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## Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

There is a rumor going about that the Communists who formerly held forth in the old P. and E. depot in Medford are seeking a location here. This city held enough agitators and all their works two years ago and we don't want them here. Let them go back to Russia or Europe where they belong and let us alone.

It has always been true that in hard times the radicals and reds flourish like weeds in a garden. When work is scarce and hard to find, there always springs up a lot of sore-heads who blame everybody but themselves for their troubles. They gather a following among the shiftless and lazy and stir up all the trouble they can. And it will be noted that lots of these people never work if they can get out of it. America has no place for such people.

We want to compliment our city council on their action regarding the weed-grown vacant lots in our city. Too often bad fires come from neglect of such things. This town has a lot of old wooden buildings which are simply fire-traps. Once let a fire start along Main street and only a miracle would save the entire town. We want to urge all property owners to clean up their lots and burn off the dead grass. If such a job is carefully done there will be no danger and it may save us all a lot of grief.

We wish they would keep their darned hot weather in the East, or somewhere—we don't want it here. Yesterday we noted our office thermometer stood at 106. That meant that at our desk it was about 120, more or less. Too hot to sit before a metal pot, anyway.

We have talked recently with several fruit men. When asked about the 1934 crop they all said it was coming off good and the price was fair. This is the best news in many a day. The prosperity of this valley depends upon the prosperity of our biggest industry—fruit. It sure sounds good to hear of a money-making crop once more.

It is good to see the smiling face of Mr. E. C. Faber on our streets once more. He had a good vacation and is, we hope, rested and even better grounded in the belief that this is a great country. At least it compares well with a lot of country Mr. Faber has passed through on his trip.

Had you ever stopped to think that if government jobs should cease a lot of men would again be on the rolls of the unemployed? Which sounds to me a lot like pulling oneself out of the mud by the bootstraps.

Last week we noticed Bro. Hall had once more awakened from his lethargy and was taking digs at other folks once more. Will the boy never tire of aping Clark Wood?

We suggest that Moore Hamilton think over the results if the 20-mill tax limitation bill passes. We have been a bit surprised to see him supporting such a measure. If that is the kind of man he is, we fear we shall not be able to support him for the legislature. We've got enough freak laws now.

We received an official N. R. A. publicity sheet from Washington in which much is made of the recent presidential order releasing a lot of small-town businesses from compliance with the codes. We note that the businesses so exempted are almost entirely those not found in small towns of our knowledge. But what a chance it gives our Democratic friends to blow!

So far it seems to us that the new codes have been written expressly for the bigger business. This is only natural as only big business could afford to send representatives to the conferences where the codes are made. And no one could expect they would care hang for the little fellow. So they just went ahead and fixed things up to suit themselves and the Administration. O. K.'ed the code they hatched up.

But when all us little fellows get forced out of business perhaps we can get a chance to eat at government expense like a big percentage of the rest of folks. Or maybe we who have carried the Republican banner will be allowed to starve. and be

## LOCAL MAN TELLS CONDITIONS SEEN ON EASTERN TRIP

Mr. E. C. Faber kindly consented to give us a report of his eastern trip which follows:

After we left Pocatella Idaho we camped for the night at Ogalla, Nebraska, on the Platt river. Here several branches of the Platt meet. North and South Platt start here. From now on the crops are looking much better due to the fact that a soaking rain fell about a week before our arrival June 25th. From central to eastern Nebraska corn crops seemed to be getting better the nearer the Missouri River we got. Traveling north from Omaha toward Sioux City we found corn in excellent shape growing fast. This was accounted for by the fact that they had a six inch rain fall in one night. Much of the lower land still had water on it, many ditches full and a great deal of soil carried from hill sides onto low places.

We stopped our car several times to examine the wheat, which was still standing and found it averaged from six to eight inches tall. The wheat had shriveled to about one-fourth its natural size. Much of this will be uncut. We found the wheat crop the same in Nebraska and continuing through Central and Eastern Iowa and through Illinois. We made camp at DeWitt, Iowa and crossed the river at Clinton and followed Rock River to Rockford where we visited Mrs. Buckman's sister who was very glad to see us and hear from Oregon as she has been a visitor in Southern Oregon several times and is a booster for Crater Lake.

