SCHOOL NOTES

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The Central Pointers swept down the floor to another victory last Friday night over both boys' and girls' teams of Gold Hill. An exceptionally fast and exciting game was played by the boys. The score at the end of the game stood 23 to 22 in Central Point's favor.

Donald Patterson was high point man, making 6 baskets or a total of 12 points. Orville Caster came next.

The game was opened with the regular line-up which consists of W. Eicher, O. Caster, D. Patterson, D. Ayers and K. Taylor. The substitutes were E. Grissom and R. Casad.

The referee called very closely and several of Gold Hill's points were made from the foul line.

During the last quarter the Gold Hillers gained a two-point lead and it was feared that the game was theirs until Patterson and Caster, working together, regained the lead.

The girls' game was a complete walk-over. The score at the end stood 54 to 10 in favor of Central Point. The C. P. team got the lead in the first half and kept it until the end of the game.

Frances Faber, forward, should be given credit for making most of the points. She sank 20 baskets which is a total of 40 points. The girls showed marvelous team work.

The usual lineup played with Geneva Brown, center; Avis Ayers, side-center; Frances Faber and Naomi Johnson, forwards; Elizabeth Southwell and Katharine Lathrop, guards. Jerry Jones substituted as side-center; Phyllis Turpin and Berenice Reames as guards and Peggy Lawrence as forward.

All of Gold Hill's points were made from the foul line except one which was made from the floor. A record-breaking crowd attended the game.

Practices for the play, "Kidnapping Betty" to be presented at an assembly program, January 28, by the senior class, were started Monday. Miss Blood, senior class advisor, is directing the play which is a clever rural comedy about a school teacher who is very determined when she comes to where she plans to board. Those taking part in the play are:

Dan Fielding .....John Smith
Nat Meadows .....Champ Pitts
Bud Simpson .....Roy Martin
Betty Meadows .....Rowena Perdue
Mollie Fielding .....Lela Rains
Joanna Fielding .....Ruth Turpin
Sally Perkins .....Helen Lees

Mildred Hutchins, a member of the junior class, had been home ever since the holidays.

Geraldine Hermanson, a member of the freshman class, has been absent several days on account of illness.

Student body tickets went on sale last week. These tickets cost a dollar and admit the holder to any scheduled basketball game in the C. P. gym. They also make the student a member of the Student Body Association.

Donald Patterson broke his nose at basketball practice Monday night. He ran into W. Cooker's head.

Semester exams were held in all subjects Thursday and Friday. This marks the completion of half of the school year.

The first orchestra practice of the year was held Tuesday under the direction of Mr. Botts.

An interesting project was carried on in the Home Ec. classes this week in connection with their studies on child care. The members of the class made tours into the grades for personal observation, and after work made reports concerning them.

Both the boy's team and the girl's team in basketball played the Rogue River teams Friday night, at Rogue River.

In order that they might view the wreck of the army airplane that crashed Monday morning in Wagner Creek district, several of the boys drove down to the scene Monday noon.

Daddy's night, an interesting phase of the Central Point P. T. A., is to be on the evening of January 21. Fathers, of children in any grade, are asked to be on attendance. An interesting progam, in which pupils of several of the grades will take part, has been planned. Features on the progam will be: Opening song, America; Two numbers by the first and second grades, Toy Orchestra; Song by Ernestine Tracy; Song by Boys Quartet in fifth grade; Girls' Glee Club, two numbers; Address of the evening by Mr. Strang of Ashland whose subject will be disarmament.

Central Ponters Win From Gold Hill

In a fast, brilliantly played contest the Pointers outbattled the winding five from Gold Hill last Friday night at Central Point by the narrow margin of one point, the final score being, Pointers, 23; Gold Hill 22.

The game should have been seen to be appreciated. A mere write-up cannot do it justice. When Patterson scored the last basket, placing the locals one point ahead of our opponents in the last several minutes of play, the crowd fairly went wild with excitement.

