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WORLD NEWS and Comment

—News gleaned from events of the week, and a little comment from the editor's viewpoint.

Tuesday the senate at Washington joined the house in voting for cash payment of the soldiers' bonus by a \$2,000,000,000 issue of new currency. The bill was passed by a vote of 55 to 33, far short of the two-thirds required to override a veto of the President which is anticipated.

Five passengers in a TWA airliner were killed early this week when the ship crashed in a muddy field near Atlanta, Missouri. Among the dead was Senator Bronson M. Cutting of New Mexico, who was on his way to Washington. The disaster was caused when the plane ran out of gasoline in a heavy fog.

The supreme court declared the railroad pension law passed by congress to be unconstitutional Monday when a five to four decision was handed down. The law affected more than a million employees of the railroads.

Seven large lumber mills in Portland were closed this week when 1600 employees went on strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

Expressing belief the chain letter scheme would collapse soon under its own weight, postal authorities nevertheless sought to combat the get-rich-quick plan on several fronts.

ENGINEERS TAKE COMMAND OF OSC STUDENT AFFAIRS

Through a strange coincidence, engineering students have practically taken control of the Oregon State college student government for the coming year. A checkup after the elections showed that five of the nine major student body offices were taken by engineers and two of the three class presidencies.

Two of the remaining four major officers are filled by women. Jack Graham of Portland is the third engineer elected student body president in the past 15 years. Next year his administration will include engineers as two vice-presidents, Memorial Union president yell leader and junior and sophomore class presidents. The school of engineering is now the largest in the college.

LOCAL ITEMS

Dick Walker and son Clint were business visitors in Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. H. D. Reed and Miss Bertha Coy are expected home from a business trip to Portland, the latter part of the week.

Miss Zella Mae Smith underwent a tonsil operation in Medford last Thursday. She had recovered sufficiently to return to her duties in Dr. Inskeep's office Tuesday.

In the list of names of the required school bus drivers in last week's paper the name of Carl Routh was given twice and Veltie Biles name was omitted.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Merriman accompanied by Howard Lowd of Grants Pass motored to Squaw lake Sunday where they spent the day fishing. They report having a delightful time.

Smilin' Charlie Says



Old Bill Higgins says that for the last 52 years, every time he started saving for a rainy day the weather changed.

Carnival Raises \$25 to Send Scout to Wash.

The Boy Scout who will represent Gold Hill at President Roosevelt's scout jamboree in Washington, D. C., in August is a few miles nearer the capitol as the result of the carnival staged at the school gymnasium Friday night.

Although the crowd was fairly small those who attended entered into the spirit of the affair and the wheels of games of skill hummed a merry tune throughout the evening.

The beano game proved to be the main drawing card and lots of Pop-eye the Sailor dolls were awarded at this stand. The fish pond also held the fancy of the carnival celebrants. Running true to form—at times the fishing was good and at other times was bad—when the big prizes got away.

A number of attractive prizes, donated by Gold Hill merchants, were given out during the evening.

To add to the evening's entertainment Bill Vimont of the Willow Springs school played two selections on his musical saw and Bud Snyder of Gold Hill entertained with a tap dance.

Average Citizen Pays \$14.81 Taxes Each Year

The average citizen in the average Oregon city pays \$14.81 per year in taxes to maintain the functions of his city government. City taxes vary from nothing at all in a few small towns to a high per person of \$73.71 per year.

Portland pays somewhat above the average, \$17.37 per capita, and incidentally tends to raise the general average, due to its much greater population. Most of the Oregon cities fall between \$5 and \$12.50 per capita, and a fourth of them are between \$7.50 and \$10.

These and many other figures on city assessed valuations and tax levies are included in detail in bulletin No. 10, just issued by the bureau of municipal research of the University of Oregon and the league of Oregon cities.

The average assessed value of Oregon cities, per person, computed on a 50 per cent assessment ratio, is \$695. The average for the entire state, including both city and rural areas, is \$725. For Jacksonville the average is \$272 per capita.

Gearheart, which also levies the highest per capita tax, is the "richest" city in the state, with a per capita assessed valuation of \$2263. Portland ranks second with \$885 per capita, while Roseburg is third with \$809, the survey shows.

