

Jacksonville Odd Fellows Have Anniversary

98th Year to Be Observed Monday In Historic Hall

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In the early days, around 1860, Jacksonville was a prospering frontier community. There were still lots of gold to be found in the area even though hundreds of miners had made their "stake" during the nine years that had elapsed since gold was discovered there in 1851.

The townspeople, consisting of merchants, packers, blacksmiths, and professional men as well as miners and prospectors, having had their fill of Indian trouble and suffering the hardships of frontier life, wanted now to become "civilized."

They had built fine brick buildings, churches, schools and homes, and tried to bring to the little town the feeling of permanence and security.

Lodges Established
One of the outcomes of this effort to seek a refined and cultured way of life was the establishment of lodges and fraternal organizations, offshoots of those already established in the east and in some western towns.

Not the first of these, but one of the most significant and still in existence today, was the Jacksonville Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 10, which will observe its 98th anniversary Monday, June 30. IOOF No. 10 was officially named as the state's historical lodge by the Oregon Grand Master in 1937.

In a recent report sent to the state Grand Master by Jacksonville IOOF Past Grand Master William Campbell, much of the color of the early days of the lodge, taken from the original minutes, was brought to light. The paper on which the minutes were written is now yellow and brittle with age but the handwriting is still quite legible.

First Organized
In going over the minutes, Campbell found that the lodge was first organized by a group of 15 men at a meeting held in a log cabin on Jackson creek June 30, 1860. The meeting began at 2 p.m. this warm afternoon and resulted in W. C. Ranson of California being appointed to the chair and Thomas Pyle of Ohio being elected secretary.

A committee of three men was appointed to draft a petition to the Grand Lodge for dispensation or charter. The second meeting of the lodge was held Aug. 18, 1860, Saturday, with Jesse Robinson, N.G., and W. C. Ranson, V.G., presiding. The lodge was in session from 8 a.m. until far into the night conferring degrees up the Fifth, or Scarlett. The Rebekah degree was then conferred on the Brothers of the Jacksonville lodge and the meeting was temporarily adjourned until Monday, Aug. 20. Mention was made of the fact that Mt. Shasta lodge No. 70 and Yreka lodge No. 19 were jointly responsible for furnishing the regalia used in the ceremonies.

Among Papers
Among the papers in the lodge vault, Campbell found an expense account submitted to the lodge by Grand Master Samuel May on Sept. 3, 1860, for a trip he made to Jacksonville from Salem. The following is a copy of the bill submitted by G. M. May.

Expenses out—\$40.
Horse hire 22 days—\$66.
Horse keeping at Jacksonville—\$9.
Horse shoeing—\$5.
Repairs on wagon—\$1.
Expenses returning—\$30.

A committee report dated Sept. 10, 1860, reveals that negotiations were being made at that time to rent the Masonic hall over the old county court house. The rental was listed as \$30 with wood and coal oil furnished or \$25 without. On Oct. 29, 1860, a committee was appointed to acquire regalia and four chairs with which to conduct their meetings.

Advertisement
An advertisement in the Oregon Sentinel dated Saturday, Nov. 10, 1860, read: "Jacksonville lodge No. 10 holds its regular meetings every Saturday evening. Brothers in good standing are invited to attend. The provisions of the Grand Lodge for the benefit of ancient OF's on this coast will soon expire." Under the notice was the names of James Kilgore, secretary, and Jesse Robinson, Noble Grand.

In the minutes dated Jan. 4, 1861, was the following description of a seal to be adopted by the lodge: "The all-seeing eye, three links and the Bible, to be engraved on a circular plate one inch in diameter." The seal cost \$56.60 plus an additional \$10 expense. Also listed was a bill for \$15 for the purchase of a book case, which is the same case now in use at the hall.

The Feb. 9, 1861, minutes read: "After much correspondence and considerable length of time, the \$50 payment requested by the Yreka lodge No. 19 was made for their share of the regalia loaned at the time the first meeting was held." Mt. Shasta had previously donated the share they had loaned for the first meeting.

In McCully Hall
The meetings were now being held in McCully hall, which is the one occupied by the lodge today. The original lease between John McCully and the trustees of the lodge for rental of the hall was dated May 1, 1861, and the records show that lodge occupied the hall until May 1, 1863.

