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LODGES SEAT NEW OFFICERS

**Ashland Teams Install in
Joint Ceremonies Here
Wednesday**

Joint installation of officers of the Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges was held Wednesday evening when the Rebekah lodge was hostess to the Odd Fellows. A good-sized crowd attended the event, which was public, and enjoyed the refreshments served following the ceremonies.

Odd Fellow officers installed were:

Merritt Hittle, Noble Grand.
Norman Bailey, Vice Grand.
J. J. Ritter, treasurer.
Toney Ross, secretary.
W. H. Ferguson, R. S. N. G.
H. D. Force, L. S. N. G.
Seth Coy, Warden.
Woodrow Shaver, Conductor.
Howard Dorman, L. G.
Paul Thompson, O. G.
H. A. Hooton, L. S. S. G.
T. A. Henderson, R. S. S. G.
Geo. Meisinger, Chaplain.
Ray Thompson, R. S. V. G.
Earl Moore, L. S. V. G.
Rebekah officers who took their respective chairs were:

Pauline Thompson, Noble Grand.
Carrie Puhl, Vice Grand.
Rebekah Ross, secretary.
Lucy Mee, treasurer.
Pearl Ferguson, Warden.
Etta Carter, Conductor.
Mary Chisholm, R. S. N. G.
Lola Reed, L. S. N. G.
Madge Dorman, Chaplain.
Emma Haff, Outside Guard.
Lily Carter, Inside Guard.
Belle Smith, L. S. V. G.
Bessie Henderson, R. S. V. G.
Viola Moore, musician.

Installing teams from Ashland conducted the installation ceremonies. District Deputy Grand Master Willard Miles of Ashland and District Deputy President Viola Moore of Gold Hill presided over the work.

The regular session of Odd Fellow lodge No. 129 was held the preceding evening. The main business was the examination of the incoming officers in their work and they demonstrated their work in a very fine and efficient manner.

Ball Team Meets Leland Outfit Here on Sunday

The Leland Baseball team will come to Gold Hill Sunday to cross bats with the local diamond artists. Leland has won most of their games this season and say they are out to take the Gold Hill boys into camp. The game will be held at 2:30 p. m. and fans are urged to be out to witness the contest.

PREPARE TO OPEN MEAT SHOP

Joe Woodcock and his associate, Mr. Moore of Rogue River have been installing fixtures in the meat market recently vacated by Jack Pickard and plan to open the market Monday. The new shop will carry a complete line of high quality fresh, smoked and cold meats and it is hoped the newcomers will receive the loyal support of the entire community in their business.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"Yes they are!... The girls are going back to the kitchen... to see what mother is fixin' for dinner!"

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEET FRI

The Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday evening at Kell's garage. The regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening, was postponed on account of the city council meeting that evening. Any one interested is invited to attend this meeting.

Visitors From Foreign Countries at Crater Lake

Travel into Crater Lake National Park over the 4th of July holiday resulted in a total of 4,000 visitors a large percentage of whom were from out of state points. The total for the season to date is approximately 40,000 with daily attendance showing consistent increase.

Ideal weather greeted week end visitors, many of whom enjoyed picnic lunches under the shade of hemlock trees. Not only representative of a large number of different states of the union, visitors arrived from numerous distant points of the world.

A native of Russia and a citizen of Moscow, Miss Dora Bressler was a park visitor while on a hike she began six months ago covering the entire country, visiting all points of interest. Holding the distance record this season, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fenton of the Union of South Africa were visitors while en route from Ranier to Lassen Volcanic National Parks, spending a day at Crater Lake. W. and F. A. Hansen of Hamburg, Germany, Signorita Nella Roster, Florence, Italy, and Madam Le Childe of Paris, France, were among European representatives, alike deeply impressed by the beauty of the world famed lake.

A large number of campers have been making their headquarters at Anna Springs, six miles from the rim. Preparations are rapidly progressing for the opening of the campground in the rim area, where snow, now rapidly disappearing, had delayed its opening. When it is actively in operation during the next week or so, community house programs will also begin, featuring nightly lectures by ranger-naturalists, moving pictures and a general entertainment program. Such program has already been started at the lodge, opened for business the first of July.

Parents-Citizens Council Will Picnic Monday

The Parent-Citizens Council will meet Monday, July 11 at 7 p. m. at the Alaska Auto camp. After a short business meeting a weiner roast will be enjoyed. All members are urged to attend.

