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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Have just been looking over the Medford News, which is being very ably edited by Ernest Rostell of this city during the absence of the regular editor, Moore Hamilton, in Salem. Ernie is doing a very good job at the editorial helm and gets out a very creditable sheet.

Bro. Hall, erstwhile stormy petrel of Jayville, seems to have made a good move when he took his print shop to Ashland. Hope he don't wake that quiet burg up too suddenly. The old town has been accustomed for so long to having only one newspaper, that the advent of a live-wire may give it the jimmies.

We notice a small item in the Tidings the other day which stated the Ashland Park board had decided to tear down the pheasant pens which have been an eyesore for several years. Re recall when the ground upon which they stand was part of the writer's garden. Our house stood near the elk pen, just south of the pheasant pens.

On that two acres someone had planted every kind of fruit that grows in our climate. We had apples, pears, peaches, plums, apricots, cherries of all kinds, blackberries, loganberries, raspberries, strawberries, currants, gooseberries—there, that will do for awhile. We sure lived high.

And today the only sign that there ever was a house there are two cedar trees that grew on each side of our front gate. Thus time and the hand of man brings changes. And a lot of water has gone down that creek since we used to stumble up that dark path through the woods on nights we had to work late. Heigh-oh! That was more than twenty years ago.

Who do you suppose is putting up the spondulices for Henrietta's latest crusade for law and order? Whoever it is is out of luck as the federal court sustained the demurrer and ended the case. And Mrs. Virgin has our sincere congratulations. She showed a lot of common sense when she refused to allow KMED to play catspaw for publicity-seeking females.

Have you noticed the appeals of the local "hams" who want to get a club of radio enthusiasts organized? We are told that some folks complain that the local amateurs are causing a lot of trouble, with the radio reception in this town. If you are getting their broadcasts mixed in with other programs you ought to trade in your old radio. We did just that and now have a real "world-wide" set that cuts out all such interference.

Of course we can tune in on the "hams" if we care to, but when we are playing the ordinary "broadcast band" we never know the amateurs are on the air. And we realize more and more the fun they have, talking all over creation with all sorts of people. Guess we will have to join their club if they get one started.

Have you noticed the number of federal juries who don't agree with the Brain Trust? Almost every day some learned jurist decides this or that of the New Deal program is unconstitutional or something. Which makes it unanimous so far as we are concerned. We always have called it bunk.

General Johnson as said his say in the Saturday Evening Post and waxed almost tearful at the last. And we don't wonder Mr. Richburg tried to scare the Post from printing it. For the General sure shows up the kind of scamp Donald is. And the Madame Secretary doesn't look any too well either. Of course Hughie may be a bit peeved at these two, but at least he strikes one as being honest and fearless, which we fear cannot be said of his successors in N.R.A.

If we could believe half—yes, one quarter—of the paid propaganda, sent out by the press agents of the administration (which comes to our sanctum by the bushel and is a vast help in cutting down fuel bills) we would know this country was just rolling in prosperity. But, someway, we look through the papers in vain to find signs of any big boom. True,

BUSINESS MAN GIVES IMPRESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Mr. E. C. Faber returned Wednesday evening from a business trip to Portland and Salem. While in Salem he met the Jackson County delegation in the hotel lobby, sitting around talking over the matter of past days. Sitting in on a session of the legislature a visitor can not help but make some observations which might be interesting to some of our readers. The first impression was of the high intelligence of the men and women who compose the body. The House has more younger men than the Senate, which can be expected and has almost as many women as men. The women are secretaries and sometimes wives of the men.

There have been a great many measures submitted, mostly from the younger members, each one of whom thinks his measure of supreme importance. Most of the members seem to think there is too much lobbying done at the present time. Because of this all members may be prejudiced against all lobbyists and will agree with Governor Martin in his recently expressed views.

It is evident that the press is sufficient to mold public opinion. Many of the members read the press reports and especially the editorials in their home-town papers, which leads us to believe that the minds of the legislators are made up in advance most of the time.

The vote on closing Rogue River to commercial fishing shows that our delegation has done good work in presenting the facts about the fishing conditions at the mouth of the Rogue, especially the thought that this river brings more money into the state as a fishing stream and as a lure for tourists and fishermen than as a commercial proposition. This fact was brought out most forcibly by our representative Moore Hamilton, who used the right words in the right place in a very convincing speech. The only dissenting votes were from direct representatives of the canning interests.

