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## To Hold Fair In Gold Hill September 22-23

### 200 ATTEND IOWA PICNIC

Come from 17 Towns; Permanent Organization Formed

More than 200 people from 17 Oregon towns, and all parts of Iowa, attended the first annual Iowa picnic in southern Oregon, originated and sponsored by former Iowans of Gold Hill, held here last Sunday, August 6.

The event was a success in every way, being featured by a big picnic dinner at 1:30, which was followed by an impromptu program contributed by various people attending.

**Impromptu Program**  
Entertainment included singing the Iowa Corn song and a parody about Oregon led by M. F. Sheets of Medford. Mr. Sheets is a member of the Medford Gleemen, and a talented musician. Miss Leonie Hull of Grants Pass then read an original poem on Iowa which was inspired by the picnic. Mrs. C. Vroman of Gold Hill contributed two poems in her inimitable manner, and Mr. Curtis Miller, a Civil War veteran, sang two songs of that war.

Wm. Lee Greenleaf entertained with a selection, "Hoosier Echoes," written by Tack Hussey of Des Moines, Iowa, when the two were in school together there. Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf are vacationing at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Greenleaf Smith at the home ranch on the Old Stage road near Gold Hill, following an extended tour of west coast schools and colleges where Mr. Greenleaf gives Shakespearean readings.

Mrs. Smith also read a short selection "Tamin' a Coquette," by the negro poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar. The poem, "The Lightning Rod Dispenser," was given by Oliver Rogers of Medford, to close an altogether enjoyable program.

**Many Make New Friends**  
The main diversion of the day, of course was visiting about "the folks back home" and many new friendships were formed because people found that they were "friends of friends of each other back east."

Everyone expressed delight with the affair, and extended a hearty vote of thanks to Gold Hill and to Mrs. Celia Combest of the Gold Hill Auto park who so graciously offered the accommodations of her tourist park for the picnic.

Because of the success of this first picnic, a permanent organization was formed, including an executive committee of nine members, from various communities represented, with C. H. Demaray, of Grants Pass as chairman. Other members are Oliver Rogers, Medford; Frank Henspeter, Jacksonville; Mrs. John Marion, Butte Falls; W. H. Norcross, Central Point; Mrs. N. B. Newcomb, Eagle Point; Mrs. R. E. Blankenburg, Gold Hill; R. A. Pierce, Rogue River; E. J. Brown, Applegate. Mrs. Blankenburg was made secretary.

**In Grants Pass Next Year**  
On invitation of Mr. Demaray, the committee voted to hold the next picnic at the city park in Grants Pass the third Sunday in August next year. Mr. Demaray is president of the Grants Pass chamber of commerce, and promises the cooperation of their entire city in putting over next year's picnic in a big way.

Gold Hill receives entire credit for establishing the Southern Oregon Iowa picnic, the idea having first been mentioned last winter at a party for R. C. Martin, when R. E. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kenaston discussed the possibilities. The idea lay dormant for several months, however, until fine picnic weather recalled it, and Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Kenaston enlisted other local Iowans to help with plans.

Names of those attending the picnic, Sunday, who signed the register are given on page 3.

### Lively Lime Reorganizes; Will Expand Plant Here

A local indication of the new era in business is the announcement this week of the reorganization and proposed enlargement of the Lively Lime company here.

J. Madison Lively, president, announces that Mr. Chas. G. Huber of Portland is secretary-treasurer of the new corporation and Alonzo J. Larson of Seattle will be the new resident general manager.

Under the new organization, extensive improvements are planned at the quarry, and with the new trend in business, the company looks forward to greatly expanding their output.

A crew of four surveyors are here this week surveying a new road into the quarry which is located on Kanes creek, and another lime deposit will be opened up. They will also enlarge the kiln to take care of the heavier production, bunkers will be changed, and storage bins will be built at Gold Hill to facilitate quick filling of orders.

### Medford Rogues Next on Gold Hill Ball Schedule

The "big" game, that Gold Hill baseball fans have looked forward to for some time has been arranged for next Sunday at the Jackson county fairgrounds when the Gold Hill baseball team will meet Medford.

The Medford team has just completed its schedule in the league and will have a fast lineup to meet the local sluggers. Gold Hill has won 18 victories without a taste of a loss this season and will be playing hard Sunday to protect that record.

Medford will have McLean, star Indian hurler on the mound. McLean has been signed by the San Francisco Seals and will report this fall. Whether he will be able to put the "Indian sign" on the hard-hitting Gold Hill team remains to be seen.