On July 13, permission was given to the Rev. Bishop Scott to use the IOOF hall for religious services on the Sabbath, July 14, 1861. On July 24, Brother William Ray presented the lodge a large Bible, it was noted in the minutes. There was also a bill to the lodge of \$50 for the four chairs that had been delivered.

On Oct. 19 the trustees were instructed to have the charter of the lodge framed at a cost of \$8 and on Dec. 21 a bill from E. F. Russell for new lamps for the hall was listed as \$275. Another bill, dated Jan. 4, 1862, was for \$55.82½ for the purchase of a stove and fixtures.

Lights, Janitor Service
On June 7, 1862, there was a \$15 bill for lights and janitor service for 13 weeks. Coal oil at this time was \$3 a gallon. Various other bills to the lodge were \$50 for chandeliers and \$238 for jewels and regalia, plus \$28.50 for freight, and another bill for \$8.60 for freight and storage.

In April, 1863, a committee

Camp Attracts 92 Area Boys

Two weeks of YMCA day camping ended for 92 boys last Saturday.

Located on the Applegate river south of McKee bridge, the day camp site proved an excellent spot for this type of program according to Camp Director Carl Gordon. The boys met at the YMCA each morning and drove to the camp site by bus. They returned in the evening. On Friday of each week, boys invited their parents to a campfire ceremony and then slept out overnight. On the campouts, the boys cooked their own dinner and breakfast.

Camp Staff
The camp staff consisted of supervisors, Bob Jones and Herb Partridge; camp director, Gordon; leaders, Curtis Saltmarsh, Dale Foresee, Gary Cummings, Gene Cronin, Curtis Saltmarsh, Bob Baker, Jim Thomas, Jim Pool.

In addition to the regular staff members several individuals from Medford donated their time to instruct the boys in special skills. They included Hank De Voss, John Carter, Col. Charles Stafford, Jim Ivory, Shelby Tuttle, Col. Paul Wieland, the Rev. Tom McCamant, Lt. Paul Morgan and O. D. Martin.

Because of the success of this year's program, there will be additional time and space given to next year's day camp program, officials said. The Day Camp committee which sponsored the event was made up of Bill Williams, Bill Hicks, Wayne Struble and Wilson Smith.

New Hall Planned On East Main Street

A new pool hall, in the lower floor of the Walker building, 415 East Main st., is scheduled to open July 1. Eight tables will be in operation in the spacious room, including four for pool, three for snooker, and one for billiards, owner Foss Greb announced. In addition, he reported plans of running a coffee and snack bar and a licensed card room on the premises.

The converted area at one time housed a bowling alley. More recently it had been used as a dance hall for teenagers.

Because the lease on the McCully building had expired and on favorable negotiations could be made, the lodge leased from the Warren lodge (Mason hall) the top floor over the old court house. On May 2, 1863, the first meeting was scheduled there, but there was not a quorum present as a result of the meeting place being changed. In addition, the Masons were holding a meeting there the same night and the IOOF meeting was cancelled.

Ground Purchased
Ground for the IOOF cemetery was purchased on Dec. 19, 1863, from James H. T. Miller and wife for the sum of \$100, according to records. The McCully building eventually became the property of Jacksonville lodge No. 10 on Sept. 4, 1865. Peter Britt bought the mortgage on the hall from Antoine Hurlmann for \$500. The total price paid for the hall was \$3,150.

Other lodges and clubs leased the hall from the IOOF and receipts from rental and other sources between 1865 and 1872 totaled \$16,793.97. The amount paid out during that time was \$16,402.94 and the balance in the treasury on July 1, 1872, was \$391.03.

First Meeting
The first meeting of the Rebekah Degree was on Nov. 25, 1865. On June 28, 1866, this notation was found: "A motion was made and carried forbidding the Good Templars to use this as a dance hall." The first carpet was laid in the hall on June 19, 1869, at a cost of \$186.50.

In 1872 a clock was purchased (which still hangs on the wall) and \$260 was paid out for the organ. The organ had to be repaired after being badly jarred on the trip by land freight from Crescent City. It had been brought around the horn to San Francisco and up the coast by steamer to Crescent City.

