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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Winter is with us again. Just as we had about made up our minds to start a garden, it had to turn in and snow. Well, we always could put off spading up hard ground, anyway.

We are glad to see Mr. Alexander in our midst again. He says they didn't seem to want him in Heaven just now, so guesses he will stay on earth a while, anyway. Sounds like good horse sense to us.

That was a pitiful affair in Medford the other day when the Hanson family were proceeding peacefully home after attending a basketball game and were suddenly struck from behind by a careless young idiot who had an idea that streets were made to speed on. A young girl dead, a whole family suffering painful injuries, just because that young man hadn't sense enough to drive a high-powered car with reasonable care.

We have seen several young boys in our own town whose careless driving is going to bring them into trouble some day. There ought to be some way to keep such fools out of cars altogether. It is getting to a point where no one is safe on the streets and highways any more.

Speaking of highways, we caught County Commissioner Billings at the courthouse this week and wormed the information out of him that the long-wanted hard-surfacing of that short stretch of road between the 4-Corners and the Crater Lake highway is to be completed this spring. To make it more sure, we called on the County Engineer and he confirmed the report.

This is good news for this city. For years our citizens have urged that the roads leading to our city be improved. When the highway was moved we again asked that the connecting link between this city and the Crater Lake highway be put in better shape so that at least part of the tourist travel to the lake would be deflected through our town. At last it is coming! And to Judge Earl Day and Commissioner Billings and Former Commissioner Nealon we humbly extend our thanks. Also to our own Mayor Con Leever, who has put in many weary hours to securing the promised work.

This spring we must renew our efforts to secure the long-talked-of sign pointing out the cut-off to the lake resorts. And it might not be a bad idea to get out another booklet as we did before to place in service stations to the north and west.

We take off our hat to that jury of eight men and four women who have so patiently sat through what has been termed the "trial of the ages," in that little New Jersey town. They heard the testimony, they saw the faces of the witnesses as they told their stories; they looked at the different articles of evidence as they were placed before them. And when at long last it was up to them to decide whether or not this stolid, pasty-faced foreigner was the fiend in human form who could take the life of an innocent babe (even though the actual killing was accidental) and then go through with his fiendish plan of extracting money from its half-carved parents by extending a hope for its safe return he well knew could never be fulfilled, they calmly answered "this is the man."

"We find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree." And there followed no recommendation for mercy. Thus it becomes mandatory upon the judge to sentence Bruno Richard Hauptmann to die for his awful crime. It is well. We feel that justice has been done, and the case, which President Hoover proclaimed "must never die until the guilty ones be brought to justice," is now, we hope, closed forever.

The drive against the kidnaper the gangster, the murderer must not cease. Much has been done in recent times to call a halt to such terrible things. A ruthless war has been declared by Uncle Sam on these Public Enemies and we hope it will never cease until once more our people can be safe at home and in their business.

And we want to see included among the so-called public enemies the thousands of reckless idiots who

## SEED GROWERS TO SEE LARGER EASTERN DEMAND

Greater prosperity for Oregon seed growers with opportunity to expand production of all kinds of grasses and legumes is seen by E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist of Oregon State college, who recently returned from special service in Washington, D. C.

Much seed will be required in the middle west, which is planning on a vast expansion of acreage of forage crops. The last two drought years killed much of their alfalfa, blue grass and timothy meadows, and hay crops of all kinds.

The crop reduction programs allow farmers to plant forage crops on acres withdrawn from corn and wheat, and this aggregates millions of acres. Then, too, the attention of many middle western people is concentrated upon soil erosion to a greater extent than ever before, and the only permanent way to prevent erosion is to keep the lands in grass and legumes as much of the time as possible, says Jackman.

In the southern states a huge winter cover crop program is just beginning, which the people there say means greatly increased demand for hairy vetch, Austrian winter peas and crimson clover seed.

Every part of the state may share in this increased demand, says Jackman. Coast counties specialize in bent grass and reed canary grass, and the Willamette valley in peas, vetch, clover and many grasses. The demand for Ladak and other alfalfa and crested wheat grass and alsike clover from eastern Oregon promises to be good.

Growers of red clover in the Willamette valley have been heartened by the demand now existing for the Tennessee anthracnose resistant strain. One carload was shipped recently from Yamhill county at a premium of several cents and future demand looks favorable.

Last year Oregon's seed crop brought more than two million dollars into the state Jackman estimates, an amount which he believes may be doubled.

## E. A. Wheeler Gets Prizes for Rabbits

Mr. E. A. Wheeler who entered some New Zealand rabbits in the Ashland Oregon's Rabbit and Poultry show at the Ashland Armory, December 7-8, 1934 received the following awards:

First prize New Zealand Doe and litter; Second prize New Zealand Doe. Third prize New Zealand Junior Doe.

