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## Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

Last Monday we had the pleasure of playing the old army game and dodging a general. When General Martin passed through town we were carefully hidden. But we are told we made a mistake by so doing as the General is a mighty fine fellow and carries no "side" when traveling.

We have been watching him ever since he has been in Congress and we said last spring that to our mind he was the best qualified of any of the gubernatorial candidates to clean things up at Salem. At least he would let folks know we had a governor, which is more than Julius has done. And woe betide the venturesome person who tried to bulldoze him.

This writer has been a Republican for lo, these many years, but we are not so hide-bound as not to see good in SOME Democrats. We do not altogether agree with the President in some things, and we say so with fear and trembling. But if the smiling General will forget the idea of trying to be our next governor on the strength of his close affiliation with the New Deal, and will stand squarely on his own record and accomplishments we are inclined to support him. And we claim to be the only newspaper man in Oregon who can dodge meeting a major candidate and still support him.

We fear the time is close at hand when our city will be faced with the problem of installing new water mains. And when that time does come we hope a plan will be worked out to secure Medford water. There was a time when the kind of water system we have was a wonderful thing. But today we want better things. Our city water, while pure enough, is too hard; too warm and to limited in quantity for present day demands.

It is with genuine regret that we announce the resignation from our schools of Miss Lottie Franklin who this week notified Supt. Jewett of her intention to engage in other work. She says she expects to enter church work. It is our feeling that teaching the young, especially children of 7th and 8th grades is just as worthy and important a work as there is on earth. To lead and guide these young minds into proper paths is a big job and Miss Lottie was doing it well. She will be missed from the community. Here's wishing her success in her new work.

At a meeting of the school board this week it was decided to postpone the opening of school until Sept. 17. This is to enable those who wish, to finish work in the fruit. But the board made it clear that all pupils will be expected to be on hand on that date and no stalling off entering will be allowed. There will be no making up of lost work allowed this year.

The work of picking and packing of our pear crop is in full swing. The packing houses are working night and day, using local labor in so far as possible. There are a few California packers in evidence but most of those working are local people which is as it should be. The price per box paid packers is the same as last year and is too low, but there has been no trouble so far.

It is to be noted that more than the usual amount of tomatoes are being raised in the valley this year. We hope to see the time come when enough such things will be grown here to enable the year-round operation of a cannery. We hate to see our Bartlett's being shipped to California to be canned as California fruit. We should be able to raise enough diversified fruits and vegetables to keep a cannery of our own going. And our fruit and vegetables should be marketed under an Oregon label.

We hear a lot of bunk these days, but the cake-winner is Townsend's idea of a \$200 per month pension for every man or woman 50 years of age. This amount to be placed to his credit by kind old Uncle Samuel in a local bank each month, and at the end of the month any unspent balance must revert to Uncle.

Sounds fine, don't it? But think of what mischief it would cause. Think of what Wickerings and family

## PIONEER LADY OF EAGLE POINT IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mother Howlett received word of the passing of her daughter, Sarah Howlett Lewis, on Sunday, August 12, at her ranch near Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Lewis was born June 13, 1869, on the old homestead of her parents, Alfred C. and Sarah Howlett, which was located on what is known as the Big Desert near Eagle Point and about three miles south of the present Charles Cingcade home and was the eldest daughter of thirteen children, only two of which are still living.

Raised in this community, she was married to James M. Lewis on September 3, 1890 while living on what is now the Alva Vista Orchard and where her parents lived for eighteen years.

The first ten years of her married life were spent with her husband on the Britt Place and where their two children, Edward and Virgie were born.

They moved to Sterling on the Applegate River in 1900 where they lived until 1906, and then went to Kansas for one year, in 1907 moving to Washington near Spokane which has been their home ever since.

Her husband, James M. Lewis passed away in April of this year. Mrs. Lewis has been in poor health for several years, but with the passing of her husband she became more subject to heart attacks, which resulted in her death on August 12.

Beside her aged mother, Mrs. Sarah Howlett of Eagle Point, she leaves to mourn her passing, one son, Edward Lewis of Colville, Washington, a daughter, Virgie Potts of Sprague, Wash., two grandchildren, Donald and Delbert Lewis and two sisters, Octavia Shaw of Portland and Hattie Howlett of Eagle Point.

