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Musings-- By an Innocent Bystander

And are we squashed? We got a raise out of the directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce with the few idle remarks about their organization. And we are asked to tell what our kick is. So here goes.

As we have said many times, we believe heartily in the idea of a county-wide chamber of commerce. Our idea of such an organization would be to have branch organizations in every town—these to select delegates to the central body. There should be a representation among the farmers also as our county is principally agricultural. From these delegates should be elected the board of directors, who in turn elect officers.

We are aware this is the first year of the present Jackson County Chamber and a start had to be made somewhere. So the old board of directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce selected from among the members of that organization living in the various communities, men to represent those communities on the new board.

Now, we haven't a word of complaint about how the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has conducted its affairs during their first year. They have done their best for each community as they saw it. But we still maintain that the present set-up is not truly representative in that the several localities, with the exception of Central Point—where a business men's association elected a man as their representative and he was appointed on the board of directors of the new chamber—had no choice in the selection of the man to represent them on the board.

There, gentlemen, if this be treason—make the most of it.

We are told on the best authority that the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has in its first year done a lot of good in the way of assisting in the organization of several marketing associations about the county. They assisted in organizing the peach, apricot and walnut growers and helped them in getting better prices for their products. They also aided in marketing 4200 sacks of spuds at a good price. Such things as these are real constructive aid for our county and we heartily commend the chamber for its work.

We understand a move is on foot to establish a Boy Scout Troop in our city. That is a good idea. We need such an organization. There is no place for our boys to go except the library twice a week and a good live Boy Scout troop would be a good thing. The trouble seems to be to find some organization to act as sponsor for the troop. Too bad our business men's association is not active as it would be the ideal organization to do this.

Our city looks almost undressed these days. The Southern Pacific has at last taken pity on us poor West Siders and removed all the darned fruit cars which have stood at our doors all summer. Wonder if it wouldn't be a bright idea to organize a post-Halloween club and run off with about a mile of that storage track while the moving is good. At least we are happy while it lasts.

A certain prominent business man told us this week he wished someone would dare him to secure 50% of the people of the city to sign a petition asking for Medford water. We told him to hop to it and promised if he got anywhere near that number of taxpayers' names on such a petition we would throw the influence of this great family journal behind the project. But we are from Missouri.

People are continually asking us if the school board is planning to put on a relief project this winter. We might state that negotiations are under way to secure an athletic field for the school and if successful, the board may do some work on it this winter.

In this connection we wish to say that the board of directors of our school district would like to get an expression of opinion from the taxpayers as to the advisability of putting on such a project at this time. The chances are that never again

FORECAST INDICATES BETTER CONDITIONS FOR COMING YEAR

Continued improvement in agriculture through 1935 is foreseen by trained agricultural observers from all parts of the United States who gathered recently in Washington for the annual agricultural outlook conference, reports L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college, who was called to the capital to assist in the conference.

The national report issued following the conference points out that greatly reduced supplies of most farm products, and some improvement in consumer buying power, will likely bring about a higher level of farm income the first half of next year than was had during the first half of 1934.

Mr. Breithaupt is now preparing state outlook reports dealing with the various enterprises important to Oregon, in which he will adapt to local conditions the information that was brought out in the national meeting, and supplement it with information on conditions in this state. The first section to be released late in November, deals with horticultural crops.

National farm production is expected to be bigger than the unusually small production this year, the national conference decided. In general they think a small improvement in buying power of farm families may be expected, although in those areas severely affected by the drought cash incomes next year will be extremely low.

The outlook reporters expect a substantial advance in prices of all meat animals. They say fewer animals will be slaughtered, and those slaughtered will weigh less and will be much below average in quality and finish. The reduction in slaughter is expected to be pronounced after next February, and the greatest relative shortage will develop next summer. The decrease in pork production will be relatively more than that of beef or lamb. No material expansion in livestock numbers is expected before 1935.

As for prices and credit, Mr. Breithaupt says the economists figure that the prices of commodities used in agricultural production probably will average somewhat higher than in 1934, at least until the middle of 1935. They hold that the credit situation will continue to show gradual improvement above the bad conditions of the past several years. Drought stricken farmers without security, however, will need special consideration. The demand for production credit will probably exceed that of 1934 since the accumulated needs for equipment and repairs are much greater than in recent years.

Mr. Breithaupt reports that work had not been completed on the new corn-hog contracts when he left Washington. Oregon wheat growers are looking forward to learning more about the future of the wheat plan when George E. Farrell, chief of the wheat section, visits the annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in Arlington December 7 and 8.

