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Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

Once more we register our thanks for the confidence shown in our honesty and integrity by the taxpayers of the Central Point school district. The board of directors, it is true, have done their best to keep the expense of our school within reason. They have spent many hours in the preparation of the budget for the coming year and feel complimented that so few took the trouble to even turn out to vote for or against the levy.

Central Point has a good school. Those men who directed its beginning and its early years builded better than they knew. They have erected a monument and set up a standard worthy of the best efforts of those of us who follow in their footsteps. Our town should be, and we believe, is proud of their schools.

In the course of our "innocent by-standing" the other day we dropped into Bill Coleman's (beg pardon, Mr. Justice Coleman's) office and listened in a while. We heard friend Bill try a couple of cases and dispose of them with rare common sense. We long ago decided that Mr. Coleman's long experience and plain horse sense were mighty big elements in aiding true justice in his court. And we commend his stand on traffic violations. Justice tempered with mercy is sorely needed in these hectic days.

We heard a man on the street the other day protesting loudly at the carelessness of some drivers who dart out of intersections into through streets in the face of traffic. And as we stood there we saw this same man step into his car and pull out from the curb without even looking to see if the way was clear. Until every driver awakens to the danger to himself and others of such things we fear we shall continue to have a lot of smashups.

Johnny Reed of Gold Hill is going up and down the land building mountains out of mole hills. He is steadily harping on the fact that County Judge Day collected mileage for his travel to and from sessions of the court. If Johnny can show us a man who wouldn't, if the law allowed it, we would like to see the color of his hair. It is our opinion that he would have done it, too, had he had the chance.

Judge Day has been a very efficient public servant. Order has replaced chaos in county affairs and today our county is moving ahead, slowly to be sure, but surely on the road to financial security. This writer can see no sense in changing the present setup on the county court. Mr. Billings and Mr. Nealon are doing their work quietly and well and all three men work together in perfect harmony.

Several new candidates are out for local offices this year. For Mayor, Mr. Leever has so far no opposition. A. W. Ayers, Guy Tex and L. Hatfield are seeking the recorder's job. We are not sure but believe all of the present council seek re-election. Mr. Andre Chomel and the writer are seeking a place on the ballot for councilmen. We have heard a rumor that there will be several more in the race soon.

A project is being considered by the school board in connection with the Federal relief agency, whereby a number of men will be employed here this winter. Just how soon the work will start is not known. It is hoped the project will take care of practically all of the unemployment in this city this winter.

Well, we nearly forgot to mention the only lady office-seeker in our town. Mrs. Rose Hermanson has filed her petition for city treasurer. She has been a very competent official and we hope to see her re-elected.

We have a hunch we are going to get a bit of road improvement in our part of the county soon. The county officials are waking up to the fact that there is a lot of travel on both the roads west of town and on the Crater Lake cut-off. Just which will be improved first we don't know but believe one or the other will be done soon.

SECOND HALF OF O-C MONEY TO BE PAID SOON

Congressman James W. Mott has just been informed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office that there is now a sufficient amount in the Oregon and California Land Grant Fund to pay the second half of the claims of the land grant counties which were due for the tax year of 1932 and that the Comptroller General's attention has been called to that fact.

The Commissioner further informed the Congressman that the present indications are that some time will likely elapse before sufficient funds will accumulate in the O & C Land Grant Fund to pay the amounts due the several counties for the tax year 1933.

The total sum due the several counties for the tax year 1932 was \$488,611.12. One-half of this has already been paid to the several counties and the money for the second half of these claims is now available and is due under the terms of the Stanfield Act.

During the 73rd Congress a determined effort was made by Representative McClintic of Oklahoma to repeal the Stanfield Act. Congressman Mott succeeded in defeating the McClintic bill in the Public Lands Committee, of which he is a member.

After the defeat of the McClintic Bill Congressman Mott introduced an amendment to the Stanfield Act providing for tax loss reimbursement to the land grant counties of Oregon through direct advancement from the Federal Treasury instead of out of the land grant fund. This amendment was pending at adjournment of Congress on a conditional favorable report from the Interior Department. The Mott amendment will be reintroduced at the beginning of the 74th Congress where it will receive the consideration of the Public Lands Committee.

Freshmen Entertained By Upper Classes

Honoring the freshman class of the Central Point high school, the upper classes entertained with an informal party at the gymnasium Friday evening. After a speech of welcome given by William Snyder, senior class president, and a response by Richard VanKeuren, freshmen class president the freshmen were initiated into the mysteries of student life.

A large part of the evening was spent in playing games directed by Miss Evelyn Hamilton and Mr. McGuire. A treasure hunt planned by Mr. Jewett was greatly enjoyed by all. Refreshments of cider and donuts were served. Over one hundred students, teachers and parents attended.

Committees in charge were: Entertainment, Peggy Lawrence, chairman; Bette Hill, Roberta Pankey, and Robert Virtue. Refreshment committee, Wilma Hood, chairman; Bonnie Settemire, Phyllis Turpin, Ruby Webster, Dorothea Hedgpeh, Everal Dean. Clean-up committee, Lyle Russell, Cliff Conrad, Roger Lawrence, Richard Jewett, all freshmen boys.

