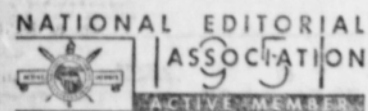


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TIME FOR DECISION

Now is the time the Chamber of Commerce and the businessmen of Cottage Grove should make a major decision if the community is to continue to grow or even hold its own. Since the necessity has arisen for a change in the manager or secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, there has been some agitation for a full time manager.

We think the greatest weakness of the organization since its inception even in the old days when the principal civic organization was known as the Commercial Club, is that it has been functioning more or less as a dinner club, where the membership has been led to expect entertainment without any work incidental to an organization of this kind. It has seemed to us the majority of those attending the fortnightly luncheons felt that their duty to the community or to the organization had been discharged when they met and dined and were entertained or heard a speech.

The principal drawback to effective community work has been lack of funds with which to operate. Chamber of Commerce dues collected about pays the office rent, the secretary or manager's salary, the community's share of the South Lane Fair expenses and a few minor community projects. Funds have never been sufficient to attract new industries should the opportunity present itself nor do they provide enough money to employ a full time secretary or manager.

The money problem is the major obstacle to hurdle, if the services of this organization are broadened. We have reached a point in community development where the businessmen must take positive action if we continue to grow or even hold our own.

A full time manager may earn his salary in keeping community interest alive, but he won't bring in additional money. Here are some of the problems facing us if we are to keep our place on the map: Good roads leading out of town will become better as time goes on. Good roads are now a necessity and barring a national catastrophe they will become better. In the course of the next few years, several minutes will be cut from the driving time between Cottage Grove and Eugene and points north.

As we have said many times before, the smaller communities have one principal advantage. They can offer patrons easy shopping, but we are not sure that we can continue to offer shoppers even this one advantage unless we make provisions for more parking space and more parking lots. Parking is getting to be a problem. This is just one of the few things the business people could assist in easing, but so far we have heard no comments.

Another factor in improving our relations with the public would be a Main street modernization program. People like to trade in bright cheerful places. If we can't provide them, the shopper will go elsewhere. Still another factor, is of course a better selection of merchandise.

Good streets also play an important part in establishing a city or town as a trading center. Some progress has been made but we have a long way to go.

Perhaps the most important factor in retaining our present industries is to provide a better water distribution system. Some work has been done toward improving the water system, but unless carried to a conclusion, one of our biggest mills will not be rebuilt.

Listed above are our prime needs. These needs must be supplied by you and me. The Chamber of Commerce, the business people and other civic organizations can supply the public opinion needed to get action and unless we get action there is no future to work toward.

LATHAM

Mrs. Esther Trunnell, Reporter
Phone 17-F-11

To prove there is considerable moving about even tho it is near the end of school term, the following students entered Latham school last week. First grade, Iola Hubbs, Michael Vidan; second grade, Cheryl Ford; third grade, Mary Mays, Donna Hubbs; fifth grade, Betty Jane Ford; and eighth grade, Barbara Sue Means and Leslie Meinberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Culver spent the week end at the coast at the home of his brother. They also brought back a load of calves.

To go to a neighbors for dinner in snowy, icy weather and return home to find only a pile of coals where their home used to be, was the experience April 4 of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lauritzen (twin Yearous) of Carievale, Sask. Canada. She is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Yearous. She wrote that neighbors saved a few things but they themselves did not know it until 11 p.m. Later they shoveled out the grain from a granary, broke it loose as it was frozen to the ground and moved it into the yard. With the help of friends and neighbors they set up housekeeping again in a few days after the walls were cleaned and painted. They receive the Cottage Grove Sentinel and we wave a hand in greeting. We trust Cottage Grove friends will locate pictures of family or schoolmates that would be welcome to anyone who had lost practically everything in a fire. Mrs. Lauritzen was a graduate of Cottage Grove high school in 1929.

Folks are advised to be on the lookout for Tansy Ragwort, the tall yellow blooming plant that is poisonous to stock and spreads rapidly.

Tommy Clark was out to Hebron Grange again Saturday night, the first time since his car accident in February.

Robert Means wrote from Chamberlain Base, U. S. Naval Station

at Minneapolis, Minn, where he is studying radio.

Jimmie L. Means is studying photography after his long hours of guard duty in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hull and son Lowell of Vancouver, Wash., spent three days last week at the C. S. Plaster home while they were working on their place here.

