

Masons Planning Dramatic Presentation at Grants Pass, May 20

Merritt J. Swing, Worshipful Master of Central Point Lodge No. 135 announced today that Fred A. Purdin for Medford, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Oregon and the Masters of Masonic Lodges in southern Oregon have announced plans for a dramatic presentation of portions of the first three degrees of Masonry on Saturday, May 20th at Grants Pass, Oregon.

The amplified symbolic presentation will be presented in the Heater-Newman Memorial Building with approximately 15 members of Research Lodge of Portland in the cast under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The eight o'clock meeting will be preceded by a buffet banquet served in the Lincoln School Auditorium by the Eastern Star Social Club. A very nominal charge will be made for the banquet the program later in the evening is free.

The symbolic drama will be the first opportunity hundreds of Masons in southern Oregon have had to witness this most unusual presentation. The southern Oregon performance is the fourth in the state being preceded only by Eugene, Tillamook and Portland.

Merritt J. Swing, Worshipful Master of Central Point Lodge No. 135 stated that co-hosts with the local lodge will be Jacksonville, Henry H. Halvorsen, W.M. of Warren Lodge No. 10; Kerby Belt Lodge No. 18 G. W. Morey W.M.; Kerby, Oregon; Ashland Lodge No. 23, Elliott B. McCracken, W.M.; Medford Lodge No. 103, Wallace C. Brill W.M.; Grants Pass Lodge No. 84, Chester A. Hyatt W.M.; and Cascade Lodge No. 208, Prospect, Oregon, L. O. Rogers, W.M.

The two hour stage production will be implemented by a number of musical selections by the famous Hillah Temple Chanters and the colorful Hillah Band, who will also furnish music at the banquet. Arrangements are being made to accommodate 1700 members of the craft. The host lodges have stressed the welcome to all members of Masonic lodges whether in this area or elsewhere and that those unable to attend the banquet are urged to be present for the eight o'clock performance. While the drama is without admittance charge, tylers of all host lodges will be present and those attending will be tied.

Grand Lodge officers will be honored at the banquet and those present will have the privilege of hearing a special speaker whose message will be of direct interest to all members of the craft.

From early reports made by co-host lodges the May 20th meeting promises to be one of the greatest Masonic meetings ever held in southern Oregon.

Preliminary plans as well as other work in connection with the Masonic evening have been greatly furthered by the efforts of E. E. Shank, secretary of Grants Pass Lodge and Thomas F. Gunn, a member of Research Lodge, Portland.

MASONIC OFFICERS PLAN MEET



Reading left to right, standing: Elliott B. MacCracken, Ashland, W. M. Ashland Lodge No. 23; L. O. Rogers, Prospect, W. M. Cascade Lodge No. 208; Wallace B. Brill, Medford, W. M. Medford Lodge No. 103; Harold L. Bowerman, Cave Junction, Senior Warden Belt Lodge No. 18, Kerby; Henry H. Halvorsen, Medford, W. M. Warren Lodge No. 10 Jacksonville; Merritt J. Swing, Medford, W. M. Central Point Lodge No. 135; (seated) E. E. Shank, Grants Pass, Secretary Grants Pass Lodge No. 84; Fred A. Purdin, Medford, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master; Chester D. Hyatt, Grants Pass, W. M. Grants Pass Lodge No. 84; Thomas F. Gunn, Grants Pass, member Research Lodge of Portland.

Navy Mother Meet At Taylor Home

Central Point Navy Mothers club met Wednesday, April 12 at 2 P.M., at the home of Mrs. E. S. Taylor. There were 13 members present. Those present were Mrs. Jake Myers, Mrs. Hester Culbertson, Mrs. A. M. Shrier, Mrs. Eva Campbell, Mrs. John Grover, Mrs. Guy Quackenbush, Mrs. Harry Copinger, Mrs. Frank Richardson, Mrs. W. R. Gregg, Mrs. Clarence Creiger, Mrs. M. A. Adams, Mrs. Marea Gebhard and the hostess, Mrs. E. S. Taylor. Several members were absent on account of illness from the meeting.

Under the business meeting a number of small business interns were voted on. One was whether we should serve refreshments at our business meeting and it was voted "yes" unanimously. It was also voted to sponsor the Puppet show and coffee hour in cooperation with the school, for veterans at Camp White. This Puppet show will be put on in the theater at Camp White Sunday, April 30, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At this time the Navy mothers will serve coffee and cookies to the veterans.

At the last Navy meeting at the camp the Navy mothers passed out Easter cards. It went over so well we are going to pass out Mothers' day cards at the coffee hour on Sunday, April 30.

The next meeting is the all-day sewing meeting to be held Wednesday, April 26 at the home of Mrs. Jake Myres on Upton Road.

Here from San Francisco are Mrs. Ardis Mack and small son, Tommy to visit her mother, Mrs. Andy Glenn.

Survey Shows Need For Many Classrooms Within Next 10 Years

Between 8,000 and 9,000 new classrooms, costing in the vicinity of \$200,000,000, will be required in Oregon within the next 10 years merely to care for enormously increasing pupil enrollments, reported Cecil W. Posey of Portland last Friday (April 14) to the Oregon Governor's Conference on Children and Youth.

The Conference was held in the State Capitol in Salem last Thursday and Friday. Posey presented statistical evidence of Oregon's future school needs to the Conference's Education Committee of which he is a member.

"Our Oregon school population can be expected to double within the next 10 years," Posey declared, "increasing annual school operating costs from approximately \$70,000,000 today to around \$140,000,000 ten years from now. He indicated that this figure does not include the cost of the new classrooms that will be required to house expanding school enrollments caused by greatly increased Oregon birthrates and by migration to the state.

"It is time every Oregon citizen, from the governor on down, becomes aroused to the problems facing the schools," he asserted. Under the present taxing program, approximately 70 per cent of the increase

will fall upon local property taxes, he said, unless the legislative interim tax committee finds an alternative solution.

On the basis of increased Oregon births, and not including school population increases from in-migration, Posey indicated the following probable additional classroom needs by years:

1950-51	534
1951-52	475
1952-53	854
1953-54	760
1954-55	957
1955-56	912
1956-57	820
1957-58	725
1958-59	584
1959-60	560
1960-61	340

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Gideons of Valley Celebrate Anniversary

The Gideons of the Rogue Valley Camp will celebrate their fifth anniversary Monday, April 23, in the First Methodist Church, Medford, beginning with a turkey dinner at 6:45 P.M., which will be followed by an appropriate program. The dinner will be \$1.50 per plate. All those wishing to attend please make reservations by mailing a postcard to E. J. Neumann, P.O. Box 565, Medford not later than Saturday, the 22nd. State cabinet officers from Portland and Forest Grove, and Gideons and wives from surrounding camps will be present. It promises to be a very interesting event. All Gideons are urged to be present.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO EXAMINE ASSESSMENT ROLLS.

Notice is hereby given, in compliance with Sec. 110-401-2, O.C.L.A. as amended by Chapter 46 (sec. 1), Oregon laws 1945, that a meeting will be held by the Board of Equalization on the second Monday in

May, 1950, at the Courthouse in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at ten o'clock A.M. at which meeting the Board of Equalization will publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description, or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor.

It shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Each petition or application for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and be filed with the Board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1950.

C. A. Myers,
Assessor of Jackson County,
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