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STATE OFFERS DEAL FOR GOLD HILL CITY PARK

ACCESS HIGHWAY IS PROMISED TO GOLD HILL

The State of Oregon offered several concessions to the City of Gold Hill at the council meeting Monday night in exchange for a quit claim deed to the city park.

The council took the matters under advisement and the State temporarily at least withdrew its offer and a threat of condemnation proceedings was voiced.

What the State offered was something that Gold Hill has demanded if the new highway 99 is to by-pass Gold Hill, feeder roads to permit traffic to come into the city and into the park.

What the state wanted in exchange was the deed to two of the three park strips, leaving a weep park to which a road would be erected.

The road would cost the state an estimated \$8,000.

W. G. Stuntz, right of way agent for the state, made the offers to the council and asked immediate action so the State Highway Commission might have the deed at their meeting in Salem next Monday and Tuesday.

He revealed, among other things that log trucks will not be permitted to use the 99 freeway but will be compelled to use the county "frontage" roads which will also feed traffic into the city.

Asked what would happen if the city refused to grant quit claim deed to the State, Stuntz answered:

"If you don't sign, we'll have to condemn it."

Councilman Cooper immediately said that the State Highway Commission's attitude was one of dictatorship: "Either do it our way or we'll condemn it," he said.

Councilman Stieber pointed out that the Highway Commission asked for cooperation but was not ready to cooperate with the city.

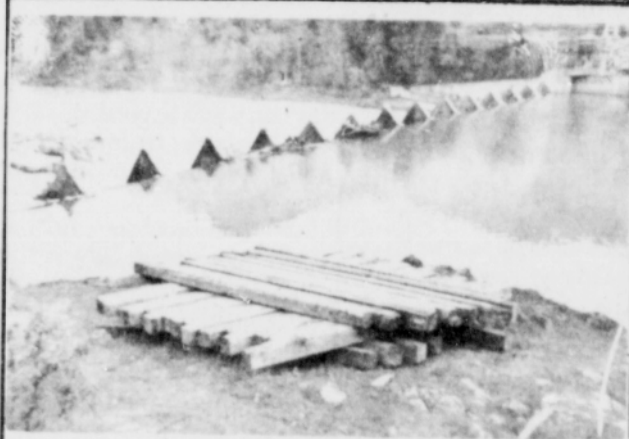
Council observers believed that if the State would replace the park property with another piece of property suitable for a park on the river that the council might seriously consider such a show of good faith on the part of the State.

The council and the city treasures the park as much as anything because it is dedicated to a former beloved citizen, Ben Hur Lampham. A new park could be dedicated to him also.

HOBBY CLUB

The Gold Hill Hobby Club met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Turner with thirteen members present. Mrs. Lester Wilcox came as the guest of Mrs. Loggaine Hall. The group is becoming more advanced with each meeting, and anyone interested in either figure or textile painting is invited to attend. The group meets each Friday evening, and the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Graffis on Highway 99.

Crews Struggle To Close Dam Gates



Working carefully with the sad memory of a man who once went to his death doing the exact job, crews are working to put Savage dam (pictured above) in operation.

It is planned to get the dam up so water can be in the ditches of the Grants Pass Irrigation District by the weekend.

Victor Boehl, manager of the district, said he had cautioned the workers not to take any chances.

In the Times photos above note the big pile of debris near center of dam. In photo at right in the distance two workmen are attempting to float some of the timbers.

High water and obsolete hydraulic gates are hampering work of the crews.



U.S. Mail Train—1952 Version



Uncle Sam is going more and more to the postoffice on wheels, like the one pictured above which serves in the Utah area. Right now the post office department is asking for bids to carry the mail by truck from Dunsmuir, Calif., to Grants Pass. A bond of \$20,000 is required on bids which must be in the postoffice in Washington a week from today.

ANNUAL SHOW SET FOR 25TH

The annual Physical Education Show at the Gold Hill school will be presented on Friday evening, April 25th at 8 p. m. in the school gym.

