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## Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

Once more we have come to the last issue of this great family journal before a election. We have taken our stand more or less bravely and have no excuses to offer. We don't claim to be infallible but have chosen the men to support with honest motives. We consider them well qualified to fill the offices they seek.

The campaign just closing has been very free from mud-slinging and vilification, which is as it should be. To our mind the proper way to make a campaign is for each candidate to fully and freely put forward his own qualifications and plans if elected and to lay off the other fellow. Of course, if his opponent is already in a public position, his acts in such position are subject to criticism. But it is mighty seldom we like to see a man's private life brought out in an election.

We have refrained from repeating a lot of things we have heard about this man and that. And even Bro. Hall has proven he has a fair and honorable mind in his editorial last week about Walter Omscheid. And we hear some of his Democratic friends are a bit peaved at him for it.

We heard a brother editor complain the other day about the fellow who wants the newspaper to boost for him; print all colored news they can about him; write burning editorials in his behalf and then, when the fellow has a dollar to spend, have him hire 15 minutes of radio time, just to hear himself blab. It's a great life, brother.

We are sorry there will be no federal relief work in Central Point this winter. The school board had planned to secure a SERA project on the school grounds, but found it would cost the district more than they could afford. The assistance of the city council was sought but the project was flatly turned down, largely through the efforts of two of the councilman, according to reports. So the school board decided, rather than to assume the entire burden, to drop the whole thing.

This writer has a feeling that the duty of caring for the indigent belongs much more on the city's shoulders, than on the school board. And the school board had much the same feeling. If the city could or would not help a project which would have made work for about 40 men all winter, and an expenditure of about \$4500 in pay roll, it certainly was not the duty of the board to shoulder such a burden. So the matter has been dropped and so far as we know, no federal money will be spent here this year.

## Anton B. Dias of Central Point Dies

Anton B. Dias passed away suddenly near his home at 8:30 a.m., October 30, 1934, from a heart attack.

Mr. Dias was born at Azores Islands, Portugal, October 3, 1881. He had lived in the Central Point district for the past 10 years.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his widow, Mrs. Laura B. Dias of Central Point.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Reverend Father Francis W. Black officiating. Interment will take place in the Central Point cemetery.

We noticed a funny thing this week. It seems to be a habit with our farmers to leave their plows standing around most any old place just as they quit using them last year. Then, when the rains start and the ground is in perfect condition for plowing, they drag them out and suddenly discover they need sharpening. So they rush to the blacksmith in droves, burying that poor man under an avalanche of work, which could just as well been done during the summer when he has oodles of time. Some system we call it!

## HOMECOMING AT NORMAL SCHOOL TO BE CELEBRATED

Homecoming at Southern Oregon Normal School at Ashland will this year be the biggest and best in the history of the institution, according to President Walter Redford. More visiting alumni than were ever before are expected to attend all activities of the week end, when school-day acquaintances may be renewed and old times relived.

The week end will be ushered in the evening of Friday, November 9, by the traditional noise parade, sponsored by the county clubs. The parade will terminate on the grounds in back of the junior high school building where the bonfire will add to the pep of the evening. Following this will be the midnight matinee at the Lithia Theater.

Saturday, November 10, will be marked as the day of a thrilling football game when S.O.N.S. will meet Chico State on the Ashland High School football field.

Saturday night a banquet will be given for the alumni at the Lithia Springs Hotel. This will be followed by an informal dance at the Normal School auditorium to which everyone is invited, providing he is accompanied by an alumni or a present S.O.N.S. student.

Committee chairmen of the week end are: Bob Stedman of Phoenix, courtesy committee; Bill Cook, of Bend, noise parade and bonfire; Marguerite Pate, Portland, alumni banquet with Audra Wagner, of Ashland, alumni member of the committee; John Chipley, Grants Pass, dance committee; Rachel Forsythe, Ashland, publicity. Miss Marion Ady, is general faculty chairman; other faculty advisors are Dr. Wells, professors McNeal and Smith, Dr. Taylor and Miss Depeew.

## City Recorder Moves Office to New Building

This week City Recorder Hatfield moved his offices into the old bank building, recently purchased by the city. The front room of the building will be occupied by the recorder and the back room will hold the new jail cells now being erected.

The new office will be much more convenient than the old one, which has been used for years. The old bank vault is large enough to hold the city records. Just what use will be made of the safe in the vault is undecided. It is reported that the council plans to remodel the old city hall to house the fire apparatus, but this has not been definitely decided.

