

GOLD HILL NEWS

Gold Hill Grange Notes

Dedication of the new Gold Hill Grange hall under the auspices of Morton Tompkins, Master of Oregon State Grange and his Dedication Officer, Wm. G. Howes, at present a State Deputy and past Master and member of Gold Hill Grange, was solemnized Friday evening, January 14th. Their presence along with a group of other Oregon State Grange officers added significance to the occasion. The entire group had the day previous completed in a nearby county a Conference tour and included, in addition to State Master Tompkins and State Deputy Howes, Secretary Bertha Beck, Lecturer Beulah Moore, Home Economics Chairman Ethel Lathrop, and Juvenile Chairman Helen Roberts. Mrs. Wm. Howes and Mr. Roberts were also with the group, and all were seated at the Master's station for the evening.

Preceding the dedication Mr. Tompkins and his party were honored at a six o'clock dinner attended by Gold Hill Grange members and served by ladies of the Home Economics Club in the spacious dining room of the new hall, especially decorated for the occasion in the Grange colors of blue and gold. Now as the building is, having been occupied since October, 1948, committee women had freshly cleaned and polished the dining room, the main auditorium, lounges and stage.

The dedication was inaugurated promptly at 8:30 P.M., to a packed house of over two hundred visiting Grangers and invited friends, a representative cross-section of visitors from Jackson and Josephine Counties. The ceremony of dedication was effectively executed in accordance with Grange ritual and was declared by those in attendance to have been especially impressive.

Conclusion of formalities paved the way for an anxiously awaited address by Mr. Tompkins. Grange members in the area so appreciated Mr. Tompkins and his group taking time to come to Gold Hill, traveling at the conclusion of their conference tour beset by winter weather, that his message brought to them even more than its anticipated import. State Deputy Wm. Howes

reiterated his previously expressed pride in the achievement of Gold Hill, his "Home Grange." Secretary Bert Beck, Lecturer Beulah Moore, H.E.C. Chairman Ethel Lathrop, and Juvenile Chairman Helen Roberts, in addition to bringing news about their particular fields of endeavor in the Grange all offered encouragement to Gold Hill in the continuance of its work.

Master John Gray accepted the complimentary speeches of the assembled dignitaries and in his discourse he again thanked the members of Gold Hill Grange for the long-continued spirit of unity and cooperation that was so finely rewarded by the successful completion of a hall that continues to draw the admiration of each new visitor. It was pointed out that, after acquiring a corner lot on City Hall Square construction was started on a building 40 ft. wide by 90 ft. long by 35 ft. high on December 15, 1947 and completion was celebrated ten months later with opening night festivities of dining and dancing enjoyed by seven hundred people.

An informal buffet dessert was served following the dedication ceremony, giving many visitors opportunity to renew acquaintance with Master Tompkins and members of his party.

PAST NOBLE GRAND CLUB—

Past Noble Grand club met at the home of Mrs. Jas. Clement on Thursday afternoon Jan. 13. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Parker was in charge of entertainment. Several received gifts from Amethyst Friends. Also a shower for Sister Kelso who lives in Medford and lost her home and contents by fire the week before Christmas, resulted in a large number of useful gifts from Past Noble Grands, and Rebekahs. The next meeting will be on February 10, at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Martin. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames—Ken Palmer, Wilmer Bailey, Daniel Stewart, M. M. Hood, A. A. Walker, Earl Moore, Lester Parker, Frank Carter, Harry Newham, Wm. Hille, Paul Thompson, T. Z. Smith, H. D. Force, C. Dusenberry, and the hostess, Mrs. A. S. Clement, with Susane Hood and Judy Force, visitors.

SCHOOL BUDGET APPROVED—

The annual school budget election was held in district No. 57, January 10, in the school gym. Ten residents of the large district voted to adopt the budget for \$64,644.99. The budget will allow for an extra teacher next fall and for a new bus. The oldest bus will be replaced by the new one. All personnel will receive a raise in salary. The school cafeteria will be supported again. The amount to be raised by taxation will be only \$520 more than last year's budget.

At the board meeting which followed the special election, the board renewed the contract with Tidewater Associated Oil company for bus fuel for the following year. Work is still being carried on towards purchase of the Lingren and Jones property for a new high school site.

The school office has a new phone and the old pay phone has been removed. The new number is 661.

MEL HOOD NAMED BRANCH MANAGER

Mel Hood, resident of Gold Hill has been named area representative of the Western Oil and Burner company of Medford. Hood will maintain a local office and oversee the company's business at both Gold Hill and Rogue River.

The recent appointment is part of the company's future planning program to set up local outlets and employ local people, a company spokesman announced.

ART MULLEN'S FAMILY—

In reporting of the Art Mullen's family, formerly of Gold Hill, now of Medford, Mrs. Mullen's health is not so good this winter. Their family, which grew up and went to school in Gold Hill are: Roberta, now Mrs. Melford Lyons living in Hollywood, Calif.; Robert (Buster) Mullen and wife now in Lakeview, Oregon; Janet now Mrs. R. Ryans of Medford; June now Mrs. Bruce Metzger of Medford; (Janet and June are twins) Betty now Mrs. Fred Stataman of Medford and Donald and Donna, twins at home.

