

### LOGGER MANGLED, KILLED BY TRACTOR IN G. PASS REGION

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 5.—(Spl.) Amber Bias, 52, was instantly killed Saturday when his body was mangled by a caterpillar logging tractor operated by M. J. McShane in the Shan creek district.

Coroner Virgil Hull said Bias, McShane, and a man named Jess were riding the tractor into the woods to begin the day's work. It was between 7:30 and 7:35 a. m. With McShane at the controls, Bias riding on the left gas tank and Jess was riding on the other tank.

They had just reached the top of a steep hill, up which it had been necessary to back the machine so it would not tip over backwards. This procedure was usual. McShane, in backing up the hill had been looking backward over his shoulder to keep his direction. At the top he slowed down considerably so that one of the men could hook a chain onto the tractor.

Glancing to the front at that point, he saw Bias' body, protruding from between the track and a bar. McShane told Hull, Bias' right arm, shoulder, and chest were crushed and part of his head was cut away in the accident. He had obviously been struck by the revolving caterpillar tracks under a bar that supported the left gas tank.

There was no way to tell whether Bias had fallen off, had jumped off and slipped into the machine, or had fainted, Hull said.

Surviving him are his wife, Mamie Ethel, two sons and two daughters. The Bias home is in the Shan creek district.

### COURT INVITED TO HIGHWAY MEETING

SALEM, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A special meeting of the state highway commission will be held at Portland August 16, it was announced here today. Thirteen county courts were invited into conference at the session to settle pending right of way matters.

The counties invited are those in which the commission contemplates letting highway contracts at the regular August 29 meeting. Those invited were Baker, Clatsop, Crook, Deschutes, Jackson, Lane, Malheur, Marion, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler and Umatilla.

### JUDGES NAMED FOR SWIMMING EVENTS

Judges in the big free swimming exhibition to be given tonight at the Natatorium, beginning at 8:00 o'clock, were announced today by Miss Marjory Kelly, in charge of the meet. They will be Mayor George Porter, Chief of Police Clatous McCredie and Fire Chief Roy Elliott.

In order to have the adult class finished before the start of the program, that group will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening. Instead of at the regular time, Miss Kelly stated.

### WOMAN CONFESSES TORSO SLAYING



Mrs. Evelyn Smith is shown at the state's attorney's office at Chicago as she signed an alleged "full confession" of the torso slaying of Ervin Lang, whose body was found in a swamp several weeks ago. Left to right: Mrs. Smith, Police Lieut. Tom Kelly and Assistant State's Attorney Charles Dougherty. (Associated Press Photo)

### KELLAHER DRAFTS REPLY TO BANKS BARGAIN CHARGE

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himself by E. M. Duffy, present parole officer. The agreement was said to have been signed by Kellaher May 16, two weeks before he was removed from office by Governor Martin. On August 1, Banks wrote the governor that he was dissatisfied with Kellaher and dismissed him as his representative with power of attorney. He also wrote Kellaher informing him that as far as he was concerned the contract would be annulled for cause. Banks is serving a life term for the second degree murder charge in killing of Constable George Prescott of Medford.

To Make Statement Kellaher, in Portland, stated he was preparing a statement in reply to the accusations hurled at him during the hearing.

Trindle indicated that Kellaher's entire record as parole officer would be examined. Governor Meier had granted many pardons and paroles during his term, while others suggested by Kellaher were rejected.

### THREE OF PORTLAND FAMILY DIE IN CRASH

DURHAM, N. C., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Three members of a Portland, Ore., family were killed near here today when their automobile crashed into a power line pole and burst into flames.

They were Harvey Gatchet, 36, his 36-year-old wife and their five-year-old daughter, Barbara. All were members of a vaudeville troupe, and were en route to Greensboro from Henderson, where they had given a midnight performance.

### WESTERN WRITERS OPEN CONVENTION HERE TOMORROW

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About 40 writers had arrived up until noon today, with many more due by this evening. The heavy influx is expected all day tomorrow, with a probability that all 500 will be here before Wednesday afternoon.

This afternoon those already here journeyed to Jacksonville, and spent a large part of the day browsing through the museum and historical buildings there. Although the convention is to be largely made up of business sessions, a good deal of time will be spent by the delegates in exploring the scenic spots near here, possibly in search of local "color."

One of the most widely known publishers in the west, Ben Field of California, arrived in the city this morning. He will probably speak at one of the meetings at Methodist Episcopal church at the corner of Main and Laurel, some time during the week. Meetings will be held there Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with the final big convulse slated for Saturday morning at the Hotel Medford.

"Trends of Business" will be the subject treated by Dr. H. N. Cornish of Oregon State college when he addresses the group at the church on Wednesday morning at 10.

### TOKENS UNLAWFUL IN SALES TAX IS CLAIM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Treasury experts concluded it is unlawful for states to issue pieces or tokens for making change in connection with sales taxes.

Secretary Morgenthau disclosed this today, in the light of his attempt to have congress pass legislation for midget coins of one mill and half-cent denominations to be used for sales tax purposes. The measure is stalled in a house committee.

Illinois, Colorado, Missouri and Washington have issued local pieces or tokens.

### Lost Lad Lives 6 Days In Wilds Of New Mexico

SILVER CITY, N. M., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Rational but evidently frightened, six-year-old Albert Buddy Reasoner cried, "I'm hungry," as searchers found him yesterday in the Pinon Altes mountains after a six-day search.

The boy wandered away last Monday. He subsisted, Sheriff Owen Matthews said, on wild berries and slept in deserted bears' caves. Wild-eyed, the boy attempted to hide from rescuers as they approached.

### Frank Hitchcock Pneumonia Victim

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Gen. Frank Harris Hitchcock, nationally political figure and publisher of the Tucson Daily Citizen, died at 3:30 a. m. today in the desert sanatorium of pneumonia. Former Postmaster General, Gen. Hitchcock was widely known for his outstanding public service for a quarter of a century.

### ROGERS TO JOIN POST IS RUMOR

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Reports that Will Rogers would join Wiley Post on the first leg of the aviator's projected airplane voyage to Siberia caused some substantiation today with the disclosure the gum-chewing comedian, registered his name under an assumed name, is en route to Seattle. Rogers departed at 8:15 a. m. today on a United Air Line plane. He was registered on the passenger list as "Mr. Williams." It was learned he had requested officials of the air lines not to disclose his presence on the plane, but he was recognized by a newspaperman as he boarded the ship. Post is in Seattle preparing for the Siberian flight.

### LITHIANS WIN 4-3 IN 14-INNING SCRAMBLE

The Ashland Lithians, joint occupants with Medford of the southern Oregon league cellar, yesterday emerged from their game with Gold Hill with damp foreheads and a 4-3 win, after 14-innings of wild ball that had

### CORVALLIS DRUGGIST NEW STATE PRESIDENT

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—John F. Allen of Corvallis was elected president of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association here today. He was vice-president and director last year, and succeeds Roy A. Perry of Portland.

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