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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Again it is time for this humble writer to dig up his old pencil and fill this darned old column. And what to write about? We have harped on the New Deal until we are all tired of it. We have railed at this and that until we have the lives of most of us from the cradle to the grave. And all to what end? But if our readers have gotten a bit of cheer in the dark old world, we are content.

Sometimes it seems to us that of all the useless occupations on this vale of tears, newspaper publishing takes the cake. As a would-be poet once said:

The cockroach sat on the editor's desk
With a thoughtful smile on his face;
"Paste and scissors, scissors and paste,
Just think of the energy going to waste."

But in the words of the immortal Lincoln, we shall "strive on to finish the work we are in; . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations." Each of us have something to do in this world, some little corner to fill. And although his part in the eternal scheme of things may be small, yet the smooth running of the world's affairs depends on how well each of us carries on his part.

A country editor is perhaps the "least of these, my brethren," but even he must do his best to serve the community in which he lives. So tonight we hereby renew our vows, and once more declare we shall give to Central Point and vicinity the very best newspaper we know how to print.

We are sitting tonight before a cheerful fire popping and snapping in the open fireplace. And we are thinking of those less fortunate ones who these cold nights are homeless—wanderers over the face of the earth. What is wrong with our civilization when, in a country "flowing with milk and honey" as the feller said, so many are unable to enjoy even the barest of comforts?

It seems to us there is something woefully wrong somewhere. This great country of ours still has worlds of opportunities. We can and do produce far more than we consume. If the farmers of the country raised all that could be raised on their land; if the wheels of industry turned out their limit of articles for human needs, there would be much more than our people could possibly consume. Then what is the matter with the distributing system?

The Brain Trust, the great Foundations and the combined efforts of the states and government should get to work on this problem. Until it is solved and the solution put into practice there will be no end to hard times and depression.

There, we remembered something. Seems like we heard somewhere that the Oregon Legislature is in session at Salem. And the usual 40 days of wrangling and log-rolling is under way. We wondered the other day as we studied the faces of the members of the Senate and House as pictured in the Oregon Voter just how much these men are going to accomplish for the good of their state?

We hope to see the County Unit plan for schools adopted. To our mind, this is the most practical system we know of for the handling of school work. In case any of our readers are unfamiliar with the plan we would say that it works just like the Medford (or any other large city) schools are run. There all the city schools are under one superintendent and all supplies are bought by him. Teachers are hired on his recommendation and placed in which ever school needs them. One clerk handles all the books.

At the present time there are nearly 60 districts in Jackson county, each with its more or less efficient board of directors and clerk. When the annual audit is taken of the books of these districts, much fearful and wonderful bookkeeping is found. How much better it would be to have just one efficient clerk?

But there is one proposition be-

CENTRAL PT. GRANGE TO STAGE 1ST PLAY IN DRAMA CONTEST

First play of the county dramatic contest will be given by the Central Point Grange Monday evening. They will present "Nancy Orr's Day," written by Mary Finnegan. It is in one act and deals with the maneuverings of a social climbing young matron. In making her bid to society she gives a tea, inviting a bishop, and two of the most important social leaders of the town. She has a well filled day while meeting her guests, attempting to prevent the attendance of her plain-spoken mother-in-law, and reconciling a pair of young lovers.

Mrs. Edith Bohnert who is the play's capable director, has chosen the following cast:

Nancy Orr.....Faye Ritzinger
Donad Orr.....Ivan Skyrman
Helen Orr.....Dorothy Inman
Grace Orr.....Lotus Hesselgrave
Barbara Guyer.....Laurine Hugger
Mrs. Hines Clay.....Roberta Pankey
Mrs. D'Arcy.....Dorothy McGuire
Lucy.....Peggy Lawrence
Charles Payne.....Robert Sparks
Bishop McGregor.....Harold Head

The Central Point high school orchestra, directed by R. A. Botts will give several numbers before the play is presented.

Bible Clas Holds First Meet of Year

The first monthly meeting of the Berean Bible class for the new year was held at the home of Mrs. Roy Wyatt on Thursday, January 11, with the newly elected president, Mrs. Paul Martin, in the chair. Meeting opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," prayer by Mrs. Richmond, secretary's report and roll call, showing an attendance of 27 members, many being absent on account of illness.

Mrs. Faber, of the Home Dept. reported 14 shut-ins. The afternoon session was devoted to reports from retiring officers and planning committee work for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Webster resigned as vice-president and Mrs. Cassman was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Richmond reviewed the book of Genesis during the devotional period. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Case and singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Case, Mrs. Myers and the hostess, Mrs. Wyatt. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jewett on February 14.

