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Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

The writer offers sincere thanks to those who have expressed regret that he failed of election to the city council. But we admit it is a relief to know we can still sit on the fence and be free to criticize and commend the acts of the city dads. And the Lord knows we have about as heavy a load of responsibility as we can handle without adding the city's troubles to it.

Bert Hedgpeth says he is going to make a lawn and flower garden on the grounds about the new city hall. That is one of the most prominent corners in town and beautifying it will add a lot to the attractiveness of our city. Hop to it, Bert. We will enjoy the view from our office window much more when you finish.

Our Democratic friends are making much of the recent election result and forgetting the fact that it was far from being a true Democratic victory. The New Deal is a long way from being old time Democracy, or old time anything else. There were 13,000,000 people in this country who still had faith in the ability of the American people to live with endless government subsidies. And in Oregon the Republicans elected four out of five state officials and just split the county offices even—four out of eight. Better save that crepe—it's a lively old corpse, yet.

We see by a new ruling, and by the way, it makes our head ache to keep track of the new rulings, that hereafter the farmers are to be allowed to eat their own hogs without paying a processing tax for the privilege. Hurray!

Bro. Hall of the Miner says the voters elected Moore Hamilton just to get rid of one Southern Oregon editor. We wonder how big a vote Hall would get on that proposition. It is our hunch it would be unanimous, less one.

While Christmas seems a long way off, we believe it is about time to be thinking of another Christmas Jubilee. Last year the Jubilee was a grand success and we can see no reason we cannot do it again. It takes time to get up such things and we should be getting started.

While our Business Men's association dier a-borain', still we can get together and put on a big Jubilee and hurt no one. It will be remembered that this paper started the movement last winter for a Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. This was the first newspaper to espouse the cause. But the Medford Chamber, with the same old system, hogged the entire plan and the resulting so-called Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is a farce so far as being truly representative of the county outside of Medford.

But Central Point has in the past put on a lot of local enterprises which were successful and we believe we can do it again. So be thinking and planning to do your part.

This is "Safe and Sane Driving Week," as proclaimed by Governor Julius L. Meier last Saturday in an address over the radio. Elsewhere we are printing the text of the Governor's message. We urge our readers to read it carefully, even if you heard the message, and to think seriously of the matter. With winter at hand, with its fog and rain, slippery pavement and the attendant danger through carelessness, it should be the daily slogan of every driver of an automobile to "drive carefully."

It is pleasing to note that the tenor of the magazine ads for automobiles has changed. Instead of harping on speed, and more speed, they now ask "How fast can you stop?" And to our mind, this is a very important question. A driver should study that question thoroughly and drive in such a manner and at such a speed as to be able to stop at all times with a wide margin of safety.

There is a constant agitation about town regarding the securing of Medford water for this city. Our suggestion is that a mass meeting be called and a committee of responsible taxpayers be appointed to secure exact figures on the project and what it costs to be made with

RECOVERY HALTED IN MAIN BY NRA, FISHER DECLARES

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 10.—Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale said yesterday that the NRA "on the whole, has been not a national recovery administration, but rather a national retardation one."

The professor addressed the annual convention of the (First District) New England Advertising Clubs at the Hotel Garde, sessions of which opened today. His topic was "The Depression and the New Deal."

In classifying himself as a person who is "partly for and partly against the New Deal" Professor Fisher said "One thing of which I most wish the public would be convinced is that the New Deal's monetary policy is mostly sound while its other policies have largely been unsound."

The speaker assailed the AAA and the PWA, at the same time praising the accomplishments of the CCC, "with which I can find no fault."

Professor Fisher said "the Civilian Conservation Corps in one and a half years has enrolled nearly 1,000,000 young men. It has helped the conservation of our forests and will bring rich economic dividends to the country in the end." In contrast he said:

"On the whole, I believe the non-monetary policies of the New Deal have been a failure—in some cases disastrous. . . ."

"The NRA," asserted Professor Fisher, "has made a mistake in trying to hold up impossible wage standards. Its minimum wages, especially in the South, are often so much higher than the market rate that to obey the law, the employer must refuse to employ. That is one reason why unemployment has not decreased since the NRA tried, in some cases, to raise wages which were already too high to permit labor to find jobs."

Berean Bible Class Meets at Faber Home

Mrs. E. C. Faber was hostess Thursday to the ladies of the Berean Bible Class of the Federated Church. In the absence of Mrs. Case, on account of illness, Mrs. Webster presided. Roll call was answered by Bible verses.

Devotional period led by Mrs. Nichols. Study topic from St. John by Mrs. Minnick. Historical description of Nineveh by Mrs. Gebhard, followed by the appointment of a nominating committee composed of Mesdames Richmond, Hoffman, and Grimes Sr., for the December election of officers.

An interesting contest preceded the serving of refreshments by Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. Limbeck, Mrs. Borah and Mrs. Faber.

