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FIRE DESTROYS LUMBER SHED

Musings--

By an Innocent Bystander

Another year has rolled by and the season of Thanksgiving is with us again. And we who live in Southern Oregon have much to be thankful for.

For one thing, we can be thankful to the gods of the weather, who have shown us that it can still rain in Oregon. With the ground gradually becoming saturated with moisture once more we can be sure of bounteous harvests next year.

The outlook for next year is much brighter. Farm prices are gradually rising, commodity prices, which were forced up by the early movement of the New Deal, are settling down. Business men report increased sales. Federal expenditures in this county are decreasing and altogether we seem to have turned that famous "corner" at last.

All of which may or may not be due to President Roosevelt, according to your own viewpoint. Doubtless the "priming of the pump" has helped, and we hope that now we will be able to walk on our hind legs awhile.

More and more we note that the government is turning once more to the right. Price fixing is being abandoned and business is once more being allowed to settle down to work. Which is all to the good. While there always have been and always will be a few scoundrels among business men, yet the rank and file are just "us common folks" who work quietly along minding their own business and doing their level best to avoid stepping on the other fellows' toes.

To us, as we read daily of the doings of other countries where the governments dictate every activity of the people, it seems clear that such methods will not fit the American people. What this country needs is just plain honesty in our business life. The old Golden Rule can well be our guide. So long as we each live up to that standard as best we may, we don't need government interference.

The president has made it clear that he intends to go ahead with his plans for cheap power from government plants. The T. V. A. is to be the yardstick with which to measure the other projects. The results may be worth it, but it seems to us that is going to be a rather expensive measuring pole.

The Medford News has gone amuck and is now issued semi-weekly. Which still leaves this paper the leading weekly paper of Southern Oregon. Now if Bro. Hall would just get a new viewpoint instead of a "half-moon opening in a door on the back lot," all would be rosy.

We are pleased to note that our city marshal is making a drive on those who get careless in driving about our town. Time was, when the highway passed through the business section, that hardly a week passed without an automobile wreck of some kind. And lately there have been a lot of young fools flitting about our streets who ought to be given a lesson.

Last week Bert caught a lanky traveling salesman who forgot where he was, and turned around between intersections. Recorder Hatfield handed him a stiff reminder that he had better stay awake next time.

We saw a certain young lady of our town back out from the curb about a hundred feet from the corner and back full speed around the corner to save possibly 30 seconds' drive to the next intersection. What would have happened if someone had been approaching that blind corner on the side street. Some folks have a lot of confidence in themselves, or the Lord, or something.

And we noticed a couple of young bicycle riders playing Smart Aleck on main street the other day. They were purposefully tantalizing a car driver by weaving from curb to curb. It may sound callous, but it won't cause us any grief if the fool-killer gets those young lads some day.

4TH GRADERS GIVE PROGRAM HONORING THANKSGIVING DAY

Children of the third and fourth grades and their teacher, Mrs. Hansen entertained Wednesday afternoon with a Thanksgiving program. Evergreen trees formed an artistic setting for the story of the first Thanksgiving. The room was darkened and light was thrown upon the stage by footlights. The costumes of the Indians and of the Pilgrims were especially effective and received much favorable comment.

A large group of mothers and friends attended the final performance Wednesday afternoon. Previously it had been presented several times to the various grades in the building.

The following is the program. SONGS—"Thanksgiving," "Thanksgiving is Here," "The Turkey," by grades Three and Four.

"STORY OF THE PILGRIMS" told by Louise Russell, Paul Blumenstein, Carolyn Lees, Patty Lou Langston, Marjorie Penland, Geraldine Sullivan, Norrene Bohnert, June Conrad, Wallace Regan, Franklin Gebhard, Helen Young.

PLAY "Thankful Lives up to her Name."

Thankful.....Beverly Watson
Mother.....Zoe Hill
John.....Shirley Kelley
Pilgrim Thankful.....Marjorie Jewett
Faith.....Lavonne Cassman
Pergrine.....Robert Colley
Patience.....Florence Blasing
SONG "When the Pilgrims Come"
PAGEANT "The First Thanksgiving"
Red Men—Harold Meyers, Eugene Dalley, Richard Wooten, Clayton Cannon, Neil Wooldridge, Billy Colley, Dean Carlson, David Manus.
Indian Women—Ellanora Bartol, Marjorie Jewett, Zoe Hill,
Pilgrim Men—Billy McCord, John Ross, Shirley Kelley, Boyd Miller, Robert Colley.
Pilgrim Women—Virginia Manus, Betty Boardman, Violet Wooten, Marjorie Hickey, Lavonne Cassman, Florence Blasing.

County Council of PTA Plans Budget To Cover Expenses

Mrs. Bertha Young, President of the County Council of the P. T. A. presided at a business meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Arthur Short in Medford. A budget was planned to cover travelling expenses of the County President and Membership Chairman. Funds were also set aside for a delegate to be sent to the State P. T. A. Convention. In order that all Units of the County may know what is going on a complete calendar for each month will be published about the first of the month. All Unit Publicity Chairmen are urged to meet with their Unit Program Chairmen and make out this monthly calendar and mail it in to County Publicity chairman not later than the 20th of each month.

