

Gold Hill Notes

By Mildred Tilley
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Mrs. Lily Dusenberry of Grants Pass and her daughter, Mrs. George Tilley of Gold Hill attended funeral services in Medford on January 18 for Howard Erwin Wharton.

Mr. Wharton was a brother-in-law to Mrs. Dusenberry. Mr. Wharton was born March 16, 1890 in Cygnest, Ohio. His father was a Methodist minister. After finishing high school, Mr. Wharton attended the Rolla School of Music in Rolla, Missouri. At the age of 23 he moved to Portland.

Later he moved to Gold Hill and was married to Ida Straun in 1916. Her parents were one of the many pioneer families of Oregon.

Mr. Wharton was editor and publisher of the Gold Hill News from 1917 until 1926. This was the paper that was started by Ben Hur Lanpman.

In the 1920's he served as Gold Hill City Recorder and also as one of the volunteer firemen for Gold Hill. From 1934-1940 he owned the Green Lantern Cafe in Medford. He served as cook at Camp White during World War II. Since 1946 he was active in restoring antique furniture.

Mr. Wharton a member of the Isaac Walton League and the Modern Woodmen Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Ida; two sons, Ted Wharton of Medford and Charles Wharton of Rancho Santa Fe, California; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Grimes of Portland and Mrs. Marguerite Peters of Pomona, California and five grandchildren.

Interment was in Gold Hill cemetery.

The newly-completed Sams Valley Elementary school was in operation last week.

The school was built at a cost of \$269,374. The building consists of six classrooms, a multi-purpose room, kitchen health room, office area, teachers room and work area. One of the classrooms, at the present time, will be used as a library and music room.

Grades 4 through 8 will be housed in the new building while grades one through three will remain at the old Sams Valley school, which will be called Sams Valley Primary school.

Enrollment during the past five years in the Sams Valley school has increased from 90 to 234 students.

Principals of both schools will be Allen Hill. Dedication of the school will be held February 17 at the Sams Valley PTA meeting.

The Sams Valley PTA met January 19 in the multi-purpose room of the new Sams Valley Elementary School.

Guest speaker was William Brewster, principal of the Richardson Elementary school in Central Point. He spoke on the subject of "New Math."

Mr. and Mrs. James Dessert are the parents of a nine pound son born January 13 at the Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital.

The Gold Hill Community Methodist Church Woman's Society met January 12 at the home of Mrs. Paul Molloy.

The program was presented by Mrs. Cassie Johnson with devotions by Mrs. Harry Foley and Mrs. Ivan Governor.

Mid-year statistical report from July 1, 1965-December 31, 1965 for the Gold Hill Library is as follows:

Home use of books: 1964: adult, 403; juvenile, 231; sub-totals: 634.

Home use of books: 1965: adult, 500; juvenile, 185; sub-totals, 685.

Percentage of change: adult, 24.06 plus; juvenile, 19.91 minus; sub-totals: 8.04 plus. July 1964-December 1964: adult, 2953; juvenile, 1830; sub-totals, 4,783.

July 1965-December 1965: adult, 3199; juvenile, 2149; sub-totals, 5,348.

Percentage of change: adult, 8.33 plus; juvenile, 17.43 plus; sub-totals, 11.81 plus.

Requests to headquarters for books and materials: December 1964: 33; December 1965: 7; July 1964-December 1964: 97; July 1965-December 1965: 95; Percentage of change: 2.06 minus.

Transfer of books to and from branches: books on hand Nov. 30, 1965: 3,533. Transferred to Gold Hill: 135. Transferred from Gold Hill: 110. Books on hand December 31, 1965, 3,558.

Library borrowers: December 1964, 182; December 1965, 200. July 1964-December 1964, 1,140; July 1965-December 1965, 1,322; percentage of change: 15.96 plus.

The next meeting of the Woman's Society of the Gold Hill Community Methodist Church will be held February 9.

In charge of the program will be Mrs. Samuel Jones.

The resignation of Mrs. Lorraine Linne of the Hanby Elementary School has been accepted.

Re-appointed to a three year term on the School District 6 budget committee has been Paul Molloy of Gold Hill.

The Youth Club of Gold Hill recently sponsored a benefit dance. The proceeds of which will go to the Vernon Czmowski family of Gold Hill.

Below is an outline of the events which helped the Gold Hill Youth Club. What-----benefit dance Why-----proceeds go to help the Vernon Czmowski family whose house was destroyed by fire Dec. 26, 1965. When-----January 18, 1966 at 6:30 PM. to 9:30 PM.

Where-----Hanby Elementary school in Gold Hill. Donators-----Hanby Elementary donated gym; Jim Burnett (Gold Hill Chief of Police) donated time; Jim Lynch donated time; Ahab and the Whalers band; the total amount cleared above expense was \$60.00, which we are proud to give to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Czmowski and daughters, Joy, Joan and Janice.

We would like to thank Mr. Gilbert A. Mack, principal of the Gold Hill schools Mr. Jim Burnett; Mr. Jim Lynch, Hanby school janitor; the Hanby school office staff for special notices sent out to the public through the school; and also to the general public, students and adults, who helped to make the benefit such a success.

Jan Kinney and Gold Hill Youth Club

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Gable left for Portland last week, where they will spend the next few weeks. Mrs. Gable will enter the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

During their absence Mrs. Gable's son, Mr. Ray Haga, of Reno, Nevada, will reside at their home.

Mrs. Frances Brown, Gold Hill Librarian attended a branch library staff meeting held at the Medford library on January 21.

On January 26 a kaffeklatch will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Gold Hill to promote funds for budget and other projects of the Gold Hill PTA.

Two cases of chicken pox have been reported in the area.

Library Notes

Exhibits at the Central Point Library for the next few weeks include one oil painting of an California mission ruin by Ashley Browne of Gold Hill.

Other paintings include a horse scene (Wild and Free) by Joan Beyer; an ocean scene and a desert scene by Mr. Walwin; a native painting by H. Eitemiller; a floral still life by Barbara Moser of Gold Hill; an autumn scene (Nature's Mirror) by Grace Kurz and a snow scene by Audrey Glass, all members of the Southern Oregon Society of Artists.

An unique arrangement by Fay and William Smith, members of the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral Club consists of seven agate pen desk sets and an agate ashtray.

Jane Kessler of Medford has on display dolls from her collection. Some of them are rag dolls she has made which include Superman, a Scotsman, Robin Hood, Indian, pirate, cowboy, woodsman and a pioneer girl. There are 26 costume dolls also on exhibit.

Judy Cimfil of Glendale also allowed us to exhibit her collection of costume dolls. There are 15 dolls in this collection including a bridal party, whose clothes were crocheted by her grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Tilley of Gold Hill.

Piano Recital Enjoyed

Mrs. Elsie Kroon presented her students in a Piano Recital at her home, 155 S. 4th Street, Central Point on January 7. Pupils who participated in the recital were Linda and Yvonne Herzberg, Rollo and Roma Wood, K-Lou Cox, Judy Hill, Lynne Anne Dodson, Sandra Hukill, Kathie Clark, Kathy Ross, Denise Lewis, Naomi Minger, Patricia Ellison, Joy Allum, Linda Alexander, Wayne Wright, and Cathy Alton. Sandra Hukill also played a number on the piano with Beth Kroon accompanied by her on the organ. Sandra also sang a contralto solo accompanied by Beth Kroon. The recital was concluded with a piano and organ duet by Mrs. Kroon and Beth Kroon. Mrs. Hukill, Mrs. Minger and Mrs. Ullom assisted in the serving of refreshments.



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