As usual Manager Thompson of the Gold Hill team will use the very same lineup, which consists of all home talent players. Gold Hill fans are urged to attend the game en masse, and boost for the local boys.

The game is scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m., with an admission charge of 25 cents, it was stated.

### Fleming Wins Judgment In Dispute Over Hay

Silas Fleming of the Riverside colony Monday won a judgment against J. M. Franklin of the same neighborhood in a civil suit in Judge Reed's court, brought to settle a dispute over hay.

The trouble arose following Franklin's recent purchase of a ranch up Miller's gulch from J. J. Hill. Mr. Hill had leased hay land to Mr. Fleming, but when the time came to cut the hay, Franklin, it was alleged, claimed possession and that because there was no written lease, he had all rights to the land.

Evidence was brought out that Franklin had known of the previous hay transaction, and the court held that the verbal lease was binding, and awarded Fleming \$50 damages in the case, Franklin also to pay the costs.

O. J. Millard of Grants Pass represented the defense.

### GOLD HILL BATTING AVERAGES

|           | AB | Hits | Avg. |
|-----------|----|------|------|
| Dorman    | 4  | 3    | .750 |
| Force     | 50 | 22   | .440 |
| T. Kell   | 55 | 24   | .436 |
| Foley     | 78 | 28   | .359 |
| Hittle    | 38 | 13   | .342 |
| Emory     | 87 | 29   | .333 |
| Moore     | 6  | 2    | .333 |
| Lingren   | 3  | 1    | .333 |
| Nolan     | 32 | 10   | .312 |
| C. Kell   | 83 | 26   | .311 |
| D. Walker | 10 | 3    | .300 |
| Gardner   | 83 | 24   | .289 |
| Hammersly | 50 | 14   | .280 |
| Shaver    | 66 | 18   | .273 |
| Coy       | 56 | 15   | .268 |
| Team avg. |    |      | .335 |

### BALLOT THIEVES ARE SENTENCED

Court Cleans Slate of Aftermath of Fehl-Banks Clan; Many to State Prison

Disposal of the cases arising out of the theft of the general election ballots last winter, and dismissal of several indictments against lesser figures in the crime this week practically cleared the court docket of these cases.

#### Fehl Gets 4 Year

County Judge Earl H. Fehl, who was this week succeeded by Earl B. Day of Gold Hill, faces a four-year term in the state penitentiary for his part as the "brains" of the theft. It was brought out in his trial that he and Lewellyn A. Banks, former Medford editor, now convicted of killing Constable Geo. Prescott when he attempted to arrest Banks on a ballot theft indictment, were leaders in the plot.

Gordon L. Schermerhorn, ex-sheriff received a 3-year sentence. It was because former Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings, a candidate against Schermerhorn in the fall election, had asked for a recount of the ballots that they were stolen.

Arthur La Dieu, former business manager of Banks' paper, the Medford Daily News, and one of his right hand men is to serve not to exceed four years. He aided in the theft and destruction of the ballots, driving a car to the mouth of Galls Creek near Gold Hill and dumping the ballot pouches into Rogue River.

W. H. Jones, ex-mayor of Rogue River, who superintended the stealing and gave the signal for entering the vault, received the same term as La Dieu.

#### Leniency for Brecheen

Tom Brecheen of Ashland, a close associate of Fehl who also helped plan the theft, was given 18 months. This leniency was in recognition of the fact that he pleaded guilty and saved the expense of the trial. The court also stated that Brecheen was not an habitual trouble maker, as were some of the other participants.

C. Jean Connors, a young man who had been active in the "Good Government congress, the organization which spread much of the political unrest, was sentenced to 3 years, but was paroled to Attorney Von Schmalz of Burns, a member of the defense counsel throughout the ballot trials. Connors pleaded guilty to help steal the ballots.

#### Sexton Brothers Paroled

Mason and Wilbur Sexton, two youths, who did the actual stealing, entering the vault and passing the pouches out through the window and later helping to destroy them were sentenced and paroled. Mason's sentence called for not to exceed three years in prison. His younger brother, Wilbur was given one year. Both were paroled to County Engineer Paul Rynning.

Wesley McKittrick, known as "captain of the Banks guards," was sentenced to one year. He assisted with the theft and destruction of the ballots.

R. C. Cummings, employe of ex-Mayor Jones, and Earl Bryant and James D. Gaddy pleaded guilty to minor parts in the theft. They were each given two years and paroled to Colonel E. E. Kelly.