But now to get back to the beginning. The game started rather slowly with each side trying to figure out the dangerous points and weak points of the other team. C. P. started the scoring by sinking a basket and from then on they remained ahead until the last quarter when Gold Hill rallied to bring the score several points ahead of the Pointers. This was rather disheartening to the local fans for they stayed ahead until the last several minutes of play. Then though some mighty hard playing, C. P. forged ahead one point and maintained the lead until the final whistle.

This was the second conference game of the season.

Drums:—Ethelyn Scott.

Trombones:—Joe Johnson, Donald Anderson.

Clarinets:—Elizabeth Southwell, John Smith, Alvin Maple.

Saxaphones: — Jack Sanderson, Mona Lewis, Rowena Perdue.

Trumpets:— Fred Lofland, John Eddy, James Fleischer, Donald Snyder.

Piano:—Mary Jane Beebe, Ruth Ramstrom.

High School Orchestra Begins Work in Earnest

The Central Point high school orchestra held its first practice Tuesday, under the direction of Mr. R. A. Botts, in the lunch room of the grade school building.

The orchestra is composed of six different types of musical instruments: violins, drums, trombones, clarinets, saxophones and trumpets.

Tuesday, which has been set aside for practice day, is divided into six periods to provide for the separate practice of each of the six instruments. After school the entire orchestra meets and has regular practice.

During the past few days many of the students have been buying instruments.

The following pupils have signed up and started practicing:

Violins:—Everett Grissom, Laurel Williams, Ruth Lynam, Dorothy Anderson, Melburn Atkins, Charles Murphy, Berenice Reames, John Moran, Buddy Cowan, Wilda Hall, Lowell Blackford.

Pointer Girls Defeat Gold Hill Sextette

The Pointer girls again put on the breastplate of victory by winning their second conference game from Gold Hill to a tune of 54 to 10.

Rumors had been circulated that Gold Hill had a very strong team and that it would take a hard fight to win from them. These rumors, however, proved to be untrue, as the game was a complete walkaway for the Pointers. Owing to the close calling of the referee, the girls made more fouls than usual, and Gold Hill gained all its points from the foul line except one basket which was made from the floor.

Frances Faber was high point girl on the C. P. team, making 20 baskets, or a total of 40 points. Frances should be commended upon her extraordinary skill for sinking baskets.

The usual lineup played with Frances Faber and Naomi Johnson, forwards; Geneva Brown, center; Avis Ayres, side-center; Elizabeth Southwell and Katharine Lathrop, guards; Peggy Lawrence substituted as forward, Jerry Jones as side-center, Phyllis Turpin and Berenice Reames as guards.

Boys Rivaling Girls in Number Is Late Report

According to the latest statitics the total enrollment of the high school has reached 133 with the entering of Irene Hoffman from Seaside high school. However, there are not that many in regular attendance since several students have moved away. Lloyd Hollifield who will attend Gold Hill Hi. is the last to go; leaving 127 in regular attendance.

The number of boys in the high school is 63. They rival the girls who total 64. It has been reported that several new students will enter high school at mid-year and that one or two will go to other schools.

Crater Lake to Reap Harvest in Big Conventions

Notwithstanding the financial depression over the nation, the outlook is that Crater Lake National Park will have another record-breaking attendance next summer, is the news imparted to Superintendent E. C. Solinsky of the park on his business visit to Portland last week, by R. W. Price, general manager of the park lodge and other concessions.

This will be welcome news to most Medford folks and the forecast of Mr. Price is based on his recent attendance at the National Park Utility Operators—convention at Washington, D. C. Mr. Price also called on all major travel bureaus and railroad ticket offices in the larger cities and made arrangements with them to broadcast to prospective tourist the glories of Crater Lake.

Natural decrease that might be expected in Crater Lake attendance because of the depression, is offset by the fact that the national Mystic Shrine convention will be held in San Francisco next summer, the national American Legion convention in Portland in early September, and the world wide Olympic games in Los Angeles next summer, and many lesser national conventions and gatherings on the Pacific coast during the Crater Lake season.

