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MEN'S BIBLE CLASS HITS NEW RECORD

The Community Men's Bible class at its regular meeting last Sunday in the class room in Cowley Hall broke a record which has held since its organization—the "Blues" won the attendance contest two Sundays in succession; heretofore the Reds and Blues have alternated each week.

On account of this "double header" the Reds are through a long way in the rear and must show a big burst of speed in order to catch up, not to mention winning the present contest. The attendance for the day was: Reds, 61; Blues, 69; total attendance, 132.

In order to avoid taking up too much of the time needed for the lesson an executive committee was appointed to attend to all routine business and to prepare all other matters for presentation to the class in concise form, there to be accepted or rejected by the class.

The class voted to close the present contest on April 18th instead of April 11th, but to take the count of all present on Easter, although there will no doubt be many absent who will attend services elsewhere on that day.

The sick committee reported that the two sick members were much improved and that flowers had been taken to them; the class was also pleasantly surprised to see Ray Henderson, class president, march up the aisle to his station after he had been reported as too sick to attend; it seems that the temptation was more than even a sick man could stand.

The day's lesson was taken from the first part of the first chapter of The Acts of The Apostles, and was very interestingly and instructively presented by the teacher, Mr. I. G. Shaw. Mr. Shaw also read from different parts of the Bible answers to a question which had been dropped into the question box at the door. The question was, "What is meant by Mark 16:17-20?" The answer left little, if any doubt in the minds of anyone present as to the real meaning of the passage mentioned.

The work of arranging the class office and establishing the employment bureau etc., is getting under way and as soon as possible will be open for business.

A great deal of interest is being shown in regard to a class orchestra; this is easily possible of attainment as there is a great deal of musical talent among the men and it seems certain that an orchestra will soon be organized.

A good deal of work is being handled this week by the Executive committee which consists of the following: Reds—Tom Pankey and Guy Tex; Blues—H. P. Jewett and Roy Jones; Neutral—Ray Henderson.

The class was held over its regular time for a few minutes consideration of some problems which were of special interest to the entire assemblage.

On Sunday, March 14th it is hoped that every member will be able to get out as a photographer is to be present to photograph the entire bunch; this picture is to be sent to three of the big daily newspapers of the United States which will not have any ill effect on Central Point and the Rogue River valley. So prepare for that occasion and get your face in on the big "pitcher." It is understood that the Oregonian and the Chicago Tribune are two of these papers.

—Just a Red.

DEATH OF MRS. L. E. SMITH

Mrs. L. E. Smith, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia for several weeks past, passed away last Sunday morning at the Medford hospital.

Mrs. Smith leaves three children, a husband, a mother, father and other relatives besides many friends.

Funeral services were held at Medford Wednesday.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MET IN CENTRAL POINT

The Ministerial Association of the Rogue River valley met in the Federated church in Central Point, on Monday of this week. A fine dinner was served by the ladies of the church at 12:30 o'clock, and the afternoon program began shortly after one o'clock. The following members were present: Revs. Nelson, Belknap, White Mordoff, Gray, Randall, MacVicar, Eaton, Temple, Heiner, Johnson of Medford, Lawrence, King, Howe, Thuemler, Mergler, Woodworth, Pemberton, Young, Fields, Captain Gay, Shaw and Johnson.

After the regular routine of business, Dr. Eaton presented a paper on "How Can the Ministers and Churches of the Rogue River District Secure an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Churches?"

The discussion which followed was quite general, and emphasized the many good points of the paper.

The association will meet in Grants Pass next month.

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Last Friday afternoon the Ladies' Civic Improvement Club met at the home of Mrs. R. H. Paxson.

A very interesting and profitable time was spent, in which plans were made for financing the City Library, an institution which is greatly benefiting the community.

The members of this club have been instrumental in "putting over" a number of excellent movements since its organization. One recent movement which this club was instrumental in accomplishing was the placing of a much needed light on the depot platform. Due to a misunderstanding the light has not yet shed forth its rays, but it is established and with the co-operation of Station Agent Boles, it will no doubt be doing its duty soon.

Mrs. Paxson served delicious light refreshments.

Read in another column of the lunch for public library benefits.

P. T. A. NEWS

Mrs. A. T. Lathrop

The regular meeting of the local Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held on Friday evening at 7:30 in the gymnasium. A fine program has been arranged, and the Copco pictures will be an interesting feature. Fathers are especially invited, and both fathers and mothers will be counted in the contest for the Fern. Come out. Hear some of the things your local association is trying to do, enjoy the program, and help make the social time a success.

