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CLAUD HADDOX'S VICTIM OF FALL FROM STEEP CLIFF

BODY FOUND IN CREEK AFTER LONG SEARCH.

Well Known in Hermiston, Having Lived Here for 20 Years, Taught School in Columbia District.

Word was received here this week of the death of Claud Haddox, 26, of Clippier, Wn., Saturday afternoon, when he lost his foothold while hunting in a steep canyon and broke his back, and possibly fractured his skull, when, it is believed, he struck a log. Claud became separated from his companion Tolaf Bakke, 19, of Saxon, while they were hunting in the wilds of Skookum creek.

Claud has many close friends here, having lived here with his parents for twenty years, and graduated from the local high school. Claud was a boy of unusually fine character and was especially fond of his mother. He was principal of the Columbia school for three years after he graduated from Monmouth normal. After leaving Hermiston, Claud attended Bellingham normal in the summer of 1930 and was at that time teaching in the Saxon school near Clippier, Wn.

The following account of the fatality was taken from the Bellingham Herald:

"Death probably was instantaneous," said Joe Galbraith, one of the 15 men who carried out the body, which was found in Skookum creek late Sunday afternoon in about four feet of water, a few yards from where Haddox struck the log.

"The body was brought to Bellingham. Death is believed to have occurred about 5 p. m. Saturday, an hour after the two hunters became separated, as the principal's watch stopped at 5:03.

"Peter Myers found where Haddox had plunged over the cliff and soon thereafter the searchers located the body in the creek. This was about 4 p. m. Sunday.

"The tragedy was a great shock to the people of Saxon and vicinity, including Clippier, where Haddox lived. One result is the temporary closing of the Saxon school. It probably will be closed all or most of the week.

Miss Edna Swanson, Clearbrook, is the other teacher.

"Bakke, who is an experienced woodsman, cautioned Haddox, who had had little experience in the woods, not to go over the ridge. Had he followed instructions, the two would not have been more than twenty yards apart at any place, said Galbraith. However, Haddox passed over the ridge and into Skookum canyon and very inaccessible country.

Evidence gathered by the searchers indicated that Haddox had fallen and slid down a mossy slope with a grade of 50 or 60 per cent and finally had plunged over a bluff and headlong into a log, where he met his death. From there the body rolled a few yards into the creek. The current was swift there, but the body was not carried more than a dozen feet, it was estimated. Galbraith said it would naturally be expected that the body would have been carried farther.

"Becoming greatly alarmed after he failed to meet Haddox as planned, Bakke summoned help and he led a party of four or five men until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. He resumed the quest at 5 a. m. Sunday.

"Sunday the number of searchers was gradually increased by neighbors and loggers from the Saxon camp of the Bloedel Donovan Lumber Mills until about twenty-five men were straggling up and down steep slopes and through woods and brush.

"With the discovery of the body, a herculean task faced the searchers. With fifteen men participating, taking a few steps at a time, it took two hours or from 6 to 8 p. m. to carry the corpse one mile, much of the (Continued on last page)

Returns From Eastern Trip. Mrs. F. B. Swayze returned Sunday from an extended visit to eastern cities. Mrs. Swayze spent six weeks in Washington, D. C., with her daughter, Doris, during which time she attended her daughter's wedding, when she became the bride of Roger Bounds of Maryland, in the gardens of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Smoot, son and daughter-in-law of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah. Later Mrs. Swayze spent a week with her friend, Mrs. John Lesserts in New York City, and then visited in the middle west with her mother, Mrs. F. F. Miller, and sisters at Coldwell, Kansas.

HERMISTON BOY WINS 2ND PRIZE IN WILD LIFE LINES

Ed Benseel, member of the Hermiston Union high school English class conducted by Margaret G. Elliott, won second prize on an essay sent in to the Oregonian "Wild Life Lines." Miss Elliott was commended by the editor of this department for using this as part of her classroom work. The story sent in by Ed is as follows:

Duck Makes Home in Willow Tree

BY ED BENSEEL
Second Prize Story.
"The unusual incident of a Mallard duck taking up her abode in an abandoned owl's nest was discovered by D. D. Follett of Hermiston and Oscar Mikesell, damkeeper of the Cold Springs reservoir. This unusual circumstance is believed to be the only one ever reported in this community.