Continuing south through Elgin and east on Route Number thirty we arrived at Gary, Indiana where we left our car in a garage and visited the fair going on the electric street car to the Twelfth street entrance to the fair. The first day of the fair was most pleasant owing to a cool breeze off of Lake Michigan. The second day proved very hot and we were so fatigued that we didn't have the nerve to tackle a third day. It was so hot that anyone had to stop for a cool drink every block and while there were drinking fountains every block the water was not cool, so the root beer and coco cola vendors did a thriving business.

The fair grounds are three miles in length along the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

In the evening we enjoyed very much the water carnival and the display. The water fountains were all turned on. The cool air from the Lake made the evening very pleasant.

Resuming our journey on route number thirty we stopped at Wakarusa Indiana to see a brother of Paul Gerber. Northern Indiana and Northern Ohio seems to be a most thrifty section. The farmers are well taken care of. The barns are well painted and large enough to hold all their crops. Many of the homes are built of brick. Many are two stories and were built many years ago and handed down from generation to generation. They are still in a state of good preservation. One indication of thrift among these people is the fact that all good land is in cultivation and the poor tracts and hills are planted to trees. Many being oak trees. No land is wasted.

Many of the larger homes have signs out. Tourist rooms, modern. Other signs, Crickets for Sale, and fish bait for sale, showing they lived near a good fishing lake. In several districts there are orchards of sour cherries, which they made into cider. One enterprising Hoosier gave a good demonstration of the value of advertising. He displayed three or four gallon jugs of this cider on top of fence posts, one hundred yards farther, on a smaller display, then at a bend in the road when cars were supposed to slow down a good sized sign, "Ice cold cherry cider. All you can drink for a dime." as a result of his clever advertising he sold lots of cider to thirsty tourist most of them buying a gallon before they left.

We arrived at our destination a little early on account of cutting short our stay in Chicago. Ohio is a most beautiful state as the occasional showers revive the vegetation. The hills are all gently rolling and the oak trees are such good. We

## Jackson Co. Banks Will Help Home Repair Program

The three banks in Medford—The Medford National, the First National and the Farmers and Fruitgrowers have announced acceptance of contracts of insurance under the modernization credit plan of the federal housing administration. It was made known here recently.

Word was received by Associated Press from Washington, D. C., that the Medford National bank had accepted. George Frey, cashier at the bank, said he had wired acceptance to James A. Moffett, administrator for the federal housing administration. The First National bank mailed its acceptance and Fred Wahl of the Farmers' and Fruitgrowers' bank said the organization planned accepting, but had not forwarded its assent, pending receipt of further information concerning the plan.

The federal housing administration makes loans for alterations, repairs, etc., of real property under the national housing act. This credit may be applied for, if the person can repay a regular installments over a period of from one to three years.

Issued by the administration are a number of points, explaining the loans being made:

1. Any property owner, individual partnership or corporation with a regular income from salary, commissions, business, or other assured source may apply. It is not necessary to be a depositor in the financial institution consulted.

2. Application may be made to any national bank state or trust company, savings bank, industrial bank, building and loan associations or finance company approved by the federal housing administration; or to a contractor or building supply dealer.

3. Application may be made for sums from \$100 to \$2000, depending on the person's income, for improvements on any one property, and in connection with not more than five properties unless approved by the federal housing administration Washington, D. C.

4. Notes may run for any number of months from one to three years. (Notes extending from 37 months to five years may be submitted to the federal housing administration by financial institutions for special considerations.)

5. For security it is required that the person have an adequate regular income and a good credit record in the community.

6. Assurance necessary is that the

made a side trip to Cleveland, Ohio where so much building activity is going on.

The city limit has been extended in every direction where you find beautiful modern homes. Down town where the buildings are close together the passage ways are called streets; farther out where the homes are fairly close together the passage ways are called avenues and out further here homes are rarer apart they call them roads.

While at Cleveland we visited the Cleveland airport which is one of the five busiest ports in the world. When the planes are landing a high powered electric light is turned on for a short time just before the plane is ready to land. This light is reported to cost \$25 every time it is turned on so naturally it is turned off immediately after the planes land.

We think conditions are actually improving in the east. Some factories are running three shifts. These include rayon factories, paper mills and mill supplies. Specialties used in manufacturing electric refrigerators. Some mills are running five days a week. Few factories are closed down and these will remain closed because many of these were built at the height of the boom with money raised by stock promoter schemes.