#### Gold Hill Boy Freed

Virgil Edington of Gold Hill, a former Banks follower, who accompanied La Dieu on his ballot-destroying expedition to the mouth of Galls Creek, was freed and the indictment against him dismissed early in the cases, when he turned state's witness.

Criminal libel and criminal syndicalism and ballot theft indictments against L. A. Banks were dismissed by the court as were a criminal libel indictment against Leonard Hall, editor of the Jacksonville Miner, and criminal syndicalism in-

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### Henrietta Captured; On Display At News Office

Would you like to have a look at Henrietta? Then come over to the News office where you will find her basking in the sun in the front window. Two local citizens, Raymond Ritter and Clarence Cook, made the brave capture in the wilds of upper Sardine Creek Wednesday afternoon.

Eight rattles and a button adorn her and for old times sake she has been named Henrietta. And what's more she's alive too, but don't worry she won't strike as the cell she's in keeps people safe. Henrietta might rattle at you though as she has been doing in parts of the county for several months.

Now, however, with the rest of her kind far away, she is harmless.

### Council Takes Action to Recover Money Illegally Invested in Loan Company

Formal demand that money illegally invested in the Benefit Savings and Loan company of Portland be returned to the City of Gold Hill was made this week. Action was taken by the city council after considerable discussion at the regular meeting of that body Monday evening.

The city of Gold Hill has been creating a sinking fund for the purpose of retiring water bonds by investing money in the Portland company. It was discovered it was illegal for any city to enter into a contract with companies of this kind. Although the discovery was made about seven weeks ago action to recover the money was not taken until Monday evening.

Approximately \$12,000 is on deposit in the name of the city of Gold Hill. The contract with the loan company has been in effect for several years and was thought to be in conformity with state laws.

A motion was also made at the meeting that the finance committee submit a plan for retiring city bonds as they come due. As it now stands a new plan of creating a sinking fund will have to be made.

The council instructed Marshal Eber Davis to use men supplied by the county relief organization to cut the wood cleared from the city park grounds, and to clear the road between the two blocks included in the park system.

### Will Dispatch Mail On No. 8 Sundays

Mail will be made up on Sunday morning to be dispatched on train No. 8 going north at 10:50. Postmaster Nellie Reed announced last week, this service having been inaugurated last Sunday, August 6.

This additional service was put into effect in accordance with a postal ruling received here August 1. Mail pouches for No. 8 close at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Reed also announces that she will further accommodate patrons by distributing the mail from the evening train Saturday night, and the early morning train.

### Move Mill to Old Braden; Test Run Is Satisfactory

The new-type mill which was recently installed at the mouth of Galls creek was moved last week to the old Braden mine, now known as the Ila Mae, by Mr. Ford and Mr. Davis, who recently began operations.

An experimental run of ore from the old Braden, was made on the mill, while at the Galls creek location, and the results were so satisfactory, that the men plan extensive developments, as soon as final arrangements can be made.

### A. H. Banwell Addresses Local NRA Mass Meeting

A. H. Banwell, secretary of the Medford chamber of commerce and well known in the Rogue River valley, addressed a NRA mass meeting in the city hall here Tuesday evening. Mr. Banwell gave a very clear and concise talk on the workings of the NRA and answered questions asked by the large crowd present.

Stating that he believed the NRA would bring the United States back to prosperity, that the day of the chiseler was gone and that the success of the Recovery Act depended upon the cooperation of the small towns like Gold Hill as well as the larger centers, Mr. Banwell urged everyone to cooperate by signing the blanket code and also suggested that the merchants get together and set uniform opening and closing hours.

A meeting has been called for next Tuesday evening to adopt uniform hours in the town and also cooperate with the President in any way possible in order to do our part. The meeting will be held at the city hall and everyone is urged to attend.

### Gold Hill Beats Prospect for Victory Number 18

The Gold Hill baseball team is still going strong. Sunday the home-town fence busters trimmed the Prospect team 13 to 6, in a loosely played game on the Prospect diamond. Gold Hill committed four errors and Prospect was credited with seven misplays. The win Sunday was Number 18 for Gold Hill.

Kell pitching for Gold Hill, was touched for 10 hits but the blow were kept fairly scattered and did not result in much damage. Gold Hill ricked the Prospect hurlers for 14 singles, several of them being for extra bases. Bill Force, local catcher, hammered out two doubles and a single in five trips to the platter. Every Gold Hill batter with the exception of Bailey connected for at least one safe hit.

