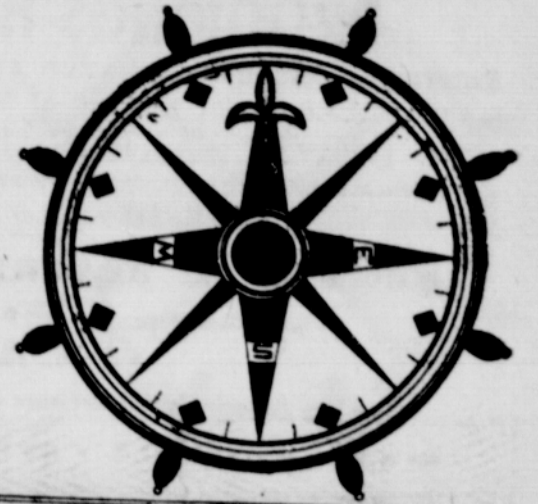


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Charter Plans Will Be Laid For Gold Beach Rotary Club

Gold Beach was given a Rotary charter, according to official word received Monday by the Brookings club, sponsors of the new club. Gold Beach will have for its number, 7624, and will be "baby club" of district No. 154.

Saturday, Rotary International appointed Dewey Akers as special representative to the new club, to help the Gold Beach officers lay plans for the charter night banquet and celebration, to be held sometime after Nov. 24, the first opportunity Gov. Joe Breckel will have to come to this area as he is now making official visits to the clubs of his district.

Charter night ceremonies are about as elaborate as any wedding could dare be. All clubs of the district are represented by one or more members, each to bring a gift for his club. The sponsoring club's duty is to provide the program, and the new club the dinner and the hall to accommodate the crowd likely to attend.

Since it made application for a charter, the provisional club has been meeting on Wednesdays at the Youth Center of the Episcopal church. Rev. Charles Lever, rector of that church, is the charter president, and Ray Keen is the secretary.

The new club has a membership of 22, filling many of the possible classifications of that city.

Brookings club will furnish a bell and gavel to the new club, Portland club a silk flag, and other clubs will give gifts of either money or articles needed in conducting the business of the club.

Floods Have Humor If One Can See It

GOLD BEACH—Despite the tragic side to the picture, some humor always may be found—as in the case of the flash flood on the Rugue River here last Friday.

The water rose so rapidly that people in the low lands had not a chance except to flee for their own safety. Soon came floating objects, such as chairs, chests of drawers, etc. Men in boats, to save whatever possible, roped some of these to telephone poles, trees, or whatever handy. When the water receded, these same articles were as high as eight feet from the ground.

Hwy 101, north of Wedderburn was covered with more than 10 feet of water in one place. A truck drove through easily, it is reported, but a car, some minutes later was caught in the head of flood water, and had to be abandoned, with the owner barely making it to safety.

Mrs. Hattie Mackey is confined to Gold Beach hospital with a badly infected foot and leg.

"THESE FELLAS STOLE THE SHOW"



Lake Oswego Four, which stole the show at the first Annual Parade of Barbershop Quartets, held here last Saturday evening, but

THESE GUYS SANG TERRIFIC NOTES



What Four, of Klamath Falls gave out in silken harmony, too, to vie for the applause of a packed house of music lovers.

JERALD WENZLER KILLED INSTANTLY FRIDAY P. M. IN ROAD COLLISION, AT 'RED HILL' TURN-OUT; GIRLS HURT

While many details will not be released until after the coroner's inquest, the full account of the instantaneous death of Jerald Wayne Wenzler, 18, recently from Burns, will not be learned. Jerald, in company with Pauline Hendricks and Faye Raush, last Friday afternoon, drove north to see what storm damage had been suffered, so the Pilot was told, when, as the group approached the top of "Red Hill" about five miles north of Brookings on Highway 101, where the car in which the youngsters was riding, collided with a highway truck. Death was said to have been instantaneous for Wenzler, and Miss Hendricks is in Seaside hospital suffering from brain concussion. Faye Raush escaped with no more than scratches and bruises, together with a terrific bump on her head which blacked both her eyes and forehead.

Stories concerning the accident vary, but from best sources possible, the Pilot was told that the group was headed north on Hwy 101, and evidently was the intention of turning out on the "turn-around" at the top of Red Hill. The rain was heavy at the time, and perhaps the vision was not kept clear by the windshield wiper, for there was no chance for the driver of the state truck to avoid hitting the car.

