

# The Gold Hill News

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## Effort Being Made to Secure City Park

The combined efforts of city leaders, Gold Hill organizations and the city council are being used to secure a site for a city park for Gold Hill. Residents of Gold Hill have long realized the benefit of a city park and discussions have been held on the subject at various times. The Gold Hill Garden club and the Gold Hill Grange, in cooperation with the city council, plan to put forth every effort possible to secure a suitable site for the park.

The property belonging to the Southern Pacific, located directly across the highway from the post office, is considered the most logical location. It is pointed out that there are already several large oak trees on the property and that the land is such that it could be fixed into a very attractive park. This property is also centrally located and is the ideal location, being between the railroad tracks, the Pacific highway and the Crater Lake cut-off. A park at this point would undoubtedly be seen by every tourist passing through this section.

When first approached on the subject the Southern Pacific officials turned thumbs down on the proposition but it is believed that if local residents can show their determination to complete the park after the site is secured, it will throw a different light on the situation. Mayor R. G. Wigle plans to make a trip to Portland during the coming week and he will call on officials of the company at that time.

The railroad company would not be asked to help with the park in any way and it has been pointed out by sponsoring organization that the property would be at the disposal of the company at all times.

## Scouts To Have Own Meeting Building

The Boy and Girl Scout troops of Gold Hill will soon have a permanent meeting place of their own. This week the Duel building next to the News office was turned over to the Scouts, to belong to them permanently. The building is 123 by 30 feet and will provide plenty of room for the meetings. The Scouts will be able to have their displays in their own hall now and the Court of Honor will be held in the hall each time. Lockers will also be installed for use by the Scouts.

## W.R.C. Collects Clothes To Be Sent To Britain

The Women's Relief corps of Gold Hill is collecting used clothing in this vicinity to be sent to Great Britain. It is pointed out that all clothing that is available will be of great help in the British war relief this winter and everyone in this section who has used clothing is urged to donate it at this time. The clothing must be in this week as the Salvation Army is sending their shipment very soon. Clothing may be left at the News office or with any member of the corps.

## The Spy-Glass

JOHN ESSMAN and ERNIE LINGREN making Valentine Cook and Laurene Kell leave the office so they could play with the carnival prizes.

HAZEL HOLDERNESS overcome with awe while admiring AILENE INLOW'S exceptionally big feet.

BUD FORCE returning from the junk yard with an old pair of boots that would be just dandy to wear while fishing, only to find out that they were a pair BILL HITTLE had thrown away the week before.

## Old Bank Building Torn Down This Week

The old brick bank building, which had served residents of this section for over forty years, was torn down this week, the bricks were hauled off and property is now being cleaned up. Work was done by Elmer Childers, contractor of Medford. Mr. Childers also has the contract for tearing down the old brick building next to the Methodist church which served as a grocery store for many years. Both buildings had been vacant for several years and had been condemned.

The old bank building was the only structure remaining between the I.O.O.F. lodge hall and the hotel. When these two condemned buildings are cleared out, it will mean that there are only four buildings left on what was once Gold Hill's main street before the highway changed a block south about 15 years ago.

## Grants Pass Auto Show Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23

The second annual Grants Pass Auto Show will open at the high school auditorium in Grants Pass Friday night, November 22 at 7 p.m. The show will continue Saturday evening.

Space was completely sold out for the show early this week and all the latest 1941 model automobiles will be on display. Other displays will add to the showing.

A reeometer from the office of Secretary of State in Salem will be on display and persons will be able to test their skill and reaction to emergencies while driving.

Forty-five minutes of professional entertainment has been arranged for each night, consisting of music, dances, singing, etc.

A small charge of 10c per person will be made at the door which is the only charge for the show and entertainment.

The auto show is sponsored by the Lions club of Grants Pass. Last year, the first time an auto show was held in Grants Pass, approximately 3,000 people attended.

