

GOLD HILL Artist To Paint Mural

By MRS. SAM ELLIOTT
Gold Hill—Mrs. Ada Andrews has just accepted a commission to paint a mural for the Church of Christ of Dunsmuir, Calif. The mural will show Mt. Shasta with the famous Abrahams lake in the foreground. The artist, Mrs. Andrews has ordered for this mural a four and one-half feet high and nearly 11 feet long. As soon as the canvas arrives she will start painting. The Church of Christ on Second and B. St., Ashland, Church of Christ on Jackson and Central, Medford; the Church of Christ in Phoenix and in Central Point all have murals painted by Mrs. Andrews.

The Gold Hill City Council has authorized recorder Ferd Jones to write to the Southern Pacific company, asking for a lease on the 90 foot wide strip between Fourth and Fifth streets. Mr. H. D. Fore appeared before the council to propose that a city park be made on this plot of ground. The Lion's club and other civic clubs are also interested in the project.

All members were present when the Gold Hill city council met Monday, with the exception of Virle Gribble, who with his family, has gone east because of a death in the family. A letter was read from Gilbert Mack, who asked for the use of the city grader to be used in leveling the Patrick school grounds. This proposal was turned down at the Tuesday night special meeting, since it was believed that the grader was not large enough for the job.

A discussion was held about the sewer connection fees and it was proposed that Ferd Jones, city recorder, and the sanitary committee were to make a new ordinance giving a flat rate fee for sewer connections. The committee and Jones will study this problem and give a report at the December meeting.

The city council also voted that Taylor was to get a load of crushed rock and other materials for road patching to be used this winter. At this time Taylor reported that a gas truck had driven over the newly laid water main on Second ave., causing a break. The city council ordered that this be made up and sent to the gas company.

The Vernon Caldwell's have sold their home, located directly east of the hydro plant, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Crow, of West Palm Beach, Florida. They will take possession on Dec. 20. In the meantime Mr. Caldwell is looking for a home that will be closer to his work in Medford. The Crows also have bought 10 acres of land on the Old Stage road.

The Gold Hill Garden club has undertaken the job of beautifying the New Margaret E. Patrick School. Work is to begin on Nov. 16. It is hoped that Gold Hill residents will help by donating fall planting bulbs and low growing shrubs and bulbs, such as tulips, narcissus, crocus and daffodils. Members of the Garden club will meet at the Patrick School dressed in work clothes and with the implements needed for planting. The December meeting of the Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Boye. This will be a Christmas party.

Mrs. Howard Hasiland has left for Redondo Beach, Calif., to be with her husband who is to undergo major surgery next week. Mrs. Maxine Englebrect, manager of the Truck cafe, is entertaining her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, and her sons, Rodney and Russel, of Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Smith is employed by the Tuttle Construction company and he will be with them in Fairbanks during the winter. Linda, Mrs. Englebrect's daughter, is returning with her aunt to spend the winter in Alaska.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of

Atlantic Scoured For Airplane Wreck

Hamilton, Bermuda—(U.P.)—Two destroyers and a fleet of Navy airplanes scoured the Atlantic ocean northwest of Bermuda today in search of survivors or wreckage from a Navy flying boat.

Navy officials in New York said nothing could be found in an area about 300 miles northwest of Bermuda where a Spanish freighter radioed Sunday it had sighted a white flare.

The flying boat, a twin-engine P5M Martin Marlin, exploded and crashed in flames in that general area Friday night while on a patrol mission.

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Mrs. J. G. Kofhal for the 1 p.m. desert luncheon, served by hostesses Mrs. George Dorman and Mrs. Howard Walton. There were 26 members present with Mrs. Millie Walker leading the devotions. Mrs. Glenn Bowen talked on the "U.N., a good trustee."

The WSCS have a good many pledges of money for this year, so the group was broken up into three parts to plan money making projects. Thanks are due to Mrs. Kofhal for her unusually beautiful floral center piece and flower arrangements. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 14 at the Home of Mrs. Frank Carter.

The attic in the J. E. Damswood home caught fire this week and caused considerable damage. The fire started around the flue, and only the quick action of the fire department kept it from being a total loss. The Damswoods did not have any insurance and their friends and neighbors have been a great help in cleaning up the mess. The damages were estimated to be \$300 to \$400.

Mrs. Cecil Johnson is now conducting a home nursing course in Medford. This is a branch of the Red Cross.

Mrs. H. A. Densmore has returned here for a short visit and Gold Hill. Mrs. Densmore is an employee of the Southern Pacific and is now stationed in Coquille, Ore.

Mrs. Chavner Thompson recently returned from a business trip to San Francisco.

Suez Canal Pilots Return To Malta

Malta—(U.P.)—Five of the 16 Americans hired by Egypt to serve as pilots on the Suez Canal arrived here Sunday night aboard the British destroyer Diamond.

They said three American pilots left Egypt earlier, and the other eight apparently intended to remain in Egypt "just to see what happens."

The five who chose to leave were among 26 American, Greek, Dutch and Panamanian citizens evacuated from Port Said aboard the British destroyer. They were identified as John Anderson and John Avery of San Francisco; Walter Equils, New Kensington, Pa.; Frank Amavisca, Gardena, Calif.; and Herbert Gunn, Los Angeles.