Marxmen Impersonate The Three Little Pigs

"Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf," the song that the screen cartoon, Three Little Pigs, made famous is being used in a special sequence in "Duck Soup," the Four Marx Brothers' latest Paramount picture which comes Sunday to the Roxy Theatre.

Although the picture was finished sometime before this song became so popular, the mad Marxmen called back their production unit and photographed an added scene in order to use this new "National Anthem."

This is believed to be one of the few times, if not the only time, that one film company has secured from another the right to use a late "song hit."

WATCH THIS SPACE!

If you're lucky and see your name here you will receive a ticket to some picture show in Medford. Names will be drawn from our paid up subscription list.

Mrs. E. A. Landon

Answers to Inquiry Indicate Trend of Nation's Sentiment

NEW YORK—At the end of July, the Research Staff of the National Industrial Conference Board sent a questionnaire to all newspaper and farm journal editors of the United States, 12,076 in number. In this questionnaire the editors were asked to state what the public opinion in their communities is in regard to some of the important economic and social problems that face the country today. The purpose of the inquiry was to provide industrial management with information regarding public opinion on current economic conditions as a basis for formulating programs of industrial operation during the coming year.

The editors were assured that their individual replies would be held strictly confidential, that the identity of the papers would not be divulged, and that the results of the inquiry would be published only in the form of totals and percentages. The editors were not asked to state the political affiliation of their papers, nor requested to sign their names. They were not asked to record their own opinions, the opinion of their papers, or of their readers on the questions covered. The Conference Board asked them only to state to the best of their ability

whether or not public opinion in their community favored or opposed certain specific economic and social policies, and so far as possible to give a definite "Yes" or "No" answer to each question regarding those policies.

The questionnaire included 22 principal questions. At the end of the questionnaire the editors were asked to express their own personal opinion concerning the factors that would contribute most toward increasing business confidence in their community.

The conference Board received 5,650 replies, from editors of papers representing a total circulation of 24,843,677.

The principal questions and a summary of the replies received from 5,650 editors, as released by the National Industrial Conference Board today, are as follows:

Social Insurance

Does public opinion in your community favor a compulsory government system of unemployment insurance? Total replies, 4,682; Yes, 1,849, or 39.5%; No, 2,724, or 58.2%; Doubtful, 109, or 2.3%.

Does public opinion in your community favor a compulsory government (Continued on Page 2)

Mrs. Ray Ward Motif for Shower

Mrs. Ray Ward, who was Dorothy Limbeck before her marriage on Sept. 16th, was the inspiration for a Dessert, Bridge and Shower at the lovely home of her school mate, Lois Nicols, at 622 S. Holly St. Medford.

Three tables of bridge were in play until late afternoon when a basket of gifts was presented to Mrs. Ward by her friends who were present for the afternoon.

The guest list included Mesdames H. F. Nicols, Mrs. Leon Boomer, Mrs. Truman Brenner, Mrs. Ray Ward and the Misses Evelyn Leonard, Virginia English, Esther Alexander, Katherine Chaney, Ruth D. Albini, Janice Hesselgrave, Lotus Hesselgrave, Lucille Curtis, and the hostess, Miss Lois Nicols.

Local Man Ordained Into The Ministry

At a joint service of the Medford and Central Point Christian churches Sunday evening, the two pastors, Rev. W. R. Baird and Rev. D. E. Millard, ordained to the Christian ministry Harry Powell of Central Point. The Medford Christian church where the service was held, was filled to capacity and the service was a very impressive and dignified one.

After the ordination service a stirring and timely sermon on "Why Preach the Word?" was delivered by Rev. Baird of the Medford church. Rev. Powell lives in Pitt View Acres, near Central Point, and expects to see some ministerial work in Arions during the winter months.

Mass Meeting at High School Friday

A movement is underway to organize a Townsend Old Age Revolving Plan club in this city. A meeting of all those interested has been called for tomorrow (Friday) night, at which time a permanent organization will be perfected.

Petitions will be circulated asking our representatives in congress to do what they can to have a law passed putting the Townsend plan into operation and to provide means to raise the money necessary to pay the pensions.

HEALTH UNIT

The Health Unit will hold a rummage sale the 19th and 20th of Oct. Anyone having articles of any kind, clothing, household goods or furniture, or miscellaneous articles that are discarded, that they would like to donate to help, call Mrs. Ed Vincent and they will be called for.

The Health Unit will hold the first baby clinic of the season on Friday October 12, beginning at one-fifteen o'clock. Every mother should take advantage of this opportunity. Mothers wishing transportation, call Mrs. Arnold Eckhart.

Series of Lectures to Be Given

The first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Central Point Teachers Study Club was given at the high school auditorium Thursday evening of this week. The speaker was Prof. Wayne Wells, head of the science department of the Southern Oregon Normal School. Prof. Wells presented an interesting survey of the field of science and its significance in education, and told of recent developments of scientific nature. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by an interested group of teachers and towns people.

Three other lectures are to be given this winter by instructors from the Normal school. Prof. MacNeal, head of the geology department will speak on the evening of October 25. Other lectures will be given by Miss Marion A. Dy, of the art department, and Dr. Walter Redford, president of the normal school.