"The Cold Springs reservoir, located about four miles southeast of Hermiston, was the setting for this peculiar scene. The owl's nest is on the south side of the reservoir and was discovered while the two men were observing the wild game life on the federal reserve above the reservoir.

"When first discovered only the beak and head of the duck could be seen. On approaching nearer, the duck, frightened, flew from the nest to the water. The curiosity of the men being aroused, they awaited the return of the fowl. In a few minutes their patience was awarded when the duck returned and perched on the branch of the willow near the nest. The men attempted to approach so that the species of the bird could be determined, but they were unable to do this. It being impossible to catch a close view of the bird, they climbed to the nest. An examination of the eggs proved the nest to be one of a greenhead Mallard.

"Later the duck was identified by close observation. The nest was watched by the men. When the eggs hatched the duck used the method of tree-perching birds in feeding the young ones. She would fly to the feeding ground and return with a mouthful of food, which she would drop into the little ducks' mouths. When the young had acquired the usage and ability to fly they made their home in the water entirely, forgetting their earlier environment.

Grade School Football.

The grade school boys have shown quite an interest in football practice under the coaching of Edward Bradley and they hope to play the high school second string before the season is over. The janitor has repaired the outdoor basketball court which will be used by the grade school boys for practicing later in the season.

Retires After 20 Year's Service.

J. M. Burley, of Umatilla, who has worked for the railroad as mechanical department foreman for the past 20 years, retired from service this week and will continue to make his home in Umatilla where he has lived for eleven years. C. O. Mickle of Portland will take over his work in the shops there.

Condon High Plays Here Friday.

The Condon High school eleven will meet the Hermiston High school squad on the local field Friday afternoon, the game starting at 2:45. A good delegation is expected from Condon and keen competition is anticipated as Superintendent Cherry formerly headed the schools here.

Hunters Sworn on Project.

The project is alive with hunters today and guns could be heard at daybreak this morning. The following hunters from Portland are stopping at the Joe Dyer home: Mr. and Mrs. James Peters, and daughter, Betty; E. B. Hill, James Nissen, Jack Burnett, Miss Helen Kearns, G. W. Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Swindells. Mr. Peters was born near Umatilla and is acquainted with this territory. He is an attorney in Portland.

Staff for High School Paper.

The staff for the high school paper has been completed and is as follows: Chester Johnson, editor; Margaret Felthouse, associate editor; Laurence Swanner, sports editor; Edna Ott, senior editor; Mignon Davis, feature editor; and the publishing editor is yet to be selected. The first issue of the paper will be released Monday, October 19.

Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
October 8	63	26
October 9	66	23
October 10	63	26
October 11	63	25
October 12	66	24
October 13	70	32
October 14	70	27

There was frost every night except Tuesday of this week. No rain. J. S. Burnham is building a two room addition on his residence on Gladys Avenue.

LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY LEAD IN FAIR EXHIBITS

4-H CLUB BOYS RE-AWARD JERSEY & HOLSTEIN CALVES.

Farm Produce Exhibits Portray New Feature; Gate Receipts Equal Those of Last Year.

The Umatilla Project fair held here Friday and Saturday of last week was one of the most successful ever put on here from the standpoint of live stock and poultry exhibits. These two were increased noticeably, especially with the new division of Rhode Island Reds listed this year. Some fine live stock was entered from herds all over the county.

The boys' and girls' 4-H clubs had a fine showing in live stock. The award of the Jersey and Holstein calf was made to Stanley Green of Stanfield, and Floyd McMullen, of the most outstanding members in club activities. These boys had won this award last year and because they thought it was for the good of 4-H club work they re-awarded the calves to Irene Atterbury, Jersey, and Glenn Pierson, Holstein. This award was made to club members who had never received a calf at this fair. The boys decided upon this action voluntarily, which shows a true 4-H club development spirit.

The girls' 4-H club displays were noticeably more numerous this year than previously, and demonstrations were put on by the sewing, cooking, and canning clubs. Mrs. W. A. Hines had charge of that work and also the woman's department.

