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WOULD OUST SCHERMERHORN

DUNCAN RECOMMENDS TEMPORARY SUSPENSION TO GOV. MEIER

Temporary suspension of Gordon L. Schermerhorn from his office of sheriff of Jackson county is recommended by Judge W. M. Duncan in a report to Governor Meier this week. Duncan was appointed by the governor some time ago to investigate charges of inefficiency made against Schermerhorn by members of the county court, and in a petition backed by the Committee of 100.

Duncan recommended that Schermerhorn be suspended for a period not to exceed 90 days, or until the peace officers of Jackson county and the state of Oregon are able "to cope properly with this deplorable situation."

It is reported that Governor will not act on Duncan's report until he has conferred with Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle.

Schermerhorn is charged with being involved with the faction that has been charged with the ballot stealing, and in the hearing it was alleged that he had shown favoritism in handling prisoners, and that he had "otherwise obstructed enforcement of criminal laws."

It is believed that the governor will appoint a successor during the period of suspension, after which Schermerhorn can be reinstated unless he is found guilty, or otherwise disqualified. He would draw his regular salary while suspended, under the Oregon law.

Other developments in the sheriff case this week, were the withdrawal of his bonding company of the \$15,000 in bonds which covered his duties as tax collector. Previously the bonding company which held the \$10,000 bond for fulfillment of his duties as sheriff canceled its obligation.

Cases against those indicted for the ballot theft are being held in circuit court as quickly as possible.

The case of State of Oregon vs. L. A. Banks and Edith R. Banks for the murder of Officer Geo. Prescott who went to the Banks home to arrest Banks on the ballot charge, is set for April 10. It is thought his attorneys may plead insanity, but it is understood that he prefers to maintain that he was "defending his home."

Affidavits of prejudice have been filed by Judge Fehl, Walter J. Jones of Rogue River, Henrietta B. Martin and her father, C. H. Brown against Judge W. M. Duncan. Fehl and Jones are allegedly involved in the ballot theft and Mrs. Martin and her father are held on a disorderly conduct charge in connection with the horsewhipping of Editor Leonard Hall, as well as other charges growing out of the county political row. Virgil Edington of Gold Hill, who is charged with aiding in the ballot theft pleaded not guilty last week.

L.O.O.F. LODGE NEWS

Our meeting Tuesday evening was a hurried affair as part of the members went to Medford and part to Rogue River to visit.

The committee on the anniversary celebration reports that it will be held in Ashland, April 27. Gold Hill and Medford will furnish cake and salad. Jacksonville, and Central Point, pies and salad. Ashland will take care of the arrangements. There will be another meeting of committees in Medford next Tuesday evening to finish plans of entertainments.

The visitors to Rogue River lodge reported a good time.

Toney Ross, Secy.

TENNIS COURT BEING BUILT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Through labor and funds made available under the new plan of relief work, a crew of men are working this week constructing a tennis court on the school grounds.

A double court is planned and it is being laid out on ground adjoining the gymnasium, formerly used as a parking space.

Two Hurt in Sunday Crash at Tolo Crossing

Two Grants Pass people, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Haman, were injured in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon at the Tolo overhead crossing near Gold Hill.

Rev. Haman suffered a broken wrist and forearm and Mrs. Haman received minor injuries to her head and one hand.

Report of the accident filed Monday was that the car in which Rev. and Mrs. Haman were passengers, and which was driven by Rev. G. H. Redden of Bend, Oregon, attempted to pass a car driven by J. C. Havens of Grants Pass, just as he started to make a left hand turn at the intersection below the overhead bridge.

Havens' machine was not badly damaged, but the other car turned once and a half times around, and turned over.

Occupants of Haven's car were uninjured.

High School Baseball Team Loses to Ashland 5 to 0

Gold Hill high school opened its baseball season last Friday when the Beavers played the Ashland high school on the Ashland diamond. The score at the end of the game stood 5 to 0 in favor of the Grizzlies.

Gold Hill was let down with one hit which came in the sixth inning when Kell, catcher, singled to left field, off Hoxie.

The game was a seven inning affair, with Hardy and Hoxie whiffing seven. Bill Hammersly of Gold Hill struck out twelve.

The score.

	R.	H.	E.
Ashland	5	5	3
Gold Hill	0	1	6

Batteries: Hardie and Hoxie, Fowler and Gearhart, Hammersly and Kell.