The average city tax rate for the state, on a 50 per cent valuation basis, is 21.3 mills. Jacksonville, on a 50 per cent basis, would pay 38.0 mills per person, although on the regular county assessment ratio the rate is 29.2 mills.

The highest is 78.1, second 75.2, and third 71.3. Of cities over 5,000 population, Corvallis is lowest with 17.5. Hillsboro, with 16.3 is lowest in the 2500 to 5,000 population group. In the over 5,000 group, however, Pendleton has a lower millage levy, 13, than Corvallis, but its assessment ratio is much higher than in effect in Corvallis.

Copies of the study, which includes every city in the state, may be obtained from the bureau of municipal research at the university at Eugene.

The lumber strike at this writing appears to be a sure thing. Many men will be out of work and much loss will result to the Pacific coast. Who is to blame and why, nobody can say. Probably both the men and their employers are at fault. The unions have always been prone to bludgeon their way thru if possible and employers have met this with the same spirit and bull headedness. There is reason on both sides. Employers certainly cannot meet the demands and employees are beyond question paid less in this industry than in most others. It is a fine chance for arbitration but both sides are like the Scotchman who admitting he was open to conviction said, "but show me the man that can convince me."

For Sale Cheap: Lumber suitable for brooder houses and temporary buildings. We can arrange for loans under the F. H. A. for any repairs or remodeling. Economy Lumber Company, Medford. adv.

School Term Ends May 15

In just one more week the 1934-35 term of the Gold Hill schools will be history, and another crop of high school graduates will end their school days at the local institution.

The class of '35 is the largest graduating class in the history of the school. Nine girls and nine boys will be graduated this year.

Events of the next week will mean busy days for the seniors.

Sunday evening, May 12, at 8:00 p. m., the baccalaureate services will be held at the school gymnasium. Rev. W. R. Baird of the First Presbyterian church of Medford will be the speaker of the evening.

Commencement exercises will be held Wednesday evening, May 15. Lorn Messenger of Ashland Normal school will address the graduate class and those attending the event.

Chairman A. A. Walker of School District No. 57, will award the diplomas.

On Friday, May 24, the county eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at Ashland, bringing the present term to a close.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional — school orchestra under the direction of R. A. Botts.

Welcome — Salutatorian, Effe Patton.

Commencement Address — Mr. Loren Messenger.

Presentation of Balfour Key, L. T. Cook.

Class Prophecy, Louise Smith, class president.

Presentation of Diplomas, A. A. Walker, chairman of school board.

Farewell, June Moore, class valedictorian.

Irrigation Hours Are Now in Effect in City

Residents of Gold Hill are reminded that irrigation hours are now in effect in the city, the period from May 1 to September 1 being termed the irrigation season.

The same hours for using water for irrigation purposes as before will be observed: 6:00 to 8:00 a. m., and 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Guy Desimini Honored With Birthday Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Desimini was the scene of a jolly party Saturday evening, May 4 the next day being the birthday of their son Guy. Those who helped him celebrate the occasion were: Jill Martin, Beth Reed, Ruth Lance, Wilda Mayfield, Lucille Smith, Dorothy Ham, Billy Reed, Jack Martin, Robert Mullen, Laverne Dungey, Creighton Thompson, Jack Miller and Rosa Desimini. Games were played until late after which delicious refreshments were served. Guy received several nice gifts.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN MAUDE COY ROBINSON

The pupils of the seventh and eighth grade of the Gold Hill schools gave a surprise farewell party on their teacher, Mrs. Maude Robinson, Friday afternoon at the school house. A beautiful floor lamp was presented to Mrs. Robinson by the students.

OSC STUDENTS TO AID IN RESEARCH WORK

What actually goes on inside a leaf when a plant makes the food that keeps the world alive will be studied by Dr. T. E. Weier, instructor in botany at OSC. Dr. Weier has been asked to collaborate with biological chemists of the Carnegie foundation in the Stanford laboratories who are engaged in a long-time study of the process of photosynthesis. An experienced cytologist Dr. Weier will attempt to view and record the minute changes in cell structure involved in the process.

It isn't nice to refer to "false teeth" any more, according to a member of the dental profession, speaking before a national convention. "Denture" is a more pleasing term, he said, his suggestion winning applause from his assembled fellow practitioners of the prosthetic art.