Evangelist Meeting Is Well Attended

The Evangelist meeting at the Federated church is being well attended and much interest is shown. The following subjects will be discussed during the coming week.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—"A Challenge to Young Men and Young Women"

Sunday, 11:00 a. m.—"Hindrances in the Prayer Life"

Sunday, 7:30 p. m.—"The Greatest Mistake the Governor ever Made"

Monday, 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Stacey Parrish, "Sin and its Remedy"

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—"A Tax Collector who became a follower of Christ"

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—"God's Love for the Sinner"

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—"Pay-Day in Eternity"

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—"A Young Man Who made a Flying Start and then ran with the Ball to the Enemy's Goal Post"

for the legislature for which we have not so high a regard. That is the proposition to divert the gas tax money to the general fund. Also one to divert the game and fish license money to some other fund. We believe there should be left strictly where they now are.

We are wondering a bit whether somebody I—, who! Back up! We mean changed their minds about getting Gordon Schermerhorn a parole after serving six months in Salem. Seems funny if the attorney general's office had really wanted it that the parole board would have ignored it.

Kirk New Head Of Fruit League; Succeeds Dr. Dean

J. B. Kirk, orchardist of the east Phoenix district was named president of the Jackson County Fruit-growers' league during the annual meeting of that organization last Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Medford. The session included an interesting review by Prof. Henry Hartman of the Oregon State college on fruit market conditions and a report of the year's activities by Dr. B. G. Dean, retiring president.

Impressions of a three months' survey of conditions in the eastern states were told by Prof. Hartman, who found them to vary in different localities.

Boston was declared to be the most satisfactory market at the present for local fruit, in decided contrast to Chicago and Detroit. In the latter two places, it was said a lack of cooperation existed between

dealers and fruit trade interests the influence of which was directly felt by the producers.

Conditions, Prof. Hartman said are not yet normal in New York or in Philadelphia and other large eastern centers.

The importance of having valley fruit arrive in eastern centers in the best condition was stressed by the speaker, stating this trouble was a handicap in the marketing of Bosc pears due to ripening conditions. This situation, he said, could largely be remedied by proper cold storage temperatures, and outline a ripening program for reference in the marketing of future crops.

Other officers elected Saturday were: Harry Rosenberg, first vice-president; Martin Luther, second vice-president; and A. H. Banwell, secretary and treasurer.

HAM NEWS

Well here we are once again with the ravings and goings on of the Central Point hams.

WTEJY has got his transmitter all installed and working, and is getting out in great style. New aerial pole set up, new antenna installed and a brand new transmitter and is he happy or is he happy. Fine stuff WTEJY.

"Fat" Overchain CCC electrician has got himself a new antenna system all installed, poles are 60 feet high (So Fat says) and plenty far enough spaced so that he has a very nice antenna. All new insulators and new wire and he hopes to have the receiving equipment of WTDYK tied to the end of it in the very near future. All in all Fat is planning a nice job.

Sandy Richardson has his set all completed and is on the air whenever he has the time for it altho Sandy is still making a few final adjustments on the transmitter. It's certainly a nice looking job Sandy has since he rebuilt it and will soon be putting the old signal back on the air.

L. C. Scott reports that he is now so busy with his work that he has not the time necessary to practise a great deal with his oscillator, but expects to be at it again soon.

It has come to the writers ears that the Ashland radio club is going to hold one of their monthly gatherings soon and what time they do have. Anyone that is interested in radio in any way what so-ever can become a member of the club and they meet every once or twice a month and have a big time all together. Enough local talent to pass away a few hours in fine entertainment in their own club house. As the writer gets it one of the members had an empty house he donated to the use of the club for their meetings. The only thing required at their meetings is that each and every member bring something to eat. Perhaps John Doe would bring some baked beans, and his brother Henry Doe would bring something else, and then it all put on one big table at the club house and everyone just helps themselves. The club donates the coffee and cream and sugar. And each member brings his own knife fork, spoon, cup and saucer so there is no dishes to be washed after the meal. Just where the club gets the money to serve the coffee and trimmings I don't know except it might be that they collect a very small sum from each member in the way of dues to cover that expense and the lighting expense and others connected with the club. Anyway they certainly do have some mighty good times at their gatherings, and if there was enough interest shown here in our city there could be such an arrangement worked out whereby we could also have our own club. The cost would be so very small for the enjoyment that one would have that the writer has oftened wondered how such an idea would work out. As an idea, those who might be interested could get in touch by letter or phone with the news-paper office and if enough interest is shown we might have a club all of our own. Later perhaps we might pay a visit to the Ashland club or other clubs

and have them do the same. So what say folks, its up to you.