## PIE SOCIAL BY EPWORTH LEAGUE NOVEMBER 29

Friday evening, November 29, the Epworth League of the Methodist church will sponsor a pie social in the church basement. The young people sponsoring the event under the direction of Miss Zelma Thompson, promise a complete evening's entertainment of a program, games and prizes. The public is cordially invited to attend, and the ladies are asked to bring a pie.

Miss Maxine Hollifield of Medford has been a guest this week at the Elmer Dungey home.

## BE THANKFUL! THIS THANKSGIVING DAY

(By R-DOT-S)  
 Tho your larder may be empty  
 And for your dog there's not a bone;  
 Your clothing be in tatters  
 And you, in pain, be wont to moan;  
 The prayers you've uttered seem to be  
 Unanswered, or sidetracked on the way.  
 There is yet much to be thankful for  
 On this Thanksgiving Day.  
 Thank God for the privilege of having  
 A home in a land that's free,  
 Be thankful too that the devil's agents  
 Still remain beyond the sea.  
 Dark war clouds over Europe  
 Tho they are drifting out this way  
 As yet, they haven't reached here  
 For that, be thankful on this  
 Thanksgiving Day.  
 Those are just a few things,  
 To be thankful for by all,  
 There are many more things, too,  
 Too numerous to here recall.  
 Tho the day be cloudy and overcast  
 The clouds always have passed away.  
 That, too, all here can be thankful for  
 On this Thanksgiving Day.

## Mrs. Artie Laws Honored At Bridal Shower

On Tuesday evening, November 19, Mrs. Artie Laws was pleasantly surprised when a group of her friends arrived to honor her with a bridal shower.

The evening was spent visiting and admiring the many gifts which the bride received.

Those enjoying the evening were Mrs. Leslie Walker, Charlotte Walker, Mrs. Tom Lewis, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Melvin Burnett, Mrs. John Essman, Mrs. Wilmer Bailey, Mrs. Sid Baker, Mrs. Eva Smith, Mrs. Bud Force, Mrs. Nina Dusenberry, Mrs. Norman Bailey, Mrs. Laura Walker, Mrs. Mildred Wright, Mrs. Dale Smith, Janet Chisholm, Mrs. Jean Gardner, Mrs. Harry Newnam, Mrs. Leota Hood, Helen Dorman, Mrs. Linsley Dorman, Mrs. Jim Blevins, Mrs. Curtis Parker, Mrs. Joe Blair, Mrs. Art Mullin, June Lewis, Mrs. Josie Force, Mrs. Clyde Kell, Mrs. Delos Walker, Mrs. Lester Dusenberry, Mrs. Ray Wyatt, Roberta Mullin, Mrs. Freddie Stevens of Medford, Effie Blackburn, Orva Jean Blackburn, Velma Smith and Mrs. Harold Laws of Rogue River and the honored bride, Mrs. Artie Laws.

Refreshments of jello, cake and coffee were served at the close of the evening by Mrs. Lester Dusenberry, Mrs. Clyde Kell, Mrs. Ray Wyatt and Miss Roberta Mullin.

## Scouts To Receive Awards Next Thursday

Thursday, November 28, the Boy Scout Court of Honor and the Girl Scout Court of Awards will be held in the school auditorium, starting at 7:30. Both Boy and Girl Scouts will receive their awards at this time. Parents of the Scouts and others interested are invited to attend.

## VALLEY RESIDENT PASSES

Word was received here this week of the death on November 15, at 1 p. m., of Mrs. Carrie A. Duncan aged 63, at Missoula, Montana. She had been ill for just 20 hours before her death. Mrs. Duncan lived in the Rogue River Valley for many years and has many friends and relatives in this section.

## Santa Claus To Visit Here Next Wednesday

The good ship Lollypop, bringing a cargo of treasure and a group of distinguished passengers, will dock here next Wednesday.

Santa Claus heads the passenger list. With him are Joey the Clown, favorite of all children, and the Lollypop's Captain who has collected new tricks of magic from all parts of the world to show his friends here.