Council Buys Chlorinator

The city council Monday evening voted to purchase a Chlorinator to be installed in the near future at the city pump house. This machine will treat the water with a chlorine gas, operating automatically. This will give a more accurate treatment of the water and will do away with the bad tasting water during the summer when more chlorine is necessary.

The purchase of the Chlorinator will not be an added expense to the city as the machine will be paid for in monthly payments which will be about the same as the city is now paying for chlorine shipments each month. The machine will cost \$960 to be paid at the rate of \$40 for 24 months.

Most of the cities and towns in Oregon are treating their city water supply in this manner. Members of the local council investigated the machines in operation in Grants Pass and Medford during the past few months and officials of both cities were enthusiastic of the results.

The Chlorinator will be installed in the near future.

Allow Sale of Firecrackers

At the request of Abe Becker, druggist, the council voted to allow the sale of firecrackers in Gold Hill. An ordinance has prohibited this in the past but inasmuch as they were sold at other places near the city it was thought advisable to allow the sale here.

Buildings Condemned

The recorder was instructed to notify owners of condemned buildings to tear the structures down. The county court has given the council the power to have the old buildings torn down where tax liens are held against the property, the lien to be in effect on the lot or lots.

High School and Town Ball Teams Lose Games

Playing on the local diamond last Friday afternoon, the Gold Hill high school baseball nine lost to the Sams Valley team, 10 to 5.

The town ball club also dropped their first game of the season Sunday when they were defeated at Glendale by a score of 12 to 1. Clarence Kell banged out a home-run for Gold Hill's lone hit.

Friday of this week the high team will go to Jacksonville for a game and Sunday afternoon the town team will play the Gilmore Lions on the local grounds.

Health Unit Meets at Palmer Home Near Talent

Mrs. O. C. Palmer on Tuesday, May 5, entertained her former associates of the Gold Hill division of the Jackson county health unit at her home on Coleman creek near Talent.

The day was a delightful one and the hostess, Mrs. Palmer, with her friendly, cordial manner, made everyone "feel at home".

Much time was spent in partaking of a covered dish luncheon and walking over the extensive grounds.

A baby and pre school clinic will be held in June. It is hoped that all mothers will take advantage of this opportunity. Application can be made through the telephone office. Due notice will be given of the date of the examination.

Those attending the meeting were: Mesdames Esther Gilchrist, Laila Pfeifer, I. O. Zierloff, Florence Howes, Victoria Bonar, C. L. McNabb, A. Meunier, Millie Walker, Emily L. Lively and O. C. Palmer.

Council Takes Up Two Bonds; Save City \$400

By the purchase of two one thousand dollar water bonds due December 1, 1938, the city council has saved approximately \$400 in interest. The bonds are of the series issued in 1923 and drew 5 1/2 per cent interest. In taking up the bonds at the present time the interest for nearly three and one-half years was saved.

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Big Crowd at Card Party Benefit

A card party, sponsored by the Gold Hill Garden club, for the benefit of the local Boy Scout troop, is scheduled for tomorrow—Friday—evening, and the sale of tickets for the event is progressing nicely.

Proceeds from the party will help swell the fund to send a local scout to Washington, D. C., and it is hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The party will be at the Odd Fellows hall, and tickets, which cost but 25c, include admission to the evening's session of games, and lunch, which will be served by the club ladies.

It is planned that a variety of games will be played, and prizes will be awarded for both bridge and 500. A ping pong table will also be set up in an adjoining room for anyone who is interested in this sport. Anyone wishing to play card games, other than bridge and 500 are welcome to make up tables for their favorite game, the ladies state.

The scout fund is growing steadily, Scoutmaster L. T. Cook, reports but it is still far short of the total needed. The Garden club hopes to add about \$25 to it by this benefit party, and to do so, the support of the entire town is needed. The party will afford a pleasant evening's entertainment, as well as help a worthy cause and everyone interested in Gold Hill's boys are urged to attend.

Traffic Violations, Civil Case Settled in Court

Daniel Biles, Foots Creek rancher, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while drunk in Justice of the Peace H. D. Reed's court here Monday and was fined \$100, and his driving license suspended. The 30-day jail sentence, which is part of the penalty provided by law for such an offense, was suspended, on payment of the fine.

Biles was arrested early Sunday morning, after his son-in-law, Byron Ward of this city, had reported to police that Biles had taken his car and started driving to his home, west of this city. When apprehended, Biles was found to be intoxicated, and the charge was filed.