The subject for the Pre-School Circle is "Feeding the Pre-School Child." Miss Brewster will lead this discussion at 2:30 p. m. in the gymnasium Friday, March 5th. The primary grades have an interesting part in the program. Show your interest in your children by coming out.

LIVE WIRES

The boys of the Live Wire class belonging to the Federated Sunday school met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, last Saturday afternoon. The president, Edwin Martin, was in the chair. In the membership contest the "Green" side won. This contest resulted in the membership being more than doubled, the class now having an average attendance of twenty boys.

Woodrow Rich and Alvin Maple were chosen leaders in a new contest which will continue till after Easter.

Delicious refreshments were furnished by Lathael Stevens, Edwin Martin, Elton Miller and James Lathrop, who were some of the members of the losing side.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCaskey, who have been spending the winter at Coronado, California, arrived home this week.

They report a fine trip and enjoyed the winter but Mr. McCaskey states that California hasn't anything on the Rogue River valley.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IS MADE IN 1925

University of Oregon.—"The discovery of the Cosmic rays, commonly called the Millikan rays, is the most significant achievement of 1925," is the opinion of Dr. A. E. Caswell, professor of physics at the University of Oregon. "The discovery of the Millikan rays proves that there are great ranges of wave lengths never discovered, bringing immense amounts of energy into our earth which may have an influence upon the energy of the earth, what application they will have, however, only time will tell."

R. A. Millikan, director of the California Institute of Technology, and one of the leading physicists of the United States, has discovered that there are electric rays coming in through all space from every direction. He discovered these rays by experiments made upon planes of a great height, one of which was Pike's Peak. They are so penetrating they will pass through six feet of lead. They come not only from the sun, but from the stars and all parts of the heavens with the same intensity both day and night.

Previous to the discovery of the Millikan rays, Gamma rays were the most penetrating rays used. Dr. Caswell emphasized the fact that the Gamma rays will penetrate only about one-half of one inch of lead. They are now used as an important part of radium treatments, the best cure known for cancer.

"We have in the realm of physics," he added further, "a series of electric waves. The longest ones are sent out by lighting circles. Shorter ones are used for radio telegraphy and telephony. Still shorter waves give the sensation of heat where there is no light." The next ones in order are the X-rays, then the Gamma rays which are even shorter than the X-rays.

The length of the ray is very important, Dr. Caswell pointed out, because it determines the degree of absorption which determines the ray's power of penetration. The shorter the ray the less it is absorbed, thus the X-ray will penetrate a sheet of lead and the Gamma ray several millimeters, while the Millikan rays, the shortest of all, will penetrate six feet of lead.

The discovery of the Millikan rays is not only the outstanding discovery of 1925, but for all time past, Dr. Caswell believes. He spoke of the measurement of the electric charge carried by the electron as another important discovery of Millikan's.

LAND SETTLEMENT ITEMS

That homeseekers all over the country are looking toward Oregon is strongly indicated by the fact that on the average of thirty to fifty inquiries a day are being received at the present time by the Land Settlement Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which, co-ordinating with the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, has started its 1926 state wide development campaign.

Since February 1st, fifty-eight new settlers have been reported to the department. Josephine county has reported fifteen families located this month and forty one names were received from Marion County.

One of the best individual locations was reported this month so far from Astoria. It involves an investment of \$16,000 and was made by George W. Peek and H. J. Glover of Redwood, California. These new settlers originally came from Idaho and have spent some time investigating the agricultural conditions of both Oregon and California.

Mr. Glover has already taken charge of the farm and they are planning on extending their holdings in Clatsop County, which will include perhaps another farm.

C. E. Bolds and wife are spending this week in Portland. During their absence Miss Mildred Beeson is staying in their home with the children.

NORTH BEND MILL BURNS—\$500,000 LOSS

The main mill of the Stout Lumber company, North Bend, was destroyed by fire last Friday with a loss of between \$350,000 and \$500,000. Two hundred and fifty men were thrown out of work. The blaze was discovered by a night sweeper, but spread so rapidly that he barely escaped. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

Fire departments from North Bend and Marshfield prevented the blaze from spreading from the main mill. Officials announce the mill is to be rebuilt.

Discovery that attempts were made to blow the Southern Pacific's safe here at the time the mill was burning led officers to believe that the fire was incendiary.

Company officials reported that two months ago the Stout Lumber company's plant at Thornton, Ark., was destroyed by fire at the same time the railroad company's safe was robbed.

CIVIC CLUB WILL SERVE LUNCH

On next Tuesday afternoon, March 9, the ladies of the Civic club will serve a light lunch to the public, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Fox.

The cost of the plate will be 10 cents and the entire proceeds will go for the benefit of the City Library.