Gold Hill scored in the first, second, seventh and ninth innings and Prospect pegged away at their scoring with one tally in six different innings.

The Gold Hill team had plenty of backing Sunday with a number of carloads of fans traveling to the upper Rogue to see the contest.

The lineups and summary:

|             | AB | H | R | E |
|-------------|----|---|---|---|
| Foley, cf   | 5  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Gardner, 2b | 6  | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Bailey, rf  | 6  | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Emory, lf   | 5  | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Force, c    | 5  | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| C. Kell, 3b | 4  | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Coy, ss     | 5  | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| T. Kell, p  | 3  | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Shaver, 1b  | 5  | 2 | 2 | 2 |

### Prospect

|              | AB | H | R | E |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|
| Askwith, 3b  | 5  | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Biden, lf    | 5  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Crow, 2b     | 5  | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Rawlings, rf | 5  | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hill, 1b, c  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Good, cf     | 4  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Hoffman, ss  | 4  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ballard, p   | 4  | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ellison, p   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Backhard, 1b | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, c   | 4  | 0 | 0 | 2 |

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Struckout by Kell 6, by Ballard 6.

Walked by Kell 0, by Ballard 5.

### Pavilion Dances Will Start Saturday, August 26th

Dances sponsored by the Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce will not start until Saturday, August 26, according to arrangements made this week.

It has been planned to start sooner but several improvements are to be made at the pavilion which will prevent the opening this Saturday. Next Saturday Jacksonville will stage her Gold Rush days and is featuring a big dance in the evening.

Dom Provost's Pep Peddlers orchestra will again entertain at the Gold Hill pavilion when it reopens on August 26.

### BIG PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED

Pet Parade, Salmon Bake, Sports Featured; Put on by Local Clubs

A fair, the like of which has never been staged by any town the size of Gold Hill, and which will recall "the good old days" we all remember with longing, is being planned for Friday and Saturday September 22 and 23 by the Gold Hill Garden club in cooperation with the Commercial club.

Mrs. Isis Walker has been appointed general chairman, and she will have a corps of able assistants. She is already busy perfecting details and states that so far everyone has shown fine interest.

#### Displays in Pavilion

Present plans call for competition in at least eight departments, with displays being arranged in the dance pavilion which is ideally located on the highway in the central part of town, and surrounded by open lots which may be used by stands if added space is necessary.

In addition to the displays, full programs have been planned for both days, and these will provide entertainment for every minute.

Although all details have not been definitely arranged, the main events as drafted this week for approval by club members include a children's Pet Parade Friday morning, followed by a short home talent program in the pavilion, just before noon.

As visitors are urged to come to spend the full day, provisions are made for a basket lunch near the pavilion at noon. The afternoon will be taken up by inspection of displays, which will have been judged in the morning.

#### Free Salmon Bake

Then come one of the biggest attractions—a free salmon bake at supper time. For this, the famous Rogue River salmon will be used, and it will be baked as only the huge oven, which Gold Hill utilized once before the never-to-be-forgotten "Days of '49" celebration, can bake it.

For the evening, one of the smokers for which the baseball club has become famous, will be arranged, and there will be plenty of interest for everyone.

Saturday, in addition to the fair exhibits, an athletic program is proposed to include races, and other sports in the morning, and possibly a ball game in the afternoon, closing with a big dance in the pavilion that evening. A basket lunch will again be held at noon.

#### Department Chairmen Named

The exhibits as outlined, and the ladies appointed to head them are as follows:

Fancywork—Dora Hammersly and Lola Reed, with Nellie Reed and Bertha Coy as assistants.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—Mrs. A. Meunier, Mrs. R. E. Blankenburg.

Home Cookery and Baked Goods—Mrs. Arthur Braden, Mrs. Wilbur Martin.

Canned Goods—Millie Walker, Mrs. R. E. Cook.

Flowers—Mrs. Mary Chisholm, Mrs. Earl Moore.

Homecraft—Mrs. Ida Wharton, Mrs. Rena Davis, with R. E. Cook assisting with shopcraft.

Pets and Parade—Jessie Hayes, and Evelyn Thompson, assisted by a teacher to be appointed later.

A mineral display is also planned, and space will be provided for the cement company and the lime company to show various uses for their products. Toney Ross and R. E. Blankenburg of the Commercial club will be in charge of minerals.

The response which has already been received from local people who have become interested in the project has been very gratifying, and there is no reason the event

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