It is very noticeable that the Senate makes much better time in disposing of their bills than the House. These are a few of the impressions gathered by Mr. Faber, well known business man of this city, during his brief stay at Salem.

Young People of Christian Church Hold Convention

The Triangles and Circles of the Christian churches of Oregon held their annual convention Feb. 22, 23 and 24 in the Mallory Ave. Christian church, Portland. Laurine Hugger, president of the local Triangle and secretary of the state convention, reports an attendance of around one hundred young people from the various churches in the state. Many good reports were read of the work done during the year.

A missionary book was awarded for the best report, which for the second time in succession was won by the Central Point Triangle. The local secretary, Geraldine Hermanson had the honor of reading this report.

The topic, "Looking Upward," assigned to Grace Hermanson, was ably handled and well received. Grace was appointed chairman of the Future Works committee for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks returned missionaries from Japan and Miss Goldie Wells, who is on furlough from Africa, were among the speakers at the convention.

Rev. C. E. Swander was present to encourage the young people to attend summer conference.

A lot of federal cash has been showered broadcast and helps our merchants temporarily. But what with processing taxes; gas tax; tax on this and tax on that, we fail to see any real improvement. What is paid to Paul is robbed from Peter.

New Wheat Plan Nears as Leaders Advise Control

Recent events indicate that the new AAA wheat control program, expected to be much like the three-year plan now being completed, will be ready for presentation in the near future, say members of the O.S.C. extension service. E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist at the college, is now in Washington D. C. on special duty for several weeks helping to complete the final details of the contracts and campaign plans.

American farmers still face the danger of wheat surpluses in future years because of the limitations on export markets, says George E. Farrell, chief of the wheat section of the AAA.

With average yields, all domestic requirements for wheat may be met with about 50 million seeded acres, says Farrell. From six to eight million acres more will supply both domestic and present export outlets. Before the wheat control program United States farmers planted an average of about 65 million acres, which provided from 200 million to 300 million bushels for export. Since then, however exports of wheat have dropped to as low as 32 million bushels.

Agate School

By School Children
We appreciated Washington's birthday. We studied about Washington from noon until two-thirty, then we went home.

Robert Fredericks was shopping in Medford Saturday. While there he disposed of his muskrat hides at twenty cents apiece.

Theada Glass was visiting Jane Mann Sunday. Jane gave Theada two hantam roosters.

Mr. H. E. Wirth was a business visitor at the Agate school Monday. Raymond Stanley, who has spent the last three months with his sister Mrs. D. O. Garrison, left for his home in Riverbank, California Saturday.

Visitors at the E. G. Garrett home over the week end were Mrs. McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Decker and daughter, Bonnie Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. George McClane and children, George and Gergetta, were visitors in Medford Saturday.

Mr. Millard and family were in the Roxy Ann district Sunday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Morava and family were visiting in Medford Sunday.

Mr. Garrett and son Milton were hauling wood one day this week.

Mrs. Wells Mann and daughter Jane were shopping in Ashland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fish were visiting at the D. W. Beebe home Sunday.

Mr. O. P. Jones was in Agate Saturday building a garage on his place there.

Mr. John Jones was shopping in Medford Saturday.

The following children received 100% in spelling this week: Theada Glass, Geneva Millard, John Storm, Leonard Atkins, Jane Marie Mann, Bruce Force and Verle Edwards.

Mr. Orville Perdue and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beebe attended the grange dinner and dance given at the Central Point grange hall Friday night.

Many Local Names On Year's Jury List

The following Central Point people were called on the 1935 jury list: A. C. Allen, Sylvanus Abbott, John Anderson, John Brenner, Oscar Blackford, C. P. Blair, Arnold Bohner, Mildred Carlton, Samuel Collins, Mabel T. Davison, Frank Dean, H. W. Davison, John W. Eldon, Everett E. Faber, Clemma Finley, Bessie E. Fredenburg, Theo. A. Glass, W. P. Grimes, Frank Hammond, Jessie Isaacson, Percy D. Lofland, Jas. G. Love, A. T. Lathrop, John L. Nealon, W. H. Norcross, Roscoe S. Owen, Lella M. Paxson, Beata Pankey, Edwin H. Strohmair, and Frank Stephenson.

The need for maintaining national machinery by which farmers may work together in adjusting production to demand is illustrated by M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of agriculture, by figures comparing the trend of industrial and agricultural production during the depth of the depression.

