

ELWOOD BICE DIES AS BOLT STRIKES MEN

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a considerable time after he was able to get on his feet.

Another badly shocked member of the crew was Frank Payne. He had a serious cut over one eye, struck when he fell. Friday night he was limping from nerve shock and will probably be in the hospital a day or two.

Bice was rushed to the Hillside hospital, where Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, pronounced him dead. It was believed he was killed instantly.

The other victims were taken to the Klamath Valley hospital where they were attended by Dr. E. D. Lamb, division surgeon for the Great Northern.

Harold Bice, 19, a brother of Elwood, was working in the same crew, and their father, L. H. Bice, was a short distance away.

"I was not paying much attention to the storm," said Harold Bice. "Suddenly it felt like something hit me on the top of the head. I woke up, ten feet away, lying on my back in a ditch."

"I remember the first thing I saw when I came to was fire burning on the side of Stukel mountain."

The Bice family lives at Lapine. Several of its members have worked for the Great Northern. Young Bice was single, and is survived by his parents, a sister, and two brothers.

First word of the lightning tragedy came to Klamath Falls over a weak country telephone line, with the storm crackling frequently on the wire. It was a woman's voice that said a man had been killed a few miles out on the Merrill highway.

The call came to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and Wire Chief Howard Boyd, who had a shift crew working on the highway, drove out immediately. He found his crew safe but later came on the scene of the tragedy.

The opinion of the members of the crew was that the lightning struck a rail, possibly the one on which they were working. The incident occurred about 4:50 p. m.

Watched by hundreds of Klamath Falls people, the spectacular storm played over the basin to the south for about half an hour before it approached Klamath Falls.

Observers saw chain lightning shoot to the earth time after time. Three times, at least, bolts struck on Stukel mountain, and fires flared up in the tinder dry grass. The rain which followed choked off these fires.

Two men watching from windows of the Medical Dental building observed lightning strike time after time on the hill back of Pacific Terrace, as the storm moved on the city. There were flashes on all sides of town, followed by loud cracks of thunder.

At 5:30 p. m. great drops of rain splattered on the pavements. Suddenly the clouds opened up and a drenching downpour descended on the city, clearing the atmosphere of smoke and the dust that had been blown up by the great gusts of wind in the later afternoon. The heavy rain continued about 30 minutes.

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from the maximum of 96 set at about 1 p. m. The thunder-capped black clouds that spread over the city at that time had checked the rise of mercury just as it appeared the day's temperature might go above the season's peak of 101 established on Thursday.

During the afternoon the barometer dropped rapidly in advance of the early evening's violent disturbances.

Wind whipped wires together in an alley near Esplanade street. They burned off and the Copco Hot Springs circuit was off. A similar incident shut the current off on Altamont lines.

Then the electrical storm broke, and a score of transformer fuses blew out. Each time that occurred power and light service was interrupted for groups of houses or buildings.

At Merrill and various parts of the lower valley similar interruptions occurred. It was far in the evening before check-ups had been made and service fully restored.

Ruth King, The Herald and News correspondent in the south-end, reported it was dark in her home on the Merrill-Malin highway when she called in at 8 p. m. with news of the storm's fury in the south-end.

The telephone company had similar difficulties, with poles down and various circuits out.

Rain fell in the Lava Beds monument. Mrs. Don Pieber, wife of the county agent, reported it was dark in her home on the Merrill-Malin highway when she called in at 8 p. m. with news of the storm's fury in the south-end.

A heavy storm broke over the Tionesta territory. Tulelake had no rain, but a high wind whipped up the dust in that area.

VIOLATION OF SIGN LAW BRINGS FINE

J. E. Fales, Oregon Food store, has been brought before the police court for five violations of city sign ordinances. Fales posted \$50 bail to appear Monday morning for a hearing. The complaints were signed by Henry Schortgen, city building inspector.

Several drunk and disorderly cases were before the Saturday session of the court. Two Indian women appeared on disorderly counts.

PURSE TAKEN FROM PARKED CAR AT MALIN

MALIN — Mrs. Grant Anderson, Malin, reported this week that a purse locked in the small compartment of their car parked last Saturday night in front of the Merrill Community hall during a dance had been stolen and destroyed while Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were in the building. The pocketbook was removed after the door of the car had been jimmied open. No money was contained in the purse, which had been ripped apart. Its contents were discarded near the bridge across Lost river. Groceries, articles of clothing and other contents of the car were not disturbed.

BENEFIT DANCE WILL BE HELD

TULELAKE — A benefit dance being sponsored by the Tulelake chamber of commerce to defray expenses of the second annual Lava Beds tour July 16 will be held in the Legion hall Saturday night, July 29, it was announced this week by William Sigler, chairman. Archie Legg's orchestra, well known 12-piece Yreka swing band, will furnish the music and the public is cordially invited for an evening of entertainment.

