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TOURIST MISTAKEN FOR BANK ROBBER

REGINALD BASS IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

Intense excitement prevailed here this morning when a young man was brought to the Hermiston General hospital with two bullet wounds one in his neck and the other in his side, received from a state police officer near Irrigon during the night. The shooting resulted from a mistaken description of a car used by the John Day bank robbers, who had riddled the officer's car near Arlington two hours before.

The officers had secured another car to give chase toward Irrigon. The coupe which was overtaken was a 1928 Chevrolet coupe, said to be the exact counterpart of the car in which the bank robbers escaped. The officers opened fire low on the car. Three bullets entered the fender and gas tank, and the fourth shot went higher to enter the driver's right side just above the hip. The fifth bullet struck the young man in the neck and passed through his cheek.

The young man who was wounded was Reginald Bass of Michigan. He had been working near Grants Pass and was riding with Charles Husband, who owned the car. Husband's home is in Alvin, near Bakerfield, Calif. He was going to the wheat fields in search of work. Bass is the son of a minister and appears to be a college student. He is very ill at the hospital and no visitors are allowed. Dr. A. C. Willcutt has charge of the case.

Immediately after the bank robbers fired on the officers, every officer along the highway was notified. Bert Nation, special state deputy, and H. A. Pankow, city marshal, guarded the roads in this territory. Nation brought the wounded boy to the hospital, later returning to join in the search, and Pankow remained in line of duty on this side of the Columbia until the arrest was reported.

Robbers Taken.

After the bank robbers fired upon the car driven by Officers Willard Tubbs and an assistant at Arlington, the officers were forced to abandon their car and obtain another. They figured the car had gone east and when they reached Irrigon the unfortunate circumstance occurred.

At 10:00 o'clock today the bandits were apprehended in the hills north of Arlington, about 15 miles north of Roosevelt. Soon after crippling the officer's car, they abandoned their own car and stole a row boat at Arlington. This was thought to be about 3:00 o'clock in the morning. The officers discovered the loss of the boat, and crossed on the ferry to pursue the cle into the hills. Footprints of two men were soon seen along the highway from Roosevelt toward Sunnyside.

When caught the robbers were with a farmer who was taking a truck load of cattle to Toppenish. He had stopped at another farm for a cow and as they came through the farm gate the six officers pulled their guns on the group. One was a white man and he attempted to use a revolver, but seeing the bevy of pistols, ceased further resistance. His companion was an Indian.

They were taken to Bickleton in charge of State Police Officers Willard Tubbs and Lee Trench, to await extradition to Oregon, and to Grant county for trial. They stated that the third robber had been injured in a car accident after the holdup and had died in the hills south of Heppner.

Bert Nation and his son Myron Nation were with the officers during the chase and at the time of arrest. Other officers were W. H. Roach and George Glenn of La Grande, and Frank McMahan of John Day. All were well armed as they expected greater resistance from the bandits after the running fight at Arlington.

WEATHER REPORT

Date	Max.	Min.
July 8	100	51
July 9	93	61
July 10	98	61
July 11	96	63
July 12	93	65
July 13	89	63
July 14	89	60

SWIMMING LESSONS START SATURDAY

A. E. Douglas, Red Cross swimming and life saving instructor of Wenatchee, Wn., will be in Umatilla next Saturday, July 17th, to open a series of swimming lessons which will continue through the month of August. Saturday, July 17th, will be devoted only to advanced swimmers and those who can swim reasonably well.

The next series of instructions will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. After the first day, all classes will be conducted during the two days each week end.

Instruction will be free to those interested from Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, Boardman and Irrigon. Delegations from Hermiston, Echo and Stanfield will be included in the time from 2:00 to 4:00 each afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Private transportation will be furnished by individuals but if there are those who do not have a means of getting to Umatilla they may be able to make arrangements to accompany others who have transportation facilities.

LIGHT COMPANY SWITCHES LINES

The Hermiston Light & Power company is relocating its main line across the railroad right of way near the Farm Bureau Cooperative. The company is building a pole platform for a bank of two transformers which will be increased later to a bank of three.

This station is located on the lots west of the Farm Bureau buildings, with the purpose of reducing fire hazards under a high voltage line. From this station the line crosses the street leading to the Community park, thence along the south side of the street to, and across the railroad right of way, and to the main distributing lines on the east side of town.

At present the line crosses over part of the Farm Bureau buildings, and because of the extension of the buildings contemplated in the near future, is being moved from the old right of way of the light company to safer ground. The new line will be at such a distance that it will not interfere with the firemen operating a water hose in case of fire.

TELEPHONE LINES IMPROVED

A crew of ten men have been stationed in Hermiston the past week repairing the lines of this territory for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. They are installing new poles wherever needed and adding such fixtures as will improve the system.

