

HILLAH SHRINERS ELECT ELLER AS NEW POTENTATE

Raynor D. Eller, well known Klamath Falls business man, was elected illustrious potentate of Hillah Temple at an election of officers Friday night at Ashland. Eller has been active in southern Oregon Shrine circles for a number of years and, since the present potentate, A. B. Cunningham, has been in the east, has served as acting head of Hillah temple.



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by treasurer, will fill the post of assistant rabban. Alonzo G. Bishop of Medford will retain his office as high priest and prophet; George W. Dunn, state senator from Ashland, was re-elected treasurer; Rufus E. Detrick, past potentate and one of Hillah Temple's most active members, will again fill the office of temple recorder.

As oriental guide for 1940, Paul B. Rynning, Jackson county engineer, was selected while the office of first ceremonial master will be ably filled by Elbert L. Lenox, prominent Medford man. Raymond E. Noyes, of Grants Pass, was elected second ceremonial master and L. Frederick Bertram of Klamath Falls, marshal of the temple.

G. A. Nunn of Grants Pass was chosen as temple director; Donald Hensley, Klamath Falls, will be orator, and Frank Scott, of Eugene, captain of the guard. Ralph E. Sweeney, of Medford, was re-elected as a trustee. The two remaining trustees, Sam H. Baker, Grants Pass, and W. H. McNair, Ashland, automatically retain their posts.

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A. S. BLITON HERE 47 YRS. SATURDAY

After spending 47 years in Medford, A. S. Bliton of 726 West Fourth street still thinks this is the finest place in the world to live.

Mr. Bliton yesterday observed the anniversary of his locating in this city. He came here from Florence, in which city he was in the newspaper business for a year and a half. Previous to that time, he had lived in North Dakota where he held the jobs of postmaster and newspaper man.

The day after he arrived here almost a half century ago, he purchased the Southern Oregon Mail from a Mr. Kertson and promptly changed the name to the Mail. When he first took over the interesting little paper the circulation figures were 500. A year and a half later the amount rose to 1500. Mr. Bliton operated the paper, which was located on the present site of the Craterian theater, as the owner and editor until 1909, when he sold out to George Putnam.

Mr. Putnam operated at that time a paper called the Tribune. After purchasing Mr. Bliton's paper, he combined the two to form the Mail Tribune.

Mr. Bliton has been a booster for Medford and southern Oregon during his entire residence here and is one of the valley's best known citizens.

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JANUARY 15 SET FOR RETURNS ON SALE OF SEALS

With a definite date of January 15 set for receipt of final returns in the annual Christmas Seal Sale, Miss Helen Bullis, Jackson County chairman, yesterday reviewed the outstanding educational program carried on by the schools of Medford for promotion of the drive.

Seals were not sold this year by any school children but all school children participated in the far flung program to acquaint all with the fact "tuberculosis can be prevented". This point was stressed particularly in the hygiene classes in Medford, where children were told what preventive measures to take, what danger signals to watch out for, and how to care for their health in case the disease developed.

English classes participated in story and speech contests and the presentation of a radio pageant. Art classes made attractive posters.

Assemblies were held in each of the grade schools, Jackson, Washington, Roosevelt and Lincoln, with original programs presented, which combined clever entertainment with dissemination of timely information.

Original songs were sung by some children, carrying the Seal Sale story, a patriotic program stressed health as the first duty to country. The Professor Quiz idea was adopted by one group and numerous radio talks were made.

All instructors and all students cooperated. Miss Bullis stated, to bring to a successful conclusion the educational program. Posters made by the students were used in publicizing the sale in the downtown area.

PHILATELISTS TO ENJOY BIG YEAR

It looks like either an interesting or bewildering year for stamp collectors. With the year not a week old yet, Postmaster James Farley already has big things lined up for 1940. Listen to this:

Authorization has been given for a special series of stamps in honor of noted characters in the arts and sciences. In its entirety the series will include a total of 35 stamps arranged in seven groups of five stamps each, classified as follows: authors, poets, educators, scientists, composers, artists and inventors.