Four or five generations of a Swedish family may often use one jar of yeast. The jar is passed on as an heirloom, and, in many cases, yeast has been kept growing in one bowl for 175 years.

Members of the Klamath Falls and the Merrill Moose lodges and their families are planning an enjoyable day on Spencer creek Sunday, where the annual picnic will be held. Games will be played during the afternoon hours.

City Briefs

Speaks Monday — Professor Eric G. Hawkinson, professor in the theological seminary of North Park college, Chicago, will speak in the First Covenant church on Monday evening at 7:40 o'clock. Professor Hawkinson was the main speaker at the annual conference of the California Covenant Sunday school and Young People's league held at Mission Springs, Santa Cruz, Calif. He filled the same position at a similar conference in the Pacific northwest held at Covenant beach near Tacoma, Wash. The public is invited to hear this speaker.

Open Branch Library — A new branch library has been opened by the Klamath County library at Sprague River where there has been no branch since that town's disastrous fire last year. The library will be located at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Barth Haddock and will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 1 until 4 o'clock and on Thursday evenings from 7 until 9 o'clock. Books will be available for both children and adults.

Looses Chickens — Mrs. Allenby of Keno had a weather story of her own to tell at the county agent's office Saturday. On Thursday, she said, a terrific thunder shower broke over Keno. Rain came down in torrents, and her chickens made a run for shelter. Three of the chickens were unable to get under roof and were killed by the battering rain.

Wisconsin Visitors — Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Letzke of Fairhaven Heights have as their house guests Mrs. Letzke's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klug of Tigerton, Wis., and Mrs. Letzke's sister, Mrs. Leo Buser of Wittenburg, Wis. They plan to visit the San Francisco exposition and then return to Portland to remain for sometime.

Grange Picnic — Plans are being made for the Pomona grange to honor the juvenile granges at a picnic to be given on August 29 at a place to be announced later. There will be numerous games, for which prizes will be awarded, including numerous cash prizes, according to announcements by those in charge of arrangements.

Accident Reported — Frank C. Pierce, 1112 South Eighth, reported to the sheriff's office a minor accident in which a mail truck ran over a bicycle belonging to his six-year-old son. The accident occurred Friday morning in St. Francis park, where the bicycle had been left in front of a neighbor's yard.

Girls to Register — Mrs. Kennedy will be at the Camp Fire House on Conger avenue Tuesday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock to register girls who wish to attend the summer encampment at Lake of the Woods. This will be the last opportunity for the girls to register, it was announced.

Feted at Medford — Miss Genevieve Riach of Klamath Falls and Bill Laird of San Francisco were recent honor guests at a farewell party given them by Mr. and Mrs. A. Boltano of Medford. Both had been visiting in Medford. The Boltanos formerly lived here.

Visitors From South — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Etten of Oakland, Calif., were expected here this weekend on a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Epley. Van Etten is active in public relations work in the bay district.

Enjoy Fishing Trip — Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steinmetz and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mouschenberg enjoyed a fishing trip last Sunday to Hiatt dam on the Greensprings. It was the first time Steinmetz had been able to be out for many months due to a serious illness.

Special Meeting — An important special meeting has been called for the Eagles auxiliary for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Eagles hall. All members are urged to attend.

Back From Trip — The Joe M. Kennedy family of Weyerhaeuser has recently returned from an extensive trip that took them through the southern states.

Weekend at Lake — Mrs. Ted Marble and her sister-in-law, Mildred Marble of Chico, Calif., are spending the weekend at Lake of the Woods. Miss Marble who is spending her vacation here is employed in one of the departments of the Chico bank.

To Complete Studies — Mrs. W. H. Hibbard of South Riverside street is returning to Oakland, Calif., to complete studies in a public speaking course. She expects to be away for several months and upon her return will organize public speaking classes.

From Diamond Lake — A group of young Klamath men who spent the past week at the Dr. Warren Hunt cabin at Diamond Lake returned home to Klamath Saturday. Those in the party were Jim Hunt, Lee Metz, Jim Burness and Bob Jester.

Reynolds Home — Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, returned Saturday morning from attendance at the commercial conference at Stanford university.

FIRE SWEEPS HOOD RIVER WAREHOUSES

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quickly into the Hood River Apple Growers' Association cold storage and packing plant.

A strong westerly wind sent sparks showering over an area made tinder-dry by a week of record-breaking heat, and many spot fires were started.

Some of these dropped on the Apple Growers' Vinegar plant, but a fire was not started there. Facilities of the local fire department were unequal to the task of checking the blaze, and the White Salmon department was summoned.