Richard Buffington is recovering from the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Higdon, daughter Sue and son Doyle, transferred their church membership to the Cottage Grove First Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Doyle Higdon is a teacher at the London school.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Seaton of Coos Bay spent the week end with his cousin Harold Landers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bias spent the week end at Winchester Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Thompson and son went to Yoncalla Saturday night and with Mr. and Mrs. Judd Doolittle and son spent Sunday on a fishing trip at Scottsburg where they visited the Vernon Doolittles.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris of Reedsport spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Harris left Tuesday evening for a trip to Reno and California points for a few days.

MT. VIEW

Mrs. Walter Downes, 33F11
The Mount View school presented an operetta in two acts, "The Frog Prince," on Tuesday, April 17. The story was taken from the fairy tale of the same name.

Leading parts were taken by George Smith, Dick Green, Ronald Powell, Marilyn Cook, Thomas Bridges, Bernice Thomas, Jeanne Voss, Dalene Underhill, Jimmy De Leon, Ethel Puckett, Thora Seaver, Phyllis Green, Merlene Peterson, Terry VanNortwick, Zenda Garman, Chester Dugger, and Carole Puckett.

All children in the cast are in the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grades

LONDON

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lusk had as visitors Sunday, an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Lusk, and grandmother, Mrs. May Lusk, all of Eugene, and an aunt, Mrs. Fannie Ellsworth of Cottage Grove.

Friends here will be interested to know that Woodrow W. Hughes of Ontario, Calif., the past three years is moving in June to Healdton, Okla., with his family to make their home. Mr. Hughes preached the revival services at the London Church of Christ here a year ago.

Mrs. Claris Abeene entertained at her new home for a baby shower, April 18, in honor of Mrs. Howard Dulle (Marcell Abeene). Seventeen guests brought gifts for the occasion. Three children were present. The usual decoration for a pink and blue party were used with refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee. Hostesses were Mrs. Claris Abeene, Mrs. Claude Abeene, Mrs. Henry Hess, and Mrs. Julian Small.

With the whine of power saws on every hill and the sound of falling timbe-r and continued good weather for logging the loggers are looking to their bridges and making repairs. The Abeene brothers are rebuilding the Carl-Small bridge for use in their summer logging operations. Material is piled for use on the McKay bridge. County crews have worked all last week on their bridges up and down the valley. The covered bridge at Cougar Bend and the open bridge near the Larry Haynes place were both under repair, suspending the Blackbutte traffic for several hours Friday.

Early garden and blooming fruit trees felt the sting of frost bite with temperatures reported down to 22 Saturday morning. Tomato plants froze under hot-caps. Mrs. Vern Shortridge reports her camellias, tulip trees, chestnut tree and flowering locust as well as tomatoes were "cooked" from the freeze. Solid ice was found in the rabbit pans. Fruit trees that were bundles of pink and white early in the week took on a brown tinge that was not sun-tan.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shortridge found that getting up at a quarter to three for breakfast and early ramp to the fishing holes at Dorena dam in the chilly dawn, was fully compensated with the glory of the early morning and limit catches of fish last week. By going early they had their pick of the most promising fishing holes before other anglers arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Pfaff are other ardent fishers with Mrs. Pfaff the fisherman of the family. She is filling her locker with her extreme good luck for limit catches most every trip. They were accompanied to Dorena dam Sunday, for fishing, by the Lee Bechtolds.

Last week's bear story is still good news to sheep owners who have lost young lambs each year to the marauder. He came over the mountain as usual this time of year, but was found dead, caught in a government trapper snare April 17. Russell Bemis set the snare located on the north hill of the Nelson Bemis place near the old barn.

The big black bear weighed approximately 400 pounds and tore up the earth and a line of fence in his frenzy. He had been dead about two or three days so his glossy black hide was too "ripe" to save. This is believed to be the same bear that has molested sheep for several years and killed more

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than a score in the community hills last year.

London School

The favorite of all at London school is Perry Stein, the janitor. Last week he installed a "monkey bar" for practice play for the coming spring track meet. Calloused small hands and sore muscles are the general thing among boys and girls alike but the kids love it. Sawdust was thoughtfully provided by Mr. Stein to soften any chance falls. Sawdust also lined the base-lines of two softball diamonds.

A lively afternoon of games Friday gave London a win over Mount View, 15 to 13, in softball. The girls lost to the visiting team, also in softball.

Only five more weeks of school remain for this term after this week. School will be out June 1. Tommy Savage was out of school last week with the flu.

Word has been received by her family from Mrs. Glen Banton that she arrived April 16 in Kansas where she has gone to visit her daughter and grandchildren. The R. G. Carpenter family was delayed at Burns by car trouble making it necessary for Mrs. Banton, who was accompanying them east, to continue by bus.

