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**MOUNTAIN  
GRANGE 926**

The regular monthly business meeting of Mountain Grange 926 was held on Monday evening, Dec. 11, in the Grange Hall on Sleepy Hollow Road. The Grange received as special guests: Mrs. Mildred Norman, Secretary of the Oregon State Grange; Mrs. Martha Wright, Chaplain of the Oregon State Grange; and Mr. John Ludi, Master of the Sandy Grange. Eighteen members of the Sandy Grange were also present.

The main business of the evening was the installation of officers for the ensuing of both the Sandy and Mountain Granges. Mrs. Norman acted as installation officer and was assisted by Mrs. Wright and her team. The following members of Mountain Grange were installed: Master, Grant DeShazer; Overseer, Bruce Opperman; Lecturer, Ellis Wengstrom; Assistant Steward, Andrew McDonald; Chaplain, Hettie Blaisdell; Treasurer, Dottie Shoup; Secretary, Velma DeShazer; Gatekeeper, Maude McDonald; Ceres, Martha McGuire; Pomona, Sadie Wengstrom; Flora, Ruth Butler; Lady Assistant, Susan McDonald; Executive Committee, Maude McDonald, Andrew McDonald, and Bruce Opperman.

**Hospital Ups  
Room Rates**

Gresham General Hospital, along with other major hospitals in the Portland area, has increased its rates.

Effective Dec. 15, rates at Gresham General were revised as follows:

Ward -- \$42.50 from \$40.50.  
Semi-private -- \$47.50 from \$45.50.  
Private room -- \$49.50 from \$48.50.

Portland hospitals announced increases of from \$2 to \$3 per day, effective Jan. 1. The boosts reflect rising costs of salaries, food and other supplies.

Ward rates in the Portland hospitals are expected to range between \$39 to \$41 per day. Those in Seattle range from \$42 to \$45 per day and from \$40 to \$42 per day in the San Francisco-Oakland area.

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Christmas festivals, observed by Christians since the 4th Century, include a number of customs originating in heathen rites.

*Engaged*



THE ENGAGEMENT of Ruth Annette Jordan and Melvin Anthony Classen has been announced here. Miss Jordan, a student at Gresham high school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan, 737 SE 187th. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Classen, San Francisco. No date has been set for the wedding. Classen is employed by Griffith Rubber Mills. He attended Madison.



MRS. J. E. ROSE, Rt. 1, Troutdale, recently announced the engagement of her daughter, Peggy Marleen, to William F. Schilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Schilling, Gresham. The couple plans to be married in January. Miss Rose is a student at Corbett high school. Her fiancé attended Sandy high school and is employed by Moore Dry Kiln.



A FAMILY gathering at the home of Mrs. Betty L. Wilcox was the occasion for the announcement of the engagement of her daughter Susan Jean to Pvt. Eric Joseph Anderson. The Wilcoxes reside at 1400 NW Eastman, Gresham. Pvt. Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson, Rt. 2, Box 808, Gresham. No date or place has been chosen for the wedding. Anderson is now serving in Viet-Nam and his bride-elect is a Gresham senior.

**Sandy Garden Club News**  
by Dorothy Perry

Creativity was the keynote at the Sandy Area Garden Club's Open House on December 4. Each member brought a Christmas arrangement and explained to members and visitors how it was made.

The door prize, a door hanging made of evergreen boughs, was made and presented to Mrs. Harry Lewis by June Schwartz. Lucy Hubbard brought garden magazines and catalogs sent to her by friends in England.

Several books from the Sandy Public Library were displayed on the library table. They were: Roses by Eric Bois by Anne-

*"Making the Sandy Scene"*  
Kathleen O'Brien



Know all Friends by these Presents, that I, Kathleen Joy O'Brien, of Sandy, Oregon, U.S.A., in consideration of the good, satisfying and completely unregrettable year just past;

**Nell's Notes**  
By NELL HOWE  
Hood-Land Reporter

You guessed it, I am still not ready for Christmas. We got the tree up, and it snowed, beautifully, and all that, but somehow I just don't seem to catch up. Fie on these people who are all ready, and have been since before Thanksgiving. Don't see how they can be full of Christmas spirit when they don't have to rush around and get pummeled by all the people. But I will make it.

Gayle Scalf, my most charming niece, eagerly waiting the homecoming of her husband, Don. He is going to be here some time this month, but, if you know the service, they aren't telling any definite date. She doesn't know if it will be before Christmas or after. So to be on the safe side she purchased an artificial tree. She figures the needles, at least, won't have all fallen off. And they can have Christmas when Don arrives. Then the first of the year they take off for Germany, where Don will be stationed for a year. Furniture, car and all will go. Gayle is so excited, and so is everyone for her.

I know there must be a lot of news going on around this mountain, and as long as I am the only one writing from up here, I would certainly appreciate it if people would call me when they have some news. No bit of news is too small, and I just can't cover the whole place. So give me a buzz, if you have any news, and I will be most happy to see it gets into the paper.

We wish to welcome some more newcomers to the community. The Hood-Land Christian church has a new minister, Mr. Clyde Pratt, Mr. Pratt, his wife and infant daughter, will occupy the residence on the church property. They hope to have special music each Sunday and hope anyone who can sing or play an instrument will join them. Now is certainly the time of the year to make a new minister most welcome. Drop in and visit. Lorraine Staggs in the hospital and certainly hope she is doing OK, and is home when you read this. This is no time of the year to be away from home.