Brandy Burns — The Kelly Brothers' plant was destroyed at a loss estimated by firemen at \$40,000 for the plant and \$80,000 for a stock of federally bonded brandy in a warehouse. The Apple Association plant likewise was destroyed, with a loss of \$125,000.

Insurance covered all of the losses. Although the plants were along Union Pacific tracks, no cars were burned.

The railroad line's No. 5 mail train arrived during the height of the fire. As it awaited clearance because of homes across the tracks, the engine was used to switch box cars away from the fire scene.

All Union Pacific roundhouse and other employees near there were routed from bed to help fight the fires and to protect the railroad equipment.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 29 — Smoldering embers marked the sites of two waterfront buildings today after flames swept over a quarter-mile of Columbia river front last night.

Firemen tentatively estimated losses at \$70,000.

Apparently starting from a transformer explosion in the old "plate shop," once the biggest frame building on the Pacific coast, the fire leaped to a series of garages owned by the Vancouver Plywood and Veneer company, then to the A. B. & C. Packing corporation plant a block away.

Firemen credited Vancouver barracks soldiers, CCC enrollees and volunteers with saving the plywood company and the Dubois Lumber company, which were scorched. Three volunteers working on the roof of the plywood company were overcome by smoke.

The old two-story, 600-foot-long "plate shop," built for a ship construction firm in 1917 and used in preparation of steel plates for ships, housed the Washington Concrete Pipe company, the Northwestern Steel and Equipment company, and the H. H. McLaughlin Lumber company.

Four fire companies and a fire boat from Portland aided in the fight against flames which were reported visible at Salem, more than 50 miles south.

LARGE NUMBER ATTEND MEET OF SPORTSMEN

TULELAKE — This week's meeting of the Tulelake-Butte Valley Sportsman's association was marked by attendance of a number of distinguished members, guests and directors from 14 active civic organizations of northern California and southern Oregon. The meeting, held Wednesday night in the Legion hall, registered 80 names.

A petition sponsored by the Klamath County Sportsman's association, Klamath Falls, on the question of an open deer season this year, came up for discussion, but no definite action was taken by the local group, which is waiting formulation of new plans on the same situation by the California state game commission.

On the speakers list were Inspector Schuppert, official of the California fish and game commission; Captain A. A. Jordan, enforcement officer of the commission; Don Chipman, game warden; Earl Shoupe, Dunsuir, prospective candidate for a post on the new game board from northern California; W. I. Humphries, Dunsuir, executive secretary of northern conservation clubs and officer of the California sportsman's council; Mr. Scott, newly elected president of the Klamath County Sportsman's association; Paul Mathews, past president of the same organization; George Davis, Klamath Falls, and C. G. Fairchild, superintendent of the Tulelake wildlife refuge.

Following the business session Paul Mathews entertained with two rolls of films, illustrating the activities of "Duck's Unlimited" in Canada.

The next meeting will be held in Dorris, August 30. Acting in cooperation with the local association is a co-ordinating council recruited from many of the civic organizations of this district. Residents of Klamath Falls, Dorris, Tionesta, Tennant and Tulelake were in attendance.

**DROUGHT THREAT
TO FARM VALUES**

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dry weather in the southwestern plains or its occurrence in the northeast, where droughts are uncommon.

"Droughts," said Mr. Kincer, "are weather incidents that just happen."

By The Associated Press — The Pacific northwest, scorched for seven days, looked forward to cooler weather today, but the forest regions found little consolation in a forecast that promised scattered thunderstorms over the mountains.

Eighty-five forest fires were set by rainless thunderstorms in northern Idaho and along the Idaho-Montana border, and lighting, which killed one man, set at least 10 fires in Oregon.

Elwood Bice, 23, La Pine, Ore., was killed when lightning struck the Great Northern railroad tracks upon which he was working at Henley, six miles south of Klamath Falls.

The heat or attempts to escape it brought other deaths.

At least 11 persons have drowned since the heat wave started. One man drowned yesterday near Mosier, Ore., and a Yakima, Wash., youth, Lawrence Thibault, 18, drowned in the Yakima river.

A moonlight boat ride on North lake, near Auburn, Wash., brought death by drowning to Miss Velma Schanck, 25, of Tacoma. Her companion, W. E. Burns, also of Tacoma, said their rowboat capsized while they were changing seats, and he was unable to save her.

The death of the three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Watkins of Seattle also was attributed to the heat. A

physician said it probably forced her to regurgitate her food, strangling her in her crib.

Flames raged uncontrolled last night through grass and scrub timber near Spokane, Wash., and State Fire Warden S. W. Stevens directed 200 men at the blaze.

Edward Chapman, 73, collapsed while fighting the flames, which destroyed his home and crops, and was reported in a serious condition.

