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C. OF C. ENDORSES CONTEST

Musings By an Innocent Bystander

Today—says the calendar—spring has come. But to us it feels a lot like winter was still in our midst. We fear the feller that invented calendars was a New Dealer and was just as poor a guesser as any of the rest of that bunch.

The Beautifying Contest is going over big. A lot of people have already shown a lively interest and it is our belief the project will be a success. We can think of no more worthy thing than to strive to add to the beauty of our home town. There is no reason this should not be made into one of the prettiest spots in the West. And by the way, have you thought of the added cash value? It will be well worth while even from the standpoint of dollars and cents and will add to the actual value of the property in the town far more than the cost.

We want to say "thank you" to Mr. Banwell of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for the boost he gave the Contest in his talk over the radio yesterday. And we also want to thank the Medford merchants who have promised to help with the prizes, etc. Our own business people are behind the Contest 100 per cent, but we welcome all the help we can get from our big sister to the south.

Every boy and girl in town is urged to get into the race. The prizes will be worth the effort. There will be baseballs, spotlights, fishing tackle, etc., for the boys and a lot of mighty nice things for the girls. So get after Dad and Ma at once to let you have a bit of ground. Then as soon as the weather will let you, start in to show what beautiful things you can raise. Or if you prefer to plant a garden instead of flowers, go to it. There will be prizes for that too.

Speaking of gardens, we heard a good one on our friend Yap Louder, which shows that even a philosopher can be stumped by a mere child. Yap was spading up a bit of ground the other day. His two little girls were watching. The older girl demanded what he was doing. He explained he was getting ready to plant corn, beans, lettuce, cabbage, onions, potatoes, etc.

Baby Sister listened gravely, then asked: "Daddy plant corn?" "Yes." "Beans?" "Yes." "Cabbage?" "Yes." "Potatoes?" "yes." "Gravy?"—but Yap blew up about then and so far as we know, hasn't answered that question yet.

We take off our hat to the Banker Poe who handed his very complimentary ad to our good wife the other day. It was a new one on us, but he surely has our thanks. Glad our efforts are appreciated.

Sometimes we get awful blue. Everything on earth seems to go wrong. The nation is in an awful predicament; our finances just don't seem to balance, some way; our plans all go awry. Just when we seem to have fallen into the bottomless pit, along comes some discerning soul and gives us a friendly pat on the back and a "cheer up, old man, things might be a lot worse," and the sun breaks through the clouds again and all is well.

We wonder if our advertisers are aware of the fact that this paper is going to EVERY HOUSE in Central Point every week? At least that is the intention and if we are missing anyone, just let us know. And in contrast, we had quite a hunt the other day to locate a single person who heard a certain broadcast over the radio.

While we don't fill our columns with shady stories as does a certain "free distribution" paper which we find in our yard occasionally, we do claim the paper is read by practically every person in the community, ads and all. But it will help a lot if our readers will speak of seeing ads in this paper when buying.

When we came to this city three

MANY ADULTS ATTEND CLASSES IN THIS COUNTY

More than twelve thousand adults were in attendance at 637 separate classes taught in the Emergency Education Program during March by 508 previously unemployed teachers, according to Dr. C. A. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who has joint supervision over this program with the State Relief Administration.

Under the program, 16 experimental nursery schools attended last week by 361 children, ages 2-4 from relief families have been established in 14 of the larger cities. Each nursery school is taught by two previously unemployed teachers and a cook is employed part time to prepare a well balanced noonday meal for the children each day.

For the week ending Thursday, March 14 Jackson county had 14 teachers conducting 24 adult classes according to the weekly reports from county and city school superintendents who are in charge of the classes in their respective school districts.

Favorite subjects of study in the adult classes in the Emergency Education Program are social and economics problems, Americanization and citizenship, home economics vocational training, crafts, hobbies, recreation, fire aid, parent education, music, art, public speaking and dummies.

Dr. Howard stated that "These adult classes, forming a veritable state university at large, are now being taught in every county in the state. The classes offer opportunities for the study of present-day economic and social problems, provide a means for the profitable use of the individual's leisure time in personal and vocational self-improvement, and offer opportunities for foreign born to become naturalized citizens.

"The many thousands of adults attending the classes in the Emergency Education Program indicate clearly a real interest and satisfaction on the part of adults for continuing their education in the fields of their respective interests and desires."

