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By Ye Editor

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Mrs. Carl Routh puts her idea of the Garden club banquet into the following poem:

Once more the year has rolled around,
And gathered here again
The ladies of the Garden Club
Have come to feed their men.
All year the thought has been of flowers,
Of meetings and field trips.
Those poor unfortunate men of ours
They just did not exist.
But now that spring is here again
And we must work to beat the band.
We thought we'd give our banquet
And have it off our hands.
So we will feed and entertain you
Now that you are here,
And feel that once it's over
We've done our duty for the year.

The following poem was written about the Junior Class play to be presented this Friday, April 16:

"Alas, there is a villainess
With deep and dark design,
A very haughty villainess
With smooth and silky line;
Against our little Judy
She plots the deepest scheme,
But just when clouds are blackest
The hero comes to beam
Upon our little Judy
And claim her for his bride,
And the villainess, remorseful,
Goes to work with humbled pride.

A kidnapper confined in the city jail of Buenos Aires hung himself before his trial came up. The idea has merit. Just think what a lot of money the taxpayers saved by being spared an expensive trial.

Ask any young man to hold a six months old baby and he will protest that he doesn't know anything about holding six months old babies, but if the baby is sixteen years older the same young fellow will insist that he knows all about how she should be held.

The gas explosion that wrecked the school building at New London, Texas and took the lives of 455 children is easily the greatest single tragedy that has occurred in the history of this nation. The blighting effect of such a tragedy upon a community is something that can scarcely be imagined. Not many persons stop to think however, that ten times as many children are killed each year in highway accidents as were killed in the school house explosion in the ill-fated New London. Many of these highway accidents are due to carelessness and everyone that takes the life of a child causes the same degree of grief in some family circle that visited the families of the hapless children in the Texas school district.

Grange Card Party Draws Good Attendance

Over fifty people gathered at the Grange hall last Friday evening for the card party sponsored by that organization. 500 and bridge were played throughout the evening. High men's score for 500 was held by Wm. Autenreith and high ladies by Mildred Duggan. High scores at bridge went to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lively.

At the close of the evening refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served.

MONTANA MAVERICS TO ENTERTAIN HERE APRIL 23

The Boy Scouts are bringing the Montana Mavericks, cowboy entertainers, in person, to the school gymnasium, Friday evening, April 23, the show to open at 8:00 p. m. There will be trick and fancy roping, cowboy songs and rangeland drama. In addition, motion pictures of the Pendleton Roundup will be shown.

Mrs. Matthe Robinson and Miss Virginia King of Wimer visited with the Coy family Tuesday evening.

Junior Class Presents Play

"A LITTLE CLODHOOPER" TO BE
GIVEN THIS FRIDAY IN
SCHOOL GYM

"A Little Clodhopper" comes to town Friday night at 8:00 p. m. with a star cast and featured artists for between-act specialties when the Juniors present their play at the high school gymnasium. The cast includes the following players: Judy Elliott, Mildred Smith, Septimus Green, Laverne Walker, Julietta Green, Hazel Kendall, Ocey Gump, Harry Fredrick, Charman Carter, Merl Kendall, Georgie Chiggerson, Leonard Kell, Mrs. Chiggerson Boggs, Rosa Desimini.

Of special interest will be the costumes of the 1900 period which have been generously loaned by members of the community. The stage set has been designed to recreate as nearly as possible the same period and the entire play is to be given in the mood of the turn of the century theatre, with specialties between acts, costumed ushers, elaborate programs, and the music of thirty five years ago.

The play is laid in "Mizzoury" and concerns the fate of the "Little Clodhopper," a waif from the poor house, and the efforts of Mrs. Chiggerson Boggs to hire her as a maid, marry her to George, and reap the rewards of a fortune. Ocey and Julietta, as the back-country bride and groom, provide real comedy, while Septimus Green, the enterprising young book salesman becomes a most entertaining hero, and the romance of George, the knitting boy wonder, and Charman, the ingenue actress, adds more laughs.

The between act specialties are by the foremost entertainers available. Elwyn B. Knapp, ventriloquist extraordinary, will be featured in answering a series of questions asked from the audience. There will be a girl's trio, a boy's singing and dancing team, a featured dancer, and selections by the high school band.

You will not want to miss this unique entertainment. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Junior class or purchased at the door.

Charles Smith Marries Prospect Girl Saturday

Charles Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Smith of Sardine Creek was married last Saturday to Miss Esther Chamberlin of Prospect. The ceremony was performed in Medford.

The young couple will make their home at Prospect for the present where Mr. Smith is employed in a sawmill.

Mr. Smith is well known in Gold Hill and is a graduate of the high school here.

Past Noble Grands Club Meets At Chas. Gray Home

The members of the Past Noble Grands club met Thursday afternoon April 8 at the home of Mrs. Chas. Gray in the Colony. Regular business was attended to and a social hour enjoyed.

