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## FIREBUG CASE HEARD HERE

### Crescent City Man Bound to Grand Jury; Four Lives Endangered

Nick Kayl, 65 Crescent City man, was bound over to the grand jury on a $5,000 bond after a hearing in justice court at Gold Hill Monday, and pleaded guilty to a charge of arson Tuesday, following his arrest last Saturday for setting fire to his house in Jacksonville and endangering the lives of Earl Bryant and family.

According to Mrs. Bryant, the cough of two-year-old Raymond who is ill with pneumonia is all that saved the family from a horrible death. She discovered one wall in flames when she arose to quiet the child. Delbert, aged four, was asleep nearby. A few minutes later the family would have been trapped.

Conclusive evidences of arson were found by the authorities who reported that a hole had been bored in the wall near a heating stove. Into the hole was placed pitch, oil-soaked yarn and other inflammable materials. Suspicion first turned to Mr. Kayl, owner of the house when a copy of the "Humboldt Times" and a letter addressed to him were found in the inflammable material. State police who checked Kayl's movements last week-end state that he was seen in Jacksonville Wednesday and that he left for Crescent City soon after the fire was discovered, as he was checked at the state line checking station Thursday. Other incriminating evidence obtained was wood of the texture as the house on the augur thought to have been used, and pitch was detected on Kayl's jackknife. Mr. Kayl held an insurance policy on the house for $1500, although it is assessed for $200. Insurance men state, however, that the actual value is considerably higher.

### Fourteen Enroll in Scout Troop Wednesday Eve

Fourteen enthusiastic boys enrolled as Boy Scouts at the first regular meeting held in the Scout rooms in the Odd Fellow building Wednesday evening.

Because of the snow and bad roads many were prevented from attending, and a second meeting is planned for Saturday morning in which others will sign up.

Executive Chairman M. B. Merriman, and Scout Master Jerome Abbott met with the boys and made plans for all scouts to secure handbooks which outline the work of the organization.

The meeting was brief, but more active steps will be taken Saturday when a good representation of boys in the community is expected.

Last Saturday a group put in good work cleaning the rooms to be used as club rooms, and more along this line will be done this week.

Boys who enrolled Wednesday are James Green, Leo Walker, Donald Skelton, Lyle Thompson, Donald Dungey, Jack Martin, Robert Mullin, Laverne Walker, Theodore Wharton, Raymond Blair, Laverne Dungey, Kenneth Ward and Marvin Betts.

### Fine Lodge Year in Prospect for Lodge

All officers of Odd Fellow Lodge No. 29 were present at the first meeting after installation, held Tuesday, January 17, and it is reported that prospects for the year are bright, with this meeting starting off with a bang. Plans were laid for the new term which promise something doing at every meeting so every member is urged to attend.

Sick committee for out-of-town members was appointed, including Geo. McDonaugh, Sams Valley, H. S. Moore, Evans Creek, C. W. Stumbo, Foots Creek.

Secretary Ross issues a challenge to the members, and in his own true style says "Boost, dam you, boost."

**Myrtle Point—City Meat Market completely renovated and refinished.**

### Thomason Now B. B. Coach; Announce Semester Schedule

The new semester has seen several changes in the curriculum of Gold Hill high school and under the new plan, Supt. J. A. Thomason becomes basketball coach, succeeding Jerome Abbott who will be busy with physical education in the grades and with mechanical drawing.

J. A. Thomason

The new schedule is as follows:

Superintendent Thomason—geography, civics, American history, basketball and publication of school paper.

Miss Cheney—Seventh grade penmanship and spelling, biology, English Two and Three, sociology, and girls' physical education.

Miss Hankey—Typing One and Two, English One, First year Shorthand, and seventh grade English.

Mr. Abbott—general science, seventh grade history, grade physical education, and volley ball, world history, commercial arithmetic and mechanical drawing.

Four new students have enrolled, three having attended previously, returning to complete their work. They are Leroy Tompkins and Glenn Lingren, seniors, and Bernard Wild, junior. The fourth is Wiley Davis who transfers from Central Point. Three graduated at mid-year term. They are Florence Walklin, Clair Johnson and Madge Croft, and Miss Croft plans to attend the rest of the year taking post graduate work. These students will take part in the graduation exercises in the spring.

Events of this semester now being planned are the junior and senior class plays, Miss Cheney to coach the juniors, and Miss Hankey the seniors.

At mid-term baseball and track teams will be organized, Mr. Abbott coaching baseball, with Mr. Thomason handling track activities.

### Six-Inch Snow Blanket Falls Wednesday; Closes Schools

The heaviest snow since 1926 fell in about three hours Wednesday morning, from six to nine o'clock, followed by flurries during the day, leaving about a six-inch blanket, much to the surprise of residents of this section, after a week of almost ideal balmy weather.

Because the snow was heavy and when packed became so slick as to make driving hazardous, school was dismissed until Monday, as the heavy school buses on their Wednesday trip had considerable difficulty and drivers reported that it was almost impossible to drive their routes without slipping into the ditch at least once or twice.