Alvin Tollefson Becomes Number in State Prison

L. Alvin Tollefson, former cashier of the closed State bank of Central Point, reported to the warden of the state prison at Salem last Friday, and was "dressed in" on that date, to serve a two years and six months sentence, for perpetration of a bank robbery hoax, on May 10 last. Word to this effect was received today by county authorities from the prison superintendent.

Tollefson went alone to the "Big House". His commitment papers were forwarded to the prison officials and were waiting when he arrived. It was at his own request he was allowed to go without guard to the penitentiary. Many men who have fallen from grace have been allowed the same right, when their crimes were not those of violence, or involving flouting the public good. He also desired to evade the dramatics and publicity, that his commitment would occasion, if the usual routine was followed.

Tollefson, in accordance with prison rules will be confined in the "fish cell" for ten days, with other new prisoners. There he will learn the prison routine and rules. At the end of this period he will be assigned to the clerical department of the prison—his civil life pursuit.

Under Oregon law, and as a first offender, Tollefson will be amenable to parole after he has served half his sentence, with time off for good behavior. This will be in ten months, from the date of his prison entry.

Tollefson is married, and a former University of Oregon student, where he was a tennis star. As cashier of the Central Point bank, he reported shortly after noon on May 10 last, that a lone unmasked bandit, entered the bank, and at the point of a revolver held him up and robbed the bank. State police immediately became suspicious, and the next day, Tollefson admitted the hoax to cover his own defalcations. All the money was recovered, most of it hidden in a coffee pot at the Tollefson's home.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL
Roland Thompson returned to his home on Blackwell Hill Sunday after an operation for appendicitis at the Sacred Heart hospital about three weeks ago.

RUSH FOREST WORK PLANS

MEN IN FORESTS ON SOME PROJECTS BY APRIL 15. IS AIM

Plans to put the forest recruits of the forest conservation corps at work in national forests by April 15 were drawn Monday at a conference of regional chiefs of the U. S. forest service in Washington, D. C.

Major R. Y. Stuart, head of the service, directed the regional foresters to prepare data for presentation later in the day showing the exact projects that may be started by that date and the number of men needed to execute each.

Many of the projects planned for the summer can not be started by mid April because of mountain snows, the need for more time to move equipment and to set up camps. Listing the projects on which work can be immediately started was undertaken in order to prevent delay in putting President Roosevelt's forest conservation—unemployment aid program into effect quickly.

The labor department hastened plans for setting up a system for registering applicants for jobs. After recruiting the men will be encamped at army posts for the shortest time needed for physical examinations and conditioning.

Those attending Monday's conference included these regional chiefs: Even W. Kelley of Missoula, Mont.; Frank C. W. Pooler, Albuquerque, New Mexico; S. B. Shaw, San Francisco; C. J. Buck, Portland, Oregon, and Charles H. Flory, Juneau, Alaska.

Representatives of forest experiment stations and inspectors who coordinate state and federal forest fire protection measures and other projects under the Clark-McNary law also attended.

Nature Rivals Burbank and Grows Oak Limb on Fir Tree

—Shades of Luther Burbank.
A natural phenomenon worthy of the attention of Ripley's Believe It or Not cartoons has been found on Blackwell hill recently a dispatch from Medford Tuesday of this week states.

A tree with a trunk about four feet high has a horizontal branch of oak, while the trunk of the tree ascending above the branch is fir. The Medford Chamber of Commerce plans to send a photograph of the unusual tree to Ripley's New York office.

Legion Will Aid in Camp Entertainment

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., April 1 Entertainment for hundreds of Oregon and Washington high school boys attending the annual Citizens' Military camp here this summer is to be provided in part by American Legion posts in the two states, it was announced today by camp authorities under direction of Brigadier-General Stanley H. Ford.

The offer of co-operation has been extended by E. J. Brugger, chairman of the Oregon Legion's national defense committee, and Carl Mosier, state adjutant; and the plan calls for one entertainment program each of the four weeks of the camp, with each of the four nights' schedules being under the direction of one group of Legion posts. The Barracks commander expressed himself as much pleased with this arrangement, which has not been undertaken previously.

