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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 of this week Henry Ford celebrated his 72nd birthday. As in previous years he retired to his mountain home on the shores of Lake Superior for two weeks vacation which he will spend quietly. Formerly he shared this outing with the late Thomas A. Edison and John Burroughs. According to newspaper reports Ford looks much younger than his 72 years, and talks of the future, instead of the past. He feels that there are even harder things to be achieved than have already been accomplished. While on his vacation he is making plans for future work in his factories.

No more 3-per-cent-per-month interest on car finance loans can be charged by loan companies, it was ruled this week by the Oregon supreme court. They set 10 per cent a year as the maximum. This is good news for car purchasers and car dealers as well.

Enough fame and movie experience has come to Miss Marion Samuel of Salt Lake City, without accepting offers for a movie career. Miss Samuel was instrumental in the arrest of Mrs. Margaret Waley, accomplice in the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping, and was offered an opportunity to go into the movies after motion picture officials studied her news-reel photos. "I'd rather be a housewife," Miss Samuel said.

A 71-year-old man "on government relief" was taken into custody in Tennessee Saturday after he had threatened the life of President Roosevelt. He stated that if the president's train should ever pass through his city he would "riddle all the coaches with bullets." Authorities at first thought he was only a radical dissatisfied with the administration, but when searched, a .38 caliber revolver was found in a shoulder holster.

The interstate commerce commission this week turned down the application of the Gold Coast railroad company which desired to build a railroad from Port Orford in Curry county to Grants Pass, stating that no proof had been given that there was public demand for it. The road would tap the timber and mineral wealth of the lower Rogue mountains, and provide an outlet for produce of the Rogue River valley. Efforts to secure such a route have been made for several decades.

"Intelligent planning and rigid traffic law enforcement by Oakland, California officials has resulted in a record of no traffic fatalities there during an entire month, and a noticeable reduction in the year's toll. Some points in the program are: Consistent check and reprimanding of all minor violators; heavy fines; no "squaring" of tickets; and education of drivers including minors. Youthful violators are "sentenced" to learn the law and their own responsibility.

Dr. F. E. Townsend, sponsor of the Townsend Revolving Pension movement, was a visitor in Portland this week. He is on a tour of the country.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"And in the natural fitness of things, you can't blow a cornet with bass horn lips."

Flowers Destroyed at City Hall Grounds

The city council and others who have spent much time and effort trying to beautify the city hall grounds in order that it will be a credit to the city, especially for the fair this fall, are wondering if there is no such thing as civic pride among the younger Gold Hill set.

And in this case, "younger" does not mean small children who are not always responsible for their acts—but a group of young people around 18 and 20 who wantonly trampled flower beds and picked blooms there a few nights ago.

According to City Marshal Eber Davis, the names of the members of the group are known, and he states that although they have been reprimanded before, they seem to delight in destroying the flowers, and he warns that if they are caught again, they will answer to him.

The many civic organizations that are taking part in the improvement of the grounds, which are intended for a city park as soon as they are fully improved, are appealing to the young people of the city to show their appreciation, instead of carelessly destroying city property.

Parents are also appealed to, to inspire civic pride and respect for city property, and to enlist the cooperation of those who come to the city library to help preserve the grounds.

Mrs. Thompson to Be Garden Club Hostess

Garden club members will be guests of Mrs. Paul Thompson at her home this Friday afternoon. In addition to the usual pleasant social time, fair plans will be further discussed, and committees named.

CONCESSION SPACE IN DEMAND AT STATE FAIR GROUNDS, SALEM

Concession space at the Oregon State fair grounds in Salem is at a premium with practically all available space contracted, Assistant Director Leo G. Spitzbart states. Many new rides and shows will be featured at the fair this year, August 31 to September 7, inclusive.

There has been a good response from counties which are planning exhibits in the agricultural building. Industrial exhibitors on the balcony of the agricultural building are beginning to plan their shows, and many who are exhibiting are taking twice as much space as they did last year.

The fair management is also planning for a number of free attractions as the fair this year, including Floyd Reinold who is a tight wire artist putting on a walking, dancing, juggling demonstration.

McMahon and Wheeler have a number of shows which they will give in front of the grandstand or wherever the fair management desires, including a flying act, horizontal bars, comedy acrobatic act, Spanish Webs, double trapeze, loop-the-loop trapeze, and a dog and pony show.