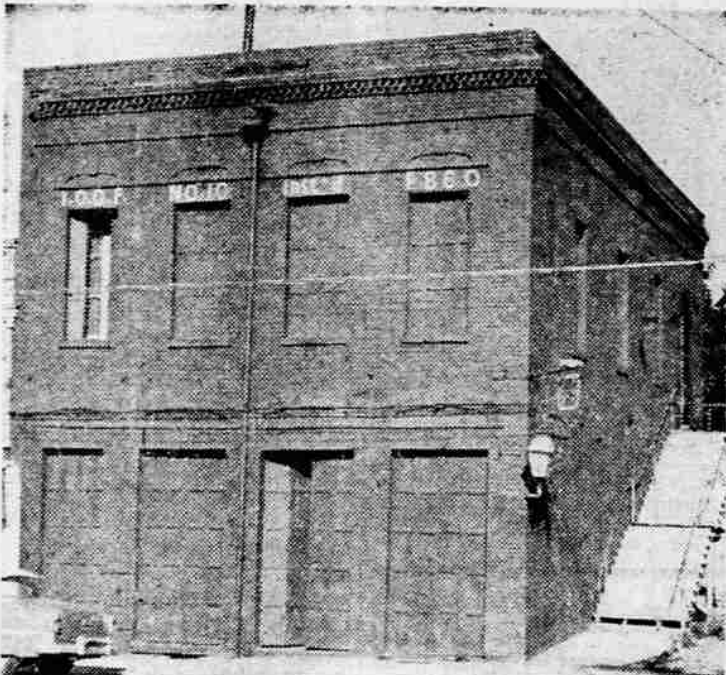
A bill from the firm of Hoffman and Klippel, dated Nov. 9, 1871, was for nine spittoons costing \$5.62. The following bill was submitted by the finance committee Sept. 28, 1872:

1 picture and frame of P. G. Sire Wilden \$ 8
2 meals to Grand Master 1 Segars .50 Bath .50 1 Amount paid to W. G. W. Mace as doorkeeper during celebration 1 \$11

Down through the years the hall has been in constant use and the names of nearly every organization in and around Jacksonville appears on the records as having rented or leased the hall for long periods or for special occasions.

Virtually Unchanged
The hall itself is virtually unchanged from the early days except that age has faded the resplendent velvet canopies and draperies and the carpet has become thin with use. The old stove that heated the building and much of the old furniture is still in place. The ancient clock and faded pictures hang on the wall, along with a tattered American flag with 45 stars that was hung outside the building on the Fourth of July and other special occasions.

The Jacksonville IOOF No. 10 still holds regular meetings in the high-ceilinged hall, and through all of the original members have long since passed away, their images still live on in the historic building.



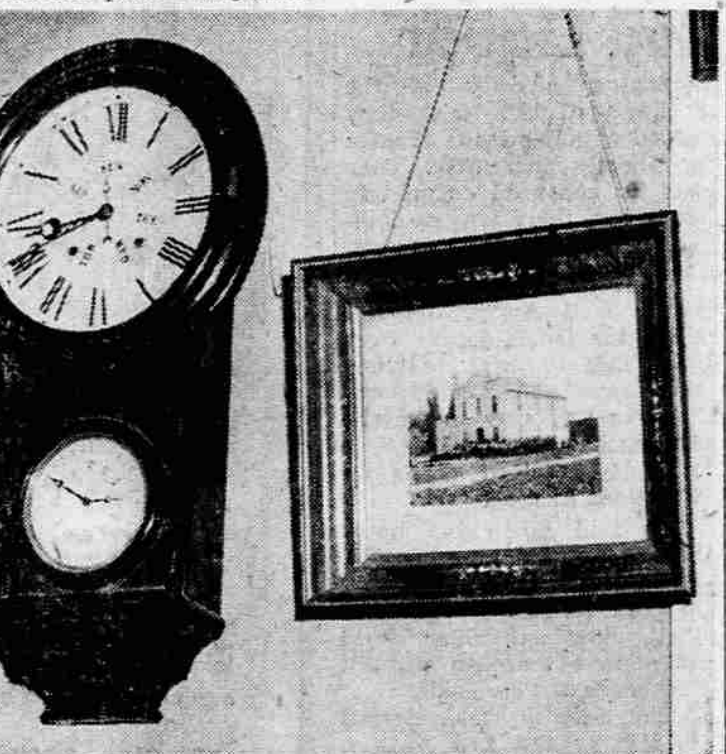
LODGE BUILDING—This old brick building, formerly McCully hall, located at the corner of Main and Oregon sts. in Jacksonville has been the home of the IOOF lodge No. 10 for nearly 100 years. Heavy iron doors over the windows and entrance ways made the building a veritable fort against possible raids by Indians. Like other buildings erected in the early 1850s in Jacksonville, a layer of dirt two feet thick was placed between the ceiling and roof as fire protection. The outside stair case was not built until some time after the building was erected. The IOOF lodge No. 10 and Rebekahs still hold regular meetings in the upstairs hall of the old building.