Included in the party were Mesdames W. P. Grimes, Mary Langston, D. F. Amick, A. W. Ayers, Hazel Myers, Henry Kilburn, A. Webster, Sarah Warner, Bither, Pearl Nichols, Sarah Limbeck, Dennis McGuire, Arlie Thompson, A. J. Milton Flaherty, Hoffman, Rowley, Buck Brewer, Borah, Fry, Merritt, Gebhard, Smith, Minnick and Faber.

Mott Announces Exam for Naval School Appointment

January 3, 1935 a Civil Service examination will be held to determine eligible applicants for appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

The First Congressional District of Oregon will have one vacancy at that Academy next June. Congressman James W. Mott is anxious that ambitious young men in the First district, which he represents, have an opportunity to try for this coveted appointment.

Any young unmarried man not less than sixteen years of age nor more than twenty years of age on April 1st may compete.

In order to make the required arrangements it is necessary that the applicant notify Congressman James W. Mott, Washington, D. C., not later than December 5th of his desire to participate in the examination.

Ledford. This way we will know just what can be done. Then if the majority of the people want it, the city council will have something definite to go on.

Governor Urges Driving Care for Highway Safety

A Message by Governor Meier, Nov. 10, 1934, Opening the Campaign of the Automobile Accident Prevention of Oregon.

Following is the text of a radio address given by Governor Meier Saturday night in opening a campaign of the Automobile Accident Prevention Association of Oregon of which he is the president.

"I will speak to you tonight of a condition so serious it cannot well be over-emphasized. I do this because I consider it a duty—no less! The condition is one of such importance to our state and to our citizens that it is incumbent on all of us, and on men in public life especially, to take steps to remedy it. Please mark well what follows and consider what it means:

"Last year the State of Oregon paid a toll of more than two hundred of the lives of its citizens, to say nothing of thousands of others who suffered injuries, to the menace of which I speak. . . . to this thing that has taken more American lives than did the great World war.

"I refer to the destroyer that stalks our streets and our highways. . . . in the form of reckless drivers. It behooves us to contemplate the tragedy that has been wrought in this way and proceed to the consideration of means whereby it may be lessened.

"Of all the forms in which death comes, none is so dreadful as the fatal accident. We are prepared somewhat for the passing of one who has reached advanced years or who has yielded after a struggle to illness, but the fatal accident strikes without warnings, destroys life often in its prime shocks families and friends of the deceased with its awful suddenness. What makes it all the more deplorable is this. . . . the records show that more than half of the fatalities resulting from these accidents befall people other than the reckless drivers themselves.

"It is time that we, as good citizens, take decisive action to put an end to this intolerable situation.

"There is no reason why the sane automobile driver and the pedestrian should be at the mercy of the reckless. And there is a way to stop reckless driving provided we, who are not reckless, give our full support.

"Within the past few months there has come into being, under the sponsorship of a large group of public-spirited citizens, an organization that we can count on to take the lead in the all-important work of preventing automobile accidents. An organization that will make it its business to see that those whose negligence causes avoidable accidents shall not escape unpunished.

"When this organization honored me by asking me to accept its presidency, I was quick to accept. It seemed to me a splendid way to continue my public service to the State of Oregon after the expiration of my term as governor. . . . a useful, worthwhile undertaking that demands the support of every thinking citizen.

"I have already requested many prominent Oregonians to serve on the board of governors of the Automobile Accident Prevention Association of Oregon.

"And I now come before you, the people of the State of Oregon, with a request that every one of you join this organization. There are no dues to pay, and if you will signify your willingness to cooperate you will find that there are many things you can do to help make our streets and highways safe.

"The work of the association will be most varied in its scope. Under its jurisdiction arrangements are being made for a weekly class in the public schools to teach our children to cross streets and highways properly so that a child's sudden dash into the traffic will not serve to endanger both the child's life and the driver's.

"Clubs and organizations of all types, throughout the state, are being enlisted in the cause so that the wisdom of safe and sane driving will be driven home to every man and every woman.

"Newspapers and publications of all classes have signified their willingness to cooperate by giving the

P.N.G. Club Gives Party for Mrs. Hay

Mrs. Mary Hay, who has been confined to her room since May from the effects of a broken hip from which she is slowly recovering, was pleasantly surprised on Friday afternoon when a delegation of sister members of the P. N. G. Club arrived at her home, bearing a "fruit shower." The ladies served dainty refreshments during the social visit.

Those participating were Mesdames Clara Farra, Ida Henderson, Emma Gleason, Catherine Merritt, Clara Vincent, Iva Copinger, Ethel Southwell, Minnie Moore, Florence Eddy, Minnie Buckles, and the honor guest, Mrs. Hay and her sister who is her guest from California.

Local Girl Married Sunday in Portland

Miss Thelma Pankey and Gordon Patton were married at the home of the bride's uncle, A. P. Oissen, Arlington Heights, Portland, Sunday, Nov. 11, at four p. m. The bride, charming daughter of Postmaster Tom Pankey, wore a white satin dress and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and yellow rose buds. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Lewis of Portland, and Miss Roberta Pankey, sister of the bride. Mrs. Lewis wore a dress of green silk, Miss Pankey, gold colored silk. They carried yellow chrysanthemums. Twenty-eight guests were present.