An automobile show in the grandstand building will be another feature of this year's fair with practically the entire floor space in the building being used for that purpose by dealers. The state institutions will again have their booths in the grandstand, around the edges of the room.

Pari mutuel ticket selling and paying booths will be in the south end of the grandstand toward the race track and two doors have been cut through the wall to allow easy access to that paddock from the betting booths.

Flower beds which were planted to be most beautiful at fair time, August 31-September 7, are beginning to bloom, and dry grass in the parking area is being burned off to remove a fire hazard.

BETTER TIMES

Bank is lending.
Money is moving.
Times are improving.
Be of good cheer
We are on our way to better times.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
(Community Builders)
(Deposits Insured)
Medford

Seek to Secure Re-establishment of Local Copco Agency

Since the discontinuance of the Copco agency here which handled collections and service requests, there has been considerable complaint among local people on the inconvenience of the arrangement and this week considerable agitation has been started. As we go to press it is understood a petition is being prepared and circulated asking for resumption of the service as in the past.

Most of the dissatisfaction has arisen from the fact that often people are not at home when the collector calls, and it is necessary for them to buy a money order, or make a trip to the Medford office to make their payment. Service connections and trouble calls must also be reported direct, necessitating phone calls. Mayor H. F. Drake, who is leading the action taken here, states that he feels that the people of the town are entitled to the convenience of a local agent.

According to a news dispatch in the Central Point American, the agency has been restored there, and it is hoped that this will be done here.

Roseburg Family Injured at Overhead Crossing

Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Allison and Mrs. Allison's sister, Mrs. Margaret Cotton, of Roseburg, are in the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford for treatment of serious injuries following a car accident at Tolo overhead crossing. Their car turned turtle near the crossing Wednesday afternoon, but cause of the accident was not learned.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison were both seriously injured, and Mrs. Cotton was suffering from shock. Allison is a conductor for Southern Pacific lines, with headquarters at Roseburg.

Ashland Ball Club and Gold Hill Play Here Sun.

A fast baseball game is in store for local fans Sunday when the Ashland Lithians come to Gold Hill for a contest. The Ashland team has just completed its league schedule and jumped at the opportunity to meet Gold Hill's Townies.

"Chief" McLean will probably be on the mound for Ashland with Skinny Wilson chucking for the locals. A record-breaking crowd is expected to turn out for the game.

Watch for the Gold Hill News subscription bargain days to be announced soon. Plan to subscribe or renew then and save!

N. W. Jackson Fair Board to Meet Next Tuesday, August 6

After a brief meeting of the Northwest Jackson county fair board Tuesday of this week, the group adjourned until Tuesday, August 6, as several members were unable to be present.

The board inspected the building erected by the city to be used as a kitchen for the free salmon bake and barbecue to be served fair day, and are well pleased with it. Benches and tables will be built next.

The question of concessions for selling hamburgers or other lunch items was brought up and will be further discussed next week.

The committee on allotting space for the exhibits will go over the ground next Tuesday and those in charge of exhibits can then make more definite plans for arranging their displays.

The premium lists are to be completed this week end, and will be distributed at that time.

Local Women to Attend State Extension Council

Mrs. Effie Birdseye and Mrs. Dick Strauss will leave this week end to attend the state home economics extension council being held at the state college campus at Corvallis Monday and Tuesday, August 5 and 6. Mrs. Birdseye is state president of the group. Other representatives from this county will be Miss Alice E. Hanley, Mrs. Susie Maust and Mrs. Rita Myers of Medford; Mrs. Maud Port, Jacksonville; Mrs. Bertha Young, Eagle Point; Mrs. Jennie Hutchinson, Trail; Mrs. J. R. McCracken, Ashland; Mrs. Ethel Lathrop, Central Point.

This state council is made up of present and past members of the county home economics extension committees, which in turn represent the home economics extension units in the various communities of the counties. The home extension units are composed of women carrying on an organized program for better homes and better family life under the direction of the home economics extension service of the state college.

TOWNSEND DANCE AUGUST 10

The Gold Hill Townsend club is planning to sponsor another dance at the pavilion Saturday, August 10. Last Saturday night quite a number attended a dance given by the club but due to arrangements being made at the last minute many did not know of the affair.

