

Wabasha Man Killed; Hit By Rolling Log

William B. Webb Dies While Clearing Area for Ski Run

WABASHA, Minn. (Special) — An accident during a Saturday afternoon work party for members of the Snobakken Ski Club at the slope near here resulted in the death of the club's secretary-treasurer, William B. Webb, 42, one of Wabasha's prominent businessmen.

Webb was killed instantly when he was struck by a log which was being rolled down the slope as a part of a club project to lengthen the run for the ski area established last year by the club.

Earlier this fall a number of trees on the wooded slope had been felled for the extension of the run and Saturday afternoon members of the club were rolling the logs down the slope so that a bulldozer, which was to have been used Sunday, could remove them from the area.

HARRY SCHMIT, a member of the club and one of about eight on Saturday's work party, said that the log was rolled down the steep part of the slope near the top of the run but frequently they would turn and stop along the slope.

Working in groups, the men would turn these logs so that they could roll free again and then repeat this procedure each time a log stopped until it reached the bottom of the slope.

Owner of the Webb Insurance Agency here and father of five children, Webb was one of three club members turning one of the logs when the accident occurred Saturday afternoon.

The log had turned in such a position that it would not roll farther along the relatively gradual slope — as compared with the steep slope at the head of the run — and Webb and the two other members began to turn it.

Webb stepped away as the log began to roll but it came toward him.

Witnesses said that he tried to twist away, apparently slipped and fell in the path of the large rolling oak log.

He was struck by the log and killed virtually instantly. The log rolled a short distance and then stopped.

A doctor who is a club member and one of those in the work party examined Webb and pronounced him dead.

Sheriff John Jacobs was called to the accident scene and investigated. The accident happened about 2:30 p.m.

THE SNOBAKKEN Ski Club has a membership of about 12, although in addition to the secretaries there are a number of other skiing enthusiasts in the area who have participated in club activities.

Members said that slope—about 1½ miles southwest of Wabasha near the sanatorium — was developed last fall and was so successful last winter that the membership voted to extend the run this year.

This summer and fall Snobakken members had worked on weekends and at other times to cut trees and clear the way for the longer run.

There is a rope tow on the slope and this is to be extended, also.

After the accident one of the members called for an ambulance from here and Sheriff Jacobs was notified.

ACTIVE IN the organization of the ski club and development of the slope project, Webb was a lifelong resident of Wabasha.

He was a past president of the Wabasha Rotary Club, a past commander of Wabasha Post 59 of the American Legion, former president of the Wabasha Junior Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Wabasha Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the bishop and council of the diocese of Minnesota and past senior warden of the Episcopal Church here and a member of Wabasha Lodge H, A.F. & A.M.

Born in Wabasha Oct. 29, 1916, he was a veteran of three years service in the Army during World War II and served in the European Theater of operations. On April 28, 1939 he married the former Mary Spear of Portland, Maine.

In addition to his wife he is survived by five children, Patricia, James L., Anne, Stephen and Carol, all at home; his mother, Mrs. H. C. Holm, Wabasha.



AT CHOATE DINNER

H. Choate & Co., employees of it businessmen sat down to a "get day dinner at Hotel Winona Sunday

Left to right, Harris Choate, H. Choate & Co., secretary; Harris Choate, who with his son Harris the organization at the end of old Holiday standing slightly in front of the store; M. William Holley, president of the new Ch

AFL-CIO Unit Gives \$2,000 To Foley Drive

WASHINGTON—The AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) has made a \$2,000 contribution to the Foley for Congress committee in St. Paul, it was revealed here today.

The contribution was reported by COPE in its report to the clerk of the House.

Eugene Foley of Wabasha, a Democratic Farmer-Labor candidate, is opposing Rep. Albert Quay, the Republican incumbent.

This and other COPE contributions in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota totaled \$9,500. They included:

\$2,000 to the A. J. Johnson committee. He is opposing Rep. H. Carl Andersen, the Republican incumbent in the 7th Minnesota district.

\$15,000 to the Minnesota state COPE, St. Paul, for use in congressional election contests.

Wisconsin \$10,000 to the Proaire for Senator committee.

\$13,000 to the state COPE for congressional election contests.

The District of Columbia committee, meanwhile, reported contributions of \$2,300 each to Rep. Eugene McCarthy and Francis committee in Minnesota and Wisconsin, respectively.

One contribution to a Republican committee also has been reported, but not by COPE. The National Republican Senatorial Committee reported a \$2,300 contribution to Sen. Edward J. Thye for radio and television.

Supreme Court Orders Review of TV Channel Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court today ordered a lower court review of the award of TV channel 9 at Orlando, Fla. It was the third such high court action based on alleged impropriety in the conduct of Federal Communications Commission business.

The court set aside a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia which had approved FCC award of Orlando channel 9 to 3rd-Florida Television Corp.

The high court issued an order which said the Court of Appeals decision was vacated and the case sent back to it "for such action as it may deem appropriate."

The high court also ordered a review of the award of TV channel 11 to Honolulu, T.H. and a sister, Mrs. Richard (Mary) Kimball, Honolulu, T.H.

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