Lovely refreshments were served to Mesdames Etta Carter, Evelyn Thompson, Emma Haff, Alta Clement, Madge Dorman, Ada Cook, Delia Kell, Belle Smith, Elinor Force, Pearl Ferguson, Ethel Martin and the hostess.

I. O. O. F. LODGE NEWS (By Toney Ross., Sec.)

Those who will represent Gold Hill Lodge No. 129 at the Grand Lodge in Portland May 19th to 24th are H. D. Force and Wm. Ferguson.

So far we have had no notice of a visitation from the Grand Master but hope to hear soon.

Medford Lodge No. 53 invites the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Gold Hill to attend a special service at the Christian Church on Sunday morning, April 25. Everybody is to meet at the I.O.O.F. hall at 10:30 a. m. and go from there in a body.

Gold Hill Grange Officers for 1936



Front Row: Lindy Krause, substitute for Marjorie Pena, Lecturer; Ola Croft, Chaplain; E. C. Fiene, Master; Florence E. Howes, secretary; Wm. Ferguson, substitute for Earl Croft, Overseer.

Second Row: Sylvia Croft, Lady Assistant Steward; Lucy Edington, Flora; Wm. Howes, gatekeeper; Everett Rosecrans, Assistant Steward.

Third Row: Charles Gray, chairman of executive committee; Wilbur Martin and Jesse Fish, finance committee; Herb Rosecrans, substitute for Soren Christensen, Steward.

Fourth Row: Vernice Martin, substitute for Kennetha Kegg, Pomona; Hazel Fish, substitute for Carolyn Rieter, chairman H. E. C.; Bulah Rosecrans, substitute for Nina Croft, Seres; Minnie I. Fiene, treasurer.

Beaver Baseball Players Lose To Grants Pass

In a close seven-inning game the Gold Hill high school baseball team lost to the Grants Pass team last Friday 5 to 2. The game was played on the Climate City diamond. Batteries for Gold Hill were Korth and Leo Walker to Mullin.

Kenneth Ward brought in the first run for Gold Hill in the first inning. He was walked to first when hit by a pitched ball and hit the home sack on a single by Mullin. Lentz brought in the other run in the fifth inning. He singled, stole to second and third and completed the rounds when the pitcher threw the ball into the stands.

Grants Pass got four of their runs in the fourth inning and their fifth run in the fifth inning.

Deal of Grants Pass officiated.

SAVE MONEY -- SAVE LIVES

It would take policemen
On every corner
To stop careless drivers.
Let's get together
All together
And cut down the fatalities.

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Health Unit Meets At Home of Mrs. Lively

The Gold Hill division of the Jackson County Health Association held its April meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Lively. Reports from committees showed much good had been done by the sale of the T. B. stamps and the making and distributing of quilts and garments.

Refreshments of tea and cake were served by the hostess, after which the meeting was given over to Mrs. Millie Walker who gave a most interesting talk on posture, compiled mostly from the magazine Hygeia, a subscription gift to the unit from the Health association. Mrs. Jean Boye, Mrs. Walker and Miss Helen Parish acted as demonstrators for the exercises necessary for good posture.

The next meeting of the unit will be at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Rieter on May 4th.

Those present were Mesdames Lucy Edington, Ruby Whitmore, Agnes Bower, Marjorie Pena, Florence E. Howes, W. F. Boye, Jean Boye, Carolyn Rieter, Millie Walker, Emily Lively and Miss Helen Parish.

Lou Lingren and son Glenn left for Pasadena, California Tuesday.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM THE LIFE OF ELLA PATRICK

Mrs. Ella Patrick who was born in Stockton, California, came to this section in 1880. She with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and her brothers and sisters settled at Rock Point and took up a homestead on Sardine Creek.

The trip from Stockton to Rock Point was made with two 4-horse teams and took about a month. The family passed right through where Gold Hill now stands, it being all tall timber, such as pine and fir. Through this valley there were very few places where two teams could pass on the road.

In 1880 when the Griffiths family arrived here the old buildings of The Dardenell were still standing. They were where the Bill Hittle cherry orchard now stands. The old sentinal bridge which crossed Rogue River just above the present railroad bridge was a toll bridge. It was built in 1876. At this time the stage coach was running through from Redding to Roseburg. There was no train between these two points. The stages used to go down the other side of the river and crossed the bridge at Rock Point.

In 1882 when the first railroad was surveyed the officials tried to get the land at Rock Point and build their station there. The owners held the price up and when Thomas Cavnier who owned the land here, offered to donate the site to the railroad company, they took up his offer. Mr. Cavnier gave every other lot to the railroad company and kept the other lots for his own use. The depot which was the present freight part was on the south side of the tracks. Bill Jacoby was the first local agent.