A committee is making arrangements for music, and handbills announcing the dance will be distributed this week end.

Gold Hill to Have New General Store

With the completion of the transaction by which A. Short of Medford became the owner of the Gold Hill Auto Park, it was announced Wednesday that he will establish a dry goods and grocery store on the property, which will be operated in connection with the tourist camp.

Mr. Short purchased the 4-acre tract from Mrs. Leon Wise this week and took possession at once. Mrs. Wise, who also owns the brick house on the opposite side of the highway, has moved into the property and will continue to operate it as an apartment hotel.

Mr. Short now lives in Medford, but will take over active management of the store, and is moving his stock in this week.

Hammersley Clan to Hold Reunion Here

Members of the Hammersley clan, several of whom live in Gold Hill and vicinity, are to gather here Saturday and Sunday for their annual reunion. It is expected that between 75 and 100 will come here, and that while most of them will be from the coast states, the East, and even Alaska will be represented.

John Hammersley, pioneer resident of Gold Hill, is in charge of arrangements, but due to his illness in Siletos, complete plans for the two-day gathering could not be learned. However, he is expected to arrive today, Thursday, and start the ball rolling.

While here a few weeks ago, Mr. Hammersley made reservations for cottages at the Gold Hill auto park. It is understood a program will be given by members of the group, and of course, a big clan picnic will be held.

The Hammersley clan, of English origin, has been organized for several years, through the efforts of Roy Hammersley, who traced the family history and contacted its members. A large number live near Lakeview, Oregon, and others are scattered over the state and nation.

CITY BAND PROPOSED

Considerable interest is being aroused this week in the proposal that Gold Hill have a city band. There are many musicians in the city and many others who would like to have instruction on band instruments, and it is thought that a fine organization could be built up here and that weekly concert could be given. Those interested should get in touch with Mayor H. F. Drake who is investigating the feasibility of the plan.

Funds Allocated for Siskiyou and Roseburg Roads

\$450,000 Will Straighten State-Line Corkscrew; Turkey Hill Section Also to Be Improved.

Straightening of the Siskiyou section of the Pacific highway is a step nearer realization this week, following the allocation of \$450,000 by the state highway commission at its meeting Friday of last week.

Another southern Oregon allotment was for the Turkey Hill section near Roseburg which was awarded \$116,800.

It is not known just when these contracts will be let and the work started, but it is thought that little delay will be made, as the projects are a part of relief work for this winter, under federal plans.

The sums allotted were: \$200,000 for Siskiyou grading under federal aid grant; \$205,000 for Ashland-Neil Creek sector under relief grant; \$245,000 for separation of the Siskiyou highway from Southern Pacific grade, and the Turkey hill sector, \$116,800.

The Siskiyou mountain highway is considered one of the biggest barriers to north-south traffic between southern Oregon and northern California. Support of the entire district has been given to completion of the super-highway already partly constructed.

Relief work resulting will be distributed over the entire area.

Routine Matters Handled by School Board Monday

The general routine matters pertaining to conducting school business were handled at the regular meeting of the board Monday evening, and several items preparatory to resumption of school in the fall were settled.

The board signed the contract with the county providing for giving instruction to pupils in non-high school districts. The local district will continue to bring pupils from Willow Springs and Tolo districts to this school, and tuition will be paid this district for this service.

The matter of transportation of these pupils has not been settled, and letting of the contract for this bus route is still pending. J. C. Walker drove the route last year, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, he will continue this year.

The board voted that an estimate of the necessary bus repairs be made and a report submitted at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

A school nurse will again be hired and the district will pay \$250 for her services.

Gold Hill Grange Sponsors Dance Sat.

Another of those peppy dances which the Gold Hill grange has been having at the Sardine Creek hall will be held this Saturday evening, August 3.

Good music has been arranged, the Dewitt brothers of Gold Hill having been secured. The Dewitts are recent comers to Gold Hill, Joe having opened the garage next to the Livingston filling station known as Joe's garage, a short time ago. The boys are good musicians, and dancers are promised a good time.

The ladies of the home extension group of the grange will have charge of refreshments.

REBEKAH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Gold Hill Rebekahs held their monthly birthday party honoring members having birthdays in July at their meeting Wednesday of this week. A lovely lunch was served. Mrs. Mable Hittle was the honoree, several others having birthdays being unable to attend.