The ladies of this club are manifesting splendid interest in the library. At present the library is in need of funds, not so much for new equipment as for the need of making past obligations good.

Inasmuch as the library is making a steady growth in equipment and service, and the community is being highly benefited by it, the library board are urging that this enterprise may be well patronized.

It has been arranged with the school superintendent, H. P. Jewett, for any pupils in school who wish, to take a short time to go to the home of Mrs. Fox and partake of the lunch.

In the interest of civic progress the public is invited to aid in this effort.

Only 10 cents and its good, too!

Rev. J. M. Johnson has secured plenty of help for the revival meetings which have been announced to begin on Sunday, March 14th. For the first week, beginning Sunday evening, the speakers will be: Rev. J. C. Mergler, Rev. Roy Nelson, Rev. Woodworth, Rev. I. G. Shaw, Rev. J. S. Chaney, and Rev. W. Lee Gray. On Wednesday evening and Friday evening Captain Gay will bring some of his Army workers and help us hold street meetings. The Medford pastors will be in their own meetings until the 21st of the month. They will help here in the second and third weeks of our meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Webber, accompanied by his sister, Miss Holland, drove over from Klamath Falls Sunday to visit Mrs. Webber's mother, who recently had a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Webber and his sister returned home Sunday evening but Mrs. Webber remained for a longer stay with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Donelson and small son Halleck of Klamath Falls, come over the Green Spring Mountains in their new Chevrolet Sedan last Sunday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tramel of Ashland. They called at the "Grandma" Obenchain home in the afternoon. Mr. Donelson is one of the most valued employees of the Klamath Falls post-office.

J. S. March, who has been quite ill at the home of his daughter in Talent, is reported to be improving, a fact that his Central Point friends are glad to note.

The revival meetings at the Christian church are continuing with increased interest and attention. A number of persons have been attending from Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland. Several of these are musical and have assisted Mr. Putnam with the music.

PICTURE SHOW OWNER WILL RETURN TO C.P.

F. W. Sebreaan, who owns the picture show building here will return to Central Point with his family and take charge of the picture show. Mr. Sebreaan started the picture show here and made a success of his venture.

He has billed some high priced films and the people will see as good pictures as shown anywhere. Mr. Sebreaan will take charge of the show house Sunday, March 7 and his many friends in this locality will be pleased to learn that this family will return to Central Point again.

LIME PLANT REMOVAL GETS FINAL APPROVAL

Final approval was given at Salem on the 27th for the moving of the state lime plant from Gold Hill to Salem where it will be operated by convict labor from the state penitentiary. The move was decided upon at a conference between Governor Pierce and state prison officials.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Mrs. Mattie Parker was happily surprised last Thursday afternoon when some of her neighbors and friends gathered at her home to celebrate her birthday. The many friends who enjoyed the afternoon were: Mrs. Grim, Mrs. Farra, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. A. Parker and children, Iris Hill, and Bobby Jean Hoagliand. Dainty refreshments were served and everyone wishes Mrs. Parker many happy birthdays.

NEW SERVICE PUMP

A Tokheim visible, electrically operated, 10-gallon gas pump, valued at \$700.00, has recently been installed at the Gateway Service Station.

"This is the latest and most efficient automatic gas pump that can be obtained, and is the only one of this type in southern Oregon," states Mr. Beebe. The customer is insured exact measure as the pump is equipped with a mechanical predetermine stop that cannot get out of order.

John Sholey and family are enjoying a visit this week from E. S. Foster, of Walla Walla, on his way to Santa Rosa, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, also of Walla Walla. Mr. Foster is a brother of Mrs. Sholey and Mrs. Martin is a niece.

Miss Violet Scott, teacher in a rural school near Central Point, was obliged to discontinue her school work this week, as she is having an attack of throat trouble. Miss Scott hopes to return to her school by next week.

H. H. Lampman, who is in the publicity department of the Bureau of Police, in Portland sends us two dollars for a year's subscription to the American. Mr. Lampman formerly lived here and at Gold Hill and has many friends in both places.

Jack Hoogstraat, editor of the Southern Oregon Spokesman, accompanied by his friend Clyde Wolcott, of Grants Pass, made this office a pleasant visit this evening while enroute to Ashland.

F. E. Stephenson returned last week from Scotia, Calif., where he was called on account of the sickness of his mother. He reports his mother improving.

E. W. Clark is home from a business trip to Glendale, Oregon.

Sam Poague has his new home west of the railroad track about completed and has moved back to Central Point from Medford.

Mrs. J. K. Hall died at her home in this city on Wednesday morning, March 3rd at 7 o'clock. The immediate cause was paralysis.