MRS. COCHRAN HOSTESS TO MISSIONARY CIRCLE FRIDAY

The Missionary Circle of the Christian church met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Cochran with 17 present.

Mrs. Harry Young, the President, presided and Mrs. Mary Coker had charge of the devotional services.

A handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Harry Powell who expects to leave soon for Arizona.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and the December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hodgketh.

will we be able to secure so much benefit for so little an outlay. Two years ago the school board built a double tennis court complete with out a cent of cost for labor and the probabilities are that we can secure an athletic field the same way. How about it, folks?

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. L. H. Smith

Automotive Trades Furnish Jobs For One Out of Six

Washington, D. C.—Automotive, petroleum, and other trades connected with highway transportation provide jobs and wages for one out of every six persons employed in wholesale, retail, and service trades in the State of Oregon.

This statement, based on recently completed Census Bureau figures for the year 1933, was made here today by the National Highway Users Conference.

Among other things, the Conference analysis shows:
Out of a total of 19,173 wholesale retail and service establishments that operated in 1933 in Oregon, 4305, or approximately one-fifth, were wholly dependent on motor transport.

Of the total payroll of \$42,534,000 for all wholesale, retail and service trades, \$8,279,000 or 19.5 per cent, accrued from automotive, petroleum, and allied trades.

The total volume of sales for all wholesale, retail, and service business in the state amounted to \$140,687,000 of which \$85,086,000 represented purchases by motor vehicle owners of all classes.

In proportion to the total volume

of sales by all trades, the trades catering to highway transportation provided a higher standard of wages, accounting for 19.5 per cent of payrolls, as compared with 12.2 per cent of sales.

"Those figures," said Roy F. Britton, Director of the National Highway Users Conference, "enable us for the first time to get a clear and accurate conception of the contribution of the highway transportation industries to the economic welfare of the state."

"Except for the continued needs of the motoring public, every fifth business house or service establishment in Oregon would close every sixth person employed in the wholesale, retail or service trades would lose his job; and one-fifth of the business payroll of the state would dry up instantly."

"There is every reason to believe that with equitable operating conditions, particularly as regards taxation and regulation, the automotive trades group will contribute even more to the prosperity of the state in the years immediately ahead."

Past Matrons' Club Give Annual Dinner

One of the gala affairs arranged by the Past Matrons of Nevada Chapter, O. E. S., was the annual dinner for which their husbands were the honor guests held Tuesday evening, November 20th at the Masonic Hall.

The tables were beautifully arranged. The motive being the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. A chicken dinner was served to about 35 member and guests.

After dinner, the guests were entertained by Mr. E. C. Faber, giving a very interesting description of different industries he and Mrs. Faber visited while on their eastern trip.

Two very important magicians performed some mysterious tricks that baffled all those present. Also two guessing games closed the happy evening's entertainment.

Mrs. E. C. Faber was the chairman for this evening's program.

MRS. TED HILL HOSTESS P-T. A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the P. T. A. met at the home of Mrs. Ted Hill Wednesday afternoon.

Harold Lawson, scoutmaster of Berrydale troop spoke on the benefits of a scout troop and presented the idea of the P. T. A. sponsoring a troop. The committee went on record as recommending the sponsoring of a troop here.

Mr. Larry Schade, District Sup't. of the Boy Scouts will speak at the next P. T. A. meeting.

A report of the welfare committee was heard and it was voted to furnish clothes and books for some needy children.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS MET SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Relief Corps met Saturday afternoon for their regular meeting with fifteen present.

After the routine business was disposed of plans were made for a birthday party for all Corps members and their families to be held the latter part of the month.

At the next meeting they will have election of officers, initiate a new member and also celebrate the birthdays of all members having birthdays the last three months of the year. A large attendance is desired as this is a very important meeting.

JUNIOR BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH BILL SNYDER SATURDAY

The Junior Bridge Club met at the home of Bill Snyder Saturday evening, November seventeenth. High score was won by Edwin Gebhard; low score by Janice Nealon. Mrs. Snyder was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Jennie White.

Those present were: Libby Hamilton, Dorothea Hedgketh, Carol Furry, Janice Nealon, Dorothy Powell, Arline Thompson, Roger Yost, Edwin Gebhard, Delmer Rains, Richard Jewett, Allen Jewett, and Bill Snyder.