RUSTIC LAMP—This old street lamp that hangs outside the Jacksonville IOOF building adds a picturesque touch and lettering shows that the lodge has been selected as Oregon's official historical lodge. Established June 30, 1860, IOOF No. 10 will observe its 98th birthday anniversary Monday.



LODGE REGALIA—Mrs. William Campbell, member of the Jacksonville IOOF Rebekah lodge, above, holds a velvet neckpiece that was a part of the original regalia used by the lodge for its first meeting in 1860. The regalia was borrowed from Mt. Shasta and Yreka lodges. Mrs. Campbell also holds a simulated broad axe that was used in the old days to encourage members to pay their dues when the collection plate was passed.



OLD CLOCK—This old clock, which was purchased by the Jacksonville IOOF lodge No. 10 in January, 1872, still hangs on the wall of lodge hall and keeps perfect time. Receipts show that the clock cost \$52.50. The lower dial keeps track of the month and the date while the upper one registers the day of the week and the time of day. The pictures next to it and an old flag on the opposite wall, as well as an old stove and furnishings in the hall date back to the 1860s and 70s.

Kenwood - Grandview Trunk Sewer Will Serve About 400 Residences

The Kenwood - Grandview sanitary sewer trunk system, which was authorized by the Medford city council Friday night, will serve about 400 residents in an area which was annexed Nov. 6, 1936.

Councilman James Dunlevy, at the request of Mayor John Snider, reviewed the history of the district, and aspects of the sewer system itself. The statement served as an introduction at a continued public hearing on the proposal Friday night in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Petitions requesting a sewer were submitted March 5, 1937, with 410 signatures representing 296 properties. Later last year, Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield were contracted to prepare plans and specifications, and in November last year Mayor Snider appointed a committee of residents of the area to help plan the system.

Committee Members
Committee members were Elwood Hedberg Jr., Wayne Wakefield, Milton A. Loros, Henry Padgham and Roy P. Wilkes.

Seven property owners signed a petition and submitted it March 16, 1937, requesting that a sewer not be constructed on Roberts rd. east of Springbrook rd. An additional petition was filed signed by 16 property owners and requesting that property on Springbrook rd. to Roberts rd. be withdrawn from the proposed district. A third petition with 13 property owners' signatures requested that property adjoining both sides of Springbrook rd. from the R. J. Knight property south of Buckshot Hill rd. be withdrawn.

As a result of the petitions, a sewer line along Springbrook rd. within limits specified in petitions was withdrawn. A portion, however, was later added by the council to serve five or six properties just south of Roberts rd. for about 600 feet.

Large Area
The council pointed out that the area is large, and the project is "necessarily an expensive one." The cost of some individual property owners, it noted, will be high because large tracts of land within the area are relatively undeveloped.

The statement continued: "All the land in the district will be benefited by the construction of the trunk sewer system. The system is so designed that it will provide a way for the handling of all sanitary wastes of all the land within the area."

Equitable Distribution
"To provide for an equitable distribution of the cost of this system and to assess the costs on the basis of benefits received, the council has adopted the procedure of assessing the trunk portion of the system over the whole 1,170 acres because all the properties within these boundaries can or will be served by the trunks even though additional laterals will have to be installed in the future to be installed to some portions of the land."

The property abutting on the trunk lines will be permitted to connect and be served. Property so situated will be charged in addition on the basis of a lateral assessment. A lateral assessment is based on the average cost of an 8-inch sewer line installed at nominal depth in the district.