They have completed the line from Arlington to the state line on the Wallula cut-off, and soon will return to the same kind of work between Umatilla and Pendleton along the Old Oregon trail. They will also repair the system in the several towns in this locality. This is the most complete repair work of this part of the company's system since the depression, and many needed improvements are being made to put the lines in first class order. A car load of poles for the work arrived in Hermiston Tuesday for continuing the work.

F. J. Ritzinger is the foreman of the crew. W. A. Troy, construction supervisor; G. A. Shankland, plant staff assistant; and the linemen are D. H. Crenshaw, C. A. Everett, W. H. Goodwin, E. F. Harr, C. B. Sanes, R. R. Shook and R. A. Taylor. They are all from Portland.

GRANGE WILL HAVE NEW OFFICE

The Grange Cooperative will soon have a larger and more modern office which is being constructed in the northeast corner of the building. The partitions will be arranged to make a room for the salesmen, the bookkeeper, the manager and the cashier. Each department will be partitioned off by glass windows.

Windows are being constructed on the east side of the building to furnish light. R. G. Penney is manager of the cooperative.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Rules 23 and 25 of Ordinance No. 107 of the City of Hermiston regulating the city water system reads as follows: "All Water rents shall be due and payable at the office of the City Recorder on the first day of each month, and if not paid within the first 10 days thereafter, water will be shut off until payment is made of the amount due, with one dollar (\$1.00) in addition for expense of turning water off and on."

The City Marshal has been instructed by the city council to enforce this ruling without any exception. He has no choice in the matter. Therefore if your water rent is not paid within the time specified by the City Ordinance your water will be shut off without further notice.

If for any reason you cannot pay your water rent within the time specified by the City Ordinance, you may, in person, present your case to the City Water Board (assembled) or to the City Council (assembled) but not to the City Marshal, nor any other individual city official. It is absolutely necessary that this ruling be enforced with all water users.

By order of the City Council of The City of Hermiston.

HYDRAULIC WATER PRESSURE USED

A novel water system has been installed to take care of the waste water from the cooling system at the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery. The water is being used to irrigate the newly planted trees on both sides of Hermiston Avenue in the two blocks occupied by the creamery, cannery and laundry and other buildings between First and Second streets.

The creamery waste water pipes of three quarter inch size were enlarged to one and a quarter inch pipe. These were connected with pipe supplied by the city, installed under the street and carried on both sides, with cut-outs for the greater length of the blocks. The water has a head of 25 foot pressure and flows readily through the system.

The pipeline under the paved street was installed by a hydraulic use of a fire hose connected with the city water system, which may be called the Pankow method. The problem was how to cross the street without breaking up the pavement.

H. A. Pankow, city water superintendent, tried a post hole auger and drilled, but of little avail. He then joined the 60 foot of pipe and attached the fire hose forming a hydraulic water pressure. This plan worked, and in ten minutes the job was done. The water burrowed the sand and gravel as fast as three men could move the pipe behind it. They also held the pipe at the grade desired. Nick Steiner and Levi Reeder were the assistants.

F. B. CO-OP HAS NEW STORAGE FACILITIES

The Farm Bureau Cooperative has taken over the operation of the National Grain Growers' Warehouse at Stanfield from the Pendleton Grain Growers.

This is due to the present necessity of the Farm Bureau Cooperative for storage capacity. The Stanfield warehouse has a capacity of 68,000 bushels of wheat.

It is expected that when the new improvements are completed at the farm bureau plant, warehouse facilities will also be further provided. Space has been secured and plans are now being made to supply the additional requirements.

ANNUAL PIONEER PICNIC PLANNED

The annual picnic of the pioneer association will be held Sunday, July 25th, in Columbia park, according to an announcement this week by the president, Mrs. A. E. McFarland of Umatilla. The meeting will start in the morning and continue until late afternoon with an interesting program. Anyone planning to attend is requested to bring a basket lunch.

Persons eligible to attend the picnic must have lived on the project for 20 years or more. Mrs. Wm. Bensei is secretary of the association and A. E. Bensei is vice president.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of sympathy and floral offerings through the loss of our dear wife and mother.

John F. Bagan
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bagan
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bagan
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loughary

OREGON TRAFFIC DEATHS

(A series of weekly articles on the problem of highway safety by Earl Snell, Secretary of State)

Oregon's record for traffic accidents and deaths for the first five months of this year is truly alarming. Despite the work being done over the state by various organizations and agencies, the record grows steadily worse, the trail of death longer and bloodier. It becomes more and more apparent that today's traffic problem is not being met in our state, and that the problem of an aroused public opinion that will remove this menace still confronts us.