No Satisfactory Quarterly License Plan Yet Devised

With the automobile license moratorium of 15 days almost half gone, Governor Meier and Secretary of State Hal Ross still have not come to an agreement on how to handle collecting license fees for the 1932-1933 period.

Secretary Ross spiked Governor Meier's quarterly payment plan when his request for an opinion from the Attorney General revealed that the law did not provide for such a procedure.

This week the governor threatened to handle collection of the licenses through the state treasurer's office, but when he proposed to pay collection costs out of the fees, themselves, he again found that the law was against him.

Business men over the state have urged that some partial payment plan be provided in order to enable people to drive their cars, and to insure laborers of transportation to their work. Members of the state legislature have suggested that a special session be called to take action either to lower the license fees or to provide for their quarterly collection, but so far the governor has not responded favorably, hoping to take care of the matter without an expensive special session.

Richard Gray and his mother, Mrs. Charles E. Gray of this city, were in Medford Wednesday afternoon and attended the opening of the show "Grand Hotel," at the Craterian theatre.

Gold Hill and Butte Falls Split In Holiday Games

After dropping the first game of the weekend 18 to 11 Sunday afternoon, the Gold Hill baseball team came back strong Monday to break even in the two game series with the Butte Falls Loggers. The score on Monday was 11 to 7 with Gold Hill holding the long end. Both games were played on the Butte Falls diamond and Monday's contest was part of the Fourth of July celebration staged by that town.

The Sunday game looked like an easy victory for the local team as six runs were pushed over the plate in the initial inning. This lead was increased in the early part of the game. However Butte Falls rallied in the sixth and seventh frames combining hits with several Gold Hill errors to take the game. The batteries: Gold Hill—Kell and Coy; Butte Falls, Moore and Poole. Bailey replaced Kell in the pitcher's box in the seventh for Gold Hill.

With Bailey hurling in semi-pro style and his teammates playing a tight ball, the Gold Hill team looked like a different outfit Monday. Bailey limited the Loggers to five hits, striking out seven, and had the opposing batters looking weak on his fast ball. The Gold Hill aggregation was on a hitting spree and every member of the team rang up one or more hits, piling up more than 20 bingles off Larson, Butte Falls hurler. The batteries: Gold Hill—Bailey and Coy; Butte Falls—Larson and Poole.

Several from Gold Hill attended the games.

Plan Bond Issue to Meet Deficit In Highway Fund

A \$2,000,000 refund bond issue will be necessary to meet the anticipated shrinkage in automobile revenue by October 1, it was announced by the state highway commission at its meeting here. The bond issue matter was the first order of business and it is expected such an order will be made within the near future.

Bids for the issue will be called as soon as possible, the commission stated, but whether the issue will be all long term or part long and part short term bonds had not yet been decided.

Chairman Leslie Scott of the commission, basing his views upon estimates provided through cooperation of the department of state, declared the commission would be short about \$2,000,000 on October 1 of expected revenue at the time when the million dollar bond issue authorized last spring will fall due. This deficit would take into consideration a possible installment buying of automobile licenses now being considered by the governor and secretary of state.

The commission to date would receive about \$1,500,000 from sale of license plates, which is about \$1,750,000 under the anticipated amount Scott said. Also at the present time, due to the combination of emergency relief work and decrease in sale of licenses, the commission has expended \$250,000 in excess of revenues.

Mystery House Miner Wins Cross-Word Puzzle Prize

A check for \$100—prize money in a cross-word puzzle contest was received Tuesday by John Litster who lives on Sardine Creek near this city. The puzzle contest is a feature of the Liberty magazine and this particular puzzle appeared in the May 21 issue and the announcement of the winners was in the July 9 edition.

Mr. Litster, who is a writer by profession, lives in a cabin high in hills on the left fork of Sardine Creek, where he is seeking relief from tuberculosis.

Besides his writing, he spends much of his time at the House of Mystery, working with W. L. Van Houten. Mr. Litster has a placer outfit on Sardine Creek and the gold which he secures is an added attraction to tourists who visit the House of Mystery. Mr. Litster contributes articles and stories to many magazines and heads them as from the "House of Mystery Diggings."

Extra copies of the News on sale at Jim's Confectionery, each week.

Two Minor Accidents Near Gold Hill Over Holidays

Two minor accidents were reported here over the week-end, one on Sunday morning resulting in the arrest of Harry G. Hill, Foothills Creek resident, for failure to stop and render aid when his auto sideswiped one driven by L. D. Fornbrook of Medford.