In the authors' group, first to be made available, will be Washington Irving, one cent stamp, green in color, Tarrytown, N. Y., to be the first place of sale on January 29; James Fenimore Cooper, two cents, red, Cooperstown, N. Y., January 29; Ralph Waldo Emerson, three cents, purple, Boston, February 3; Louisa May Alcott, five cents, blue, Concord, Mass., February 3; Samuel L. Clemens, 10 cents, brown, Hannibal, Mo., February 13.

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U.S. NATIONAL HAS RECORD DEPOSITS

According to comptroller's call as of December 30, the United States National Bank showed deposits of \$133,190,344.09. According to the manager of the local branch, this is the highest point in deposits ever reached by the bank at the time of the official call.

At the corresponding period last year, deposits were \$120,956,352.22, a gain of over twelve million dollars. In the same period, resources increased from \$131,759,027.87 to \$144,384,599.72. The increase in both deposits and resources is at the ratio of approximately one million dollars per month.

According to the report, loans for commercial, industrial and agricultural purposes also showed a healthy gain.

Beesmyer Paroled—San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Gilbert H. Beesmyer, 54, who was sentenced to 40 years in prison after the collapse of the Guaranty Building and Loan association of Hollywood, in 1930, was granted a parole today.

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SHRINERS TOLD OF GAME FESTIVITIES BY JERRY JEROME

E. C. "Jerry" Jerome, who represented Hillah Temple at festivities in San Francisco before and following the annual East-West shrine football game, entertained told members of the Medford Shrine luncheon club about his trip, as a feature of the club's Friday noon program at Hotel Medford. He described the banquet at the Oakland Athens club before the game, at which time beautiful engraved wrist watches were presented to members of both squads, and the brilliant Shrine ball held after the game.

"The eastern coaches as well as the majority of bay city sports fans, anticipated an East victory," Jerome told the Shriners. "The visit of the husky football players to the Shriners hospital for crippled children in San Francisco was a touching one. The little crippled children gave their yells for the two teams and the all-stars left the hospital with tears in their eyes and a solemn resolution to play their finest brand of football."

It was a grand game, Jerome said, marked with sparkling playing and dazzling pass work. The West line was especially outstanding. The loss of Medford's own Bob Smith, who was scheduled to lead the West's passing offense, was a blow to the hopes of the West, but the coast boys overcame this loss with as brilliant playing as has ever been seen in Kezar stadium.

Between halves, 2500 Shriners in colorful array paraded for the fans despite the heavy rain. Jerome said, The Hillah Temple drum corps, a Klamath Falls unit, was featured in the pre-game festivities.

Between \$50,000 and \$55,000 was netted for benefit of the crippled children's hospitals. At this game, scouts for professional teams were on hand to eye the performance of the east and west all-stars.

Mr. Jerome also told of his interesting interview with imperial Potentate Walter D. Cline, who pointed out the fact that membership in the Mystic Shrine is exceptionally high and that southern Oregon's Hillah Temple is near the top of the list in percentage of the membership holding life memberships in the Shriners' hospitals.

Recorder R. E. Detrick of Ashland told the Shrine club members that finances of the local temple are now in best condition in years. Hal McNair, temple trustee, also of Ashland, was a guest at Friday's meeting.

ACTIVIANS PLAN AFFAIR TUESDAY

Medford Active club will hold annual installation of officers Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Hotel Medford.

Following the installation banquet a party will be given by the losing team in a recent membership contest for the winners. Dancing to Whipple's orchestra will also be enjoyed.

The informal event is anticipated each year by Active club members, their wives and invited guests.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Magicians Visit—Harry Wong, Chinese magician of Los Angeles, visited yesterday with John Eads, Medford magician, at his home, 29 Kenwood avenue.

Ball Wednesday—A Townsend birthday ball will be given Wednesday evening by Medford Townsend club No. 2 in Townsend hall, 123 1/2 West Main street.

Annual Meeting—Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank will be held in the banking room of the bank at 4 p.m. Thursday, January 11.

Ill—Mrs. I. E. Jackson, who is a visitor here from Iowa, was reported improved yesterday after suffering from influenza. With her husband, Mrs. Jackson is spending the winter in Medford.

Special Meet—Council of Medford Townsend club No. 2 will hold a special meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Townsend hall, 123 1/2 West Main street. The meeting was called by Joe Smith, new president.