Two Accidents Reported Sunday

Two drivers were taken to Ashland General hospital Sunday night with injuries suffered when their cars collided on Highway 99 at Talent, state police reported today.

The drivers were identified as Elmer Ray Christensen, 26, Klamath Falls, and Carl Herbert Loveland, 66, Talent. Officers said Loveland's car was southbound on the highway and Christensen was traveling north, when Loveland's car crossed in front of Christensen and the vehicles collided.

Loveland is reported to be suffering from five broken ribs and Christensen was hospitalized with head injuries. No citations were issued. The accident occurred at 7:45 p.m.

State police also reported a car operated by Ira Imhausen, 36, of route 2, box 170, Medford, went off Roxy Ann rd., at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, one mile east of Hillcrest orchard. Imhausen was taken by private car to Sacred Heart hospital, where he refused treatment for injuries and was taken home.

A passenger in the car, Robert G. Thornton, 17, of 971 Ross lane, Medford, was taken by Medford Ambulance service to Medford Osteopathic hospital where his condition was listed this morning as "fair." He received a broken leg in the accident.

Females Outnumber Men in United States

Washington—(U.P.)—Women now outnumber men in the United States by 1.4 million. Ever since 1950, the nation's female population has been on the rise. That year, the number of women topped the number of men by only 600,000.

But as of last July 1, the Census Bureau reported Sunday, there were 84,736,000 women to 83,355,000 men—a lead of 1.4 million.

The gap has more than doubled—primarily because of a higher average death rate among men and a decline in the number of males among immigrants.

Washington—(U.P.)—B'nai B'rith recommended Sunday that the government revise the government security regulation that calls for the automatic suspension of any federal employee against whom security charges have been filed at its 113th annual meeting.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

A weasel breaks into a coop and overnight kills ten to 80 chickens; a wolf pulls down a dozen prized sheep; a bear slaps down six beavers; in fact, a gray fox broke into a Redding, Conn. game farm and made a stupendous kill of 824 pheasants, partly eating only one bird.

And so, weasel, wolf, bear and fox are labeled wanton, unprincipled killers.

But are they? Does this lust for killing occur in the wild?

Seldom. In the open a wolf may take two or three rabbits from an area but then he moves on; in the African veldt, Walt Disney's cameramen have told me, lions walk alongside antelope without molesting them unless hunger strikes; a bear throws out of the river only those salmon it can eat.

After killing one animal, eating it and hunger assuaged, the desire for further killing is gone. More realistically, perhaps, the heavy stomach would impede catching fast game even if the desire were there.

But when confronted with man's domesticated animals—made wild by man's pampering, these one-at-a-time killers frequently go berserk. Instead of scattering as would their wild predecessors these domesticated animals often crowd in close together.

A man with a gun or rod when excited by a superabundance of easy game often loses his head, too. An excited hunter will sometimes shoot down ducks as long as the storm-driven flocks come to his decoys. Or an excited angler may keep on catching fish as long as they take his offering.

Kept Scooping Smelt
I remember smelt runs on the Sandy in Oregon when the river actually rose several inches by reason of the tremendous almost solid silvery hordes of fish swimming upstream. Whole families, frantically, wildly, scooped up thousands upon thousands of fish

and kept scooping them up long after all containers were filled. (Need I add, those fantastic runs are no more.)

Now, why do wild animals sometimes go on such killing rampages among game that is over-simple to kill?

Possibly, these three suggestions made by William J. Long in *The Spirit of The Wild* may contain most of the answers:

1. The fox, weasel, bear—in fact all predators, play as naturally as they eat or sleep—a common form of that play being to chase anything that runs away. And this playing—cubs playing with wounded mice, for example—is most important: it develops quickness of decision, alertness, muscular co-ordination, and gives bodily training which will be invaluable for later survival.

2. Or is there a measure of hoarding in this "lust for killing?" One way or another all mammals display a hoarding impulse. To survive the winter, a chipmunk will lay up a store of seeds, a pika a pile of sun-cured hay, an Arctic fox will bury extra lemmings, a woodchuck will change his feeding habits to accumulate a heavy layer of fat on which to live for five months of winter sleep. Others carry this hoarding to senseless limits: the crow will hide everything which glitters; a pack rat will carry away anything it can carry. (Not unlike some human activities: a boy may accumulate useless marbles, his elders postage stamps, china cups, first editions.)

3. Or is there a remembrance of things past lingers on—a hoarding impulse which is now uncurbed, and leads to

UN Police Troops Due in Cairo Today

Naples, Italy—(U.P.)—The first contingent of United Nations troops was expected to fly to Cairo sometime today to begin policing the Suez Canal Zone.

Some 152 troops from Denmark, Norway and Colombia awaited a go-ahead signal from Egypt and the United Nations. Five other nations will also contribute to the 6,000-man U.N. force.

Canadian troops were expected to arrive sometime today.

ruthless killing without eating. 3. Or, as with hunters and anglers faced with a superabundance of easy game, do they simply go off their nut, loco, crazy?

At any rate, suddenly a predator finds himself in a flock of senseless sheep and he kills a dozen before he stops to eat his first mouthful. Maybe the crowding, beating mass throw him off his natural balance, making him kill wildly. A fox, who is used to hunting assiduously for one hard-to-come-by bird, is suddenly confronted with a couple of crowding easy game.

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