The public is cordially invited to all these lectures.

New Method Used To Raise Cash For Campaign

Auction sales to raise money for the campaign fund of Peter Zimmerman, independent candidate for governor, were held Saturday at Woodburn, Stayton and McMinnville.

Fruit, poultry, baked goods, gasoline, potatoes, firewood — almost every conceivable kind of articles was brought in, sold under the auctioneer's hammer and the proceeds turned over to the candidate's campaign fund.

A similar affair was held at Salem Wednesday and there are to be sales at Silverton and Jefferson Saturday of this week.

The affair at McMinnville was the most elaborate of the three held Saturday. It was featured by a parade through the city led by Pete Olds' band.

Zimmerman himself spoke first at McMinnville and then at Woodburn. In both speeches he declared the secrecy clause should be removed from the income tax law, expressing the conviction there are now many large incomes going tax free or nearly so through legal technicalities. As a member of the state senate he has investigated this condition but is prohibited by law from telling about it, he said.

"There are plenty of other ways to raise money without taxing a man's home or his farm away from him, and without putting a sales tax on the necessities of life," he asserted.

He pointed to the experience of McMinnville, Eugene, Tacoma and Seattle with municipal power, declaring that in each case the municipal plant had sold power at a lower rate than private competitors, and had paid off a large proportion of the original outlay, which the private companies had failed to do.

U. S. Aids Many At State Univ.

EUGENE, Ore.—Employment has been provided for 250 students of the University of Oregon by the federal government this fall, thus enabling this number to continue their university education. It is announced by Earl M. Pallett, executive secretary here. Half of these are new students, entering the university this fall.

The students are permitted to earn up to \$15 per month, according to their needs. They are employed at secretarial work, research assistance and on various other campus projects, and are paid at the rate of 35 cents an hour. The university has been included as part of the national project, which has made it possible for approximately 100,000 students to continue higher education this fall.

Son Born to Wife Of Valley Editor

A lusty six-pound son was born to Mrs. A. Moore Hamilton, wife of the editor of the Medford News, who is well known here as the former Eva Nealon, sister of Mrs. Mae Richardson of this city. Mother and child reported doing fine but the candidate for the legislature may not fully recover before election.

LOCAL PASTOR TO LEAVE SOON TO TAKE NEW CHARGE

After a pastorate of nearly ten years in the Federated churches of this city Rev. Jos. M. Johnson has resigned to take charge of the first Presbyterian church of Lakeview, Oregon. Mr. Johnson will have two more Sundays in the church here. The change is of very recent development, Mr. Johnson having only a slight intimation before that he was wanted there. Just a week ago he was notified that he was wanted; and after a visit there the first of his week feels that the great Head of the Church is opening another door for service. The call comes entirely unsolicited.

Mr. Johnson came here from Montana at the call of this church and left a live growing church to take up the work here. He feels that the blessing of God has been upon the work in this field, and regrets very much to sever the ties which have bound pastor and people. His ministry has been, not only in the immediate community, but throughout this section. He has preached in nearly fifty places in Jackson and Josephine counties, outside of his own pulpit, (many times in some of them) and thru these ministries and in the Workers Conferences and the Young People's Bible Conferences which have been held in his church, has had christian fellowship with hundreds of people, both young and old.

Lakeview is a fine growing little city and offers a splendid field of christian endeavor. Mr. Johnson will undertake to develop a class of young people there along the same lines which have been followed here. The young people's department of the federated churches here is outstanding, having no equal, even in the larger churches of the valley. The joint board of the church accepts the situation in the finest christian spirit and will immediately take steps to find another pastor.

P. T. A. Holds First Meeting of Year

The Central Point Parent Teachers association held the first meeting of the year last Friday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Gebhard. After the singing of "America" and the Lord's Prayer, Mrs. Gebhard gave a short talk on the goal the P. T. A. was working for.

A very interesting Health program was presented, featuring a play by the Fifth grade which was much enjoyed. Dr. Drummond was the principal speaker of the afternoon.

The membership drive has been very successful, with the Fifth grade winning the picture given by the contest committee.

After the meeting adjourned, a social hour was enjoyed. Refreshments of tea and cookies were served by the executive committee. A large attendance was present.

Remodeled Home To Be Exhibited

MEDFORD, Oct. 10—As an example of the work that can be accomplished through the local better homes campaign, by taking advantage of government loans offered by the Federal Housing Administration, a remodeled house will be opened to the public next Sunday and Monday, October 14 and 15.

The house, located at 1506 West Main, has been changed from a despicable building to a modern home through a modernizing plan made possible by several Medford firms, and sponsored by the local housing committee, under the chairmanship of B. G. Harder. Besides renovation of the house itself, which included addition of rooms, improving windows, floors and conveniences, and completely redecorating a garage has been constructed in the rear of the property. With a new lawn and a concrete driveway, the property is now an attractive one.

Members of the housing committee will be at the house Sunday and Monday, from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., to receive those interested in inspecting the modernized home. Plans and photographs "before and after" will also be exhibited.