She was buried near her home at Spokane, Washington.

And to Mother Howlett, beloved pioneer mother, who has endured all the privation, the heart aches and suffering as well as the joys of the pioneer mother, the proprietress of the Sunnyside Hotel at Eagle Point, who, tho' nearing the Four-score-years and ten mark, is still actively engaged in her daily duties, who has buried husband and eleven children, and to her daughter Hattie, the sympathy of the entire community and of all southern Oregon is extended in this new sorrow.

## Earcel Caster and Miss LaDieu Wed At Bride's Home

Miss Francella LaDieu and Earcel Caster were married at the LaDieu home in Trall Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The father of the bride performed the ceremony. The bride was charming in an all-over embroidered yellow organza dress with a corsage of pink roses and maiden hair fern. Sanford Richardson was best man and the brides sister Miss Laurabell LaDieu was maid of honor and was dressed in peach color taffeta.

Those present were Mr. Kuhn and son and daughter Jack and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cushman and two little daughters, Mrs. Ari LaDieu and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson and Charlotte, Ruddy Rostell, Mr. and Mrs. LaDieu, the brides parents, Mrs. Crance, Mr. Caster's mother, Miss Laurabell LaDieu. After the ceremony sandwiches, ice cream, fruit cake and the wedding cake which was a delicious white cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. Caster left immediately amid showers of rice for Grants Pass They spent Monday and Tuesday at the Oregon Caves and Roseburg.

rows would ensue. How carefully the kids would watch over poor old dad's health for fear that princely income would stop.

Bah! These dreamers give us a pain in the neck. We believe in the old age pension plan for disabled really old people. They have earned the right to live in comfort. But such wild notions as the above are just pure bunk.

## Great Drouth to Have Effect on AAA Program

The great drouth, which has reduced grain and hay crops to record low levels, has started a country-wide discussion of the agricultural adjustment program and affected materially the agricultural refinancing program of the government, according to information received by the Oregon Agricultural extension service.

In answer to those who feel that agricultural adjustments are no longer necessary, Secretary Wallace of the United States department of agriculture says that undoubtedly the drouth will make it necessary to change many of the agricultural programs for 1935.

Regardless of what revisions may be made, however, Secretary Wallace says there will not be any abandonment of the principle of government assistance to farmers in establishing the necessary balance between supply and demand and giving

## Iowa Annual Picnic Held Grants Pass

The Iowa annual picnic was held in Riverside Park, Grants Pass Sunday August 12, with about 350 in attendance from different points in southern Oregon.

At one o'clock the crowd was seated around long tables beautifully decorated with gladioli, so profusely grown in that locality.

The Grants Pass Iowans, as hosts, furnished coffee and fruit as a supplement to the fine and varied spread.

Many were the joyful surprises in meeting people from ones own home town and hearing some one say, "O, yes, I used to know them years ago."

Included in the program was several musical numbers by the young people orchestra of Grants Pass, two solos by Mrs. E. Nichols of Medford "Iowa Corn Song" and "Iowa State Song" by all with piano accompaniment.

An address by General Charles H. Martin was enjoyed.

During the business meeting the secretary was instructed to send greetings to the Iowa Club who will meet August 19 at Champeog. C. H. Demoray was reappointed chairman for next year. Meeting to be held in Grants Pass. Iowa club women of Grants Pass organized this year following the first southern Oregon meeting held at Gold Hill in 1933.

A club was organized in Medford during the boom days led by Mr. Hoon who later returned to his Iowa home at Sioux Rapids.

## Mrs. Gebhard Hostess To Berean Class

Mrs. W. J. Gebhard was hostess to the Berean bible class Thursday afternoon at her home on Bear creek. Mrs. Case presided at the meeting and also conducted the devotional service. Roll call was answered by verses containing the word faith.

Louise Grimes gave an illustrated chapter on Dust and Ashes of Empires, following with a solo—"Under his Wings". Cake and punch was served by Messdames Langston, Ayers and hostess, assisted by Miss Norma Holland. Those present were Messdames A. J. Milton, A. W. Ayers, J. E. Manns, W. P. Grimes, Elizabeth Case, Louise Gebhard, Roy Nichols, Henry Borah, Daisy Brewer, Viola Lampman, E. C. Richmond, Marie Comstock, Allee McKim, Louise Grimes, Lorrie Mimmick Mary Langston, L. H. Smith and hostess.

