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## MANY ASK FOR OLD AGE AID

### Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

Hurray! We have found a kindred soul in this county! The other day we read a communication to the Mail Tribune suggesting that we elect a woman sheriff—and naming the woman. We congratulate the writer upon his "horse sense." We, too, believe that we could do a whole lot worse by failing to elect our old friend Olga to head that office, instead of doing most of the work, so her boss may take the glory.

We have long recognized that there is no more efficient, courteous and capable official in our "court house gang" than Miss Olga Anderson, chief deputy under a whole string of sheriffs. Sheriffs may come and sheriffs may go, but always there remains that fair lady whose clear mind and capable hands keep the wheels moving smoothly.

No matter who may be "boss," whenever anyone wants to know anything about what's what, or where's where in that office, they invariably call on Olga. So why not let her have the big salary she so nobly earned for someone else? (We know darned well we stand no show for the deputy job, anyway, so have said our say unafraid.)

Now speaking of jobs, why cannot the county court create a new one just for us? We prefer one with a large remuneration and mighty little work attached. Why not have an "Inspector of Candidates" or something? That ought to be a snap. Or perhaps that Probation Office job, so ably held off and on by our former dancing master, Amos? They used to say, "Set a thief to catch a thief," you know, and we have a faint remembrance that we, too, were once a lad who needed a bit of watching.

But just to set joking aside, we wonder if our city dads could not get some action out of the present owner of that property formerly occupied by the "pack rat." Since that home burned last fall the place is an awful eyesore to anyone traveling the highway. We feel it would be for the good of the city to have that junk heap cleaned up.

We have heard a lot of compliments this week on that welcoming dinner last week. The ladies sure "did themselves proud." We who were fortunate enough to be present are looking forward to more of such gatherings.

Once more we must mention the re-forming of a Central Point chamber of commerce. In our humble opinion such an organization would be of much benefit to all. We all know how much good our recent get-togethers have done. Let's go the whole hog and make them a part of our regular order of business.

Our cheese factory is coming along fine. The first day they started off with about 825 pounds of milk, which looked awful lonesome in that big vat. Now, they are getting around 2500 pounds, and more coming. We are glad to see this and are waiting more or less patiently for the cheese to ripen.

The street work being done with C. W. A. money and delinquent water users, is coming along fine under the able direction of Jack Southwell. Several streets that were almost impassable have been drained and as soon as the granite has been put on will be in very good shape. We are informed that the authorities have about got around to the application of the school district for men to do some leveling on the school grounds and painting the high school. This work, if allowed will add much to the appearance of the school.

Our star reporter, woman-like, is forever getting into hot water. Her latest came from trying to joke the ladies of the Rebekah lodge about a certain lady's illness. It seems this lady made the remark she had been ill ever since attending a Rebekah dinner. A gentleman asked what they had to drink up there. Our better three-fourths, in writing up the story

### HOG RAISERS HEAR PLAN TO RELEASE COUNTRY'S OUTPUT

H. A. Lindgren of the animal husbandry department of the Oregon State college explained the Corn-Hog Production Adjustment plan of the government to 100 hog raisers of the county, at a meeting held in the courthouse auditorium Tuesday afternoon. It was described by the county agent's office as one of the most successful meets of its kind held in the county during the recovery program.

Hog raisers at the meet were given work sheets, contracts and a pamphlet which outlines the purposes of the meet. Questions were asked and answered for two hours, and considerable interest shown.

County Agent Robert G. Fowler said a schedule of community meetings would be held, and the schedule would be announced by the end of the week. Hog raisers of the valley are urged to attend this meeting, in their own district. In the meantime they are requested to study the contracts and pamphlet.

It was brought out at the meeting that approximately 20,000 hogs are raised in Jackson county annually, and that they are fattened on pears and barley instead of corn, by most producers.

Under the hog-corn program, the hog output would be reduced to 15,000. Benefits under the program would be paid at \$5 per hog, \$2 upon the approval of the contract, and the balance in two other payments, extending to February, 1935.—Mail Tribune.