The accident occurred near Sardine Creek bridge. Fornbrook was traveling west, and as Hill met him the two cars locked wheels, tearing off the hub cap from Fornbrook's car, but Hill did not stop. Fornbrook drove his car back to Gold Hill, but near Omar's Auto Park the wheel came off and a wrecker was called.

Hill is being held in the county jail pending further action and an investigation will be made, authorities say relative to a drunken driving charge.

The second accident occurred just beyond Bonney's Grill Saturday when a Cadillac with a California license blew a tire and crashed the guard rail, just in front of the Pfeiffer ranch. The speed of the car flung it free from the fence, however, and when it stopped it had turned completely around, but was still in an upright position.

The occupants, a woman and her two children were unhurt, and the only apparent injury to the car was a badly bent right fender. The tire was repaired at the Alaska Auto camp and the party immediately resumed their trip.

Rebekah President Visits Amethyst Lodge

Maude Rogers, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon for 1932 visited the local Rebekah lodge at a special meeting Saturday, July 2.

An interesting meeting was held, the president giving a resume of the work in general for the year. The Rogue River lodge also took part in the meeting.

Lovely refreshments were served by the local members after the meeting.

Fourth of July Holiday Takes Heavy Toll in U.S.

The United States held a violent celebration of the 156th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, with nearly 200 losing their lives and at least 1000 injured, in various cities.

Careless automobile driving on the holiday accounted for more than half of the deaths.

Fireworks took their usual toll and bootleg liquor caused more than the usual number of fatal holiday shooting affrays.

Drowning was the fate of several dozen.

Among the reports from various cities were:

Six youths blown to death by dynamite caps in Butte, Montana.

Ten were shot to death in the Kentucky mountain moonshine district.

Thirty-two met violent deaths along the Pacific coast, where nine were drowned at Tillamook, Oregon, when a fishing boat capsized. In the metropolitan area about New York 16 deaths were reported before sundown, eight in automobile accidents and eight from drowning.

Upstate New York listed a score of fatalities, most from automobiles.

Five were killed in Chicago automobile accidents.

The same number of deaths were reported from Iowa cities.

Eight were killed by automobiles in Detroit.

Five drowned at East Tawas, Michigan.

In several southern cities, in addition to the Kentucky deaths, three others were killed by shooting, five from automobiles, three from drowning and one from lightning. Seven were killed in traffic mishaps in Cleveland.

In Indiana cities four automobile deaths were reported, one man was killed by shooting and one from a fireworks explosion.

In Cincinnati the crash of a plane loaded with fireworks killed one.

Three were drowned at Strawberry Lake, Utah.

CREWS PATCH HIGHWAYS

State highway crews have been patching the Pacific highway between Gold Hill and Central Point the past week. Work has also been done on the Crater Lake highway. Work is progressing rapidly with the grading crews on the Sams Valley cutoff near Dodge bridge.

City Council Reduces Wage Scale 12 1/2c Hour

The Gold Hill city council met in the city hall Wednesday evening, the meeting taking place of the regular meeting night which came on July 4.

In line with other reductions of salaries all over the country the council voted to reduce the wage paid common labor from 50c an hour to 37 1/2c, and for skilled labor from 62 1/2c to 50c. This new scale will be put into effect on future work and will not affect the wages due men for work on the street and septic tank recently completed.

A committee composed of J. W. Bryan, Cleo Gilchrist and Albert Pankey was appointed by Mayor Ferguson to work in conjunction with the Commercial Club on the cemetery association plans.

Current bills were allowed and other minor business disposed of at the meeting.

Whitsets Enjoy Vacation in Portland and on Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Whitsett and Katherine Phillips returned last Thursday from a vacation trip that took them to Portland and down the scenic coast highway, which they report was very much enjoyed.

Leaving on Friday morning they drove to Portland, where they were guests of Mr. Whitsett's brother, W. Whitsett. During their visit they made the Mount Hood Loop trip which was a great treat.

They made a leisurely trip down the coast, stopping wherever they wished to enjoy the scenery and to dig clams or get crabs. At Gold Beach they visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hayes of this city who were on a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Force cared for the Whitsett ranch and foxes during their absence.