Most of the school children and a good many grown-ups are taking advantage of the snow to enjoy tobogganing, and Wednesday eve a gay party of about 30 were gathered on the hill above McCarter's for this unusual sport.

Several sleds were in use, including a large bob-sled. Spills were frequent but seemed to discourage no one, and if anyone was cold a huge bonfire at the top of the hill was ready for use.

Although Thursday the snow melted fast, the sport was still popular.

According to official reports highways were not blocked by the snow, and except for slippery pavement Wednesday before the snow plows got out, traffic was held up but little. Driving in the hill districts, however, was not so easy.

### Sheriff Recount Upheld; Hearing Within 2 Weeks

Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth last Friday denied a motion to quash the recount petition to settle the question of who is sheriff of Jackson county. Former Sheriff Jennings, write-in candidate, filed for a recount, as some votes were thrown out by counting boards, on the grounds that they were improperly marked, but Gordon L. Schermerhorn contends he won fairyl.

With this decision a hearing has been granted on any further proceedings in ten days or two weeks, when it is hoped the matter will be definitely settled.

## ODD BUT TRUE

## Beavers Win in One, Lose Two In Hard Schedule This Week

(By Wallace Iverson)

With three heavy games scheduled for the week, Gold Hill basketeers put up good fights against Ashland, Sams Valley and Central Point winning from Ashland, but losing to the other two teams.

They will meet Rogue River on the home floor Friday evening. This team is a traditional enemy. If the boys show the fight they have in other home competitions, everyone should be well satisfied, and the same large, cheering crowd is expected as has supported the team previously.

Accounts of the three games this week follow:

**Gold Hill 22, Ashland 8**

Running up a score of 22 to Ashland's 8 the Gold Hill high school Beavers defeated the Ashland Junior Cubs in a nonconference basketball game here last Friday night.

Another good crowd of local fans turned out to see Gold Hill forge ahead at the first of the game and hold a leading position until the final whistle sounded. The game was played in the Beaver's territory most of the time with both teams fighting hard.

The high school student body cheering section, led by James Gay and Dora Smith again put on a demonstration of school spirit that is a credit to any school. Their efforts surely aided the team in trimming the Ashlandites so decisively.

Herb Lingren was high scorer for Gold Hill with 10 points to his credit. Every other member of the team played a bang-up game to help trounce the Ashland cagers. Fowler was the leading point-gatherer for Ashland.

A lopsided game with the small Ashland second string beating their larger opponents from Gold Hill by a score of 17 to 5 made up the preliminary fray.

Ernest Ross was referee for the first string game with Woodie Shaver handling the opener.

Following is the official box score for both games:

| Ashland J. H. S.—8 | | Beavers—22 |
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| Schelling | F | D. Walker, 5 |
| Fowler, 6 | F | L. Walker, 4 |
| Scott, 2 | C | Hammersly, 3 |
| Scherfy | G | Horton |
| Pickney | G | Lingren, 10 |

Subs— Ashland: Demere, Horne, Mayberry.

| Ashland 2nds—17 | | G. H. 2nds—5 |
|---|---|---|
| Mayberry, 13 | F | Robinson, 3 |
| Warren, 2 | F | C. Johnson |
| Bromley, 2 | C | B. Johnson |
| Horne | G | Cornutt |
| Abel | G | Horton, 2 |

Subs—Gold Hill: C. Ritter and B. Gay.

**Drop Sams Valley Double Header**

In a doubleheader played on Sams Valley's court Saturday night the Gold Hill first and second teams dropped a pair of games by scores of 33 to 18 and 12 to 11, respectively.

Outweighed by about ten pounds to the man the Beavers put up a good fight for the first three quarters of the game keeping the score about even. During the last few minutes of play the boys weakened and the Sams Valley ball tossers ran up the high score.

Lingren scored eight points for the Beavers while Lewis Dusenberry headed the basketshooters from the valley with 13 points to his credit.

The preliminary, made up of both school's second teams was a much closer game. The score was about even for the greater part of the contest and not until the last few minutes did the Sams Valley boys nose out the locals for a 12 to 11 victory.

Box scores follow:

| S. Valley—33 | | Beavers—18 |
|---|---|---|
| L. Dus'nber'y. 13 | F | D. Walker, 4 |
| Lloyd Dusenb'y, 9 | F | L. Walker |
| Boreson, 1 | C | Hammersly |
| Thoushen, 10 | G | Horton |
| Sapraida | G | Lingren, 8 |

Subs—Gold Hill: Robinson 6, C. Ritter and B. Johnson.

| S. V. Seconds—12 | | G. H. Seconds—11 |
|---|---|---|
| Wright, 4 | F | Robinson, 4 |
| Fredenburg, 6 | F | C. Johnson |
| Melton | C | B. Johnson, 2 |
| Fitzgerald, 2 | G | Horton, 3 |
| Smith | G | C. Ritter |

Subs—Gold Hill: L. Walker, D. Walker and Lingren 2.