It is a sad commentary that our government did not control these hot air promoters and prevent them from fleecing the farmers and laboring people who in many cases were led to buy by rosy promises of 10% interest on their money.

Owing to lack of space this story of Mr. Faber's trip and impressions will be continued next week. Mr. Faber has promised to give us his return trip next week.

applicant own the property, that the income of the signers of the note is at least five times the annual payments on the note; that the mortgage, if any is in good standing and that there are no other past due encumbrances or liens against the property, and that the applicant will use the proceeds solely for property improvement.

7. Signatures required on the note are those of the property owner; and (except in special cases) if the owner is an individual and is married, also signature of wife or husband. No other co-signers or endorsers are required.

8. Cost of the credit is that the financial institution may not collect as interest, (and) or discount (and) or fee of any kind, a total charge in excess of an amount equivalent to \$5 discount per year per \$100 original face amount of note.

9. Notes are paid by regular, equal monthly payments (seasonal payments for farmers) until the note is paid in full.

10. Applications will be considered for credit to improve one-family, two-family, or other residences; apartment buildings, stores, office buildings factories warehouses farm buildings.

11. Regular installment payments will be made in person at the place of business of the financial institution; or by mail; or as otherwise arranged. No payment shall be made to any governmental office or organization.

12. Notes may be paid in full before maturity, at any time. A reasonable rebate will be allowed for pre-payment, if charges have been collected in advance.

13. More than one payment may be made at a time, as many as the person wishes, but such payments should be in exact multiples of the agreed payments—that is if monthly payment is \$10, larger payments should total \$20, \$30, etc.—not for example odd sums such as \$18 or \$25.

14. The maker must not permit his payments to fall in arrears. Should a payment be more than 15 days late the financial institution's expense caused thereby should be reimbursed in part at rate of not more than five cents per dollar for each payment in arrears. Persistent delinquency will make it necessary for the financial institution to take proper steps to effect collection in full.

## Special Invitation Sent Mayor Leever To Attend Fair

SALEM, August, 20.—A special invitation to W. C. Leever, mayor of Central Point to attend the 73rd Oregon State Fair on Mayor's day and Portland day, Thursday, September 5, has been sent by Max Gehlar, director of the fair.

"I am positive every mayor in Oregon will take pride in the State Fair this year, for the 1934 Fair far outclasses any former Fair, not only in the unbelievable improvements made to grounds and buildings, but also in outlook for agricultural and livestock displays." Director Gehlar says in urging every mayor to attend.

Mayor Joseph Carson of Portland has already advised Mr. Gehlar that he expects to attend.

Other special days designated for fair week, beginning Labor day, are: Monday, Governor's day and Lane County and Southern Oregon day; Tuesday, Children's day and Willamette Valley day; Wednesday, Salem day; Thursday, Portland day and Mayors' day; Friday, Grange, Farmers' Union and Fraternal day; Saturday, Jason Lee day, Covered Wagon Day and Congress day. On each of these days features in addition to the regular program are planned special recognition of these honor guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale arrived last night for a few days visit with Mrs. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milton. They made the trip with Mr. Hale's mother, Mrs. Schubert and husband of Klamath Falls.

Lewis Hedgpath spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his parents.

## Local Boy Wins Honors CCC Camp

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore., Aug. 20 (Special to The American)—Norval Wiley of Central Point, one of the May recruits for the Civilian Conservation Corps, is making good marks in the Wineglass camp near Crater Lake.

Norval, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wiley of Central Point, has been named on the staff of the Wineglass Volcano, camp newspaper, and has also received a rating of assistant leader. Because of his exceptionally good driving ability, he was recently chosen to be the personal chauffeur for Robert Fechner, director of the C.C.C. for the entire nation. Mr. Fechner complimented Norval on his ability.

## Property Owners Warned to Clean Up Fire Hazards

A warning to property owners to clean up the dead grass and weeds on vacant lots in the city and about their buildings, before Sept. 1 has been issued by the Fire Committee of the city council, according to Fire Chief Fred Hesselgrave.

At present there are a number of vacant properties in the business district which are covered with dead grass and which form a very serious fire hazard. If the owners will clear away all rubbish and notify Mr. Hesselgrave the city will send a man to assist in burning off such lots.

Unless the owners clean up these hazards before Sept. 1, the city will be compelled to send a crew to do it and charge the cost to the property.