Three farm produce exhibits were shown that catered about the main idea on the farm and these were awarded prizes as follows: Mrs. Edward Kopacz, first; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ott, second; and Mrs. Reikes, third. Mrs. Kopacz made a miniature arrangement of her farm, with a placard above telling of the produce raised on the farm, the dairy herd increased from one or two cows to its present producing capacity. The Ott farm display centered around the White Leghorn egg showing all the 5-products. Mrs. Reikes had an unusual display of farm produce and would have won first prize had she been entered in a different class. The judging was done differently this year—from the standpoint of the "central idea" on the farm.

More concessions were on the grounds this year than in previous years, and the crowd for Saturday exceeded that of last year. The attendance on Friday was small.

Rebekah District Convention.

The Umatilla district convention for the Rebekah lodges of the county will be held in Freewater, Monday, October 26. The Hermiston lodge, No. 180, will take part in the afternoon session by presenting the regular opening and closing of a model lodge. Mrs. Cecil Warner formerly acted on the program committee for the convention. The main address of the evening session will be delivered by Mrs. Ethel Meldrum, president of Rebekah assembly of Oregon.

PARENT TEACHERS ASS'N. CHANGES TIME FOR MEETING.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Hermiston P. T. A. will be held next Wednesday evening, October 21, at 8:00 p. m., in the high school assembly room.

This evening meeting has been arranged for the purpose of giving those who are busy during the day, an opportunity to attend. And it is hoped that every parent, who has a child in the Hermiston schools will be there.

A short program of music and talks of interest to both teachers and parents has been arranged. Following the business meeting, a light lunch will be served by Mrs. A. E. Benseel and committee.

CHRISTLEY BRINGS IN REGISTERED GUERNSEY HERD

Alpha Christley, well known dairyman on the project, has just brought in ten registered Guernsey cows and a bull which is a noted sire of the same breed. A young bull "Absolute" was also included in the herd. These dairy cattle have won first premiums at the state fair at Salem, at Gresham, and at Washington state fair at Yakima.

Mr. Christley has 28 head of Jersey cattle to which he added the Guernsey herd. He has a ranch in Columbia district of 165 acres.

LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS OUTLINE YEAR'S PROGRAM

Officers of the American Legion Auxiliary who have been installed to carry on the work for the ensuing year are Mrs. Lyle Tilden, president; Mrs. Wm. Shaar, 1st vice president; Mrs. E. E. McPherson, 2nd vice president; Mrs. A. W. Christopherson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Rena Waterman, chaplain; Mrs. H. E. Shesely, historian; and Mrs. Logan Todd, sergeant-at-arms.

At the same meeting, committee chairmen were appointed as follows: Mrs. E. E. McPherson, membership; Mrs. W. L. Hamm, Americanism and Tides; Mrs. Harry Kelley, child welfare; Mrs. Felix Romegoux, hospital; Mrs. Geo. Storie, music; Mrs. Joe Norton, community service; Mrs. Jim Todd, unit activities; Mrs. J. M. Biggs, legislative; Mrs. H. E. Shesely, constitution and by-laws; Mrs. Wm. Shaar, national defense; Mrs. Jess Sage, sick and flower; and Mrs. W. L. Hamm, publicity.

The following contact chairmen were named to offer assistance to the respective organizations of the Auxiliary in any way possible: Farm Bureau Auxiliary, Mrs. Wm. Kiek; Methodist Aid, Mrs. Rena Waterman; Baptist Ladies Aid, Mrs. E. P. Halsey; Baptist-Christian Ladies Aid, Mrs. Wm. Benseel; Altar Society, Mrs. Jim Todd; Rebekah, Mrs. Edith West; Eastern Star, Mrs. Garnet D. Best.

At the last meeting held at the home of Mrs. B. S. Kingsley, an active year's program was outlined. It was voted to sponsor and support a Girl Scout organization and four women offered assistance to the leaders, Miss Ingrid Bohng and Miss Nell Lang. The women volunteering their services were Mrs. H. G. McCulley, Mrs. J. M. Biggs, Mrs. A. W. Christopherson, and Mrs. H. E. Shesely.