Students from the third grade through the eighth grade take part in the folk dancing and tumbling.

Popcorn and pop will be sold and admission will be charged. The public is invited.

CHANGES S. TIME

The Gold Hill Community Methodist Church Sunday school teachers and officers held their regular meeting at the home of Supt. Wendell Applen on Tuesday, April 8.

Many changes in the present Sunday school were suggested and approved, due to the increase in enrollment.

The Easter program scheduled was presented and all changes made at this time.

It was hoped enough young married couples would come to Sunday school to set up their own class.

If, and when, daylight savings time goes into effect, the starting time will be 9:45 a. m. instead of 10 to allow more class time.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Applen.

Those present included: Rev. and Mrs. Dierdorff, and teachers, Mrs. Sam Jones, Mrs. Ferd Jones, Mrs. Nora Wait, Mrs. Bob Jacks, Mrs. Dora Burnett, Mrs. Dorothy Turner, and H. Leutke.

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RAISE NUTRIA

An interesting sideline of the Wendell Applen's is the raising of Nutria, second cousin to the otter.

The animals are not native to the United States and the ones that are here were imported from Argentina.

They are not in quantities even there. The animals themselves are a peculiar oddity. They weigh at full growth from 15 to 20 pounds and have a long ratlike tail.

Their feet are webbed, with the front feet similar to a monkey's or a human hand.

They are strictly vegetarian, and very tidy, washing all food before eating it.

They are well equipped to eat carrots and the like because of the four huge Beaver-like teeth they have in front.

The animals are very valuable, because of their pelts, and though they are hardy and easy to raise, Mr. Applen says they frighten very easily, particularly by loud noises or strange people. At such time they are likely to kill their young, as well as themselves, in their fright.

FIRE NUMBER

Fire Chief Mel Hood wishes to announce that the "stamping" of the telephone books in Gold Hill has been completed. The number to call in case of fire has been

stamped in red on the front and back of the books, as well as on the Gold Hill page inside. If there is anyone whose book has not been stamped, you may call Mr. Hood at Gold Hill 59022 and it will be attended to.

FIRE IN HOPPER AT PLANNING MILL HERE

Late Easter Sunday afternoon the sawdust "hopper" at the Gold Hill planing mill caught on fire, and but for the quick action on the part of Volunteer Fireman Clyde Kell, could have resulted in a very disastrous fire. Fireman Kell saw the flames from his house, and went immediately to the firestation. Before all of the volunteer group were even on the scene, Mr. Kell had the pumper working and the fire partly under control.

133rd ANNIVERSARY

The Gold Hill Amethyst Rebekah Lodge celebrated the 133rd anniversary of the founding on April 16th. Entertainment was furnished by a group headed by Mrs. Paul Thompson.

GOLD HILL LADY LIONS

The Gold Hill Lady Lions met Thursday evening, April 10, at the home of Mrs. Catherine Rockford. At the regular business session it was announced that at the next meeting they would have as their guest, Mrs. Cary of Grants Pass, who would give a demonstration on how to make reversible rugs. This demonstration will take the place of the regular business meeting, and all ladies of the community are invited to attend. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Jore at 8 p. m.

SKATING PARTY

The last Gold Hill skating party of the school year was held Wednesday night, April 9, at the Grants Pass Rollerdom. The funds are to go toward the graduation of the eighth grade class.

GOLD HILL BUYS TRUCK

To replace an antique truck, the Gold Hill city council purchased a 1946 Dodge truck and it is now in use.

The truck is used for general purpose hauling.

THETA RHO GIRLS CLUB

A new Theta Rho Girls Club is now being organized in Central Point by the Rebekahs, and all girls in Gold Hill between the ages of twelve and eighteen are invited to join. Miss Irene Rock will be the leader of the club. The girls do not need to have any affiliation with the Rebekahs or Oddfellows Lodges to join. The club will be instituted at Central Point Oddfellows Hall on May 3.

Don't forget this is cleanup time!