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(1544-1603) of Colchester, England
PHYSICIAN TO
QUEEN ELIZABETH I
WAS THE FIRST TO WRITE
ABOUT ELECTRICITY



WILLIAM R. BANDY
of Helena
Montana
CARRIED A
SPLINTER
OF WOOD
3 INCHES
LONG IN
HIS THIGH
FOR
17 YEARS

Billings Man Escapes Death In Car Mishap

BILLINGS (AP)—Gaylord Murray, 29, Billings, was reported in satisfactory condition at a Billings hospital Wednesday night after the car he was driving left the road and overturned several times south of Laurel.

The investigating patrolman said Murray apparently missed a curve on Highway 310 late Tuesday night. He was alone at the time of the accident.

The attending physician said several small bones in Murry's spine were fractured and that he had suffered multiple scrapes and bruises in the accident.

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Splint Found in Man's Leg

BILLINGS (AP) — Seventeen years of agony has ended for William R. Bandy, 72, Billings, after the removal of a three-inch stick of wood from his thigh.

Bandy injured his leg when he fell in heavy timber in 1940 near the present site of Hungry Horse Dam. He did not know his leg was pierced by the wood and since that time has been bothered by pain. Continued treatments and X-rays failed to show the chunk of wood which was one inch wide and three inches long.

Bandy's travels took him to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., but still no explanation could be given for the pain in the leg.

Finally, the thigh began to swell and Billings hospital authorities decided to operate. The first item they hit was the wood, which at first was thought to be bone. A laboratory test proved to everyone's surprise that the material was wood.

Bandy, retired chief engineer of the Billings regional office of the bureau of land management, is

presently recuperating at his home here, the possessor of a well preserved chunk of wood.

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