The matter of raising finances for the library was presented to the Auxiliary and a committee appointed to arrange for a benefit. Those named on the committee were Mrs. Wm. Shaar, Mrs. A. W. Christopherson, Mrs. J. M. Biggs, and Mrs. Jim Todd.

SIX WEEKS CARDS OUT.

The report cards for the first six weeks of the Union High school calendar were given out the first of this week.

LOCAL ELEVEN TANGLE WITH PENDLETON'S SECOND STRING

TOUCHDOWN MADE IN FIRST 3 MINUTES OF PLAY.

Ball Held in Hermiston Territory During Most of Play; Successful End Runs Seen.

One of the fastest games of the football season was played here last Saturday when the Hermiston high school eleven scored two touchdowns and two goal kicks over the Pendleton high school second string. The game was one of the highlights of the Umatilla Project fair.

The first touchdown was made during the first three minutes of play when Cox completed a lateral pass to carry the ball over the goal line. During the remainder of the first half Hermiston continued to gain yardage by successive end runs and kept the ball near their own goal most of the time.

Kings got away for a touchdown at the beginning of the second half, using a fake reverse play. Pendleton men seemed to find holes in the Hermiston defense during the last quarter after the heavier men had been taken out and lighter substitutes put in. Most of the tangle took place in center field in the last quarter.

At the close of the third quarter Hermiston had the ball on their own three yard line, first down, but were unable to score before the whistle blew.

Throop LE
Stewart LT
Settle LG
Hammon C
Harris RG
Reeves RT
Swanner RE
Cox RH
Martin Q
Hunt LH
Klages F

NINETEEN MAKE GAS MILEAGE TEST ON MODEL-A FORD CARS

Nineteen Model-A Ford car owners took advantage of the gasoline mileage test made by the Rhorman Motor company last Thursday and Friday. Three valuable prizes were given away to drivers whose cars averaged the most miles per gallon of gasoline.

The first prize, an air-malze air cleaner for motor, was won by Peter Castric, driving his 1929 model coupe, averaging 27.00 miles per gallon. Second prize, a genuine Ford robe, was won by Herbert Hedwall, driving a 1929 model coupe, averaging 26.50 miles per gallon. The third prize, a Ford motor meter and locking cap, was won by the Capuchin Fathers 1928 model coupe, averaging 26.00 miles per gallon.

Many other tests were made and these are listed in an ad on another page in this issue.

UNKNOWN YOUTH KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR HERE

An unknown young man was fatally injured in an auto accident just north of town near the oil stations Tuesday night about 8:00 o'clock when a Ford truck left the road and turned over. The accident was attributed to the headlights going out suddenly. This young man was picked up on the Burnside bridge in Portland, by the owner of the car, Earl Foss, of that city, and was said to have been driving at the time of the accident. He is about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, 25 years of age, blue grey eyes, and weighs about 135 pounds. He had no identification of any kind on his person.

The inquest held this afternoon revealed that the young man came to his death through an unavoidable accident. The jury, all of Hermiston, was composed of F. E. Pierson, Logan Todd, J. J. Neary, W. L. Hamm, G. D. Best, D. M. Deeter, with Jack Reeves of Hermiston, and Ben Spencer of Umatilla, witnesses. Reeve and Spencer took the injured man from under the wrecked car and brought him to the Hermiston Medical hospital here where he died at 4:00 o'clock the next morning, never regaining consciousness.

FUND FOR STANFIELD PROJECT IS REJECTED.

After all arrangements had been completed for the securing of \$100,000.00 for the Stanfield project, advice has been received that the director of the budget has rejected the appropriation on the grounds that an authorizing act was necessary.

Senator Frederick Steiwer, who has been instrumental in securing this appropriation, when advised of the situation, stated that a certificate of feasibility had been furnished the Bureau of Budget by the commissioner of reclamation, Dr. Elwood Mead. The senator had been promised an opportunity to argue the question before the director of the budget, but it is evident that this promise was overlooked. However the necessary arguments are being assembled and Senator Steiwer will present them personally immediately upon his return to Washington, D. C.