SCOUTS PLAN HIKE

The Boy Scouts continued their tenderfoot tests at their meeting Tuesday evening. The section of the test this week had to do with the flag. Next week the tests will be completed when the boys tie the various Scout knots. A hike is planned for the near future which the boys have shown a great interest in.

CITY PLANS BEER LAWS

ALLOW SALE HERE UNDER FEDERAL LAW UNTIL ORDINANCE IS DRAWN

Steps to regulate the sale of beer in Gold Hill were taken by the city council at their regular meeting Monday evening. The ordinance cannot be put into effect at once due to legal procedure which must be complied with, and until then, the council agreed that local dealers can handle beer subject to their approval under the federal law effective April 7.

Attorney Gus Newbury of Medford was chosen to draw up the ordinance in legal form. The measure will provide:

Licenses of \$20 must be paid by dealers selling draught beer, or for consumption on the premises. Ten dollars will be the license fee for dealers selling only in the package or original container and not consumed on premises.

Licenses are payable semi-annually.

Other provisions which will be incorporated into the ordinance are that beer shall not be sold to anyone under 21 years of age. (The federal law sets the age limit at 18 years.) Nothing stronger than 3.2% beer can be sold, and the sale is prohibited in dance halls in the city.

The ordinance will further provide that no blinds shall be placed so that the view into the place of business selling beer shall be obstructed.

An underground tank is being installed at Omer's Auto park this week and other filling station equipment will soon be in place for the convenience of tourists who stop at the park and other patrons.

Story of Purple Snow Here Reprinted in Pennsylvania

News of the purple colored snow which was found in the H. E. Wharton yard in Gold Hill in January, and which received much publicity in papers of this section, has penetrated as far east as Pennsylvania, according to a dispatch in the Grants Pass Courier this week.

That office received a clipping from Carrolltown, Pennsylvania dated March 29, in which the item about the unusual snow here was carried.

Music Teachers and Bus Driver Re-Hired

The music department of Gold Hill schools will remain the same as in previous years, the directors decided at a special meeting last Friday when they retained Mrs. Minnie Guy and R. A. Botts as instructors. Both are part time employees, Mrs. Guy teaching glee club and other vocal work, while Mr. Botts is orchestra instructor.

It had previously been recommended that a full time teacher who would live in Gold Hill should be employed.

Contracts for other members of the faculty were signed, and Clinton Walker was retained as bus driver, taking a cut in salary from \$195 to \$110.

"SPID" MERRIMEAN RUSHED TO HOSPITAL AFTER HEMORRHAGE

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Merriman and Mrs. Geo. Hammersly will leave tonight for Portland where Mr. Merriman will enter the Veterans' hospital. Mr. Merriman, who has been in poor health for some time, suffered a severe hemorrhage this morning. He was recently appointed on the local relief committee as legion representative and had gone to the office of Bertha Coy to assist in the work, when he became sick.

General Repair, Second-Hand Store Opened Here

A new store is being opened this week in Gold Hill by W. W. Tranah of Chicago, who has been here for some time visiting Clarence Cook, and who likes the country so well that he has decided to stay.

Mr. Tranah will conduct a second-hand exchange, and will do radio, electrical and furniture repair work. His shop will be located in the building formerly occupied by the Davis shoe repair shop.

Mr. Tranah has had considerable experience in the East and is an expert on radios, having been in the radio manufacturing business in Chicago. He was also with the Eastman Kodak company in that city for many years.

Mr. Tranah states that he is equipped to give this community an unusually high type of service in his lines, and invites the people to come in and get acquainted.

Steps Taken to Organize Town Baseball Team

The first steps to organize a town baseball team were taken Wednesday night when thirteen interested players met in the barber shop to draw up plans for the coming season.

Dan McCarter, who was manager of last year's team was re-elected to fill that post and Seth Coy was chosen secretary-treasurer.

It was suggested by one of the members that the Commercial club be invited to sponsor the team this season. Plans were also made to hold a smoker soon in order to raise needed funds.

Those who attended the first meeting are: Woodie Shaver, Logan Gardner, Clarence Kell, Clyde Kell, Lester Foley, Marvin Emory, Delos Walker, Meritt Little, Wilmer Bailey, Dick McKay, Seth Coy, Bill Hammersly and Dan McCarter.