Masons Hold Stated Meeting

The Masonic lodge No. 135 A. F. and A. M., held stated communication Wednesday night. Jesse E. Glass was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. A large crowd was present including several visitors from Jacksonville.

Brother George Neal, one of the oldest members was present, the first time for a year. Oyster soup, cookies and coffee were served. The next stated communication will be election of officers on December 19.

Day of Prayer To Be Observed

The appeal of the Great Commission Prayer League is being responded to by the Federated Church in observing the National Day of Prayer, Sunday, November 25th, by asking all members and friends of the Church to unite in prayer for our Nation on this day.

The church will be open from 7 a. m. all day and the special prayer service will be held at 2 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

March Asked to Aid Golden Dream

Not only is Fredric March, star of Paramount's "Death Takes a Holiday," which comes on Sunday to the Roxy Theatre, the answer to maidens' prayers, but he should also make their dreams come true. At least that's how a stenographer down in New Orleans feels about it.

In a letter received from the girl, by the star, she told of a dream she had, wherein March had informed her there was a \$10,000-a-month movie job awaiting her in Hollywood.

"So I consulted my grandmother," she wrote. "Granny looked in her old dream book and told me to investigate quickly. So I'm writing you with the hope that you can secure me a tryout."

"I'm not pretty—but neither is Polly Moran, nor Zasu Pitts."

Further qualifications listed were: Graduate of high school and business school; queen of Lion Club's annual dinner; winner of an American Legion medal for entertainment; stenographer for attorneys, and ability to take court dictation; always filled with an ambition to act in the movies.

WALLA WALLA PEOPLE VISIT YAKEL'S IN CENTRAL POINT

Mrs. Kreizer and son of Walla Walla, Washington accompanied by Mrs. Jake Yakel's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meier, visited at the Yakel home recently and continued on to Lodi, Calif., from there, Mrs. Kreizer and son will return home. Mr. and Mrs. Meier continuing on to Chill, South America, where they have charge of the Adventist's college.

Formerly they were in Argentine and have been home for about a year.

How to Roast Turkey For Thanksgiving

This is a story exclusively for the newer crop of homemakers—those who have yet to cook their first Thanksgiving turkey, successfully. Women who have been roasting turkeys "ever since" would not be interested in the detailed directions given here, and would probably scoff at the notion that their might be new "tricks" in such an old American custom.

For Mrs. New Homemaker, however, here are the complete directions, with all the wrinkles, prepared by Miss Lucy Case, home economics extension specialist at Oregon State college.

First, select a plump, well-fattened turkey. A young bird has a more flexible breast bone, softer, smoother legs and feet, pin feathers, few hairs, and short, sharp claws. About Thanksgiving time young toms will weigh 12 to 16 pounds and old ones 16 to 30 pounds, while young hens weigh 7 to 12 pounds and old ones 10 to 15 pounds.

Scrub the outside of the bird with a wet cloth and a little soda, soap or cornmeal and rinse under running water. Wipe out the inside with a wet cloth. Soaking causes toughness. Rub the inside lightly with salt and fill the body cavity and the loose skin at the base of the neck with a dressing, seasoned with a little onion, sage and chopped celery. Tuck the legs under the band of skin near the tail and fasten the opening with safety pins, or by sticking toothpicks across it through both flaps of skin and then lacing string across the toothpicks as a man's shoe is laced. Cut off wing tips and most of neck and save for soup. Fold the neck skin toward the back and fasten down. Slip the wing ends behind the shoulder blades and tie them back if necessary.

Rub the stuffed, trussed turkey all over with salt, butter and flour. Lay a piece of turkey fat or salt pork over the breast, and place on a rack in an open roasting pan, without water. Have the oven hot, about 450 deg. F, for half an hour, turning once to brown all over. Then reduce the heat to moderate, about 350 deg. F. Baste every half hour with turkey fat and butter.

Roast a young bird uncovered for about 15 minutes to the pound, or about three hours for a 10 to 12 pound turkey. Cover an older bird after browning and roast about 4 1/2 hours for a 14 pound turkey. To test for "doneness," run a long tined fork or a skewer into the thigh next to breast. If the juice has a red shade, cook longer. Remove fastenings before serving.

All Girls Interested In 4-H Club to Meet

Miss Alice Mallin, County Home Demonstration agent, will meet all girls over nine years of age, who are interested in taking up a 4-H Club Project this winter.

This organization meeting will take place at the Grange Hall next Monday, November 26th immediately after afternoon school.

