

Stick Puncture Causes Serious Injury To June Gubler On Mountain

What could easily have been a fatal accident was narrowly averted last Thursday afternoon on Pine Valley mountain when Archie Gubler applied first aid to a serious puncture wound on the leg of his cousin, June Gubler, proving once again the value of even a small knowledge of first aid treatment in case of an emergency.

The two men with others were riding after horses in preparation for the deer season. June Gubler was on a high-spirited horse and as they passed some mountain mahogany at a good speed, felt the gouge of a limb against his leg. Thinking it was just a bruise he rode on, but in a few moments he was aware of bleeding and called to his companion. They found the mahogany limb had punctured his leg over a former break, driving right to the bone and opening an artery. His boot was half filled with blood.

Knowing the use of a tourniquet, Archie was able to stanch the bleeding, assisted June onto his own gentler saddle horse and started him down the trail to the ranch and cabin, while he took June's horse to catch up with the other riders and tell them of the accident. By the time he caught up with June they were at the ranch cabin and the two men at once came to St. George in the car, where the wound was stitched and dressed.

Mr. Gubler was in the hospital two days and is now at his home and reported making rapid recovery. However, had it not been for the quick application of first aid measures, unquestionably the injured man would have bled to death. Such cases as this remind individuals of the advantage of the course in first aid now being given in this city which might be of advantage to any person under any similar emergency.

Man's Life Saved by His Cousin

The article at left describes an incident during a cattle round up on Pine Valley Mountain that occurred in October, 1941. Archie Gubler performed life-saving first aid on June Gubler's leg. Archie and June are first cousins and are pictured below (June on the left, Archie on the right). June is also pictured on his horse.

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For many years a group of Santa Clara families have grazed cattle on the south side of Pine Valley Mountain, and this incident happened during a cattle round up to bring the cattle off the mountain before winter.