Death in this five months period increased from 103 in 1936 to 116 this year; injuries from 2285 to 2394, and accidents reported from 11,056 to 13,981.

It is unthinkable that the people of Oregon will allow this toll of life and property to continue unabated. In fact, to grow worse year after year. Practically all motor vehicle accidents are definitely avoidable. Nearly every death, every injury can be traced directly to a careless act on the part of a pedestrian or a driver of a motor vehicle. No one willingly contributes to disaster, but it would seem that a proper state of mind on the part of the public would have long since been created by the seriousness of the situation.

Education and enforcement must go hand in hand to meet this problem. Give it your serious thought, obey the laws that are passed for your protection, and help eliminate Oregon's traffic deaths.

Returns from Iowa.

Mrs. A. H. Norton and son Bruce returned last Saturday from a six weeks' stay in Humboldt, Cedar Rapids and Fort Dodge, Iowa, where she visited relatives. She also spent some time with a brother in Minnesota. Mrs. Norton's sister, Mrs. Tom Sather, accompanied her home for an indefinite visit. Mrs. Norton states that the first four weeks were exceptionally enjoyable with no depressing heat but that the last two weeks were uncomfortably hot.

Herb Skovbo to Honolulu.

Herbert Skovbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Skovbo, sailed Wednesday morning on the Mapele freighter of the Matson line for Honolulu and will be away for three months. Herbert recently completed a course in diesel engineering at a school in Portland. He graduated from high school with the class of '36.

Employed by Perkins Motor.

Kenneth Knerr, who has been employed by the Rohman Motor Co. for the past two years, left Monday to take a position at Perkins Motor Co., garage in Pendleton, as assistant in the parts department. Geo. Scarlett is taking Knerr's place. Harold Pace, also formerly employed by the local company, and until recently with Perkins, has a change of position and is now with the Ford dealer at Lewiston, Idaho. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pace.

OREGON TRAIL PAGEANT AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., July 15 (Special)—Two large grandstands, with a seating capacity for several thousand persons, have been built on the Eugene City fair grounds to accommodate the anticipated huge increase in attendance at the fourth triennial Oregon Trail Pageant celebration to be held here July 22, 23, and 24. Three years ago upwards of 20,000 people from all parts of the country attended this internationally famous pageant which is held every three years in commemoration of our hardy ancestors who settled in the Oregon country. Pageant directors for 1937 hope to hit the 30,000 figure in attendance this year and set a new all-time record. Reserved seats were placed on sale Saturday, July 10, and reservations may be obtained by writing the pageant headquarters in Eugene.

Preparations for the celebration are in full swing as the pageant heads complete final arrangements for the three-day ceremony. For a month Doris Smith, pageant director, has been busy assembling her cast of over 2000 persons who will enact the roles of the famous pioneer characters who figured so prominently in Oregon's rise to statehood.

STATE-OILING CREW AND CARAVAN HERE

A caravan bearing a state oiling crew moved into Hermiston Monday and is now located about the town. This is one of the five state highway crews distributed in five districts about Oregon. This crew covers the eastern Oregon district.

In the crew are 84 men under the foremanship of Tom Sims. They carry 18 trailer houses, an office trailer, numerous tents and camp equipment, one large oiler, one oiler tender, retort and boiler for heating oil, six large trucks, three small trucks, two motor graders, two tow-ton rollers and one tractor broom.

The work is directed by the state highway department and is confined to resurfacing and repairing primary and secondary highways. The work here includes oiling on the Columbia Highway where the crew began work near Boardman Tuesday, and also on the Old Oregon Trail and other roads in this vicinity. It is expected that the crew will be here for ten days or more under its present work sheets, unless other work is ordered.

Five tank cars of oil arrived in the Hermiston railroad yards Monday. Gravel is being used from stock piles recently crushed west of Irrigon, and from other stocks along the roads being improved. This and the other four similar crews in the state does work under the force account system which is confined to repair and resurfacing of highways of the state system.

The larger part of the caravan is at Hanby's camp ground. Another section is encamped at Pierson's Service station near the end of Main street.

PERSONALS

Mrs. O. O. Felthouse and Mrs. Gertrude Sanders were business visitors in Walla Walla Wednesday.

Miss Clara May Culna of Echo is the house guest of Virginia Wells this week.