Many questions submitted at Friday's hearing concerned individual cases, while others were of a general information nature. City Manager Roger Duff, Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe and City Attorney Roy Bashaw answered questions.

Connection Fee
Information brought out during the question-and-answer period included the fact that residents will be charged a \$75 connection fee, a charge which is made by the city only to cover installation of

the connection. Duff pointed out that it is up to the property owner to install a line from the residence to the trunk, or lateral, line. The line has to meet specifications of the city code.

One question concerned the capacity of the city's disposal plant, but Duff and Thorpe pointed out that it is operating about 50 per cent of capacity now, and it will be several years before additions will be necessary.

Duff also noted that city ordinances require connection to a sewer line if the line is within 200 feet of the residence. The power of the state board of health in forcing residences to connect to a sanitary sewer line was not clear.

Question Hearing
One person wondered why the council should hold a public hearing on the proposal if the majority of property owners signed a petition requesting the sewer. Mayor Snider noted that under Oregon law, a public hearing must be held to give the opposition an opportunity to be heard.

Roy P. Wilkes, who was a

member of a committee appointed to assist the city administration in planning the sewer system, reviewed the history of the area, its annexation, and attempts to obtain a sewer system. He pointed out that several buildings are planned, including churches, and noted that a new school is under construction in the area.

Duff said opening of the new school may be delayed if the sewer is delayed after a member of the audience expressed concern over the possibility that the school may not have a sewer connection if the council did not authorize it.

Prospective Purchasers
Wilkes pointed out, and other substantiated his view, that prospective purchasers of homes in the area can not obtain FHA loans to buy. Nor can prospective sellers sell for the same reason, he added.

Wilkes said he thought the price for installing the sewer system was "too high," but he pointed out that during the past couple of years, prices of everything have increased. He said the committee felt the acreage and front foot basis of assessments were the most

equitable, but he also noted that there will be enquiries in any project the size of the Kenwood - Grandview sewer system.

Wilkes said it others favoring the sewer said it would improve the area and property owners would receive the full value of their investment. Without the improvement, he said, the area would deteriorate, and with it, schools, churches, homes and businesses will develop in the area.

Subdivision Planned
Harry Marshall of Medford Realty said a subdivision is planned at the corner of Buckshot Hill rd. and Crater Lake ave., and without sewers the plans may be discontinued. He noted that property values rise with sewer installations.

Wakefield pointed out that the first Christian church has purchased eight acres of land east of Crater Lake ave. where its plans to build a church, a playground and a parish.

In voting in favor of the project, Councilman Donald Hansen said he sympathizes with large property owners, but feels the assessment is the only one which represents a fair share of the trunk system.



CHARTER PRESENTED—At a dinner meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club recently, the newly organized Medford chapter of Active International was awarded a charter and 20 members were taken into the club. Looking over the new charter above are, left to right, district 3 Governor Arle Adams of Vancouver, Wash., Med-

ford Active Club President Ron Clancy, Grants Pass Active Club President Pete Thompson and International Second Vice President Ted Moore of Eugene. During the program Moore was presented the key to the city of Medford by council member Al Bradford, acting for Mayor John Snider who was out of town.

Public Welfare Approves Budget For First Quarter

Portland (UPI)—The State Public Welfare commission Friday approved an allocation of \$8,490,764 for the first quarter of the next fiscal year at its regular monthly session here.

This is an increase of approximately \$400,000 over the allocation for the first quarter of the 1957-58 fiscal year. The increase is due chiefly to a rising caseload and increased costs in the aid to dependent children and aid to the permanently and totally disabled categories.

Outlay Up
An increase of per-patient daily outlay for Multnomah welfare cases handled at the Multnomah county hospital to \$17.50 from the present rate of \$13.25 was approved by the commissioners. The boost in

outlay is effective July 1.

The commissioners stipulated in approving the increase that a method be devised for handling out-patient services when the clinic at the hospital is not open, and that a full-time medical social worker be employed to review all cases sent by the welfare department to the hospital and to plan economic methods or facilities for their post-hospital care.

Commissioners also gave official approval to the appointment of Dr. O. T. Wherry of Portland as part-time dental consultant to the division of medical care of the state public welfare commission.

Wherry will review requests for dental care and the treatment of welfare recipients, relieving the county

medical consultants and other county welfare staff members of this responsibility.

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