"Between 1929 and 1933 average prices of agricultural products fell 63 per cent while production was reduced only 6 per cent," says Wilson. "By way of contrast, prices of agricultural machinery fell 6 per cent while production was reduced 60 per cent. Prices of motor vehicles fell 16 per cent, while production was reduced 80 per cent. Prices of iron and steel fell only 20 per cent but production fell 83 per cent."

"Farm prices were as putty in response to market forces, but the prices of non-agricultural products showed great resistance. . . . Business has not abolished the law of supply and demand it has adapted it to its own purposes. . . . Agriculture must master the same technic for its own protection."

Central Point Girls Take Double-header From Medford Club

With both teams playing a fast, clean game in spite of a slick floor the Girls' Community club first taring was defeated 22-12 in a return game with Central Point Monday evening at Medford high school.

After a see-saw first half, Central Point took a lead in the third quarter, and although Medford allowed them only one basket in the fourth period, the locals were unable to even the score.

In the 'B' game during which both teams looked more like inexperienced hockey squads than basketball teams the Central Point second team re-veneged a previous win from the Medford 'B' string.

'A' game:
Medford (12) Central Point (22)
Brookway, (10) F Hedgopeth (10)
Bateman (2) F Lawrence (12)
Green C Cherryholmes
Huett C Jones
Clark G Cannon
Hedges G Powell
Subs: Medford, Latham.

'B' game:
Medford (8) Central Point (10)
Minear (8) F Lathrop (6)
Lang (4) F Thompson (2)
Russel C Inman
D'Albini C Tuckel
B. Brookway G Rains
Leonard G Hamilton
Subs: Central Point, Webster (2)
—Mail Tribune.

Former Minister Of Local Church Dies in Newberg

K. H. Sickafoose, 79, retired Christian minister, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, at his home in Newberg, Oregon.

Mr. Sickafoose was at one time pastor of the Central Point Christian church. He had been failing fast for almost a year.

A message came to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Isaacson saying he had suffered a heart attack Feb. 16 and there was no hope of recovery. Later another message came saying he had passed away.

The funeral was held at Newberg Friday, with interment at Amity. His wife, one son, one brother and a host of friends are left to remember the works and kind deeds of this good man.

Just received, a fresh supply of films. Developing, printing and enlarging. 7-hour service. 15% saving. Anders Studio, on old highway.

A major operation was performed on Mrs. Borak Wednesday morning in an Ashland hospital. She is reported as doing nicely.

The Grange dinner-dance Friday was a big success, about 250 attending. A delicious dinner was served and the tables were suitably decorated in honor of Washington's birthday. A large crowd remained to dance after the dinner.

Dinner Given In Honor of 3 Birthdays

Mrs. Warren Patterson entertained with a dinner party of 12 Sunday in honor of the birthdays of Donald Patterson, Mr. Warren Patterson and Mrs. Gene Blackford whose respective birthdays are February 21, 22 and 25. A big turkey dinner with all the accompaniments besides a birthday cake, ice cream and cherry pie was enjoyed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Blackford, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Blackford, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brenner, Riley Potter, Lowell Blackford, Mr. Warren Patterson, Miss Harriett Sparrow, Donald Patterson and the hostess Mrs. Patterson. The lights went out during the dinner for a time but were back on at seven o'clock.

Beagle

We wish to extend our sympathy to the relatives of Grandma Parks. Her passing leaves an empty spot in the hearts of everyone that knew her. We'll miss her ready smile and cheerful words but her beautiful faith will live on forever in our memories and we will be better people because of it.

Mrs. Sater attended the Alpha Delta class party Thursday at the Christian church in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson called on Mr. Sanderson's mother in Central Point Saturday.

Twenty-eight people from Beagle met at the Antioch school Sunday at 10 a. m. to organize a Sunday school. They chose the name of Antioch Community Sunday School.

Rev. D. E. Millard of Shady Cove was elected temporary Superintendent, assistant Supt., Mr. Lucas, Sec. Treas., Mrs. Sanderson; Organist Mrs. Grant; Assistant Organist, Miss Elaine Rush; Adult Teacher, Mrs. Sater; Young People's Teacher, Mrs. Rush; Junior's Teacher, Mrs. Schultz. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. Harvey Hines is extending the walls of his mushroom building this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson and family attended the Community club entertainment at Derby Saturday night.

Mrs. Waddel and daughter of Medford called on Mrs. James Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and son Ralph went to Rogue River Sunday to celebrate a birthday anniversary with Mr. Ellis's parents.

Mrs. Sadie Reed formerly of Beagle writes from Los Angeles that she is going to Bellflower, California to spend the week at the home of Mrs. Luke Ryan.