The Arvid Palkis are remodeling and refurbishing their house, and are struggling with a new lawn that is handicapped by the unusual dry spring weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mills returned Sunday evening from a two weeks trip to California, visiting relatives at Redding, Sacramento, Anaheim and Palm Desert. They report that the weather was not too warm, that they had a wonderful trip and saw lots of beautiful country, altho Mrs. Mills did get ill on the return trip. She suspects she picked a flu germ. She has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clark and family and Mrs. Hattie Clark of Cedar Creek, returned Sunday from a week end trip to Klamath Falls to attend a cousins' wedding, that of Pauline Clark, daughter of Orville Clark.

Birthday Month

A number of April birthdays were the inspiration last week for family gatherings.

A surprise telephone call from Memphis, Tennessee, came from Harold Abeene from his daughter, Mrs. Glen Stimmel, on his birthday, April 19. The same evening Mr. Abeene was honored by a birthday supper, also honoring his sister, Mrs. Zelma Small whose birthday was the 15th. Guests besides the Harold Abeene and Julian Small families included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess, (also a sister) and an aunt of the three, Mrs. Anna McPherson from Eugene, and Eula Belle Small.

Mrs. McPherson has been visiting recently with "Dad" Abeene and other relatives here the past week.

Visiting the Harold Abeenes from Eugene Friday was Gerald Banton, who has been working with his brother, Glen Banton in the woods recently.

Mrs. G. A. Andrews gave a birthday dinner Saturday evening for

her son, Leonard from Gold Hill. Attending were his wife and their sons, Johnny and Stevie, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Andrews, and his aunt, Marguerite Andrews of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews also visited her parents, the Chet Gilhams over the week end.

Norman Abeene celebrated his fifteenth birthday April 19 with ice cream and birthday cake in the evening with guests from Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Higdon and families.

The first "company for dinner" in their new home for the Gale Robys were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McEwen and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Medford, Sunday in honor of Mr. Roby's birthday. Also attending were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller and granddaughter, Fonda, of Eugene who spent the week end and made the old fashioned home-made ice cream.

A potluck dinner was held Sunday at the Jess Hill home in Cottage Grove with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Abeene and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Prescott and families attending. The group visited the new hospital, open house after dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clark visited in Veneta Sunday where Mr. Clark was guest speaker at the Church of Christ. Mr. Clark will also speak there next Sunday.

Chad Lusk, age 4, has been ill with tonsillitis. He is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lusk.

Mrs. S. T. Clark is making plans for a trip to Los Angeles next month for the graduation of her daughter, Gloria (Mrs. Bob Clark) from Pepperdine Christian college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison and family, minister of the Church of Christ, Monroe Ave., in Cottage Grove, were visitors at the Sam Medford home recently.

London Proud

London is proud to have two out of seven junior students at the Cottage Grove high school, who were chosen for the honor society. They are Betty Clark and Donna Abeene. George Clark, also of London, was noted to receive honorable mention as outstanding freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ewing spent the week end in North Bend to celebrate another family birthday.



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that of their son, Don on Sunday. Sheep shearing is under way at the Nelson Bemis place.

Laef Sandberg and his son Don came down from Portland Monday night to visit her mother, Mrs. Vern Shortridge and that Don might say goodbye to grandma before his departure to the east to enter officers training school. He previously served in the Coast Guard where he qualified for this additional training. The men left Tuesday morning for the coast and some fishing before Don leaves next Tuesday from Portland.

Mrs. C. C. Gilham entertained 16 lady guests at her home April 17 for a plastic party. Mrs. Woolbridge of Veneta was demonstrator. Mrs. Fred Gay won door prize and was also the guest of honor with a birthday cake in celebration of her birthday.

Most sincerely,
GORDON A. SABINE
Dean, School of Journalism
University of Oregon

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:
Now that Keith's body has been found and laid to rest, I wonder just how the people feel who were responsible for the malicious gossip that was circulated, from the day of his death, which greatly hampered efforts to find his body, which was four months and ten days from the time he was drowned.

There was no evidence to support any of the tales, and it surely caused a lot of heartaches for myself and other members of the family.

If a similar accident should happen to any member of the families of the people involved, I hope they will remember what they said about Keith.

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Mr. Walter Martin,
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Cottage Grove Sentinel,
Cottage Grove, Oregon
Dear Walter:

The Hospital Edition of the Cottage Grove Sentinel on April 19, 1951, certainly is a milestone in the history of your paper.

It is a tremendous job, exceedingly well done, in my opinion. I was very much impressed with the high caliber and quantity of the explanatory news material, which was well above the standard sometimes seen in special editions like this.

Most sincerely,
GORDON A. SABINE
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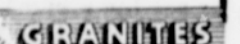
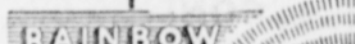
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