Little Jackie Ruff Arrives from Portland

Little Jackie Ruff of Portland traveled all alone from Portland to Central Point March 10th where he will visit at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Minnick. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Minnick entertained Mrs. Langstrom's class at the Federated church to let Jack become acquainted with his future playmates. Mesdames Kilburn, Booth, Langstrom and Hilkey assisted Mrs. Minnick in entertaining and serving the youngsters. Those present were Beverly Keizer, Barbara Benston, Helen Bluminstine, Barbara Root, Alice Parker, Jimmy and Mervyn Gleason, Milton Hilkey, Calvin McKibbin, Daie Kilburn, Johnny Deuel, Rolly Clark and the honor guest Jackie Ruff. They had the little chairs from the church for all of the children except Johnny Deuel who was such a big boy he had to have a large chair. After a jolly afternoon of games they all enjoyed mint jello with whipped cream, mince meat cookies and cocoa.

and a half years ago we found only 260 names on the mailing list. Now there are nearly 900, which is some gain for "depression" times. Which all goes to prove something or other.

We see that the Townsend Clubs upstate have used the Big Stick on a Representative who failed to keep his political promises. To us there is no more despicable thing on this earth than a man who will make promises to gain votes, then forget them after he is elected and do just the opposite. Such men should be taken by the slack of the britches and given the "bum's rush." It is all right to stand on their own convictions, but to deliberately promise one thing and do another is mighty dirty business and we believe the people of Lane county did just the right thing.

Chamber to Name Out of Town Men To Judge Work

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the 1st Annual Beautifying Contest being put on in Central Point. Mr. A. H. Banwell, secretary-manager of the chamber, devoted a large part of his talk over KMED Wednesday to the contest, giving many reasons why such a contest is worth while. His address follows:

"We are informed through the American, weekly publication of Central Point, that that community is undertaking a community wide beautification campaign. The project is very commendable for many reasons. First, it will instill into the minds of those citizens of Central Point, the idea of performing a community service; second, it will make Central Point, one of the cleanest and most beautiful communities in the county; third, it will probably be an incentive for other Jackson County communities to act similarly; fourth it will be a constructive service to Jackson county; fifth, it will attract the attention of the tourists, who naturally like to see things beautiful, and lastly, it will demonstrate that citizens in Central Point have accomplished something for their community, through untied effort. We naturally are vitally interested in this campaign, because we want Jackson County to be more beautiful, and we sincerely hope that everyone living in Central Point will enter into the true spirit of this project, from which nothing but good can result. This chamber of commerce has been asked to supply the judges for the contest. We shall be more than glad, to have same appointed by our president, in the near future. As we have said, the idea is a good and commendable one, and we believe Central Point citizens will pull together and put it over, in a big way.

"Troops 17 and 18 of the Boy Scouts, will present a vaudeville show in the Washington School Gymnasium next Tuesday at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the show is to help finance the trip of a scout to Washington for the national jamboree.

"On Thursday in the auditorium of the Courthouse at 2 o'clock a meeting of the Jackson County Health Association will be held and everyone interested is invited to attend.

"A mystic circus is announced by the high school band for Monday, March 25 at 8 o'clock in the high school, proceeds from which will go towards obtaining new uniforms for the band. The boys of our high school band certainly need new uniforms and we hope many will support this program.

Register for the Contest

All citizens of Central Point are urged to register now for the 1st Annual Beautifying Contest to be conducted in this city this spring. Everyone is eligible, men, women, and children. Registrations will close April 13. The contest will close early in the summer before the hot, dry weather comes.

Registrations may be made at any store in Central Point or at this office. The names of those entering the contest will be published at the close of registration.

There will be prizes for all classes of beautifying projects. For example, a prize will be given for the best flower garden; for the best appearing property in general; for the biggest improvement of any property; for the best garden, etc. Special prizes will be given for the best child's garden or flowers. A special prize will be offered for the greatest improvement of any vacant property, either by individuals or groups of young people.

A full list of the prizes will be published as soon as possible. Neighborhoods or streets may enter the contest for honorable mention for the greatest general improvement. It is thought that better results will be obtained if whole streets or even blocks, work together, than if each property owner works alone.

Railroad avenue, the first street on the West Side, is the first street to enter the contest for the greatest general improvement. It is hoped other streets will follow suit.

Come on, folks, let's make Central Point the garden spot of the Rogue River Valley. Register now, and join your neighbors in this worthwhile project.

Power Co. Makes Large Tax Payment

The California Oregon Power Company paid its first quarter tax payment last week amounting to \$30,666.74, which is one of the largest tax payments received by the tax collection department of the County Sheriff's office. The total property tax to be paid by the local power company in Jackson County this year will amount to \$122,666.94, which is one of the largest taxes in the entire county. The \$122,666.94 to be paid by The California Oregon Power Company in 1935 covers only the State County, City, School and other District property taxes levied against Copco in Jackson County and does not include various other forms of State and Federal taxes. Of special interest to every local citizen is the fact that 45.56 per cent or nearly half of this total will be devoted to educational purposes.