### Rifle Club Enjoying Larger Turn Out

With the postal match well under way, the prospects of three Club matches to be held soon with Roseburg, Klamath Falls, and Yreka, Calif. The Medford Rifle Club is enjoying much interest in and outside of the Club with new members making applications regularly. Tuesday night shoot showed much improvement over any previous nights with the old members having to look down the barrel rather straight to hold their positions on the 5 man team. The scores were:

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E. H. Pomeroy.....	359
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H. E. Rinabarger.....	341
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L. T. Britton.....	329
R. L. Edwards.....	325
Don Britton.....	317
Lu Lull.....	313
I. C. Daley.....	307
Allen Perry.....	305

Some of the new members who never shot under a military range at night were under a somewhat of a handicap, but walked right up in line and are very good prospects for the 5 man team.

### Modern Woodmen Install New Officers

Central Point Lodge No. 9459 M. W. of A. held their annual installation of officers at the I.O.O.F. hall Tuesday evening, January 16, with Theo. A. Glass as installing officer. The following new officers for the year were installed: Consul, G. L. March; Advisor, Warren Patterson; Banker, M. F. Young; Escort, J. T. Conrad; Watchman, R. E. Kelley; Sentry, R. R. McConochie and Trustees, W. J. Gebhard, for 3 years.

A large number of the members of the Royal Neighbors were present. A get-together meeting is planned for the next meeting, which will be held on February 6.

made it appear it might have been the eatables which caused the illness. Some of the worthy "Beckys" took umbrage at such an aspersion on their cooks. A joke's a joke, but lay off joking a cook—especially such glorious artists as our Rebekah ladies are well known to be.

### 153 Applications Handed to Court; All To Be Checked

To date 153 applications for old age pensions have been filed with the county court, considerably less than anticipated and indicated by the first rush for application blanks. Close to 200 applications are expected to be filed. It was estimated that there were 1500 people within the county over 70 years of age, and that half this number would apply for pensions.

Two stenographers, under direction of Ingrid Holmes, secretary of the county court, have been busy the past week making out the applications with all questions answered in full. Applications of the inmates of the county farm will be taken at an early date.

When all the applications have been filed and all data collected the county court, acting as the old age pension board, will hold a session and pass on the applications in time for payment during February.

Checks are being made on all applicants, to verify them as to age

and length of residence in the state and county. Valuation of property, and incomes of the applicants are also scrutinized, and welfare associations in other states contacted to determine the financial ability of unmarried daughters, sons and other kin to care for the applicants. The law provides that relatives, if able, are responsible for the care of aged kin, and that the entire burden cannot be shifted to the state or county.

The budget allowance for old age pension in this county is \$5000 and the pensions will have to stay within this sum, owing to the financial stringency. The pensions granted will necessarily have to be small, to keep within this amount. The legislature provided no means for funds when it passed the law, leaving it to the counties. Some Oregon counties have taken no steps to pay pensions this year. Those who have, like Jackson county, have adopted a rigid economy policy, to make the limited funds last.—Mail Tribune.

### WHAT IS YOUR NEWSPAPER WORTH TO THE COMMUNITY?

Is a newspaper of any real value to a town?

This question often arises and many answers have been given. Many things enter into the question. There are those who think a newspaper is purely a money-making scheme and has no real value to a community. But others are broader minded and understand human interests better.

There is nothing which adds more to the prestige of a town than a live home-printed newspaper. Each week it is eagerly watched for and thoroughly read. Here one finds the record of the daily happenings of the people—their business, social and spiritual affairs are told and a cross-section of the community life is given.

But no newspaper can long survive without the financial as well as the moral support of the community. Every subscriber who allows his subscription to get in arrears, adds just that much to the burden of worry which the publisher must face. You may only owe a dollar, but that dol-

lar, added to those of others in the same fix, might very possibly be the "drop in the bucket" which meant either closing up shop or staying in business.

We want to give Central Point the best paper possible. We are willing to do our part to the limit, but unless we can have the support of the community we shall fail. We therefore ask you to think it over and ask yourselves "just what is it worth to me to have a paper here?" Then, if you believe it is worth while, can you not spare a bit to help?

We are thankful to all who have sent us news items and by kind words and thoughtful actions have encouraged us in our work. Of course the business men and women contribute more to the support of a newspaper than do the subscribers, but at the same time a paper must have the good will of its readers in order to make it of value as an advertising medium.