Mr. Wheeler lives north of the water tank in a green house. He has 200 rabbits and they are certainly a pretty sight. He has a number of new born litters that look just like little new born rats but in a very few days they have a good start made on their white woolly suits. Here you will see rabbits of all ages. The pens are very clean and sanitary. Mr. Wheeler is very pleased to show anyone interested his rabbits. He is home in the evening after six and Sunday morning. During the month of February up to Wednesday night he had sold four dozen rabbits.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robbins of Blackwell hill are the parents of a baby girl born at the Stanley Maternity home in Medford. Mrs. Robbins was formerly Itha Morningstar.

Mr. Charles Murphy made a trip to Antioch school Tuesday evening after his mother Mrs. Bessie Murphy who is attending the Spanish school in Medford every Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A. Moore Hamilton, one of our representatives in the legislature spent Sunday at his home in Medford.

every year take such a toll of human life upon our highways. There should be a way to curb such things. Better to scrap every motor vehicle on earth and to plow up every paved road, than to go on killing, killing, killing, day in and day out thousands of innocent people.

Let's all resolve to appoint ourselves a committee of one to aid the officers in putting a stop to such ruthless destruction of life and health and property.

## Organization Plan Is Made for Aid of Better Housing Act

Medford, Oregon, February 13.—Organization plans were perfected yesterday for a spring campaign under Title 1 of the National Housing Act, it was announced by B. E. Harder, County Chairman of the Better Housing Campaign Committee. "\$1,000,000.00 in circulation in Jackson County" is the slogan of the Committee and it is believed under the new arrangements that considerable results will be in evidence immediately after launching of the campaign.

"It is our purpose to acquaint all city and rural dwellers with the provisions of the Act and show them how they can do necessary remodeling and rebuilding work" stated Mr. Harder, "and the new plan of financing which we have arranged for will undoubtedly be helpful."

Arrangements have been made so that those who wish to purchase permanent fixtures or do repair work may make a contract with the firm with whom they do business. This sales contract will be purchased by a large Portland organization and the rates of interest charged will be in conformity with the government plan under the National Housing Act. In this way, for instance, anyone who contracts for \$100.00 over a period of three years would obligate himself for a monthly payment of \$2.78. It is reported that this plan has been worked successfully in other places and as a result considerable business has been done.

The local committee expects to employ a group of solicitors through the SERRA who will call upon Medford residents to explain the provisions of the Act. Headquarters will be set up at the Chamber of Commerce building and solicitors will return their report cards showing those who would like to undertake certain remodeling or repair work. These cards will then be distributed among the dealers effected.

It is also planned to conduct the same type of work in the various other communities of the county. In order to complete the files at the headquarters it is necessary that dealers register so as to be able to take care of any work which may be created. Forms are available now and those who should fill out same are: lumber dealers, hardware mer-

## Park Buys New Patent Snow Sled

David H. Canfield, superintendent of the Crater Lake National park announced the service has recently purchased a Tucker patented snow sled from Sacramento. The sled operates on runners and is propelled by a screw propeller similar to the sled that was demonstrated at the park last year. After it is delivered the end of the month, it will be put into use at the park headquarters, to carry passengers and supplies into the park. It was purchased primarily to carry supplies in case of emergency.

This Tucker snow sled was invented by O. D. Tucker's brother who visited here last summer and it is reported that it is going over big.

## Potato Control Plan Proposed

Addition of potatoes to the list of basic commodities under the AAA is recommended by a committee representing 16 eastern and middlewestern states. The plan proposed would not include processing taxes and benefit payments, but would seek to limit production to approximate demand by allotting saleable tonnage among the potato growing states and then to individuals, and enforcing it by laying a tax of 50 cents per hundredweight on potatoes sold above the allotment. The production base proposed is the three highest years in the five-year period 1929-1933.

## Baby Clinic Is Well Attended

The baby clinic Friday afternoon was very well attended. 13 babies were examined. Mrs. Ed Vincent and Mrs. George Treichler assisting. Dr. Drummond and Mrs. Sybil Walker graduate nurse, were in charge.

chants, electrical supply dealers, plumbers, sheet metal workers, planing mill and cabinet workers, paint dealers, and concrete and building tile dealers. All firms in the above classification in the county are asked to call at the Chamber of Commerce immediately so that their names can be placed on file in order to be ready when the reports of the solicitors come in.

Government literature on the Housing Act will be available at the headquarters and all firms who register will be supplied with the necessary contracts and other forms from the finance agency.

Solicitors will be given a course of instruction before being sent out, but it is expected that this work will be expedited and it is hoped that the actual solicitations will be undertaken within the next ten days.