Medford was started soon after Gold Hill in much the same way. The railroad company tried to locate at Central Point but here too the land was too high, so the officials located at Medford. Ashland was a thriving town of about 1000 people at this time. The next stage stop was at Gasburg, the present site of Phoenix, Jacksonville was the metropolis of southern Oregon.

The first building in Gold Hill was the one which housed The Delta until several years ago. It was built by Mr. Pogue and was a general store. The second building to be finished was the present section house. The first dwelling house was where the copco sub-station now stands and the second residence was the present home of Mrs. Ella Patrick. It was built in 1887 or 1888.

Mrs. Patrick taught her first school at Rock Point and John Hays and Lifty McKay were in her first class. She also taught the first school that was established in Gold Hill about 1884 in an old building where the Opera house later stood. She taught all 8 grades and three months of school were held in the spring and three in the fall.

The next school was where the Newell brothers now live. The following year school was held in the church which was located where the Tom West home now stands.

The first real school was on the present site of the Douglas Cameron home. In 1895 the present city hall was built for a school and the old building was moved down and used for the primary rooms. It is the present library. J. H. Griffiths had the contract for building this school.

Mrs. Patrick says that her most thrilling experience was when they were moving into this country in 1800. They were on the Siskiyou mountains and had to turn out to let two 6 horse teams pass. There were bells on the leaders so you could hear them coming for several miles. It fairly took your breath away to watch them dash past. It was one of the beautiful sights that passed with the coming of the railroad and later the automobiles.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

This Monday evening, April 19, the fair board for the northwest Jackson county fair will meet at the city hall. All committee chairman and members of the board are urged to attend.

Banquet Given By Garden Club

ANNUAL DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT IS ENJOYED
MONDAY EVENING

More than 75 people enjoyed the annual Garden club dinner in the Odd Fellows hall Monday evening, which celebrated the fifth birthday of the Gold Hill organization. Guests were husbands of club members, teachers in the Gold Hill school and other invited guests.

Places were laid at four long tables decorated with bridal wreath and narcissus and daffodils.

Mrs. Walter Bower, retiring president, acted as toastmistress, and presented the new officers, who are Mrs. H. D. Force, president; Mrs. Bertha Kuikman, vice president; Mrs. George Dorman, secretary; Mrs. W. C. McLean, treasurer and Mrs. Fay Harris, librarian and historian.

Mrs. Bower outlined the past years activities in a short talk following the dinner. Mayor Cleo Gilchrist responded with a talk, congratulating the club on their activities in the past. Mrs. Bud Force, incoming president was presented with flowers and said a few words.

While dinner was being served, Miss Phyllis Miller played several selections at the piano. Later the program was opened with community singing. Other numbers were, piano solo by Miss Mitchell, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life"; original poem dedicated to Garden club husbands, Mrs. Carl Routh; trumpet solo, Laverne Walker; vocal solo, Miss Helen Hertz; song, "Long Ago," sextet of boys; reading, Betty Shoemaker; duet, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McGuire; piano solo, Phyllis Miller; vocal solo, Mrs. L. T. Cook; selection by Mr. and Mrs. Skeeters and community singing.

Following the program the rest of the evening was spent dancing with Mr. and Mrs. Skeeters of Medford furnishing the music.

NEWS HAS BIRTHDAY

With this issue the Gold Hill News enters its 39th year of continuous publication. The News was established in 1889 by T. K. Roberts. It was then located in the old Ray building which stood on the corner beside the Ben Paul home. Mr. Hammersly, uncle of George Hammersly was the second owner of the paper and a Mr. Churchill was the third publisher.

The Spy-Glass

BUD SNYDER measuring out just the right amount of tobacco in his hand to fill his pipe and then discovering that he was smoking a cigar.

OSCAR SHEPHERD taking the traveling prize at 500 at the card party. He moved five times around the same table.

CLARENCE COOK joining the ranks of the intelligent in Gold Hill and buying himself a new 1937 V-8.

HAZEL HOLDERNESS and CARL ROUTH dancing the "whatchya may call it" at the Garden club dance.

DON DUNGEY staying dressed up all day Sunday in hopes Miss Sharp's sister would be visiting in Gold Hill.

BILL FERGUSON bemoaning the fact that he missed the one chance of his life to make the headlines with a young lady. A mistake in the News gave the credit for appearing in a Grange play to his wife.

O. H. MILLER "sitting down and crying just like an old man on the curb" when he lost a dice game and had to go and load wood.

TOM ROBINSON remarking that the Junior play is sure going to be good. He even escorted one of the young ladies to practice one night.

The Junior Class Announces

"A LITTLE CLODHOOPER"

To Be Presented as a Revival of the Theatre of
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CHILDREN — 15c

Friday, April 16
8:00 p. m.
High School Gym

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