The Missionary Society of the Union church met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Clarke Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. Warner directing the discussion on "Our Rural World" Papers were given by Mrs. W. C. Morehouse, Mrs. R. G. Saylor and Mrs. W. G. Dyer. Various articles were brought to the meeting which will be sent to Melba Palmer at Eugene, Ore., who is preparing to leave in September as a missionary to Tibbette. Those present were the Mesdames M. A. Smith, J. Scott, C. Warner, W. G. Dyer, O. L. Barlow, W. C. Morehouse, Levi Reeder, Rex Jackson and R. G. Saylor. C. Warner, pastor of the church, was also present.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Warner last Sunday with a basket dinner served in the open on the lawn. Among those present were Mrs. L. A. Warner, mother of C. Warner, who remained to visit for a week or more, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Warner and son Merlin, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. O. Warner and children Bob, Ella May, Ruth and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hanson and children Dwain and Robert, Mrs. H. M. Brown and son Glenn, all of Walla Walla; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warner and family, Vernon, Peggy and Kenneth, of Lexington, and Clarence Hays of Heppner. Vernon and Kenneth were on furlough from the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Clark are the proud parents of a baby girl born this morning at the Hermiston General hospital. The Clarks live north of Hermiston.

Miss Lois Jackson arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jackson.

Miss Ada Soneson and Mrs. C. H. Johnson, who have been visiting in Hermiston since Thursday of last week, left Monday night for Portland and Seattle where they will visit a short time before leaving for Erie, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Johnson lives. She is a former resident of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cleary and Miss Gail Graham of Oakland, Cal., have been visiting at the Frank Seeliger home for the past week after making a tour of Canada. Miss Graham, Mrs. Cleary and Mrs. Seeliger are sisters, the two latter being twins. Miss Graham will spend the summer at the Seeliger home while Darrel Seeliger accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Cleary to Oakland, Cal.

Townsend Club Meeting.

The regular Townsend club meeting will be held Tuesday, July 20, at 8:00 p. m. in the Union church. A program will be given and refreshments served.

MORROW COUNTY POMONA AT IRRIGON

IRRIGON FIRST IN RITUAL WORK

The Morrow County Pomona Grange and picnic was held Sunday, July 11th, at the Irrigon school house.

The business session was opened at 10:30 in the morning with Pomona Master Minnie McFarland in the chair. After the opening forum the meeting was reduced to the 4th degree and reports from subordinate granges were read with all grades of the county reporting.

Oscar Lundell of the agricultural committee and Mrs. Bertha Nelson, Home Ec club chairman, reported. The lecturer's report was also given. Mr. Kruse, alternate delegate to State Grange, gave a report, and State Deputy Chas. Wicklander spoke on the Pennsylvania plan of paying Pomona dues.

The ritualistic contest conducted by the Pomona Lecturer Vida Heiker, for the past year and a half, came to a close at the Pomona meeting at Irrigon when the charges of all four degrees of Flora were given by contestants from different granges. Irrigon Grange has had an entrant each time and has ranked high. Their final average for the entire contest being \$6.3 and the Irrigon Grange will be the recipient of a fine gift to be presented to them at the October Pomona meeting.

Willows Grange was second in the contest with a score of 73.8.

The matter of the invitation of Oregon State Grange to the National Grange for its 1938 convention was discussed and it was agreed that interest be aroused in subordinate granges for a large class to take the 7th degree, thus making acceptance of the invitation more probable.

The Pomona Master spoke briefly on the action by the 1937 State Grange on the power question, and of its support of the Pierce Bill, and of Congressman Pierce's wonderful fight in congress for government ownership and distribution of power. She also spoke of the farm labor relations committee of Oregon State Grange, and of other organizations with the same aim in view. Deputy Wicklander discussed the question further.

A picnic lunch was served in the basement of the school house where ice cream, coffee, and lemonade were served, after which the program was held on the east side of the school building.

Eighty-five people were present to hear the program.

Mrs. A. E. McFarland led in community singing of three grange melodies.

R. G. Penney, Master of the Stanfield Grange, gave an interesting and entertaining talk on rural electrification. He told of the local R.E.A. organization and how it would be operated after completion in the way of rates, maintenance of lines, etc. He painted a happy picture of the farm home equipped with electricity.

Deputy Chas. Wicklander then gave an interesting talk on summer activities of the grange, and other general questions relating to grange work.

Mrs. McFarland read an original verse on "The Columbia Stream."

"Lighthouse Stunt" was presented by Willows and Greenfield Granges, which afforded much entertainment.

Following remarks by County Agent Balanger of Heppner, two songs were sung.

The evening session was opened shortly after 8:00 o'clock and the fifth degree was beautifully exemplified by Greenfield Grange, seven candidates being initiated. Irrigon Grange furnished tableaux.

Four resolutions which were presented and adopted were:

First—Resolution for adoption of Pennsylvania plan of payment of Pomona dues.

Second—Resolution supporting National Grange in opposing importation of whale oil from Norway, Sweden and Denmark for butter substitutes and instructions for secretary to urge support of representatives in Washington.

Third—Resolution urging interest in subordinate granges for a large class for 7th degree in 1938.

Fourth—Resolution thanking Irrigon Grange for entertainment.