## MISS HARRIET SPARROW HOSTESS AT LUNCHEON

Miss Nancy Bukeley of Honolulu, T. H., house guest of Miss Harriet Sparrow at Kirklund farm, was honor guest Monday at luncheon and bridge at Miss Sparrow's home.

Invited to the affair were Miss Peggy Hamill of New York, Miss Roxane Ruhl, Mrs. Charles Voorhies, Miss Betty Bardwell, Miss Mary Parsons of Seattle, Mrs. Katherine Heffernan, Mrs. W. H. Muirhead, Mrs. W. W. Aldrich, Miss Mary Schott of Los Angeles, Mrs. Robert Maentz Mrs. Frances Sparrow and the honor guest.

## White Mice Will Sleuth At Big Fair

White mice will play an important behind-the-scene part in the Oregon State Fair horse races this season. No, not gabbling about in the feed bins.

To make horse sense out of this white mice business, one has to know that Fair Director Max Gehlar is going to employ white mice, the state chemist and several veterinarians to see that no doping of horses is practiced at the state fair.

Recently, white mice set up competition to the chemical laboratory on the doping tests, and now bid fair to displace the chemist to large degree. When white mice are given an hypodermic injection of the saliva taken from a suspected doped horse, they will show a quivering of the tail and an arching of it over the back if stimulants have been used on the horse.

The State Fair management is joining better race tracks over the country to guard against doping of horses. A federal government campaign against this practice last year resulted in some arrests, and has helped to put fear into those who would win by foul means.

## Mrs. Faber Entertains For Visiting Brother

MEDFORD, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Everett Faber entertained on Friday evening, at her home, 907 W. Eleventh street, inviting fifty friends to a reception for her brother, Franklin B. Launer, dean of the school of music at the Christian college in Columbia, Mo.

Included among those present at the reception were Mr. Launer's mother, Mrs. Alice Launer of Albany, and his sister, Mrs. Barkley Newman of Salem.

Guests called between 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock, during which time Mr. Launer entertained at the piano. Included among his selections were: "Irish Tunes from County Kerry" by Percy Grainger; Liszt's transcription of Verdi's "Rigoletto", and "Fau Flak" by Isadore Phillippe. Other numbers were from the works of Chopin, Schubert, Schumann, Bach and Beethoven.

Mr. Launer has studied with Grainger in Chicago and also spent three years studying with Phillippe in Paris. He has been doing some concert work in St. Louis and also plays at times with the Minneapolis Symphony.

Mr. Launer visited the Baldwin shop here and stated that he considered the studios equal to those of a metropolitan city. He played several selections at the shop for a group of friends who gathered there.

Having arrived here on Tuesday, Mr. Launer left Saturday for Albany.

## Minimum Price on Tomatoes Reduced

The minimum price to the retailer on all tomatoes sold in Oregon and Washington will be 40 cents for each 20 pound box effective in producing sections, Tuesday, August 14, and in consuming markets August 15.

This new price was agreed to Saturday, August 11, by the executive committee of the Oregon-Washington Melon and Tomato Marketing Agreement which has power to set minimum prices on all melons and tomatoes sold in the two states.

This board consists of Merton Tomkins, chairman of Dayton, Oregon; C. H. Dills, Wapato, Washington; C. Wesley Williams, Roseburg, Oregon; H. N. Hampton, Haver, Washington and Roy Hewitt, Salem, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Bonney and Mr. and Mrs. Vince Ritzinger spent Sunday on the Noe Cabin at Sunset on the Rogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond and children and Mr. and Mrs. Brunfield and children are planning a trip to Diamond Lake this next week.

Mr. Fred Wiley is confined at his home with an infected leg. Under Mrs. Wiley's care he is expected to be back in the feed store soon. This is the first he has had a doctor since he was thirteen years old and the first time he was ever confined to his bed.

## TWOFOLD USE OF CCC IS STRESSED BY NATIONAL CHIEF

The double usefulness of the C.C.C. program was stressed by Robert Fechner, director of emergency conservation work in his address to the Portland Chamber of Commerce, August 13. Conservation of human character as well as conservation of the American forests constitutes main objectives in this popular and worthwhile program of the "new deal", according to Director Fechner.