57 Men on Ashland-Talent Road Work

Work on the 1.6 miles of new highway construction north of Ashland is steadily progressing. Fifty-seven men are being employed at present, although a few more will be required when paving is begun. About one-third of the excavation work has been completed and early this week the huge shovel was moved to the Billings property for excavation at that point.

One shovel, eight trucks, and one big caterpillar tractor are being used for the work.

Piling for the north bridge, that nearer Talent, has been driven, and the driving of piling for the south bridge was begun today.

Seymour Washburn and E. C. Hall are contractors on the highway and bridge work.

License Plates for 1933 Are Orange and Black

The new automobile license plates for issuance July for the half year will be orange and black, it was announced at Salem this week. These licenses will be for July 1 to January 1 and will cost \$5. Succeeding years, the licenses will \$5 for the full year.

The state board of control has placed an order for 250,000 pairs of plates with Irwin-Hodson, Portland, the firm which has manufactured plates for the state the past few years. The new plates will cost less than 8 cents a pair, which is less than in other years. Only one other bid was received.

OREGON ORATORS BEST ON COAST

Eugene, Ore.—David G. Wilson, Portland, won the Pacific Coast championship trophy and a cash prize of \$25 at the annual extempore speaking contest held on the University of Oregon campus during the conference of the Pacific Coast Forensic League recently. John Hamilton, Oregon State College, won second.

Support your home-town paper.—Tell them "I saw your ad in the Gold Hill News."

MINING CLASS WORKING HERE

FIFTEEN MEN GET FIELD WORK IN OLD COLVIG GULCH ON C. E. GRAY RANCH

Field work for one of the gold mining classes sponsored by the Southern Oregon Mining association and the state vocational education department is being obtained on the C. E. Gray ranch near this city, where a crew of ten to fifteen men are employed.

The men are working under the direction of J. V. Neff, an experienced miner, and are placing in what is known as the old Colvig gulch. All but two of the men are novices at mining, but they are taking hold of the work with remarkable enthusiasm.

Beginning the work last Friday, they have already cleared a good space along the creek that runs through the gulch, and the first of the week constructed a fifty-foot sluice box, after diverting the water with a small dam.

The ground is considered as reasonably rich placer ground and as it has never been worked by the many transient miners because it has been deeded property for many years, the group hopes to make a good showing with their project.

A test pan Wednesday morning yielded fifteen cents in fine gold.

The mining association has taken the right to work the property until July 3 of this year, and will use it for field work for many of the men who desire to learn the art of placer mining.

Mr. Gray has also given the men permission to sink test holes in his field below the irrigation ditch which is thought to be the old river channel, and where the bedrock should yield rich deposits of gold.

The work of the association is being done with the hope that every idle man in Jackson county will be put to work profitably working the known placer deposits in the county. It is an established fact, men in charge state, that there is plenty of this ground that is rich enough to yield a living, if the men have a reasonable knowledge of how to work it.

The men, as a group, seem to be very much interested in their lessons, and are glad of the opportunity to be able to do something which will enable them to become self-supporting. Many of them have received aid from the county this winter, and are now anxious to get out and work for their supplies.

Extension Home Council Formed by Oregon Women

A state home economics extension council for Oregon was organized at the third annual conference for the study of home interests held at Oregon State college early in April. The purpose of the council, which includes representatives from every county maintaining extension work in home economics, is to encourage adult education in this field.

Heading the list of state officers is Miss Alice Hanley of Jackson county as honorary president. Miss Hanley, sister of the noted "Bill" Hanley of Burns, has been active in county home economics extension activities since 1918. Other officers are Mrs. Ralph Laird, Lane county, president; Mrs. Vern Livesay, Deschutes, and Mrs. Alice Lindsay, Josephine, vice-presidents; Mrs. G. W. Thiessen, Clackamas, secretary; Mrs. O. H. Schwerdtman, Multnomah, treasurer, and Mrs. A. M. Winn, Columbia, recorder.

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Kenneth Ward entertained a group of friends at a party on his twelfth birthday April 3. Games were played and refreshments served. The guests were Eva Romell, Eileen Shorb, Sylvia Croft, Vernice Martin, Mildred Smith, Roberta Mullin, Marjorie Cameron, Dale Clement, Billy Betts, Donald Dungey, Lavern Walker, Buster Mullin, Kenneth Cardin, Paul Hatton, Frank Walklin, Jack Martin and Mrs. Marjorie Pena.