

Society and Clubs

Gold Hill Artist to Show Paintings in Jacksonville

Much interest is being shown in an exhibition of paintings of F. L. (Fritz) Wertz, Gold Hill artist, to be held June 2 and 3 in Taylor's Corner Drug store in Jacksonville.

Fifty-seven watercolors are to be shown. Main part of the show will be the artist's collection of "Gold Hill Old-Timers." These have been shown in the noted Maryhill museum, Maryhill, Wash., and in Yakima, as well as at the recent Azalea Festival at Brookings, always attracting large audiences.

The "old-timers" are to be shown with 18 recently painted pictures which Mr. Wertz has called the "Jacksonville Street Scene Series." The artist feels that it is particularly appropriate that the paintings should have their first valley showing in Jacksonville since he has spent many hours there sketching and painting and is deeply interested in the historic old town.

The street scenes, 18 in all, were shown in February of this year and the Jacksonville exhibit will be their first showing to the general public.

The street scene series contains pictures of the old courthouse, the old protestant church, Amy Dow's back yard, the famous Beckman bank, the Redman hall, Masonic hall, U. S. hotel, the Orth building and various street and alley scenes as well as a scene of Table Rock from the old stagecoach road.

The old-timer series includes portraits of James Abel, Ellie Sutton, Charles L. Spencer, John E. Ross, Gertrude Flippin Rosecrans, Eunice Tatum Froeschle, George Loring Haff, Lillie Hays McKay, Earl Pankey, J. W. (Shorty) Bryan, Jim and Jack Smith, Lauren H. Van Horn, Ida Snyder, John W. and Dora E. Harrison, Albert Mattie, Jess Gilchrist, Fritz Snyder, John Hays, Mollie M. Harrison, Fred J. Black, John H. and George T. Mardon and J. E. (Ed) Bolt.

While most of the subjects are from Gold Hill, others are from Grants Pass, Rogue River, Applegate and other spots in Jackson and Josephine county.

Remainder of the pictures will be historic scenes and buildings. Both the artist and his wife will be at the store during the exhibition, it is stated.

FOE Auxiliary Plans Two Events This Week

Ladies' auxiliary to the Fraternal Order of Eagles has planned two events for this week.

Joint installation of officers will be held tonight at Eagles hall with FOE lodge, and a dance will follow.

Sunday, June 4, the auxiliary has planned the quarterly birthday dinner. It will be held in the hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and women attending are asked to bring a salad or covered dish.

CALENDAR

Thursday
8 p.m. — Adare chapter, OES, Jacksonville Masonic hall.
8 p.m. — AAUM diversified arts group, Mrs. William E. James, 2536 Lyman avenue.

Friday
10:30 a.m. — Butte Falls Extension unit, picnic at Whiskey Springs camp ground.
12 noon — Medford Safety council, Jackson hotel.

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Griffin Creek School Exercises Set Friday

Griffin Creek, June 1—Final exercises at the Griffin Creek school will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, June 2, with all children participating in songs or folk dances.

Eight grade certificates will be presented by Robert Minear, chairman of the school board.

Those receiving diplomas include Nelda Chapman, Belva Chew, Melva Chew, Leona Herring, Dolores Meals, Jean Moss, Elaine Nicholson, Sandra Neill, Jeanette Waite, Dolores Wier, Lewis Bright, Wayne Lick, David Lauchner, Carl Mark, Everett Nicholson, Roger Pinkstaff, Gene Sink, Allen Starkey and Jack Vincent.

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History of Signs, Highway Parks, Told by Writer

(This is another in a series of articles entitled "Glimpses at Highway History," prepared by Ralph Watson, highway department writer.—Editor's note.)

The state's system of highway parks and wayside areas was inaugurated in 1925-26 under authority of the 1925 legislature. It grew from a gift by Simon Benson of Benson park on the Columbia highway, plus additional gifts from other owners.

By the close of 1928 a total of 97 park sites had been secured through gift, purchase, and in one case, condemnation, at Emigrant springs, covering practically every section of the state.

Mayer park of 280 acres was a gift of Mark A. Mayer. A 197 acre tract at Emigrant springs was condemned for \$8,900 and \$6,550 expended on buildings. During the biennium a total of \$109,183 was spent for purchase, maintenance and development throughout the state.

Bothered By Signs
Back in 1927 the commission was bothered by the growth of highway advertising signs, as now. It then adopted the uniform system of road signs and highway numbers established by the American Association of State Highway Officials. It notes that on New Years day 1928 the Columbia river highway was blocked by ice and snow through the gorge in Multnomah and Hood River counties. In 1927 it developed the "non-skid treatment for 'blacktop' pavements. In 1928, by legislative authority, it assumed Multnomah county's interest in the Interstate bridge and made a joint ownership arrangement with the state of Washington for its operation as a "non-toll" bridge.

Also, it bowed to heavier loads, faster traffic and greater wear, and started building heavier highways and adopted an 80 foot wide standard for right of way. It welcomed the advent of "balloon" tires as a partial remedy, at least for the increasing damage caused by increased weight and faster speed. It issued special permits to log-haulers and required bonds to guarantee repairs for excessive road damage by them. It hoped for remedy for that headache.

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Editors Sponsor June For Rededication

June will be observed as a month of rededication of "our faith in the ideals of liberty and justice upon which this nation was founded," in a nation-wide program sponsored by the National Editorial Association, of which this newspaper along with over 5,300 other daily and weekly newspapers is a member.

Gov. Douglas McKay has signed a statement setting aside the month for rededication "to the principles of freedom we inherited from our founding fathers."

Editors of America are going to Plymouth Rock on June 25 following the NEA convention and, along with other leaders, are asking the rest of the nation to join with them "in spirit" in the pilgrimage.

Principal speaker at the rededication ceremonies at Plymouth Rock on Sunday afternoon, June 25, will be Alan C. McIntosh, publisher of the Rock County Star-Herald at Luverne, Minn.

DENTIST BILL SAVED

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Two men sat silently in the reception room of a dentist's office, then one motioned to the other and they left the room before the nurse could stop them. One of the men had been constantly pushing at his tooth and it had fallen out.

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QUAKER CITY WOMEN

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Patrick Doherty, census superintendent, has learned several things from his crews. Doherty said he's convinced that (a) the average husband in Philadelphia doesn't know his wife's age and (b) the average wife considers herself the head of the household.

PLACE FOR ACCIDENT

Omaha—(U.P.)—Mrs. Minnie Dorch, 46, was in a hospital bed before police arrived at the scene of the accident involving the auto in which she rode. The accident occurred in front of People's hospital here.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.



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