As usual I wish to take this time and space to wish all the wonderful people on the mountain A Wonderful Holiday Season! This is my sneaky way of getting out of sending Christmas cards locally. Always think my list will grow smaller each year, and each year I meet that many more wonderful folk, and so the list grows and grows, and soooooo, to save that nickel, I cheat this way. Nevertheless, the greeting is just as sincere. May everyone's next year be a healthy and happy one.

**Dialing  
Damascus**

Damascus Union school's Christmas program will be Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 children will be picked up one hour later in the morning and dismissed at noon. Vacation will begin Dec. 23. School resumes Jan. 2. Notification will be made through radio stations if weather becomes inclement. Dining area of school has been completed for painting. More labor is needed after the New Year.

The Damascus Community church's Homebuilders class decorated the church and then gathered at the Charles Drake home for a Christmas party. The Christmas program was Dec. 17. Theme was, "Come To The Saviour". Supt. Mel Colens was in charge.

The Girard Wheelers arrived home after a week of visiting family in Escondido, Cal. The Wildwood Garden club held its Christmas meeting Dec. 13 at the home of Viola Tillstrom with Nancy Rounsefell welcomed as a guest. All those who had not received their copies of the club cookbook were able to do so during the meeting. Luta Wilson thanked the club for dedicating the cookbook to her in honor of her forthcoming 50th wedding anniversary.

A card from Fritzee Hosmer who is recovering from surgery was read thanking everyone for get well cards.

A buffet was served which was followed by a very interesting and informative demonstration of Christmas arrangements given by Mrs. Weeks and her assistant.

Next meeting will be held Jan. 10 at the home of Helen Bickford.

the beautiful and meaningful spirit of the present holiday season; and the forthcoming New Year of 1968 viewed with hope and faith in the good in mankind, do hereby make the following Christmas declarations:

Whereas, at least 40 hours a week I live the role of an executive secretary to Frank E. Day of Reiter, Day, Wall & Bricker, attorneys in Portland -- a job with pressures, responsibilities, challenges and much personal satisfaction; and

Whereas, each day, I spend at least 1 1/2 hours on the Oregon highways commuting to and from work (30 miles each way) in my Ford Fairlane V8-said car having taken me over 20,000 miles since I got my driver's license on Friday, the 13th, of January, 1967; and

Whereas, each Monday night (with few exceptions) I am up late meeting the deadline for my weekly newspaper column "Making the Sandy Scene" for the Sandy Post - including phone calls to obtain information in relation thereto; and

Whereas, in October of 1967 I became a member of "Happiness is Friday" - a Portland club with over 600 members, all single people ages 21 to 35, who gather each Friday night (and sometimes more often) for dances, talk, and various social activities including group trips; said events drawing 300 or 400 members a night; and

Whereas, my evening hours are filled with people dropping in to talk, to ask assistance, but mostly just because they need a listener; and through said evening hours, many lives have crossed my own life's pattern and I have experienced much, seen much, and gained more understanding of life around me, -- be it a visit to another's home, a visit to a county jail, or even just a visit to another's home, just a visit within my apartment; and having been enriched by each individual who has turned to me for help, I only trust that their lives, too, have gained a little from coming across the path of mine; and

Whereas, for some completely unknown reason, I find that I must take some time for a few snatches of sleep and bits of food in intervals between the aforementioned activities; and

Whereas, I have found that 24 hours is not enough time in a day to do the things I want to do, like writing poetry, drawing portraits with pastel chalks, reading more books, writing letters and visiting friends;

Now, therefore, I express herein the following personal wishes this holiday season:

I wish you, for this Christmas and forever after, Joy, Happy Laughter, Good Times, Genuine Friends, and an abundance of Happiness, success and

satisfaction in your life; I wish for you a quiet, meaningful, somewhat old-fashioned kind of Christmas with the warmth, love and understanding of family, neighbors and friends, and the comfort of large logs in the fireplace;

I wish for you a time of peace and quietness this Christmas - see Christmas with depth through your own feelings and experiences, -- a time of memory -- to think of friends and bridge the miles between in thought; to think of Christmases past -- to think of that first Christmas long ago in a little town called Bethlehem, and to consider just how much and in what manner that single birth on that star-filled night has personally meant to you; and

Finally, and most of all, I wish for you, your neighbors and the people of all nations, a renewal of faith in humanity and mankind; the desire to do your part towards erasing prejudices, hatred and other such things that cause the differences to come between people; and for love and understanding enough to bring real brotherhood and Beautiful Peace (once again) on the Earth.

The above declarations and wishes are true and can be personally verified at any time hereafter.

Dated at Sandy, Oregon, this Christmas Season of 1967, With warm wishes, sincerely meant, Kathleen O'Brien

**Marriage Licenses**

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**A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

by KEN BATEMAN

Treasured memories and family sentiment that Christmas recreates every year is one of life's greatest joys. In the midst of this joy, we hear the usual complaint that Christmas is over-commercialized. We hear the complaint that Christ has been taken out of Christmas. It is sadly true some people do ignore Him as they celebrate His birthday. These complaints seem to get nowhere, or not very far. The reason is clear. It sums up to PERSONAL acceptance or rejection of the meaning and purpose of Christmas. This verse, copied from a Christmas card, deals with this thought rather well.

May the glitter of the season  
Not obscure the holy reason  
For this happy celebration . . .  
They came in haste to find the King --  
Is your rush another thing?  
He extends this invitation . . .  
Come -- and find the Prince of Peace.  
Let the needless turmoil cease,  
Find for life a dedication.

With these borrowed words, we hope that those of you who read this, may have the everlasting joy of Christmas in your heart always.  
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