Also offsetting is the removal of the $15 deferential rate over the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific, which permits eastern tourists to come to the coast by one route and return by the other and vice versa.

It is figured almost to a certainty that Crater Lake will draw a tremendous patronage from the national conventions and other gatherings, and the Olympic games. Many thousands from all parts of the United States will attend the national conventions, coming by train or auto, and the Olympic games will draw from all parts of the world.

Pacific States Mines Develop Opp Gold

At last information, a crew of ten men was pushing new development work on the Opp gold mines near Jacksonville, recently taken over by the Pacific States Mines company. This property comprises 360 acres and although former operators took out a large amount of high grade ore from various pockets, it is stated that the major part of the property is practically virgin ground. Superintendent John Price and William R. Price, both of them mining engineers are making a thorough study of underground conditions and at present are concentrating their efforts upon the high grade showings. It is stated that six parallel vein systems cross the property with numerous cross veins.

The company plans to block out ore as rapidly as possible while the first 50-ton unit of a mill is being erected. It is believed that a substantial amount of ore of an average value of above $15 per ton can be developed for continuous operation of this first unit. Capacity will then be increased and gradually built up to a 500-ton plant, according to the present plan. With increased capacity, a lower grade of ore can be handled profitably. Mining Engineer Walter H. Robinson estimates that already there are 100,000 tons of ore averaging better than $5 per ton ready to stope and that when larger-scale operations are under way this ore can be mined and milled at a cost of $2 or $2.50 a ton. With a mill of 500-ton capacity, this would indicate a profit of from $1250 to $1500 per day.

Besides this Opp gold mine, Pacific States Mines company still has its original copper property, situated about 30 miles from Medford. Work has been suspended on this property until market conditions for the red metal improve. Pacific States Mines will also take over a substantial interest in the Platner mercury mine near Prineville, Oregon. It is believed that this property has possibilities of developing into one of the leading quicksilver producers of the country.

Copco Loses Old Fight With Gold Hill Over River

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.— Federal Judge Fee today denied the request of the California Oregon Power company for a court order restraining the Beaver Portland Cement company and the city of Gold Hill from further general blasting operations in the Rogue River.

The court ruled, however, that no blasting will be permitted below the point of minimum flow of water in the stream. The defendants were allowed costs of the suit.

In refusing the injunction, Judge Fee pointed out that the waters of the Rogue already have been adjudicated by state courts. Because there is adequate relief in the state courts he ruled, and because no property has been improved by the power company, and because no beneficial use could derive from the water, in the opinion of the court, the restraining order was denied.

Judge Fee's opinion was based on arguments heard last May. The litigation dates back 26 years.

The power company sought to restrain the defendants from blasting operations in the bed of the river, causing a change in the channel which was alleged to have damaged the power company's interest.

The suit was argued before the late federal Judge Bean at Medford in October, 1930, but he died before giving a decision. Other suits resulting from the same conditions date back as far as 1906.

In 1929 part of the river bed on the land of the city of Gold Hill was blown up by the cement company in drilling holes. The blasting, it was alleged, changed the course of the stream from the adjoining property owned by the power company which sought a permanent injunction to prevent further blasting.

U. O. Again Chosen Summer Art Center

University of Oregon, Eugene. — The University of Oregon in the west and Harvard University in the east have again been chosen as summer session teacher training centers in art by the Carnegie Corporation and the American Institute of Architects, it is announced here by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University. The grant, which is used both for scholarships and for providing instruction and material, has also been increased for the University of Oregon from $5,000 for the season to $7,500.

Scholarships will be given by the Carnegie Corporation to a large number of college instructors in art, and to others in this field, and these will tend to build up the graduate school materially and still further improve the quality of students by bringing in this outstanding group, Dr. Hall points out. The additional amount of the grant will make possible changes in policy and procedure that will assure the university the best summer session in this work that it has ever had, it is believed.

Deepest Snow in Cascade Forests Since Fall in '17

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Snow lies deeper in the Cascades now than at any time since 1917 ,reports from a dozen forest supervisors to the regional office here revealed today.