Mrs. Patton graduated from the Oregon State college in '31 and since then has worked in Portland. Mr. Patton is also a graduate from Oregon State college and is with the Standard Oil Company.

After the ceremony there was a reception for the bride and groom who left for a short trip to Seattle and Vancouver. Mrs. Tom Pankey and Roberta were in Portland last week Mr. Pankey left Friday and remained until after the wedding home Monday. Mrs. Pankey will be home sometime this week end.

Mrs. Patton is well known here and we join her many friends in congratulations.

Zimmerman Thanks Voters for Support

TO THE EDITOR:
I wish to thank the press of Oregon for the fair treatment given me through the news columns of the various papers in the state, and also wish to take this opportunity to thank those of your readers who supported my cause in the campaign just ended. I feel deeply indebted to them and cannot begin to express my heartfelt appreciation.

The fires of our crusade still burn as brightly as ever, and I know the Progressive movement will become a living force for justice and equality in Oregon. I feel certain that the great number of votes polled by me is an infallible signal of a surging, powerful cause in the years to come.

To those who voted for me I express my thanks, and tell them to "Carry on!" To those who did not, let me urge that they watch the Liberal movement as it forges onward to insure a greater measure of comfort and happiness to the people of our state.

Yours very truly,
PETER ZIMMERMAN

MISS INMANN HONORED AT SURPRISE PARTY

TOLO, Nov. 14.—(Spl) — Miss Dorothy Inmann was surprised when a group of young people led by Mrs. John Bohnert and Arlene Inmann treated her at home Saturday with "Happy Birthday."

The guests were Misses Marjorie Davis, Violabel Morrow, Messrs John Bohnert, Wiley Davis, Justin Arthur and Alva Muse and Edward Inmann. Games were played until a late hour, when Mr. and Mrs. Tracy and Ernestine served refreshments.

P.T.A. COMMITTEE MEETS

The executive committee of the P.T.A. will meet Wednesday, Nov. 21 at the home of Mrs. Ted Hill.

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.

Mary A. Mee

CHANGE IN HOG PROCESSING TAX AFFECTS FARMERS

An important change in the hog regulations under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, effective November 1, 1934, is announced by J. W. Maoney, Collector of Internal Revenue or the District of Oregon, which provides when hogs are slaughtered by hog producers and feeders, the processing tax will be paid by them only when they sell the products direct to consumers. In all other cases, the tax will be paid by the first person other than the hog producer or feeder who performs any operation in the receiving, handling or other distribution of the product. This means if any retailer, wholesaler, commission merchant, meat market, restaurant, hotel, club, hospital or other commercial establishment receives, buys or exchanges any dressed hogs or parts from a hog producer or feeder, the first domestic processing is held to be the initial act performed by such persons in handling or preparation for further distribution or use. Preparation for further distribution or use includes any operation connected with receiving, storing, cutting rendering etc.

This change affects only hogs that are slaughtered by farmers on and after November 1, 1934. Meat packing companies, slaughterhouses, custom killers and all other commercial establishments will continue to pay the processing tax as formerly in the live weight of hogs at the time of slaughter.

All commercial establishments will be required to maintain a record of all pork products handled by them to show whether they are subject to the tax or whether it has already been paid by some prior processor or distributor. Packers and others selling to jobbers, retailers, etc. are required to include in their invoices a statement certifying that the first domestic processing has been performed by them, or that they have received a certificate to this effect from some prior owner.

Reminders of Tax Sent this Week by Secretary of State

Automobile owners in Oregon will receive reminders this week of the approach of another registration year, when more than 250,000 letters are released in the mails by P. J. Stadelman, Secretary of State.

Twelve-month licenses may be purchased for five dollars (\$5.00) or private passenger cars to be registered for the year 1935, this rate being the lowest in many years and enjoyed by car owners for the second consecutive time. A continuation of the plan of registering motor vehicles on a calendar-year basis retains Oregon on a registration schedule similar with other states in the union.

"Those desiring to make application for plates for the new season at an early date may send in their remittance and their registration cards properly signed at any time and the plates will be mailed from Salem to reach the applicants on December 15 the first date on which 1935 licenses may be used," suggests Mr. Stadelman.

A drawing for low license numbers will be held on November 27, and all applications received at that time will be included. Special numbers will not be assigned in order to continue the expeditious handling of the plates.

Our Query,

Who Dammed With His own Ho
"To Dam or not To Dam?"
Is Answered Near the Town,
By Luman, The Worker,
Who Dammed with his own hands
For six feet of water,
In Lakelet, crystal clear,
In which he soon will plant
Two Hundred Thousand Trout.
Why not do likewise,
Every one who can?

Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank

(Deposits Insured)

P. S. —
Who will be the next one
To dam where waters run?
To stop the damming,
And go to damming