Don Buntin left for Eugene to report for selective service.

JANUARY SQUARE DANCE

In response to repeated requests, with the aid of Arnold's Band, an old fashioned dance will be held Saturday night, January 22nd, at the Gold Hill Grange Hall. This is in accordance with the policy inaugurated in December when a square dance each month was promised devotees of this pastime.

Only a nominal charge will be made for the dance and service will be continued as usual in the dining room.

JOINT INSTALLATION—

Joint Installation of officers for the new term of I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 129 and Amethyst Rebekah Lodge No. 97 was held on Tuesday evening Jan. 18 in the I.O.O.F. Hall. Geo. Nichols, Deputy Grand Master of Ashland, and Elmer Mae Gail, District Deputy President of Gold Hill, acting as installing officers, with the installing team from Ashland.

New officers for I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 129 are: Noble Grand, Lester Parker; Vice Grand, Harry Smith; Secretary, W. C. Autenreith; Fin. Secretary, R. R. Ritter; Treasurer, Paul Thompson; Warden, Clyde Kell; Conductor, Wm. Hittle; Inside Guardian, Al. Nutson; Outside Guardian, Roy Bornman; Rt. Support N.G., Floyd Lance; Left Support N.G., Wilmer Bailey; Rt. Support V.G., M. M. Hood; Left Support V.G., C. N. Gail; Chaplin, F. W. Jones; Scene Supporters, Paul Holderness and Joe Pankey.

Officers for Amethyst Rebekah Lodge No. 97 are: Noble Grand, Vera Stewart; Vice Grand, Edith Thompson; Secretary, Evelyn Thompson; Fin. Secretary, Nora Bailey; Treasurer, Leola Hood; Warden, Leola Whitlock; Conductor, Ada Andrews; Inside Guardian, Nina Dusenberry; Outside Guardian, Carrie Puhl; Right Support N.G., Willie McLean; Left Support N.G., Elmer Mae Gail; Right Support V.G., Belle Smith; Left Support V.G., Dorothy Parker; Chaplin, Edna Luinn; and Musician, Hazel Holderness.

After the installation ceremony a number of guests and members made short talks. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Adah Jones and her committee to about 75 members and guests.

C. Norman Gail left Thursday for Boise with Mr. Bohnert of Central Point, and Mr. Cate Medford. The men will buy steers for members of the 4-H club.

GOLD HILL DATES FIRST POLIO DANCE

Emil DiVecchio, local chairman for Jackson County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announces an outstanding opportunity to aid the benefit project and at the same time enjoy the music of Arnold's band, Saturday night at the first March of Dimes dance in this area.

Use of the new Grange hall has been donated for the occasion and all proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin have sold the house on the west side of their present home to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Novak. Mrs. Novak is a daughter of the Martins.

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Private Alton Sutton, son of Johnnie Sutton, is now stationed in Germany. His address is Serial No. 19332842 Provisional Co. 2642, A.P.O. Box 872 New York City, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lance spent Saturday in Medford on business and visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Hope and family.

Those reported on the sick list were Mrs. Shaw, Mr. P. A. Gergus, Mrs. Ella Sutton and son Johnnie.

Mrs. Elsie Garrett and daughter Ruth of Talent called on their aunt Mrs. Ella Sutton, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chapman spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Collins on Sardine Creek.

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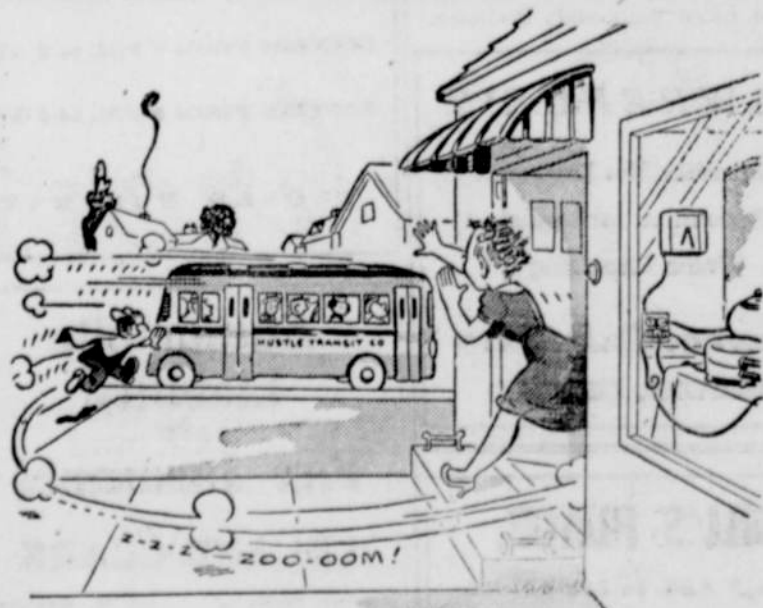
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