It is his intention, according to advice received by the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, if it is considered necessary, to pass through a bill for authorization, but the senator is of the opinion that special authorization under the circumstances is not necessary, and he proposes to make an effort to convince the bureau of budget that this is true.

Efforts have been made for some time past to secure federal aid in connection with the Stanfield project in order that certain improvements necessary shall take place so that the project farmers may be in a position to make a success on this project which contains an abundance of irrigation land.

There is work to be done in connection with the main canals and drainage canals, and it is hoped that Senator Steiwer's efforts will prove successful, as he has always manifested an intense interest in the irrigated projects of this county and has made every effort to see that federal aid be given.—East Oregonian.

SEEN AT THE FAIR

Mrs. Reeder and Mrs. J. McCoy enjoying some home grown grapes while watching the crowd meander around the fair grounds.

Walter Pearson flashing the new style of wearing no socks with golf knickers. It sounds like this—golf trousers, bare calves, white anklets, black oxforas.

Chester Johnson dashing out from the football field with a pall of water when a hero gets knocked out—only later to get into the battle himself.

Those strained expressions that revealed unspoken thoughts seen on the faces of the member of the two competing bands.

Miss Rosa Rieco of Umatilla with her Camp Fire girls. As busy as a hen with her brood of chickens. Only the hen has the advantage—the chickens can't talk.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF MILTON PASSES AT AGE OF 81

F. B. Williams of Milton, 81, father of Mrs. Wm. Hinesline of Minnehaha district, died at his home Monday morning after a lingering illness. Mrs. Hinesline was not with her father when the end came but left immediately with Mr. Hinesline and Mrs. W. G. Rodda for Milton.

Mr. Williams was a pioneer resident of Milton. He has been in poor health most of the summer. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hinesline of Hermiston; two sons, Earl of Portland, and Dr. Carl Williams of Yakima; and his widow. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. Hinesline and Mrs. Rodda returned Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos D. Martin were called to Burley, Idaho, Saturday by a telegram stating that Mr. Martin's mother was seriously ill.

PIONEER RESIDENT 86, TAKES FIRST RIDE IN AIRPLANE

"DICK" BEASLEY CROSSED THE PLAINS WITH OX TEAMS.

Relates Experiences of Traveling with Covered Wagon Train; No Indian Attacks Seen.

Richard Beasley, 86, pioneer resident of Umatilla county, and a resident of Hermiston for the past 12 years, took his first airplane ride here Saturday during the Umatilla Project Fair. Mr. Beasley says that he thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the only disagreeable feature was getting in and out of the plane.

Mr. Beasley crossed the plains with his parents in 1865, coming from Scuyler county Missouri, where he was born in 1845, with a train conveyed by oxen. The trip was made to Fort Corney with the 190 wagons and 600 head of stock intact, but here they separated with Mr. Beasley's parents going with the wagons taking the route through Colorado and Utah. Within six months after they left Missouri, the Beasleys settled at Pilot Rock where the bunch grass was four feet high at that time.

"We were held at Fort Corney," Mr. Beasley said, "until immigrants arrived sufficient to make our forces large enough after dividing to withstand possible attacks of the Indians or 'Squaw Men' the remainder of the journey."

In telling of the "squaw men" Mr. Beasley said they were outlaws who lived with the Indians along the train and made their living by stealing from the trains as they came by. When the horses were put out to graze at night the captain of the train always kept two horses in camp for emergency. In case their other horses were stolen they would have horses to ride and look for them. At this particular time their horses were stolen and they were unable to gain possession of them again without paying \$10 a head.

Another incident of the trip related by Mr. Beasley was when the "squaw men" made a fake Indian attack on a caravan across the creek from them. The agitator came into their camp telling them to flee for their lives and to leave the stock. One of the members of the caravan who had been over the trail before knew the man's schemes used by these outlaws to get the stock, and was able to calm the stampede before damage was done. While in this same camp the people were frightened by an arrow flying into camp, and were under the impression that the Indians were attacking. Mr. Beasley had found the arrow while wandering around the circle of wagons and had tossed it into the circle, not (Continued on Page 2)