Referee—Buck Holtz.

**Central Point Giants Win 49-15**

The two fast Central Point squads administered drubbings to both of Gold Hill's teams in their second conference competition, Tuesday. The locals were again outweighed, and though they put up a game fight could not match their opponents.

The first team score was 49-15, while the second team game resulted in a 20 to 8 victory for C. P.

### First Aid Class Learns How to Bandage, Tues.

The recently-organized First Aid class held its regular meeting Tuesday evening with an attendance of twenty-two including teachers of Rogue River and Gold Hill. The work is also open to all parents interested.

County Health Dr. C. L. Drummond and Miss Sybil Walker of Medford demonstrated as the main subject, "How to Apply Bandages."

After the meeting refreshments were served by Miss Albertina Hankey, Miss Rhoda Cheney and Mrs. Maude Robinson. The next meeting will be at Rogue River next Tuesday evening when Mr. Bullis of Copco will be present.

### Small Blaze at Meat Market Damages Belts

Fire caused by a "short circuit in an electric machine at the Gold Hill Meat Market last Saturday was extinguished without calling out the department. Other than burning two machine belts and blackening the walls and ceiling of the back part of the building, no damage was suffered.

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### GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Mrs. Pena, Captain

At our regular Thursday noon meeting the following leaders and seconds were elected for each patrol:

Tulip—Louise Smith, Margaret Braden.

Canary—Eva Romell, Vernice Martin.

Evergreen — Ann Kegg, Arlene Cameron.

Star — Ruth Lance, Sylvia Croft.

The Tulip patrol taught the troop a contest game of Scout knowledge baseball. The study time was spent in learning the Morse alphabet.

At last we are to have a regular meeting place. We are very happy over this and all whole-heartedly thank the I.O.O.F. lodge.

We noticed a good place for a stove, and if someone has an idle cook stove it would add greatly to our equipment.

Each meeting the patrol in charge will have the fun of getting the hall ready and supply the wood.

Our Troop will only meet two meetings a month in the hall and will still have two non meetings at school. We hope to have an open house work time one period a week after school.

## COUNTY MASS MEET TONITE

### Kelley to Address Legion-Sponsored Meet in Campaign Against Unrest

A mass meeting of citizens of Jackson county will be held in the Armory at Medford this (Thursday) evening. The purpose of the meet is to discuss some of the causes of the political unrest in the county, and to clear up much of the misinformation and misunderstanding concerning the county government.

Attorney E. E. Kelley, active in democratic political circles, who was heard here in the political campaign for Roosevelt last fall will be the main speaker.

Medford and Ashland Legion posts are cooperating in the move, which will be the opening gun of the Legion campaign to combat what they term as "false and vicious propaganda" that has been sown over Jackson county for the better part of three years through the editorials of L. A. Banks in his Daily News columns.

The Legion holds that the propaganda is responsible in a large measure for the turmoil and unfavorable publicity in Jackson county. The organizations propose to launch a campaign of education, informing the people of Jackson county of the facts concerning the present situation, and to correct misstatements and untruths.

According to a statement made by a member of the Legion committee, there is no quarrel with County Judge Fehl, for he has been duly elected by the vote of the people, but they do not propose to continue to let Banks, who has no constituted authority, issue false propaganda and stir up such gatherings as that of last Thursday, without taking some steps to counteract his efforts.

The Legion has been busy since the protest demonstration at the county seat last Thursday. This group, which varied from 600 to 2000, according to different spectators, (and Banks reported 3,000) presented petitions for the resignation of County Commissioner R. E. Nealon, whose recent appointment precipitated the fuss, and County Attorney George Codding, duly elected last fall, but who offended Banks supporters and some followers of Fehl when he upheld the appointment of Nealon.

A Legion committee has been analyzing the petition signatures numbering 869, and have disclosed that about half are not listed on the tax rolls; that about 200 are not registered voters; and at tonight's meeting figures are expected to be given to show just how many signers are now receiving help from the county.

It is stated that 223 of the signatures were secured from people in the Rogue River and Wimer district.

A large crowd is expected at tonight's meeting, and many who wish to hear both sides of the case will be present.

### MRS. RENA DAVIS HOSTESS TO PAST NOBLE GRANDS

The Past Noble Grands club met with Mrs. Rena Daivs last Thursday afternoon. Those attending were Mesdames Lily Carter, Etta Carter, Pearl Ferguson, Ada Cook, Elinor Force, Viola Moore, Evelyn Thompson, Lucy Mee, Edith Cameron, Dora Hammersly, Kate Ross, and the hostess, Rena Davis.

### HEALTH UNIT AT BLAIR HOME NEXT TUESDAY

The home of Mrs. Joe Blair will be opened to members of the Gold Hill health unit for its first after-Christmas meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

Materials for more sewing have been obtained and members are reminded to bring needle, thread, scissors and thimble.

**Marshfield — Repair work on railway roadbed at north entrance to town completed.**