"Most people think that we are organized to plant trees," said Fechner. "As a matter of fact, we have devoted our time to forest conservation and to combating the worst enemy of conservation, the forest fire." The C.C.C. camps have spent a large part of their time in building roads and trails for more effective forest fire suppression, according to Fechner, and in cutting fire breaks, falling snags, and in other forms of fire hazard reduction. They also have completed many recreational projects in national forests and park areas.

"Anyone who could compare the appearance of these boys at the time of enrollment and a few weeks later would not question the real worth of this C.C.C. movement or the fact that the nation is getting returns for he cost involved, in the rebuilding of human lives as well as in material accomplishments," said Fechner.

Mr. Fechner will spend several days visiting C.C.C. camps and will leave this region for Idaho and Montana August 17.

## Birthday Party at Marine Home

Mrs. Marine invited in a number of guests to help celebrate her husband's birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Merriman from Medford, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mrs. T. A. Marine, Mr. Bill Carr from Applegate, Mrs. Croford from Sams Valley. Now everything was lovely, a delicious dinner, the usual congratulatory messengers, etc. only no one could tell which anniversary was. They could not count the candles on the cake because the cake never showed up. It left Medford bound for Marine's dinner table paused for a few minutes at Marine's store, Marine was absent so it traveled to Prospect. On the return trip going around a sharp curve the back door of the bakery wagon jarred open and the beautiful cake rolled down into the Rogue to feed the fishes. So we'll have to wait until next August to tell how old George is.

## Local Lad May Be Future Babe Ruth

The manager of the Medford Play ground was in Central Point to see Roy or (Red) Heath to make sure that he would be in Medford today to go with the boys to play a game against the Ashland boys. We don't know who else went with him but we did hear the boss tell him if he had no way to get to Medford they would come after him. We have been tipped off by a number of baseball fans that Roy is exceptionally good and may put Central Point on the map some day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ross and little daughter Janet from Grants Pass spent Wednesday here on business, both Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born and raised here.

## It Might be Worse!

WHO WOULD BE A COMMUNIST?  
ARGUE EVERY DAY,  
DIVIDE EVERY DAY,  
SQUABBLE EVERY DAY,  
OVER DIVISION?  
THINK IT OVER!

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## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nolta of Willows, California have made a trip to the World's Fair. They left by train but bought an automobile in Lansing and are completing their trip by car. They will go to Niagara Falls and come home by the Canadian route. They will return by Central Point and stop for a visit with Mr. Nolta's parents. Mr. Nolta is an aviator and owns two planes. They write that they were in the tail end of a cyclone in Michigan.

Mrs. Marie Lange is living up to her reputation of being a wonderful gardner. Such tomatoes, peppers and all other garden products you never, never have seen.

Mrs. F. J. Devore from Hale, Missouri is spending the summer with her daughter Mrs. F. J. Wilnot.

Clarence Kruse arrived Tuesday for a visit with her Aunt and family, Mrs. Frank Lawrence.

Albert Hickens from Oakland visited his little daughter Evelyn at her grandmother, Mrs. Simmons home. While here he visited Crater Lake.

Mr. Clearly, son Charley and cousin Eliza Sparks have moved into the Jacob house across from the Finley Imp. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Musty and family have moved into the Rowe house.

Mr. T. A. Marine left recently for Caanda to look after his wheat harvest.

Born Monday at the Purucker Hospital a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely. Baby weighed 7 1/2 lbs.

Mr. Verne Pendleton left for Creech city this morning and will return this evening.

Mrs. Ethel Elliot and family left this morning for Calif. where they expect to locate.

We notice a number of cars coming from the north that stop and road our sign and then turn and drive thru here and on to Crater Lake.

Jessie Mosher from Oakland visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mosher last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gargols and baby daughter Barbara from San Francisco, who are visiting Mrs. Gargols' parents in Medford visited at the George Marine home one day recently.

Mrs. and Mrs. C. W. Anders celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anders home. Those present to enjoy the lovely dinner were their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anders from Klamath Falls who is a engineer and has a tract out from Klamath Falls, another son M. H. Anders and family who is a fruit inspector and the host and hostess and little daughter and son, Barbara and Jimmy.