To Resume—After a holiday recess, the Toastmasters club will resume meetings in the Hotel Holland Monday evening. Dr. George S. Jennings will be toastmaster. Dr. F. J. Moffatt will be the principal speaker.

Legion Executives—The executive committee of Medford American Legion post will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hotel Medford. As important matters are to be discussed, Commander H. J. Meiring urges full attendance.

Kiwanis Speaker—Capt. Carl Y. Tengwald, commanding company A, 186th infantry of the Oregon national guard, will be the principal speaker at tomorrow's weekly luncheon-meeting of the Kiwanis club in the Hotel Medford at 12:15. Captain Tengwald will speak on "Our National Defense."

Townsend Ball—Jacksonville Townsend club No. 1 will sponsor a Townsend birthday ball in the U. S. hall, Jacksonville, Saturday, January 13. The entire proceeds from the ball will be contributed to the Townsend birthday fund headquarters in Chicago.

Camelias Bloom—Mrs. Martin Heitkamp yesterday displayed a red camelia she picked full-bloom from a bush in an unsheltered part of her yard. Four have bloomed so far this winter, two of them being frosted during the cold snap Christmas. Mrs. Heitkamp related, adding there are 13 buds on the bush now, all preparing to open. Mrs. Heitkamp's home is on Bear creek south of town.

Skating Good—A topping of powder snow made skating conditions in Crater Lake national park yesterday excellent, rangers reported by short wave radio late in the afternoon. Ground cover of snow at headquarters building was 46 inches deep yesterday, deepest this season. The snow was medium dry beneath the powder dry surface, this combination being excellent for skiing even though skis would sink four to six inches, the rangers said. West and south entrance roads to the lake rim were covered with packed snow and tire chains were advised. Temperatures yesterday ranged from 9 degrees to 24. The weather was partly cloudy. Visibility was good.

DIVIDEND TIME will come again!

- Our saving members received their regular semi-annual dividends on January 1 at the annual rate of 4%.
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- We invite you, too, to start saving now or to add to your savings tomorrow and share in next dividend time on July first.

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To Bring Paintings—Students of the Southern Oregon Art school are requested to bring paintings to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce the first of this week.

To Attend Rites—Mrs. E. W. Wall left Friday morning for Redmond to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Charles Harrison, who died Wednesday night in Redmond.

Attend Funeral—Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, Mrs. I. E. Schuler and Miss Helen Bullis were among Medford residents attending the funeral of Mrs. John H. Fuller in Ashland Saturday afternoon.

Group To Meet—Mrs. Mary Godward will be hostess to the Jacksonville health group Tuesday for dessert luncheon at 12:30. All persons interested are invited to attend.

Townsend Dinner—Medford Townsend club No. 1 will sponsor a Townsend birthday dinner in Townsend hall, 123 1/2 West Main street next Friday evening. Serving of dinner will begin at 5:30. After dinner the evening will be devoted to entertainment and dancing. There will be only one admission charge for the entire program.

Plane Passengers—Edward Kelly, former Medford attorney, arrived by United Mainliner from Portland last night. Paul Brunk of Crescent City, Cal., left on the same plane for Wichita, Kan., via Denver. J. R. Miller and M. C. Mitchell arrived by Mainliner yesterday afternoon from Oakland, Cal., and continued from here to the Genelec lodge near Eagle Point. W. G. Brown arrived from the south on the same plane. Roland Halper, United Air Lines station attendant here, returned by Mainliner yesterday morning from Oakland where he had spent a couple of days visiting. V. C. May and Roy Mead arrived from the south by Mainliner Friday afternoon.

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ASHLAND MAN IN FIRST SOLO HOP

Robert M. Kent of Ashland, one of the class of 10 Southern Oregon College of Education students enrolled in the government's pilot training course, made his first solo hop at Medford municipal airport yesterday. He was the fourth member of the class to solo.

Jim O. Taylor of 10 Park avenue made his first solo hop Friday. Previously Worlow C. Purdin of 335 West Holly street and George R. Jensen of Ashland had soloed.

Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., flight instructor, said all the students were making excellent progress.

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