Forest service officials at Spokane said their "smoke chasers" and men in blaster trust control and conservation corps camps were expected to control the north Idaho fires.

Heavy rains were anticipated in Oregon, where a 400-acre fire east of Eugene was isolated and the Eden Valley fire in the Siskiyou forest was controlled after it had burned 3,000,000 feet of cold-decked cedar and fir logs.

Crews totaling 1000 men, however, were fighting three fires near Eugene, two covering 150 acres in the Westfir region and one in logged-over land.

A cooling breeze off the coast cut as much as 13 degrees from inland temperatures, but Lewiston, Idaho, remained the region's "hot spot," even though it shaved five degrees from Thursday's 117.

Chickens died near their watering pans near Benton City, Wash., where the temperature was 104. At Grand Coulee dam the mercury subsided from 111 to 108, but a hot wind blanketed the project with dust.

Al Camp, 73, of Pasadena, Calif., who was visiting relatives at La Crosse, Wash., died of a heart attack believed induced by the heat.

LOGGERS FORM WORKING BODY

Formation of a permanent organization known as the Western Pine Logging conference Friday night climaxed the meeting of 100 logging superintendents and engineers who gathered here to participate in a conference sponsored by the Pacific Logging congress.

Huntington Taylor of the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company was elected chairman, and C. G. Hovey of the Walker-Hovey Lumber company was named secretary of the new organization. It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at Klamath Falls in March.

Main speaker of the afternoon session was Walker Tilley of the Western Pine association, San Francisco, whose subject was "Fire Weather Reports, Piling and Brush Burning."

Delegates were to leave Saturday morning on a field trip to the Lakeview Logging company camp near Lakeview. Inspection of the logging operations there was to bring the convalesce to a close.

OILING WORK ON LAKEVIEW ROAD SLATED

LAKEVIEW — The United States bureau of public roads will open bids in Portland on August 4 for the reconstruction and oiling of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway from the summit of Drews gap eastward through Booth park and Antelope canyon to the east boundary of the Fremont national forest, a distance of approximately four miles.

This is one of the dustiest and most crooked sections of the highway connecting Klamath Falls and Lakeview. Specifications of the contract provide for a wide straight highway which will eliminate all of the present curves.

Upon the completion of this contract there will remain but two sections of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway to be reconstructed and oiled. One section lies between the Quartz Mountain Service station and the C. D. Arthur ranch at the head of Drews valley, a distance of approximately five miles.

This stretch is eligible for federal funds and the proposed road has been surveyed and the right-of-way obtained. No date has been announced for the calling for bids. The other section of the highway will lie between the east boundary of the Fremont National forest and the Maddock Service station which is located three miles west of Lakeview. Two miles of this un-oiled section was graded last summer.

The highway commission has acquired additional right-of-way from the Lakeview city limits westward to the east boundary of the Fremont national forest in order that a contract can be let next summer that will complete the reconstruction of this last gap with the exception of the two miles westward from Maddock Service station which was reconstructed last summer, but not oiled.

CADDIES WIN

The Reames caddies defeated Medford, 194 to 44, here this week. Scores were: Leon Seevich, 90, Hank Gibson 98, Glen Boyer 88, Monte Snyder 92, George Walters 95, Jack Mitchell 94 and Darwin McCarroll 88.

CAT LOST

A sick girl's 2-year-old gray Persian cat, which answers to the name, "Mac West," was reported missing Saturday. The animal was last seen on Miller lane near Idella's store at 9 p. m. Friday and the finder is asked to call the Humane society.

Weather

NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA: Fair tonight and Sunday but fog on coast and afternoon thunderstorms in the high mountains; no change in temperature; gentle northwest wind off coast.

OREGON: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; overcast on coast; local afternoon thunderstorms mountains of south and east portions; cooler northeast and interior of southwest portions tonight; moderate northerly wind off the coast.

Outlook for far western states for period July 31 to August 5 inclusive:

Generally fair but occasional thunderstorms plateau region and mountains of California; fogs on coast and high temperatures in the interior.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

McLANE — Born at Hillsdale hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., July 28, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray McLane of Hillsdale, a son. Weight, 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces.

STILLWELL — Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., July 28, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Stillwell, a son. Weight, 7 pounds.

PEMBERTON — Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., July 28, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Pemberton of 126 Division street, a daughter. Weight, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

FUNERAL NOTICE

LEWIS ELWOOD BICE — Funeral services for the late Lewis Elwood Bice, who passed away in this city Friday, July 28, 1939, will be held in Bend, Ore., on Tuesday, August 1, in the chapel of Niswonger and Winslow, funeral directors. The remains will be forwarded via Great Northern Saturday evening, July 29, to Bend. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock funeral home of this city.



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