WTDYK recently had the pleasure of talking with a Canadian station who reported the temperature at his end of the line as 48 degrees below zero while the temperature at Central Point was 33 degrees above. Some difference! And did that Canadian wish he was in nice climate when he heard of what we had to offer in that line.

Least but by no means last "Alrcell" Caster our popular CCC Master Mechanic is also doing some heavy thinking about getting back on the ether waves. Well DKJ hoves about it, when you going to get the rig on and what you going to use, phones or the old reliable C. W. Remember the days up on the mountain what a kick you got out of it. Well, it might be even better now. So better get the dust brushed off the rig and get it going again as we would like to hear you again.

Conditions on the 75 meter phone band are very unsatisfactory, skip usually setting early in the evening and not lifting until about 11 p. m. The 40 meter band is reported slightly off its usual form, the 80 meter band very good and the 20 meter band, no reports on it. That's the score folks—will be seeing you in another 2 weeks.

KIRTLAND FARM SELLS THOROUGHbred STOCK

Mr. Tom Harrison, manager of the Kirtland Farm returned Wednesday night from a trip to Baker where he delivered nine head of thoroughbred registered cattle to W. C. Cree as a foundation for a Shorthorn herd. Mr. Cree is from Boston, Mass and has looked all over the United States for cattle and at last located what he wanted at the Kirtland farm. The Cree ranch is about 25 miles from Baker. Mr. Harrison reports two feet of snow in Eastern Oregon.

The Women's Relief Corps held their first regular meeting for the year Saturday. The new president Eva Smith presiding. Plans were made for a valentine party at the next meeting February 2 and every one is requested to make a valentine. A prize will be given to the party making the best one. Three new members are to be initiated. The meeting will be called to order at 2 p. m. instead of 2:30 as usual.

Born January 15 at Etna, Calif. to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cramer a baby boy weighing 11 lbs. Mrs. Cramer was formerly LaVica Caldwell.

We are requested to print the following notice to all water users that all who are delinquent will have their names published in this paper.

Mr. Catey reports that Mrs. Catey who has been ill for a long time is able to be out for the first time since Christmas.

Mrs. Long received a letter from Mrs. Keithley, nee Dorothy Sanderson, from Santa Rosa. She is very much pleased with her new home. Mr. and Mrs. Long formerly lived in Santa Rosa and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Keithley to their new home and visited friends for a few days in December.

Junior Ayer and Roy Jones enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Duke Lewis home in Jacksonsville.

County to Seize Lands For Taxes

Preparations are being made by County Officials to file Tax Foreclosure Proceedings as required by law for unpaid taxes for the years 1928, 1929 and 1930. The list will include the property of approximately twelve hundred persons.

Reports coming to the County Court indicate that there are some taxpayers in the County who are not aware of the fact that the Foreclosure list may include their property, and all taxpayers are requested to carefully examine their tax receipts to determine whether or not their taxes for the years indicated are delinquent. If the taxpayers receipts have been mislaid the information could be obtained from the Sheriff's Office or the County Clerks Office where a complete list of delinquent taxes for those years is on file. Immediate attention is necessary.

McGuire Resigns As Local Teacher

Mr. Dennis McGuire our high school coach was offered a better job at Gold Hill so he asked the school board if they would release him from his contract. While they were sorry to lose Mr. McGuire they consented to let him go. Carl Boswell a former local boy has been hired in his place and is expected to be here when school opens next Monday. This fall when Mr. McGuire returned at the beginning of the school term he brought his bride with him. They have made many friends here who will be sorry to see them leave and wish them success in their new field.

County Council of PTA to Meet Here

The County Council of the P.T.A. were guests of the Medford City Council at the Medford Junior High School on Saturday, January 12. The morning session opened at 10:30 with a business meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Bertha Young. Reports of the various councils throughout the county were given and a marked increase in membership was noted showing the growing interest in the P. T. A.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Members of the Medford council acted as hostesses.

The afternoon session was very interesting and was well attended. Mrs. Mable Mack home demonstration agent reported on the Home Makers' Conference which is to be held February 12 at O. S. C. There will be special bus rates and living expenses will be greatly reduced during the three day session. Mrs. Bertha Young was appointed delegate from Jackson County. All units are urged to send a delegate if possible. Radio messages will be broadcast. Remember the conference and tune in.

Rev. E. S. Bartlam gave a very inspiring talk on the responses to life situations. He emphasized the value of true education and good environment in home life.