Snow depths reported from various locations included: Fish lake, Santiam forest, eight feet; Tombstone Prairie, Santiam, 12 feet; Gold lake Cascade national forest, 14 feet; Crater lake, Crater National forest, 11 feet; Cloud Gap Inn, Mount Hood national forest, four feet.

In the Chelan National forest in eastern Washington, the reports said, the snow is about twice as deep as last year. C. J. Conover, assistant supervisor of the Wenatchee forest, reported the snow ranged in depth from 24 inches at Wenatchee to 119 inches at Dishpan Cap.

Snow measurements taken by the county watermaster the past week on the Dry Creek divide, between Fish and Four Mile lakes, and in the Siskiyous show twice the depth of last year, when the snow was at its peak in early March.

There rests now on the Dry Creek divide 56 inches of snow with a water content of 13.5 inches. In March of last year the depth was 30 inches. In the Siskiyous at the present time, the snow measurements show 21 inches of snow with a water content of seven inches. Last year there was none.

Measurements of the snow at Hyatt Prairie will be taken soon, and will indicate the same conditions as at the other two places. There has been no run-off of water, the storm conditions are expected to exist in the mountains this month and next.

Former Local Boys Win Promotion

George Elden and Carl Boswell, former Central Point high school students, recently received advancements in R. O. T. C. at Oregon State College. Elden, senior in commerce, was promoted to captain of infantry, and Boswell, junior in vocational education, was promoted to first sargeant, the highest possible rank of a first term junior.

Elden is a member of Scabbard and Blade, national honorary fraternity in military.

Other than these activities, Boswell is a member of the varsity debate squad, is assistant manager of forensics, and is chairman of the music committee for the junior prom. Elden is a past member of the staff of the Barometer, the Oregon State daily publication, and is vice-president of the student chamber of commerce.

"Thank You" Says Collie when Death Sentence Spoken

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 11.—With an almost inaudible expression of "thank you," uttered as the court finished its sentence, Gilbert Collie, 51 year old itinerant blacksmith, was condemmed to death on the gallows for the killing of Dale Slater, youthful Los Angeles carpenter, formerly of Dallas, Ore.

Collie, who has indicated he will not fight the sentence probably will be taken to San Quentin penitentiary tomorrow or Wednesday. Before the court sentenced Collie, his attorneys asked for a new trial, which was denied.

The blacksmith was convicted of killing Slater on the desert northeast of here to gain possession of the automobile in which they were riding to Hoover dam in Nevada in search of work. Collie also is accused at Santa Ana of slaying George Walker, Santa Rosa carpenter, with a similar motive.

Collie was well known in Medford and Central Point, where he resided from 1922 to 1925. He conducted a woodcuttng business and auto lot. He sued C. C. Hoover for $2500 as the result of an auto wreck on the Central Point road, and was awarded a judgment. During his residence here he was known for his irascible temperament, and was in minor trouble several times. A divorced wife lives in Medford.

Taxes on Water Are Reduced

In keeping with the campaign in the county for reduced expenses everywhere, and efforts of irrigation boards of directors to place the irrigation levies at a figure where the water will be profitable, the irrigation liens against land under the various ditches in the valley have been considerably reduced this year, according to figures compiled by county assessor J. B. Coleman.

Figures for the Rogue River Valley irrigation district have not been published as yet, because the directors and bond holders have not yet reached an agreement as to payments of principal and interest. The expenses of the entire district are tabulated, and tax liens placed on the land on a per acre basis.

The totals for the different districts are as follows:

Eagle Point district, operation and maintenance, $38,792.88

Gold Hill, operation, maintenance Payments of principal and interest, $3,837.28.

Talent, operation and maintenance, $22,103, and for bonds and interest, $42,931.40.

Medford irrigation district, operation and maintenance, [illegible],740.

Liens for the patrol, however, showed an increase, the total assessment last year being only $7230 against $11,615.51 this year.