The committee in charge of the campaign in Medford is: H. A. Thieroff, chairman, O. O. Alenderfer, J. H. Fletcher, Frank Runtz, Fred Fick and R. G. Trowbridge; and the committee for the rural districts is: R. E. Nealon, chairman, R. C. Fowler, Mrs. Mabel Mack, Mrs. O. C. Maust and George Andrews.

"Every successful community campaign is encouraging building, modernizing, and repair accomplishes three fold results", stated Mr. Harder today. "First, the local building industry is revived. Second, local building artisans are reemployed; many removed from relief rolls on to payrolls. Third, frozen credit is released and a new and greater circulation of money is carried on through every channel of local trade. Money in motion encourages spending. Spending insures recirculation. 79% of every building dollar is earmarked for the pay envelope of labor. Labor very quickly puts its newly earned wages into wide circulation—and money in circulation is the life blood of trade"

he continued. "I believe new finance plan will encourage considerable activity along remodeling and rebuilding lines and I hope that Jackson County will respond to the program as have other communities on the Pacific Coast, so that we can bring into actual reality our slogan—\$1,000,000.00 in circulation in Jackson County."

## Chamber of Commerce Starts Big Drive to Secure Members

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a drive to secure new members for the organization. They aim to secure as many new members as possible among the residents of the outlying communities and the rural districts. The organization is doing its best to develop the entire county and deserves the support of every district.

The Chamber of Commerce has recently added several new departments or committees. There is a committee of agriculture, industrial development, municipal, tourist and each are divided into sub-committees with members from each locality. Mayor Leever is head of the committee for the welfare of Central Point.

Any project for the benefit of this city should be presented to him and he will in turn present it to the Chamber. And if it is at all feasible the Chamber of Commerce will get behind it and push.

Mr. J. D. Culbertson who underwent a major operation in Portland last Thursday is getting along nicely and expects to be home before long.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cantrall, son and daughter arrived here this week from Cottage Grove. They expect to open up a restaurant in the Walker hall. Their daughter will attend school here.

Ten dollars in cash and easy monthly payments will handle the balance on a repossessed bungalow piano, almost new, Baldwin piano Shoppe, Medford Oregon.

Rosier Carroll was held responsible by the coroner's jury for the fatal car accident Saturday night on West Main street, Medford in which June Hansen was killed.

## Dad's Night Honored by Local P.T.A.

The Central Point P. T. A. held the meeting for February at the high school on Thursday evening February 7th at 7:30 o'clock.

There was a special program in honor of Daddy's night. The president Mrs. W. J. Gebhardt called a short business meeting after which the first grade gave the welcome to the Dads present.

The sixth grade gave a very fine play which portrayed the important events that happen in February. The girls glee club sang two numbers and the program was closed with Reverend D. E. Millard as speaker of the evening who gave a very fine talk.

After the program the second grade mothers were in charge of refreshments which were served in the auditorium. The house was packed and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

## 79th Birthday Celebrated by Mrs. Matilda Myers

In celebration of her 79th birthday, Mrs. Matilda Myers prepared a big family dinner with her own hands at her home north of town Tuesday Mrs. Myers has no trouble in remembering the date as her anniversary comes on the national holiday of Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

Mrs. Matilda Myers was born in Iowa, February 12, 1856. She crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents in 1865, riding a pony all the way. She has been crippled twice, but is now hale and hearty.

Mrs. Myers baked a big huckleberry pie for the dinner, which was much enjoyed. Her daughter, Mrs. F. Walker and her husband enjoyed the dinner at the Myers home.

## Warning Issued to Mischievous Boys

The school board is taking steps to put a stop to the use of the school grounds by a number of young boys who gather there at night and who make a nuisance of themselves by their pranks.

For some time it has been a custom of the youthful car drivers to make a race track of the school grounds. Playground equipment is tampered with and other damage done.

Warning is given that anyone caught in such acts will be arrested and brought before the Recorder's court.

## Council Committees Named for City

One of the first acts of Mayor W. C. Leever upon his recovery from his recent illness was the appointments of the regular standing committees of the city council and the appointment of a City Marshal, Fire Truck Tender, Water Superintendent, Park Tender, and Fire Chief. The council at its last meeting endorsed these appointments without comment.

Following is a list of the appointments as made for the coming two years:

Finance Committee: Floyd Ross, Chairman; I. D. Lewis, Andre Chomel, Streets and Lights; Ellis Clark, Chairman; Fred Hesselgrave, Floyd Ross.

Health and Police: I. D. Lewis, Chairman; A. O. Meyers, Andre Chomel.

Fire and Water: Fred Hesselgrave, Chairman; A. O. Meyers, Ellis Clark.

Ordinances: Andre Chomel, Chairman; Floyd Ross, I. D. Lewis.

Park: Ellis Clark, Chairman; I. D. Lewis, Fred Hesselgrave.