Miss Hendricks, at the time

At an inquest, held at Gold Beach, Tuesday, the driver of the state truck was absolved of blame in the accident.

the Pilot goes to press, is said to be out of immediate danger, although she is still "dazed" by events, and cannot recall clearly what actually happened. She is said to be resting well at Seaside hospital, where she will remain.

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ELEMENTS FAIL TO POSTPONE FIRST ANNUAL "PARADE OF QUARTETS," SCHEDULED HERE LAST SATURDAY

Only thing left in way of obstacles placed before Brookings Chapter, 675, S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A., Saturday and Sunday was perhaps an earthquake or a disastrous fire, yet the show went on to give those brave souls one of the best Parade of Quartets any ardent fan could hope for anywhere. Flood conditions in the home towns of participants, together with fear of bad roads, put an end to the Sunday matinee, for everyone left early Sunday.

While no judging was done at this parade, held on the first anniversary of the local chapter, general public opinion is divided between Lake Oswego Four, and "What Four" from Klamath Falls, with the nod, perhaps, going to the Oswego group. This group, according to Al Pearce emcee, was as good as any you can hear on any radio program over any network. However, other quartets were given all the applause the enthusiastic crowd could.

Al Pearce, who had put on a show at Sacramento Friday, had a terrific time reaching Brookings, due to high water between here and Crescent City. Although he arrived almost an hour late, he quickly made up for lost time by his spontaneous wit on the stage. Between parts of the show, he kept the tempo moving rapidly by his ad libbing.

Starting the show was Brookings chorus in several numbers. People in the audience who had been there just a year before, quickly noted the difference a year had made in that group of voices. Following came the Timberlads of Eugene, dressed as lumberjacks, and their quaint tunes soon told people why Eugene is a hot bed of Barbershop singers. The Plungers, from the same town carried on the same spirit as did the Four-Tune-Four all giving the crowd entertainment they had never anticipated anywhere.

Klamath Falls chorus was on hand—better—if that is possible. Directed by John Houston, this group is without doubt one of the greatest choral groups in any section of the United States. There are, in the group more than a score men who are soloists in their own right.

Also from Klamath Falls is the "What Four," which almost ran the Lake Oswego Four off the stage in vying for honors of the evening. The Lake Oswego foursome has had too much experience in showmanship, and a thousand numbers which they can put on without notice. The style of this group has much to do with its popularity.

The surprise of the evening—unannounced beforehand, was the appearance of "The Harmonettes," four women: Florence West, as tenor, Lucille Patterson as lead, Jean Panzezz as baritone and Doris Ackley as bass. To the visiting barbershoppers is was something new, and all expressed much appreciation, at the parade and again at the Afterglow.

Thousands of words could be said about the Lake Oswego Four consisting of John VanLeeuwen, tenor, Lou Lavacheck, lead, Tom Corbett, baritone and Mark Beach, bass. In many of the numbers presented, Beach, the bass, carried the lead, and it was something new for listeners of

quartets. Lou Lavacheck, lead, a tall, grey-haired man, displayed a showmanship quite unequalled in any other quartet appearing that night. He sang Swedish dialect songs, imitated a trumpet superbly. The close harmony according to their interpretation is something to behold.

At this point Al Pearce, long in show business, told the audience that any of these quartets could hold spots on national radio broadcasts on any network. He praised the spirit, the harmony, the love of singing and of the good Barbershopping was doing over the world.

The finale was all groups joined. Concluded on Page Twelve

Bids Called On Co. Hospital Building

GOLD BEACH—Curry County Court will accept bids until Nov. 17, for construction of a new 11-bed "starter" hospital to be built here.

The structure asked under this invitation will have surgical and obstetrical and all other major hospital facilities, and will be designed so that later additions can be constructed.

Construction will be frame, painted on the exterior, items will include plastered walls, linoleum asphalt tile floors and acoustical ceilings. The heating system will be hot water, oil-heated.

Federal money for this job is available under the Hill-Burton act.

Plans and specifications for the job were prepared in the offices of Roald Schmeer and Harrington, Spalding Building, Portland. Plans will be issued upon a deposit of \$50. per set by the architects. If returned after bidding, in good condition, will be refunded his payment. Any non-bidder upon returning such set will be refunded \$25.

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received at the office of the county clerk at the Curry County courthouse until Nov. 17, and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The Curry county court reserves the right to waive any formality in, or to reject any or all bids.