boys have been training on the University grounds every evening since definite orders were received.

Seven Springfield boys are members of the corps and all left last evening for Eugene to report. The boys from Springfield are: Roland Mosher, Glen LeVee, Hugh Lansberry, Dan Fischer, Albert Carpenter, Herbert Moon, and Orville Dean. Orville Dean is the last of the boys to join the corps having joined last week.

Marriage License Granted

A license was granted Monday to Seth Dean Byers, of Alvadore, and Maggie Gail Wearin, of Walterville.

Arrest Is Made by Motor Guard

Suspicious Character at Marcola Turned Over to the United States Marshal

Another arrest was made Tuesday morning by the Motor Guard corps which is stationed in this section to guard the forests from persons who would set out fire. The man, who gave his name as Coin, was considered a suspicious character by the soldiers as he apparently had no purpose in being in Marcola where he was arrested and had told several different stories as to his former residence. He was taken to Eugene by Private Clark who was responsible for his arrest and turned over to the United States marshal.

There are eight members of the Motor Guard of the Oregon Coast Artillery stationed at McKenzie bridge. It is the duty of this guard to protect the forests from anyone who would set the woods on fire with an idea of destruction. Each man has his own section of country to cover and has strict orders to shoot should he find anyone building a fire in the forests. Eight "fire-bugs" have been arrested in this section, several of whom are now in Eugene awaiting trial. Corporal Haymaker is in command of the guard stationed at McKenzie bridge.

Report is False

Somehow the report has been circulated that the Springfield laundry has gone out of business. This happens to be a mistake as Mr. Baker says that they are doing as much business as ever. However they are having their washing done at the Eugene laundry but do all of the marking and ironing at the local establishment.

FRASIER IS DISMISSED

Real Estate Dealer Proved to Be Setting Back-Fire for Safety

E. J. Frasier who was arrested Sunday for setting out fire near Leaburg, was dismissed Monday on account of insufficient evidence by State Fire Warden Elliott. Frasier, who owns several farms near Leaburg was caught by the members of the Motor Guard who are guarding the forests and taken to Eugene for trial. He proved to the officers that he was merely back-firing in order to prevent the spread of the fire that already existed on his places. Frasier is a Eugene realty dealer.

Mr. Frasier explained that he set the fire in the presence of Deputy Warden Myers and at his suggestion, but after it was set, he says, David Day, who is attending to a flock of sheep on the place, advised him not to set out the back fire as several men were working nearby and there were some sheep that might be burned. Accordingly, he says, he extinguished the fire.

Soldiers Parade for Commander

First Monthly Muster of Troops Held at Fort Stevens: Men Are Signing Payroll

The first monthly muster of the troops stationed at Fort Stevens was held Friday morning on the parade ground. The entire complement of the Oregon Coast Artillery there, composed of eight companies, the non commissioned staff and the band, augmented by the three companies of regular artillery also on duty at that post appeared for the ceremony, which was conducted by Colonel W. E. Ellis, commander of the defenses, and Colonel C. C. Hammond, post commander, and their staffs.

In battalion formation the men paraded before the commanding officer and were inspected individually by the whole reviewing stand. Following this, the men answered to their names as read from the muster roll by the majors commanding their respective battalions. After leaving the parade ground, the companies proceeded to their camps, where their majors inspected their quarters, closely scrutinizing each squad tent and every man's bunk.

The men of all the companies have been signing the pay roll, which must be done before any are paid. It is expected that the pay will be distributed during this week. The sums issued will be in complete settlement for the period commencing with the date of federal mobilization orders, July 25, but will not include the state pay due the men for peace service since January 1, the last state pay day.

R. R. EMPLOYEE RESIGNS

W. S. Wright, Southern Pacific Clerk Quits Monday Evening

W. S. Wright, who for the past two and one-half years has been employed as clerk at the local Southern Pacific depot has resigned his position.

Before coming to Springfield Mr. Wright was employed as a clerk with the P. E. and E. railroad company at Willamina. He has no plans for the future at present but left today for Portland to look for an opening. The family will remain in Springfield for the present. His place at the depot has not yet been filled.

New Pastor Will Begin Work

Reverend J. F. McCallum, of Eugene, who has been chosen as regular pastor for the Springfield Christian church during the absence of Reverend Chris H. Jensen will begin his pastorate Sunday and will have charge of both of the services. No services were held last Sunday morning as the minister who was expected to come was unable to come and did not notify the board in time to secure some one else.

U. S. AUTHORITIES ASK LARGE RISE IN WHEAT ACREAGE

County Agents Hold Meeting for Purpose Devising Ways to Increase Crop

ROBB REPRESENTS LANE

Farmers Are Requested by Department of Agriculture to Increase Grain and Forage Crops

Oregon has been asked to plant 236,000 acres more to wheat for the 1918 harvest than she did last year. The request has been made by Uncle Sam, and Tuesday county agricultural agents met in Portland for the purpose of receiving instruction before launching their campaign for increasing the acreage of fall sown cereals.

At this meeting the agents reported that there will be a general increase in wheat and rye acreage, except in the dairy districts where there is need of greater forage crops to feed cattle. As a result the agents passed resolutions addressed to the food committee of the state council for defense, calling attention to the fact that a sacrifice of forage crops for wheat would work untold harm to the cattle and dairy interests.

Due to the shortage of pasturage and hay, and the high prices of mill feed the agents reported that dairymen are selling their cattle and that many cows are being sent to slaughter houses.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, of Oregon Agricultural college, who has just completed a tour of the state, declared that the campaign must spend its best effort toward increasing the acreage of fall sown grain.

"The fall sown grains," he said, "give heavier yields, and are more satisfactory. We have been asked to plant 16,000 acres more to rye than last year also. You can report that we will have the seed and will import it from Utah and Minnesota."

"In Southern Oregon the farmers are short of wheat seed. There is a surplus of good seed in the Willamette valley from which they can draw. In addition to having farmers increase their acreage by sowing on new lands they should be asked to give a little more of their older cultivations to wheat and rye.

"We must remember, too, that we must have meat and milk, and while increasing our wheat yield we must not neglect our forage crops. At the rate some cattlemen and dairymen are sacrificing their herds, there is a likelihood that some people who are holding hay for higher prices may find themselves soon on a declining market. My investigations indicate that there is some hay storage but that it is not as bad as we were led to believe."

Following Professor Hyslop's analysis of the situation, the agents reported in regard to the prospects of increasing the acreage, and told how they intended to handle the seed question and their campaign for more wheat plantings. They reported that fully 95 percent of the farmers will not need financial assistance, and those who do will get it in their own communities. In this connection it was urged that city folk who planted war gardens this year should be encouraged to try it again next year.

In Lane county Agent N. S. Robb reported that there is not much prospect of increasing the yield. Much of the land available while idle is owned by outside interests, he said, and many of these cannot be reached. The seed needs are well supplied already, he said, and very little financial assistance will be needed. A large amount of vetch seed is on hand and can be purchased at low prices.