Many Students Have Perfect Attendance Records

Twenty-two Gold Hill students established perfect attendance records the past year, being neither absent nor tardy during the entire year. They are:

Sylvia Childers, Marjorie Cameron, La Vera Dungey, Roberta Mullin, Leah Norris, Leo Walker, Lois Cameron, Charlotte Walker, Homer Harrison, Ethel Henderson, Donald Dungey, Ruth Johnson, Kathleen Kegg, Frances Ross, Joe Smith, Lucille Rosencrans, Althea Betts, Winona Dungey, Beulah Rosencrans, Lucille Smith, Jean Smith.

Those who were absent one day or less were Lauraine Force, Mae Norris, La Vern Walker, Virginia Grimes, Laurene Kell, Bruce Kegg, Janet Mullin, Ruth Lance, Betty Pendleton, Leroy Ritter, Irene Morrow, James Cornutt.

There was an increase this year over last in average daily attendance of 22.3 for the grade school and 14.8 for the high school. There were also less absences the last school year in the high school than one year ago in spite of the increase in attendance.

Young People's Conference at Rogue River Attracts 100

The Presbyterian Young People's conference being held at Rogue River this week has attracted 100 delegates from Southwestern Oregon cities. Conference sessions began Monday and will last until next Monday. So far, Grants Pass, Medford and Klamath Falls are leading in number of delegates.

This is the third year of the young people's conference and this year promises to lead in attendance and interest. Dr. Van Nuy of Portland is dean and is popular with the young people. Adjoining buildings to the church are being used for dormitories for the delegates, one for the boys and one for the girls.

MAKE TRIP UP ROGUE

**Mine Promoters Seek Both
Land and Water Route to
Enable Development**

More agitation for a road down the Rogue from Grants Pass connecting with the Gold Beach-Agness road is being heard from time to time. According to a Gold Beach dispatch, it is reported that federal authorities have practically given approval of the Rock Creek route for the proposed road connecting Powers and Grants Pass, requiring 60 miles of new road with but one elevation of 2500 feet to cross.

Mining interests of the district which is claimed as one of the richest in Southern Oregon are urging some sort of transportation—either by land or water, and a party of seven made the up-river from Gold Beach to Blossom Bar—57 miles—last week and confirm findings of competent geologists and mining engineers of long experience.

The party consisted of Colonel J. C. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, Count and Mrs. Du Barry and Dr. and Mrs. Ames of Arizona and Larry Lucas.

Colonel Johnson foresees the development of the district into the greatest mineral wealth producing area in Oregon or in the entire United States. He bases his opinion on his own personal observation, and his knowledge of the district gained from the careful scrutiny of well-founded reports presented by competent geologists and mining experienced mining engineers. The entire district from Mule Creek, down to the developments near Brookings is laden with mineral wealth. Mule Creek and Mt. Emily districts, Mt. Emily at the southern extremity and Mule Creek at the northern end of this vast mineral zone, have received fir. attention toward development because of the fact, in the case of Mt. Emily, of a market road nearly to its base, and the Mule Creek area because of the meager transportation afforded by Rogue river.

Transportation is the chief problem confronting Curry county in developing these vast resources.

Colonel Johnson said: "It is my opinion that a road from Gold Beach to Grants Pass by way of the Mule Creek district, would be the best investment that Oregon or the United States could make at the present time. It would hurry a development of wonderful mineral resources such as exist nowhere else, and to which there is no equal. River and road transportation must come to make this district accessible. Senator Steiwer has already promised federal aid in a survey of the Mule Creek district, and aid in opening of the Rogue, making it more navigable. Until such a time as a road into the district has been constructed, river transportation must be developed. The Rogue must be made easily navigable from Illahe to Blossom Bar.

"From Gold Beach to Blossom Bar is a distance of 57 miles. At present mail service and regular transportation, by water, is furnished only as far as Agness, a distance of 32 miles. It sometimes takes as long as ten days for freight to be transported from Agness to Mule Creek. The freight must be packed by mule train. As there is no feed for the animals, one who is bringing in materials and supplies by mule train, must bring his own feed, making it doubly difficult. Too, there are no facilities for the transportation of the ore, and at present adequate machinery for large production cannot be established and operated. So it is that at present all mining operations in the district must be carried on under greatly limited circumstances. The development of river transportation must come first. As the district develops, roads must be established."

In relation to the trip itself, Mr. Johnson stated that the 57 miles of river scenery from Gold Beach to Blossom Bar make it "one of the

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