The Junior H. S. Band played under the leadership of Mr. Waite and several musical selections were given by the Senior H. S. Girls' Glee Club, directed Mrs. Esther Church Leake.

The County Council was sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs. Olmscheid as county publicity chairman. Mrs. Ivan M. Gainer, 708 Park Ave., Medford was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The ladies from Central Point who attended the council were Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, Mrs. Lois Young, Mrs. L. C. Grimes, Mrs. M. A. Adams and Mrs. P. A. Tracy.

The next meeting of the County Council will be held in Central Point at the high school on April 13, 1935.

SHOWER GIVEN FOR LOCAL BRIDE-TO-BE

Mrs. Doyle Mills entertained with a bridal shower for Miss Wilda Hall Friday January 11. Among those present were Mrs. Meivin Hall and Miss Lola Carr of Medford. Mesdames Clark, Anna Carr, Wayne Carr, W. W. Mills, Edwin Martin, Dorothy Root, George Marine and Mrs. William Carl of Applegate the honor guest Miss Hall and the hostess Mrs. Mills. Miss Hall received many beautiful gifts. Dainty refreshments were served and all reported a jolly time.

JOINT INSTALLATION ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS IS HELD

A joint installation of Central Point Lodge No. 193, and Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge No. 187, I. O. O. F., was held Monday evening. The district deputy Grand Master, Paul Thompson and staff from Gold Hill installed the following officers of the Central Point lodge:

N. G., John Catey; V. G., Thomas Marine; Sec. Ed Vincent; Treas., Jack Southwell; R. S. N. G., Jesse Richardson; L. S. N. G. Henry Head; R. S. V. G., Wm. Musty; L. S. V. G., Harry Copinger; Warden, Bert Hedgepeth; Con., Frank Thompson; Chaplain, C. M. Merritt; Inside Guardian, Allen Henderson; Outside Guardian, George March; Right Scene Supporter, Fred Hesselgrave; Left Scene Supported, Ed Farra.

District Deputy President, Mary Richardson, assisted by a staff of Rebekahs from Gold Hill, installed the following officers of Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge:

N. G., Iva Copinger; V. G., Mary Richardson; Sec., Florence Eddy; Treas., Luzella Damon; R. S. N. G., Emma Gleason; L. S. N. G. Betta Pankey; R. S. V. G., Clara Vincent; L. S. V. G., Ethel Southwell; Warden Sarah Musty; Con., Clara Farra; Chaplain, Catharine Morrill; Inside Guardian, Edna Marine; Outside Guardian, Minnie Buckles.

Following installation, refreshments were served and dancing in the Walker Hall was enjoyed by all who cared for that form of entertainment.

Agate School Notes

Miss Syble Walker, county health nurse and Dr. Drummond visited the school Monday and examined the school children. Several parents were there with children of preschool age who were also examined. The new window shades purchased by the school board are being much appreciated by the school children.

Mr. Cannon from Roseburg visited his son LaVerne. LaVerne has moved from the Agate district and will attend the Central Point school. Many pupils have been absent from school on account of the flu.

The parents who visited school Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Will Glass, Mrs. Clayton Glass, Mr. Chambers and Mrs. Wells Mann.

O. O. Chambers and family visited their daughter Mrs. C. J. Grebb of Eagle Point Sunday.

Mr. Ray Millard attended the auction sale at Medford last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holmes and son Billy of Ashland were visitors at the Chambers home last week.

Mr. Kelso and son Verle were hauling wood Saturday.

Norman Cowan who lives on the Orr farm has been hauling cattle from Sams Valley.

The Stickle family who formerly resided in this district were visiting at the Garrett home Sunday.

Archie Storms, with his uncle left Monday morning for Arizona. They intend to mine while there.

Mrs. Minnick who has been quite ill with flu and pneumonia is much improved at this time.

Mr. Storms who has been a patient at the Sacred Heart Hospital returned home recently.

Glee Club Sings at P. T. A. Meeting

Central Point P. T. A. held the January meeting Friday January 11th at 3 o'clock at the high school.

This was a social meeting in honor of Founders day. Some very interesting articles were read and special music was given by the Glee club. There was a very short business meeting followed by a round table discussion on adult education. After which our silver tea was served in the auditorium with Mrs. E. C. Faber and Mrs. P. A. Tracy pouring tea.

For Sale—Barred Rock and Light Brahma hatching eggs, \$50 per set. Brahma hatching eggs, 50c per cent-point. 5 blocks east of the cheese factory. Phone 303.

For Sale—Five rooms of furniture complete. Overstuffed set, range, bed room sets, rugs, etc. H. S. Cleveland, Old Stage Road.