Sailing through the city streets with pennants flying and music playing, the Lollypop will drop anchor and the annual Shell Christmas Show, which has become a holiday institution throughout the West, will be given on the ship's deck for the entertainment of local children.

Manager T. Hornecker states, "The 1940 show is the best we have ever had. The show is travelling in a land-riding yacht, painted in gay colors and a sight long to remember. At the conclusion of the magic demonstration, Santa Claus will mysteriously appear and distribute a unique gift and a lollypop to every good boy and girl.

"Parents as well as children are invited to attend the Shell Christmas Show. Everything is free."

Local performances of the show will be given at the Gold Hill school at 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, November 27.

## Many Enjoy School Carnival Friday Night

The high school auditorium was filled to capacity last Friday evening when residents from this section gathered to enjoy the annual high school carnival. The event was very successful with everyone having a good time and nearly everyone winning in prize at some game of skill, during the evening. Miss June Robbins was elected Queen June 1 of the event and was attended by Princess Joyce Cota, LaVerne Parkhurst and Dorothy Quaintance. Bob Spencer held the lucky door number which won a dandy 15 pound turkey for him.

The student body cleared about \$40 on the carnival.

Read the advertisements in this paper for reliable places to trade.

## Opening Dance At Lodge Hall This Saturday

The opening winter dance will be held at the IOOF lodge hall in Gold Hill this Saturday, November 23. Music will be furnished by Merrill's Melody Makers of Medford and a large crowd is expected to attend.

## Garden Clubbers Enjoy Pot Luck At Meeting

Garden Club met November 15, in the W. R. C. hall. Pot luck dinner was served at one o'clock. The tables were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and other fall decorations by Hazel Holderness and Fannie Kies. An article on fall rose planting was read during the program. It was decided to have a card party some time in January.

Next meeting will be December 6 at the W. R. C. hall, and members will please bring greenery to make Christmas wreaths.

## PAST NOBLE GRANDS MEET AT LODGE HALL

The members of the Past Noble Grands enjoyed a no-host meeting at the I. O. O. F. lodge hall here last Thursday, November 14. Following the regular business meeting the convention business was completed. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 28, at the home of Mrs. Earl Moore.

Those attending were Pearl Gray Madge Dorman, Evelyn Thompson, Elinor Force, Etta Carter, Viola Moore, Enna Haff, Alta Clement, Belle Smith, Edna Gorham, Virginia Kellogg, Irene Hendrickson and Willie McLean.

## FOOTS CREEK ITEMS

(By Mrs. Marion ...)

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reinkens, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Dick and daughter Eileen, Mrs. Tom Knox, Mrs. Mamie Patterson, Marie Jones, Mrs. Raymond Lucas and daughter Charlotte White and Mrs. Perry Ollom from this community attended the Parent Teacher potluck supper held in the high school gymnasium at Rogue River Friday evening at 6:30 in observance of National Education week. The Home Makers class assisted Miss Widmer in serving the meal, after which a program was given and games were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson and son Otis Jr. of Henley, Oregon were guests of Mrs. Johnson's father, Roy Cameron and wife at Delta Motor Lodge. They also visited her aunt, Mrs. Effie Birdseye, and family over the Armistice Day vacation. Mr. Johnson has been teaching at Henley, near Klamath Falls, for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Badley spent Sunday at the home of their son Henry Badley, near Grants Pass where they attended a family dinner.

Mrs. A. A. Dixon went to Medford Saturday and took the lesson on simple desserts given by Mrs. Mabel C. Mack of Corvallis, Oregon when every Extension Unit in the county was represented with over forty in attendance. The lesson will be given at the home of Mrs. Effie Birdseye December 17 when there will be an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Tom Knox and daughter Patsy Lou spent the week end at Lakeview, Oregon where they visited Mr. Knox who is employed on highway work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stevens and two children of Phoenix, Oregon were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Effie Birdseye, also Mr. and Mrs. Victor Birdseye and family who are staying at the Birdseye ranch for a few weeks.