Building: A. O. Meyers, Chairman; Andre Chomel, Ellis Clark.

City Marshal: E. W. Hedgpeth—\$70.00 a month.

Fire Truck Tender: E. W. Hedgpeth—\$5.00 a month.

Water Supt.: James M. Cummings—\$75.00 a month.

Park Tender: E. W. Hedgpeth.

Fire Chief: Fred Hesselgrave.

Mesdames W. Cox, J. Woods, Cannon and Marshall of Medford, and Mrs. Theodore Glass spent Friday at the George Russell's home. They enjoyed dinner and assisted Mrs. Glass in quilting a quilt.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN BY LOCAL STUDENTS

Tickets are now on sale for the first annual program to be given by the musical organizations of the high school on Thursday evening, February 28th. The following numbers are being prepared:

1. a. "Just for Fun", March, Simpkins. b. "Stradello", Overture, Floutow.—Orchestra.

2. Violin Duet. a. "Dream of the Sheperdess, Labitzky. b. "Alita" (Wild Flower), Losey by Lawrence Martin and R. A. Botts.

3. The Musical Adventures of Jack and Jill (A burlesque), Sigmund Spaeth. 1. Oratorio Arrangement. 2. Schubert Version. 3. Italian Operatic Version. 4. The Wagnerian Version. 5. Modern French Version. 6. Jazz Version.—Girls' Glee Club.

4. a. March "Battle of Guilquinto" Fleming. b. "To Mission San Francisco", Strickland.—Orchestra. 5. The Old Chisholm Trail. Bury Me Out on the Prairie.—Boys' Glee Club.

6. Sax Quartettes. a. "Miserere" from Il Trovatore, Verdi. b. "The Mill in the Forest", Edenberg by Donald Richardson, John Meyers, Alto Sax; R. A. Botts, Tenor Sax; Alvin Maple, Baritone Sax.

7. a. Waltz, "One Night of Love" Schertzing. b. March, "American Cadet", Hall.—Orchestra.

8. Cornet Trio. a. "Moonlight Sonata", Beethoven. b. "Liebestraum" (Love's Dream). Liszt.—James Fleischer, Harry Young, Lorne Webster.

9. "The Student Prince", Selection (In Heidelberg). Vocal Numbers by Joyce Young as Kathi, William Snyder as the Student Prince.—Orchestra.

Miss Ruth Schreiber, Director of the Glee Clubs; Mr. R. A. Botts, Director of the Orchestra; Miss Ruby Webster, Accompanist.

The Girls Glee Club includes the following: Virginia Waterman, Zada Cash, Gladys Vincent, Viola Penland, Roberta Wertz, Barbara Kohler, Norma Holland, Bette Hill, Viola-belle Morrow, Edith Vincent, Arlene Thompson, Ruth Heath, Bonnie Settlementire, Joyce Young, Arline Inman, Neldagene Ayers, Dorothy Powell, Carol Fury, Esther Lathrop, Wilma Hood, Erma Thompson, Ruby Webster.

Boys Glee Club: Clifford Conrad, Richard Jewett, Lyle Russell, Bill Snyder, George Merritt, Floyd Woolridge, Sidney Thurston, Edwin Gebhardt, Ronald Patterson, Chester Kamborg.

Orchestra: Violins—Lawrence Martin, Lauretta Williams, R. A. Botts, Clarinets—Donald Richardson, Melburn Atkins. Trumpets—Lorne Webster, James Fleischer Harry Young. Saxophones—John Meyers, Alvin Maple, Mona Lewis. Trombone—Roger Yost. Piano—Ruby Webster.

There will be a small admission charge and the proceeds will be used for the purchase of stage equipment.

## C. P. Play Cast Given Entertainment

The cast of "Nancy Orr's Day" the play entered by the Central Point Grange in the county dramatics contest last week, which was awarded second place, was entertained at a party given at the Central Point Grange hall Sunday evening. Games were played and refreshments served to 19 guests. Evelyn Hamilton and Lotus Hesselgrave were the committee in charge.

Those who appeared in the play were: Faye Ritzinger, Ivan Skyrman Dorothy Inmann, Lotus Hesselgrave Laurine Hugger, Roberta Pankey, Dorothy McGuire, Peggy Lawrence, Robert Sparks and Harold Head.

## John Anderson Attends Dairy Meet

Mr. John Anderson attended the Dairy meeting at McMinnville Saturday and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday he visited the legislature. Saturday he took in the Co-operative Turkey Growers at Portland, Oregon. They shipped 219,000 pounds of Turkey this fall. The Turkey growers received 2 or 3 cents more a pound by belonging to this organization. The Oregon turkey growers are affiliated with the Northwest Turkey Growers Co-operative which includes nine states.