The total of property tax, alone, to be paid by The California Oregon Power Company in the State of Oregon this year will amount to \$349,112.13, which is nearly 20 per cent of Copco's Oregon retail gross earnings, in addition to which the company pays a 3 per cent Federal Excise Tax on electricity.

Past Matron's Club Holds Enjoyable Meeting Wednesday

One of the most attractive club events of this month was the one o'clock luncheon held on Wednesday March 20th at the winter home of Mrs. Elsie Martin.

The tables were beautifully arranged with centerpieces of spring blossoms surrounded with St. Patrick Day decorations. The very original place cards provided lots of amusement in finding partners after luncheon. The president Mrs. Jennie Merritt presided over the business meeting. The Past Matrons Club of Reames Chapter in Medford extended an invitation to the club to meet with them Monday April 1st for one o'clock luncheon. This was unanimously accepted. Mrs. Gay Husband had the drapes all completed and ready to be hung. They were beautifully made. Mrs. Husband was given a usual vote of appreciation for her work. In her response she invited the club to meet at her home for the April meeting.

To Miss Alice Hanley, past president, fell the honor of presenting these drapes to Nevita Chapter as a gift from the club. At a late hour the ladies departed voting this meeting one of the very happiest in the club's history.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Scott entertained a group of friends at their home on the Old Stage road last Friday in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary and also the birthday of Mr. Leonard Freeman.

A bounteous turkey dinner was served. Table decorations were carried out in St. Patrick's Day colors. Places were laid for the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Dike, Kenneth Beebe, J. E. Vincent, M. H. Mears, V. Wilson, Elmer Kyle, Leonard Freeman, Mrs. Olive Dean, Frank Dean and the host and hostess.

Following the dinner a social hour was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Scott were the recipients of several beautiful and appropriate gifts, including a set of chinaware.

Notice

Business men and all others interested in the beautifying of our city are requested to meet at the City Hall tomorrow (Friday) evening, March 22, to complete plans for a city beautiful. The meeting will start at 7:30 but if it is necessary to be late, come anyway.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS JOYOUS EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Woolridge from the Applegate celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son Frank Woolridge Sunday March 10th. Those present were their three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Lathrop, husband and two children from below Grants Pass, Mrs. Richard Zwicker and son from Marshfield, Mrs. Minnie Swiney and two daughters and three sons from Coquille, Mrs. Woolridge's three sisters from Grants Pass, Mrs. June Graham, Mrs. Lou Cousinace, Mrs. Andy McCathy and granddaughter Miss Evelyn Hall, Miss Minnie Clinton and Mrs. George Matney from Coquille, a son Earl Woolridge and wife from Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burrows from Medford visited in the afternoon. A big wedding dinner was served and two big wedding cakes, one silver and one gold. Mr. and Mrs. Woolridge received many lovely gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Anders took pictures of the table and the family group, also pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Woolridge. The American joins their many friends in congratulations and wishes for many more happy years.

Relief Corps Plan Noon Lunch, Mar. 26

Saturday the Women's Relief Corps held their regular meeting at 2:00 p. m. The ladies are planning on having a noon lunch on Tuesday March 26th at the WRC hall, and the charge is to be only 20c. Of course there will be plenty of good things to eat.

Mrs. Merritt is having a quilting bee on Thursday the 28th and has invited the WRC ladies to attend.

At the close of the meeting every one enjoyed a happy hour exchanging plants of all kinds.

Extension Unit Met on Tuesday

The local Extension Unit met at the grange hall on Tuesday March 12, with a much better attendance than usual.

Local leaders Mrs. Warren Patterson and Mrs. W. W. Mills, demonstrated the making of rolls, fancy breads to an interested group of housewives who are coming to realize the value of benefits received.

On March 29, there will be an extra session held at the home of Mrs. Edward Jons on the subject of menu planning. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Hamilton Named on Interim Committee

According to announcement made recently Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News was named by Governor Charles H. Martin as a member of the interim committee to make a complete study of the proposed cabinet form of government for Oregon. The first meeting of the committee will be held in Eugene Monday, the announcement said, members meeting with the Commonwealth council.

Others on the committee are Attorney Harry D. Bolvin of Klamath Falls, and Lew Wallace of Portland, both members of the legislature.

Congratulations!

To Arthur Edward Powell
For his good, live newspaper
And to Central Point
For her beautifying program.
Now, all together,
Boys and Girls,
Let's make Rogue River
Valley
The Gem of All Creation.
Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank
(Community Builders)
(Deposits Insured)