In a civil suit to settle a controversy over a lease, I. Diess, owner of a Ward's Creek property, won his case against S. E. McClung, his renter. McClung, by the decision of the court, must leave the premises, in accordance with Diess' request.

Thursday of this week, Martin Lubetich, appeared in the local court, charged with driving at excessive speed on the highway. He was assessed \$5.00 and costs.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF COUNTY DIES SATURDAY

Mrs. Ann Coffman Schmidt, formerly of Jacksonville died at her home at 433 Benson street, Medford, the morning of May 4. Mrs. Coffman had been ill for several years. She was over 68 years old and was born near Ruch, September 13, 1866. She had lived in Jackson county all her life.

She is survived by eight children: Meston, Isaac L. and Edward of Medford; Oren of Worcester, Mass; Richard L. of Salem, Oregon; John F. of Yuba City, California; Benjamin of Los Angeles and Mrs. Francis E. Sleep and thirteen grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Rose Galdy of Portland, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church in Medford Monday. Father Francis Black was in charge. Interment was in the Ruch cemetery.

FARLEY

Says business is good,
So is the chain letter;
That is to say,
It is a good lottery.
But the beautifying program
Is better.
Good work, Gold Hill!
Real estate is moving.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS
BANK
(Deposits Insured)
Medford

To answer or not to answer—that is the question. What? Why, chain letters, of course!

Huge Crowd Celebrates New Paving

Carnival Spirit Reigns Here Saturday When New Paving Jubilee Held.

The largest crowd Gold Hill has seen for many long years took possession of the city Saturday evening to celebrate the completion of the paving through the business district, with a paving dance and carnival planned by the Gold Hill Commercial club and Garden club.

Along the new 40-foot concrete and black top strip, cars were parked two and three deep, and the sidewalk parking was well taken.

Flood lights illuminated a block of the new street from the intersection at the dance pavilion to the Kell garage corner, and a truck was parked about midway, where the dance orchestra played early in the evening, moving into the pavilion for the later hours.

Adding to the gaiety of the occasion was the carnival equipment of the Gold Hill Boy Scouts, which was set up east of the dancing block.

Music for the dance was furnished by Larson's Red Peppers of Medford, and they enjoyed the patronage of a large crowd until the wee small hours of the morning.

A committee of the Garden club ladies served hot dogs and weiners in the pavilion, and had charge of selling confetti and serpentine.

Comparatively little revenue was gained by local organizations participating in sponsoring the event, but in view of the fine advertising the town received, the entire celebration is considered a huge success, and the committees in charge wish to thank all who helped them in any way, including merchants who donated materials for the lunches; the local cement plant for the lighting equipment; the Odd Fellows lodge for the benches used on the street; the construction company which furnished the truck for the orchestra, and all those who gave their effort in planning and carrying out the event.

LADIES LOOK FORWARD TO GARDEN CLUB MEET

The state convention of garden clubs which will be held at Medford next week end, May 17 and 18, is holding the attention of local club members, and others interested. Three delegates have been appointed from here, and it is expected that several cars will drive down for the more important sessions, as this will be an unusual opportunity for local members to attend a state convention.

Although programs have not been received as yet, the outstanding events will include trips to beautifully gardened homes of the valley Friday and Saturday afternoons, and Friday evening a banquet will be held at the hotel Medford.

Saturday's tour of the valley will end at the H. D. McCaskey home on the Old Stage road, where a covered dish picnic supper will be enjoyed, and this occasion will no doubt be attended by a large number of Gold Hill ladies.

Mrs. P. E. Holderness, present president, Mrs. Cleo Gilchrist, past president, and Mrs. R. E. Blankenburg have been chosen as delegates.

The regular meeting of the local club was held at the city hall last Friday afternoon, when Leon Wilcox, former county horticulturist gave a very informative talk on control of plant diseases and insects.

Next week, they will meet on Thursday at the city library, when Mrs. W. C. Bower will be hostess.

Not many people realize that Cow creek gold is nearly pure. Most gold is mixed more or less with copper or silver but the gold from our valley has only a trace of these metals. The hard thing is to get it in quantity. There are many men scratching out a bare existence on the creek. Rogue river on the other hand, while producing a lower value of gold has many placers that produce a substantial return every season.