Also attention is called to the city sanitary service regulation regarding the hauling of tin cans and rubbish to the city dump grounds. All rubbish that can be, should be burned—all tin cans should be burned off before sacking for hauling. The city will not accept rubbish which can be burned at home. If property owners will burn all waste paper, magazines and such rubbish and place their cans in the fire before sacking, the city will haul away the balance at a very low cost.

## Rev. Johnson Goes To Portland Meet

Rev. and Mrs. Jos. M. Johnson and Mr. A. N. Case left on Thursday morning for Portland, where they will attend a part of the "Victorious Life Conference," being conducted in that city by Dr. Chas. G. Trumbull of Philadelphia, Pa., editor of the Sunday School Times.

They will also be in the meeting of the Oregon Fundamental association, which is called for Friday evening, of which Rev. Johnson is a vice president.

They will return on Saturday, bringing Mrs. H. W. Davison with them. Mrs. Davison went to Portland last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Myers.

## Housewives Urged Buy Tomatoes New

Housewives are urged to buy tomatoes now, according to Morton Tomkins of Dayton, Oregon, chairman of the Melon and Tomato Marketing Agreement for Oregon and Washington. "Tomatoes are at their very best for canning right now. They are firm and well-flavored, which makes them excellent for either solid pack or canned tomato juice. The present minimum prices are the lowest that will be quoted this season," Mr. Tomkins said.

## September Food Canning Planned

Mabel C. Mack, acting state leader of home economics extension arrived in Medford, Saturday for a conference with Miss Alice Mallin, assistant home demonstration agent and Miss Ruth McCorkle assistant home demonstration agent for relief canning.

The county extension committee will meet with Mrs. Mack and Miss Mallin at the extension office, Monday at 10:00 a. m. to complete plans for the project work for September. Committee members are: Miss Alice Hanley, honorary chairman; Mrs. Maudie A. Port, Mrs. Effie Birdseye, Mrs. Bertha Young, Mrs. Susie Maust, Mrs. Mabel Thornton, Mrs. Ella Myers.

## A.A.A. PROGRAM AFFECTS MAJORITY OREGON FARMERS

Current activities in agricultural adjustments are of direct or indirect importance to most of the farmers in the state, reports the Oregon State college agricultural extension service. Approximately one-fifth of Oregon's farmers have signed up either for wheat or corn-hog production adjustments, while the business of additional thousands will be influenced materially by the cattle and sheep purchase program, other drought relief activities, farm loans, and other programs.

More than 1,000 counties, mostly west of the Mississippi river, are in the emergency drought classification and about 400 are secondary drought counties. The government program for buying cattle and sheep in emergency drought counties has already resulted in the purchase of about 2 million cattle. Plans are under consideration for the purchase of perhaps 4,000,000 more cattle and from 2 million to 5 million sheep and goats.

The hog, cattle and sheep programs are bound to reduce surplus meat production very materially in 1935, and effect the markets for dairy, poultry and other products somewhat.

Other important activities include marketing agreements on fruits, the North Pacific Emergency Wheat Export operation, the seed purchase and conservation program, feed and forage loans in drought areas, and mortgage, production and marketing loans.

Word has been received by the extension service that the North Pacific Emergency Export Association may not operate in removing the surplus of the 1934 wheat crop in the Pacific Northwest, if this wheat can be moved to other parts of the United States. Since this agency was set up last year, exports equivalent to nearly 28 million bushels of surplus wheat have been made to foreign countries. Differential payments have amounted to more than \$5,000,000 or about 22 cents a bushel and prices have risen to about 15 cents under Chicago.

## Reclamation Meet At Klamath Soon

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Oregon Reclamation Congress will be held this year at Klamath Falls, Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11, according to an announcement issued by Dr. W. L. Powers, chief of the soils department at Oregon State college and secretary of the congress.

Although details of the program have not yet been released, the opening session is to be devoted to progress reports and outlook statements. Land classification and use and relationships to the planning program of the P.W.A. will receive attention in the early afternoon Monday, and a drainage session will be held in the late afternoon. The annual banquet will be Monday evening.

Progress and problems of district refinancing and recent and needed legislation will be considered Tuesday morning, and the early afternoon will be of special interest to reclamation project farmers, dealing with water requirements of crops. A business session will be the last thing before adjournment.

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