In a recent communication from Mrs. Crowther State Publicity Chairman, she states some of the following activities of the Oregon State Program; Clinics for pre-school children are held twice a week and over 35,000 children have been examined. Parents who bring their children have the advice of a Child Specialist. A dietitian and a graduate nurse are in attendance. Over two hundred and fifty pamphlets on Child Care are distributed each month. Clinics are held annually at the Multnomah County Fair. All this is free. Units be sure and watch for the monthly calendar as published in Jackson County papers.

NOTICE BOYS AND GIRLS

Bring in one new subscription or two renewals and receive ticket to The Roxy. Or bring in two new subscriptions or four renewals and get a ticket to Rialto or Craterian theatre.

Thanksgiving

(EDITORIAL)

Once each year the American people pause to take inventory of their blessings and to give thanks for the same to the Giver of all good.

Today we have been looking back over the past year to see what we might be thankful for. We find a lot.

We are thankful for health; for loved ones; for a will to work and an opportunity to serve.

We are thankful for a home where our family may gather; for food and clothing and shelter.

We are thankful for the measure of good will shown us by our fellow townsmen, for the business they have given us during the year.

And today we want to wish all our readers a joyful Thanksgiving. Let us all join the chorus and "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Local Youth Leaves Home on Sunday

The family and friends of Norman Flaharty, 17, are deeply concerned in the whereabouts of the boy, who disappeared from his home Sunday, about 2 p. m. His father, Arthur Flaharty, stated that all efforts of himself and of state police in tracing the youth have as yet been unsuccessful.

He was last seen by Mrs. Edith Denel, a teacher at Central Point grade school, who reported seeing the boy walking out of town on the highway headed north. He left home shortly before, telling his parents that he was going to visit a neighbor on Beal lane.

As the youth is said to be suffering from slight mental defectiveness following a mastoid operation a number of years ago, Flaharty said he may not fully comprehend his situation. The only reason for his disappearance is the fact that a certain rough element among the younger boys have been unkind and mean to him. The state police of Jackson and Josephine counties have been unable to get a trace of him so far.

The only clue offered as to his whereabouts is a statement by the boy several weeks ago, according to his parents, that he "might spend Christmas with my grandparents in Asotin." (Mr and Mrs. I. A. Lyda, of Asotin, Wash.) He averred that he would make the trip by freight train, his parents said.

Flaharty asks that anyone knowing of the boy's whereabouts to communicate with box 122, Central Point, or call the Central Point telephone office.

Norman was described as being 5 feet, seven inches tall, weighing 134 and having dark hair and blue eyes. He carried no card of identification on wore a faded gray cap, dark knee length overcoat, black trousers brown oxfords, a light faded grey coat, a slip-on green sweater and a blue workshirt.

Anders' Family Enjoy Reunion

After having been separated for 72 years, D. A. Anders, of Seattle, and C. W. Anders of this city, came to meet for the first time in a family reunion at the Anders home near here this week.

Both men were born in Iowa, but their families moved to different sections of the nation. The Seattle Anders, with his family, came to Central Point this week for a visit with C. W. Anders.

Others who attended the family reunion were H. M. Anders and family, R. W. Anders and family, and Nora Black and family. The last two Anders are sons, and Mrs. Black is a daughter.

FLASH! Medford Hi wins state championship with tie score 6-6, with Washington Hi at Portland.

Season's Rainfall Above Normal

The seasonal rainfall since September 1 is 5.52 inches to date, following a .39 inch rain Monday night. Normal for the same period is 3.87, showing that the rainfall so far this year is 1.65 inches above normal.

During the month of November 2.73 inches of rain has fallen, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau. Normal for November, to date is 1.96 inches.

Farmers are highly pleased with the rain, because it has fallen slowly enough to allow it all to soak in. Bear creek, however, which seldom has much water in it, even in winter, is running a good stream, thru Medford, and even shows white on the riffles.

According to local farm experts, enough rain has already fallen this year to assure crop production next year, and water for irrigation, but that the soil is a long way from saturated. During the past few years the water table has gone down, due to short rainfall, and the ground is capable of absorbing a lot of rain this winter.

Former Local Man To Head Kiwanis

Election of officers for the year 1935 in the local Kiwanis club was held Monday at the Medford hotel, when that organization met for its regular weekly noon luncheon. Those who were elected to serve are: Everett A. Faber, president; J. H. Fletcher, vice-president; George T. Frey, secretary, and Carl Y. Tengwald, treasurer. This year's board of directors consists of Max Pierce, A. F. West, Doctor W. H. Howard, E. G. Trowbridge Jr. and Jack F. Reynolds.