Arthur Smith who bought part of Riviera Plantation early last spring, coming here from Fern Valley near Phoenix, dressed and shipped a large number of turkeys last week.

## Party Honors School Faculty

The party honoring the faculty of the Gold Hill school was held at the IOOF hall last Thursday evening with eighty people attending. The teachers and many parents of children in school and friends of the faculty were present. The evening was spent singing familiar songs and playing active games.

Many persons attending were in "hard time" costumes, some very clever. There was a grand march & judges awarded first prizes to Elsie Cameron and Paul Holderness, and second prizes to Ma and Pa Joad, Mrs. Katharine Denzer and Miss Zelma Thompson.

The Grange committee put on a radio skit that cleverly portrayed different Grange members and others of the community. The Rebekah Lodge showed pictures out of "Grandma and Grandpa" McGiures' album as they sat and reminisced on their golden anniversary day. Mrs. Paul Throne gave a reading, "A Motor Romance".

Pie and coffee were served at a late hour. Following the refreshments, music for dancing was furnished by Art Gorham, Don Ferguson and Sonny Hendrickson.

## Local Members Attend W. R. C. Anniversary

The Ashland Women's Relief corps celebrated the 50th anniversary of their organization Saturday, November 16, with guests attending from Medford, Grants Pass Central Point and Gold Hill. Those representing the Gold Hill corps were Mrs. Tom Henderson, Mrs. Phil Griggs and Mrs. Ed Shoemaker.

A delicious dinner was enjoyed at 1:30 followed by the business meeting. A member of each corps was asked to say a few words. Mrs. Shoemaker responded for the Gold Hill corps in the absence of Mrs. Ella Patrick. Several presents were received by the Ashland corps.

All corps are invited to Grants Pass November 23 to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

## GRAND WARDEN TO VISIT I. O. O. F. LODGE TUESDAY

The Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Grant Murphy, will pay his official visit to the Gold Hill I. O. O. F. Lodge Tuesday evening, November 26. All members of the Gold Hill lodge are urged to be present at this meeting.

## James Out-Maneuvers Piluso In Top Spot

Colorful Jesse James won a two-out-of-three victory over Ernie Piluso, popular Italian-American grappler of Klamath Falls, before a large crowd of ladies-nighters at the Medford Armory Monday night in a thrilling match lasting more than half an hour.

James took his first fall with a press cleverly obtained by jumping onto the lower rope of the ring and throwing his weight against Piluso, who was giving all his attention to a body hold, and later took the pay off with a leg-breaker. Piluso took one fall with sonnenburgs and headlocks, and immediately following the Referee's decision, pinned James for another fall, just too late for the laurels.

Cowboy Dude Chick maneuvered Billy Rayburn into a lariat spin in the middle go, after Rayburn had taken one fall in the second round with a superb pin-wheel, and Rayburn was unable to return after the spin to continue one of the finest exhibitions shown in the local ring for many weeks.

Elton Owen made his first Southern Oregon appearance since childhood exhibition matches, meeting Eddie Marcus of New York City, in the first match of the evening, which he took with two consecutive falls.

Altogether it was one of the finest cards shown this season, and fans are eager to learn the line-up for next week's matches.

**OUR DEMOCRACY** — by Mat

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OUR CONGRESS NOT ONLY MAKES OUR LAWS; ITS MEMBERS CRITICIZE OR INVESTIGATE ANY OFFICIAL OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT THEY WANT TO.

**OVER THERE**

A DICTATOR'S SO-CALLED CONGRESS PROVIDES APPLAUSE FOR HIM.

—AND FOR ANY SPEECH OR DEBATE IN EITHER HOUSE, THEY (SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES) SHALL NOT BE QUESTIONED IN ANY OTHER PLACE. (ARTICLE I, SECTION 6, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.)

**CRITICISM? INVESTIGATION? A DICTATOR IS THE BOSS OF ALL THE COURTS, JAILS AND FIRING SQUADS.**