Mothers are cordially invited to be present at the meeting.

GRADE SCHOOL TEACHERS HOLD INSTITUTE HERE

The grade school teachers of Central Point, Gold Hill, Rogue River and surrounding schools held a local institute Wednesday under the direction of the County Superintendent's office. They discussed the result of special spelling and writing tests. Mrs. Wise, superintendent of writing in Medford schools gave a talk to about thirty-five teachers who were present.

This institute is held about twice each year.

MRS. T. A. MARINE'S BIRTHDAY HONORED AT ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. T. A. Marine entertained a number of friends in honor of her husband's birthday Monday evening.

The invited guests were Mesdames and Messrs E. E. Scott, Paul Martin, Pearl Bonney, George Marine and the honor guests, T. A. Marine and hostess Mrs. Marine. A birthday cake, pie and coffee were served. We join the friends in good wishes.

Bert Hedgketh picked up H. T. Watkins of Eugene for turnip around between intersections. He was taken before Recorder Hatfield, who fined him five dollars.

MINNIE J. MOORE, LIFETIME RESIDENT, DIES AT HOME

Minnie J. Moore passed away at her home here, early Tuesday morning after a brief illness.

She was born at Tolo, Ore., July 6, 1883, and in July, 1907, was united in marriage to Edward L. Moore. To this union one daughter was born, who survives. Besides her daughter, Gertrude May Moore of this city she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: J. L. Fredenburg, Sams Valley; M. R. Fredenburg, Medford; Nellie E. Jain, Beagle; Bertha E. Fredenburg and Beale E. Fredenburg of Central Point, and Jessie E. Pomeroy, God Hill.

Mrs. Moore became a member of the Baptist church at an early age, and all her life has been that of a true Christian, mother and sister.

She was a charter member of Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge No. 167.

Funeral services was held at the Christian church today Rev. W. H. Eaton having charge of the services with interment made in the Central Point cemetery. Conger funeral parlors in charge of arrangements.

Juniors to Appear In "Funny Phinnie"

Everything is in readiness for the presentation of the junior class play, "Funny Phinnie," at the high school auditorium, Friday evening November 23.

For weeks the cast has been working in almost daily rehearsals to make this play as good, if not just a little better, than any before presented.

It is a 3 act royalty play,—a farce, so farcical as to amount almost to vaudeville. It is designed to make the neighborhood forget its troubles. Everyone will want to see Amos Plummer, who runs the Banner Laundry, and Amos Plummer's henpecking wife, who really owns the laundry. Old Glucksman, with his invention, designed to revolutionize the business of holding up the nation's sox, inveigles Amos to put his invention on the market for him.

In order that he may be free to leave the laundry and promote this elephant invention, Amos must make the laundry fail. To do this he hires Phineas Pike as the driver. He's sure Phinnie will have things in the red in no time.

But unexpectedly, Phinnie makes good and Amos has to hatch up a scheme to get rid of Phinnie. How that comes out is almost lost in the laughter that comes from the doings of the clowning Ruby, and the pretty girls she leads, in the quarrels of Amos and his wife; in the shoutings of the deaf Glucksman, and the laugh-getting Ella; in the bickerings of Richard, the agent of the Laundry Workers' Union and Millie, the office girl over her engagement ring.

But best of all is Phinnie Pike. The more you laugh at him the more you love his grotesque, burlesque blunderings, that always get mysteriously, their rewards.

The cast is as follows:
Ruby Schaeffer Arlene Imann
Genevieve McGooch.....Dorothea Hedgketh
Cara TitterbaumMaxine Musty
Ella FlynnErnestyn Thompson
Millicent MurrayMarjorie Jones
Amos PlummerErnest Lathrop
Mr. GlucksmanEdwin Gebhard
Richard Kendall James Fletscher
Mrs. Plummer Carol Furry
Phineas PikeSidney Thurston

OLD AGE PENSION TO BE UP TO PRESIDENT

Townsend old age pension advocates and expectants are looking hopefully to President Roosevelt to "do something about it" when the plan comes before Congress in the form of a bill to put the \$200-a-month idea into effect.

Washington observers generally appear to think that the President's advocacy of unemployment insurance means that other forms of economic relief must wait or be sidetracked. In this connection, referring to the President's announcement on the subject, the Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor says:

"Mr. Roosevelt's speech rejected 'fantastic schemes' of old age insurance, generally interpreted as referring to the Townsend plan, for a pension of \$200 a month to all persons over 65."