Please do not think we are criticizing, but we do need help at this time and if you are in arrears we

### P. T. A. To Aid Board With Gym

Mrs. Earl Leever, president of the Parent Teacher association, called a meeting of the members of the executive council Wednesday evening to hear a report of the committee in charge of investigating the cost of installing plumbing in the gymnasium. Mrs. L. C. Grimes gave the figures of the lowest bid for the work. The executive council voted to endeavor to raise fifty dollars with which to aid the school board in installing the much needed improvement.

Plans for raising the money were discussed and the council decided to hold an entertainment at some later date, at which all patrons of the district may help to contribute to the fund.

Daddy's night will be observed on Thursday evening, February 1st. A very entertaining program is being prepared, after which refreshments will be served, for the small sum of ten cents, the proceeds to go toward the gym improvements. It is earnestly desired that every parent be present.

### Highway Building Will Wait Funds

SALEM, Jan. 14.—(AP)—New construction operations on state highways in Oregon during 1934 and 1935 will cease with the expenditure of federal funds already allocated, unless congress in its present session goes outside the budget estimates to make a further federal aid appropriation for roads.

No provision for new state highway work financed by federal money is contained in the estimated federal budget for 1935, Senator Charles L. McNary informs the Capital Journal he has been advised by R. R. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads.

"Am advised by R. R. MacDonald that the budget estimate for 1935 contains no provision for new work," said Senator McNary's telegram. "In other words the amount included in the budget estimate is for work already initiated and which has not yet been completed."—Mail Tribune.

will appreciate your calling and helping what you can. It is your paper—help us to keep it going.  
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### EDWARD R. MORRIS OF EUGENE RULES SO. OREGON LIQUOR

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—AP—Edward R. Morris of Eugene, Otto J. Runte of La Grande and Laurence R. Hickam of Portland were today named supervisors of the Oregon liquor control commission by George L. Sammis, administrator, and will at once take over their duties in the three distinct divisions of the state. The salary will be \$3000 a year.

Morris will have charge of all of western and southern Oregon south of Eugene; Runte will supervise operations east of the Cascades, except in Klamath and Lake counties, and Hickam will have charge of all western Oregon north of Eugene.

Eugene Headquarters  
Morris will make his headquarters at Eugene; Runte at La Grande, and Hickam at Salem.

Morris was formerly an automobile dealer and president of the Eugene chamber of commerce and the Rotary club. Runte was for 20 years engaged in commercial activities in eastern Oregon. Hickam was for 10 years general passenger agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway. The first district will include Multnomah, Columbia, Clatsop, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Tillamook, Marion and Polk counties; the second, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson and Klamath.

All eastern Oregon counties are in the third district.

Administrators for Stores  
The supervisors will have immediate charge of the conduct of the commission's operations in their respective districts, reporting to the administrator. It will be their task to arrange for establishing liquor stores in such places as may be recommended by the administrator and the commission.

The commission also will investigate and recommend appointments of agents to handle commission liquor where stores will not be installed. They will check on applicants for positions in their districts, to find the most available men.

### Evangelistic Meet To Be Continued

The fine evangelistic services now being held at the Federated church will continue next week; but will take a little different turn. The Duff Evangelistic party, "The Irish," will be with us, and will lead in a very special campaign for young people. These workers are well prepared to lead in an interesting and helpful work, among all classes, but especially challenge the young. It is desired that all who are interested in the life of young people shall lend a hand to make the next two weeks the very best ever witnessed in this community.

### Tax Collections Decline Sharply

Tax collections by the sheriff's office for the year 1933 totaled \$867,859.92.

For 1932 the collections amounted to \$1,020,770.07.

The figures show a decrease. Chief Tax Deputy Gertrude Martin says this is due to a decrease in the amount of property in the tax rolls and a decline in valuation. She estimates that the 1933 delinquency is three per cent greater than in 1932.