Former Pastor to Give Lecture at C. P. Grange Hall

Rev. E. F. Atchley, former pastor of the Christian church here, will give an illustrated lecture on the effects of cigarettes and tobacco on the human anatomy Friday, Nov. 30 at 8 p. m. He will also stress the effect of narcotics. No admission will be charged but a free will offering will be taken at the close of the lecture. Everybody is urged to hear this lecture.

Timber Products Co. Retail Stock and Office Razed

A fire of unknown origin entirely destroyed the office and retail lumber shed of the Timber Products Co. in Medford early Monday morning. The loss is set at approximately \$75,000.

Tragedy accompanied the big blaze when Thomas Lee, 50-year-old miner living on McAndrews Road about half a block from the scene of the fire, awoke and saw the flames. In the hurry of removing his belongings from his house, Mr. Lee dropped dead of a heart ailment.

The fire broke out in the rear of the office building and spread with inconceivable rapidity to the adjoining lumber shed. The night watchman had been through the building a few minutes before the flames broke out and saw nothing wrong. Looking back a few minutes later he saw the flames roaring in the front of the huge building and at once gave the alarm. Three alarms were sounded calling for all the help available. When the department reached the scene the whole building was aflame and the entire efforts of the firemen were directed toward keeping the fire from spreading to the surrounding buildings.

The firemen were successful in keeping the flames from the Standard Oil Company buildings, only 50 feet away. The huge tanks and iron covered buildings became very hot, but no damage was done.

Howard Fry, 37, mill employe

suffered a dislocated shoulder when he fell from the roof of the factory building, striking a box car in his descent. He was engaged in sweeping sparks from the roof when he slipped on the frost-covered roof and fell to the ground on the west side of the building.

The retail building, one of the most up-to-date structures of its kind in Southern Oregon, together with a stock of about 500,000 feet of select lumber, was totally destroyed. A carload of cement, a car of shingles and one of roofing, were also destroyed.

The box factory and saw mill, standing 100 feet north of the retail shed, was not injured and is in operation as usual. The huge lumber yards of the company were also uninjured.

Floyd Hart, manager of the Timber Products Company, states that the company expects to rebuild at once and that they have sufficient lumber on hand to supply the demand. The loss was entirely covered with insurance.

The company has established a temporary office in the Mill Service Station building across the street from the burned structure and are doing business as usual. Although handicapped by the loss of six trucks which were destroyed in the fire, the company is delivering fuel as usual, through the assistance of several hired trucks.

Fruit Outlook Discussed in OSC Economic Report

Featuring long-time trends in the outlook for fruit and nut crops, the first installment of the 1934-35 Oregon agricultural outlook reports has just been released by the agricultural extension service at Oregon State College. The report supplements and condenses outlook information assembled at the recent national outlook conference held in Washington

D. C., by the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture with forty agricultural colleges and the Agricultural Adjustment administration cooperating.

Referring to the general fruit situation, the report points out that the combined production of all fruits has increased 20 per cent in the last 15 years with grapefruit, oranges, pears and cherries showing the greatest gains. Nut production also shows a strong upward trend, with nut imports falling off.

The circular contains 10 pages of condensed information, with outlook statements on apples, cherries, pears, prunes, walnuts, filberts, strawberries, other berries and grapes, and other horticultural products. Copies are available from county agricultural agents.

With reference to current farm price levels, the report shows that for the nation as a whole farm prices now average almost exactly the same as during the 1910-1914 pre-war period, but in Oregon they are only about 80 per cent as much. Since mid-September the general farm price level has declined slightly, although the outlook is for some increase during the first half of 1935.

Farmers generally are expected to increase crop acreage in 1935, especially of crops not under adjustment contracts, the circular shows. The price outlook during the 1935-36 marketing season depends a good deal on growing conditions next summer as well as upon the amount of improvement which may occur in domestic demand conditions and general price levels for food and other commodities.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farra will hold open house to their friends Tuesday evening, December 2 from 7 to 10. The occasion being their golden wedding anniversary.

Grange Plans Installation

The joint installation of the officers of the subordinate Granges of Jackson county will take place at the Central Point Grange hall on Sunday, December 2. All officers to be installed must be present at 1:45 p. m. Installation will begin promptly at 2 p. m.

All grangers who wish to bring their dinner are invited by Central Point Grange Master Warren Patterson to do so. The dining room is at their disposal with a fire in the cook stove. Those coming from a distance will find this a pleasant solution to the dinner and long distance drive problem.

Retiring officers are requested to attend if possible. There will also be plenty of room for guests, one side of the hall being reserved for them.

Masters will see that sashes, gavel, staffs for their officers are present. Please be prompt. Eleven Granges are signed up for the joint installation.

Mr. E. C. Faber was at the depot Wednesday and helped send the Medford football squad away with cheers. The entire Medford high school was there and about 1000 other friends of the boys. The yell leader on top of the Pullman got a very enthusiastic response from the people. Here's hoping that the boys will win this afternoon and we who are unable to attend will be rooting for them here.

Our Query,

"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 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