Mr. Sater received word from Ripson, California that his brother Lester has recovered successfully from a broken appendix. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sater will be remembered here as visitors last August.

The pupils of the Antioch school are giving a Tom Sawyer puppet show and pie social Friday evening, March 1st. Everybody come.

Foresters Honor Peavy for Many Years as Dean

CORVALLIS—Completion of 25 years of continuous service as dean of the school of forestry at Oregon State college by George W. Peavy, now president of the entire institution, was celebrated here at the annual Fernhoppers' banquet attended by more than 500 federal and state forestry officials, alumni and students and other friends.

The group surprised the dean, as he is still known to many, with one of the most unusual silver anniversary gifts on record. Represented by Lynn Cronemiller, his friends and former students presented him with a "log cabin in the hills" to be built on any site approved by President Peavy and to which he may retreat to "hole in" when he needs to get away from the press of his present executive duties.

The plan is to build a real old-time foresters log cabin in some out of the way spot, and equip it with fireplace, cookstove and bunks, combining comfort with authentic rustic reproductions.

The cheese factory closed Feb. 15 on account of shortage of milk. It will be closed indefinitely.

STATE TO BENEFIT BY FEEDING OF MORE LIVESTOCK

"It will probably pay better generally for Oregon farmers to plan on feeding hay crops and feed grain to livestock than to depend too much on the cash markets next fall and winter," says the annual outlook report for spring sown crops and vegetables just released by the Oregon State college extension service.

The circular points out that most of the 20 per cent gain in the general level of farm prices since last May can be attributed to the drought-made scarcity of feed grains and hay which in turn cut down supplies of eggs, butterfat and meat. While the general price level advanced 20 per cent, corn went up 75 per cent, oats 70 per cent, barley 90 per cent and hay 57 per cent as an average for the whole country. Compared with a year ago, the farm price of eggs is up 40 per cent, butterfat 90 per cent, hogs 120 per cent, beef cattle 50 per cent and lambs 13 per cent.

Agricultural adjustment programs and relief purchases of cattle and sheep played a part, but most of the advance may be credited directly or indirectly to the drought, says the report. It is pointed out that farmers, particularly in the 1934 drought areas, will do everything possible to produce an adequate supply of feed grain and forage and that crop prospects are reasonably favorable. With livestock numbers also greatly reduced, the market demand for grain and hay for shipment eastward can scarcely be expected to be as great as for the crop of 1934.

Of the various spring sown crops discussed in the report—wheat, feed grains, brewing barley, hay, flaxseed, beans, clover seed, alfalfa seed hops, potatoes onion and other vegetable crops—the market outlook for clover seed appears to be the best. The 1934 clover seed crop was 30 per cent below average and the carryover not large. Demand for clover to replant killed and damaged meadows where drought was severe is strong, so that the available supply should be pretty well used up. Owing to the serious damage done to clover meadows by the drought, the 1935 crop is not expected to be very large in the principal clover seed producing states.

Wedding Anniversary Surprise Given to Marine Family

Last Thursday, Feb. 21, being Mr. and Mrs. George Marine's 12th wedding anniversary and also Mrs. Marine's birthday, Mr. Marine's mother planned a surprise for them. Mrs. Doyle Mills invited Mr. and Mrs. Marine to her home for dinner.

After dinner a messenger came, telling them there was someone to see them. Mrs. Mills sputtered about them never being able to spend even one evening with her and her husband without being called home.

When they arrived home they found the following friends waiting for them: Messrs. and Mesdames V. Ritzinger, E. E. Scott, Ed Vincent, Sanford Richardson, Bruce Powell, Roy Kelly, Chester Merriman and Walden of Medford, Miss Lysle Gregory, Mrs. William Carl and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mills arrived later.

Mr. and Mrs. Marine were presented with a beautiful table lamp. Various games were played and all had a jolly time. Refreshments were served of coffee, chocolate cookies and a beautiful wedding cake.

Rules Announced In Squirrel Contest

All entrants must register. All killed diggers must be brought in for check. A head shot squirrel counts 2 points. A body shot squirrel counts 1 point. A squirrel shot with a shotgun counts ½ point.

The idea of the digger squirrel contest is to revive rifle shooting as well as rid the valley of the destructive pests. Rifle shooting is fast becoming a lost art, and it is with this in mind that the committee has decided upon giving more points for rifle shots than for shotgun. And it will be noticed that a head shot counts more than a body shot.

For other information and registering see Sonny Gleason.