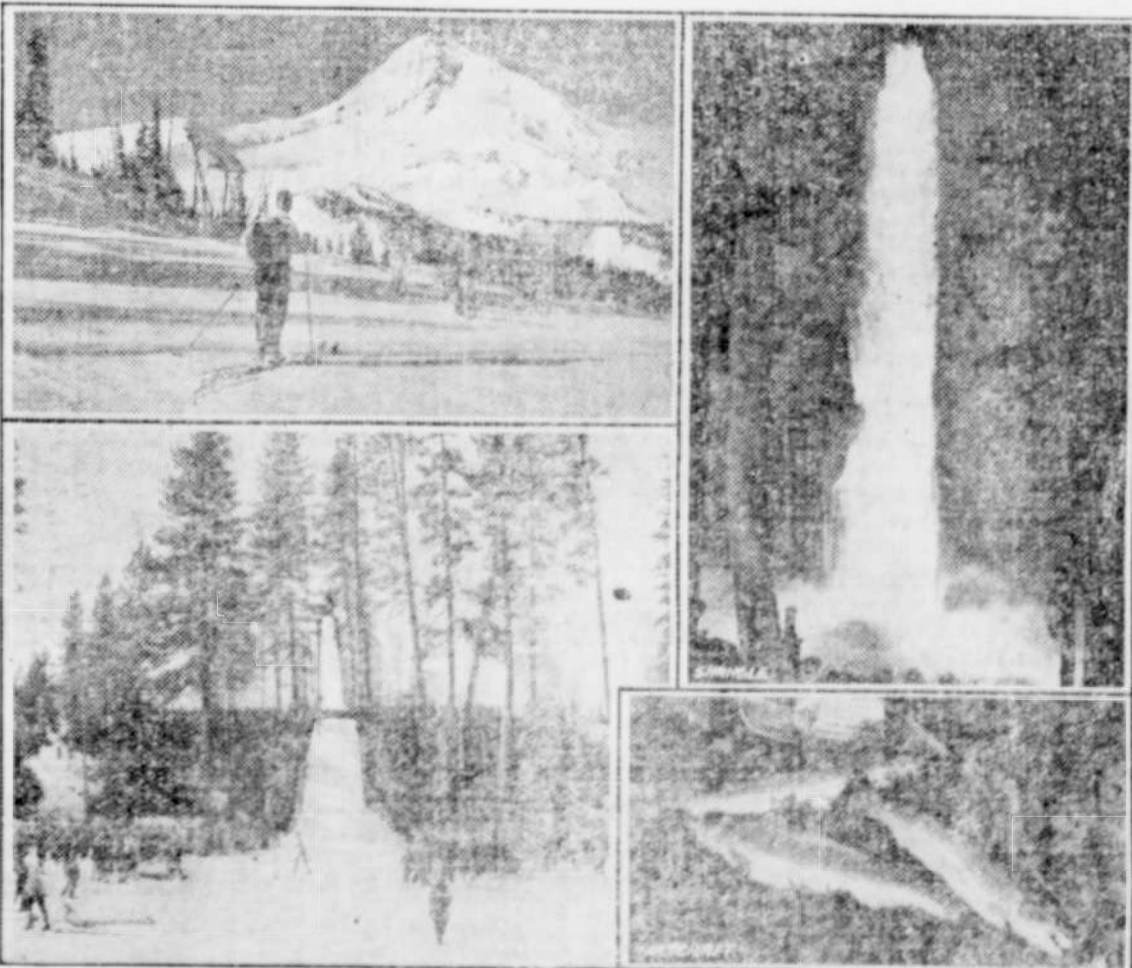
Under a new Oregon law, tax payments are made quarterly, starting March 5, two months earlier than usual, with rebates for payments in full, or installments.

### Philosopher Simon Says:

Another good way of making friends is to start every argument with the thought of losing it.

A smile is the one greeting that all people of the world understand. "Let's all smile."

### Oregon Sports Scenes Shown to Californians



The Oregon scenic wonders pictured above are included in motion pictures of the attractions of the Pacific Northwest which are being shown throughout Southwestern United States by the Gilmore Oil company to encourage travel to Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. (Upper Left) Mt. Hood. (Upper Right) Mill Creek Falls near Medford. (Lower Left) Ski jump at Fort Klamath. (Lower Right) A sample of a fisherman's reward at Grants Pass.