## Turkey Growers Hold Meetings About Valley

The Rogue River Turkey Growers' association of Jackson County held four meetings about the valley this week. Monday morning Oct. 29, they met at the ranch of Ross Kline, president of the association.

Monday afternoon at John Anderson's ranch at Tolo; Tuesday morning at G. R. Byrd's ranch in Bellview and Tuesday afternoon at the E. J. Brown ranch on Applegate.

McKinley Huntington of Roseburg had charge of the meetings. He showed the growers how to tell by the feathers when the birds were ready for market to make No. 1 grade. How, if the bird had eaten wrong food that would sour in the crop after killing and lower the grade, the crop could be cut open and emptied and sewed up again so

no one could tell it.

Mr. John Anderson, who has been in the turkey business for 25 years, says he learned many things he had never known.

The turkey crop over the United States this year is a little below normal, but here in the Rogue River Valley it is a little above. They have been exceptionally free from disease this year.

Monday a number of turkeys were shipped from the United States to Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and other outlying districts for Thanksgiving.

Last year there were 26 commissioners here buying turkeys and living at the best hotels. This year they will have one U. S. agent here to grade the turkeys.

## The Forget-Me-Not

I am the little forget me not—war time disabled men, who are in need of relief, of this advice and assistance through the D. A. V. their unvoiced plea is united with the plea which those who are now lying under white crosses in Flanders Field would, if they could, also make on their behalf. On November 9 to 12 wear a little blue flower. The For Get Me Not.

A. E. SALLEE, Dept. of Oregon, Jackson Co. chairman.

## New Jail Cells Now Being Installed In City Hall

Members of the city council and Marshal Hedgepeth have been busy this week installing the new jail cells in the back room of the old bank building, now occupied by the city recorder. Partitions have been removed and part of the floor taken up. In this space a cement floor will be laid, upon which the steel cells will rest.

The cells were purchased some time ago from the city of Medford and were formerly used in the old city hall there.

The work is being done by Councilmen Jack Southwell and Ellis Clark, assisted by Marshal Hedgepeth and an advisory committee of most of the unemployed in town.

Whether all are donating their services was not disclosed.

## Hattie Winkle of E. P. Passes

Hattie May Winkle passed away at the Community hospital Thursday evening after an illness dating from October 16, resulting from a shock received on that date in an automobile accident. She was born in the Eagle Point district May 6, 1902. Hattie May Johnson was married to Charles W. Winkle June 20, 1923.

She leaves her husband, Charles W. and one son, Garland Dale, aged 4 years; her aged mother, Caroline Johnson; two brothers and four sisters, James and Thomas J., Mrs. Anna Conover, Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, all of Eagle Point; also one half-sister, Miss Caroline Drexler, Central Point.

She will be mourned by a host of friends besides her family.

Funeral services will be held at the Shady Cove cemetery Sunday at 2 p.m., Perl's in charge.

## Black Cat Surprises First Grade Children

Mrs. Raymond Driver, of the Old Stage Road, dressed as a black cat, entertained the first grade with a Halloween party Wednesday afternoon at the schoolhouse.

Mrs. Driver knocked at the door and her knock was answered by a little girl who was very much surprised to behold a huge black cat standing before her.

The cat began to pounce upon the mice and a merry time ensued. One little girl became frightened and would not join in the fun. The scene was too realistic for her.

Balloons, candies and cookies were given the children.

The teacher Mrs. Richardson and the children enjoyed the party immensely.

### 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.

H. P. Jewett

## Law Says Mileage is To Be Paid

In order that our readers may have a clear understanding of the law regarding payment of traveling expenses for county judges and commissioners, we give below the exact words of the statute. Much political thunder has been made of the fact that County Judge Day drew from the county pay for such travel in addition to his salary. His Democratic opponent has stated on his placards that he will pay his own expenses if elected. This is thought by many to be breaking the spirit if not the letter of the corrupt practices act, which forbids the offering of any thing of value in return for votes.

The text of the statute follows:

27-2847. Traveling Expenses of County Officials — Allowance When Deemed Engaged in County Business.

County clerks, recorders of conveyances, assessors, county judges, county commissioners and sheriffs and all deputies, in addition to the compensation for their services provided by law shall receive their actual traveling expenses necessarily incurred while employed in the transaction of county business and the performance of their official duties.—County judges and commissioners shall be deemed employed in the transaction of county business and in the performance of their official duties while attending sessions of county court, traveling to and from places of holding court, inspecting county roads, bridges and property and directing and supervising county work and business.

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