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## ORGANIZATION PLANS TOLD

### Musings By an Innocent Bystander

The writer wants to offer his most abject apologies to the officers and directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. We confess we showed a rather childish spirit of distrust last winter when the new Chamber was organized. We had boosted the idea to begin with, in fact, we were proud of the fact that we were the first of the county's editors to offer a comprehensive plan for such a body. Then when the new body was organized it was not our plan at all.

But we have had time to think it over and we believe such an organization is bigger than any one man. They have settled down to work on a Five Year Development Plan and it is our hunch they are going to accomplish a lot of good. They can be sure of the hearty backing of this writer and this paper at all times.

But we want to tie a wee string to that statement. We shall back them up so long as they stay out of politics and don't start supporting alphabetical absurdities or the like. So long as they play good clean ball at home for the honor and glory of the home community, we'll be rootin' to beat the band.

As we sit at our desk this (Wednesday) afternoon we are beginning to be afraid we shall have to be getting busy in that yard of ours very soon. The surest sign of spring was in evidence this morning. A huge black smoke screen hid the view from our windows as we sat at breakfast. When they fire up those darned old smudge pots we know it won't be long until the warm days arrive.

In looking over a Lakeview exchange we noted the joyous report that the first meadow lark had arrived. But before he had even got settled it snowed a foot and he was squelched. It may be bad enough here in this valley, but we'll be darned if we want to live east of the Cascades. There was a time we didn't care how much it snowed, but "them days is gone forever."

Today we saw the first man walking home from down town in his shirt sleeves. He says he had been working all day in his garden and found it plenty warm.

Will some one answer a question for us? There is a new dog law in Oregon. Jackson County has been made into a dog control district and every dog in the county must be located and licensed or destroyed. Now suppose a family own a pet dog which they have raised from a pup and which has become almost a member of the family. With the coming of the depression the man finds it impossible to get steady work. Dollars look as big as wagon wheels to these people.

Now along comes the sheriff and demands they either come across with a dollar license fee or turn their old pet over to the Humane Society to be killed. It would be as easy to calmly turn your baby over to them. Our question is, is such a law fair. We wot not.

It has been reported to us that certain members of the state police have reached a point where they think they are lords of creation and rules of the road don't apply to them. A lady of our town was driving to Medford the other evening about dusk, they came upon a car being pushed along the highway—out of gas, probably. They saw an approaching car ahead so slowed down behind the pushed car. Along came a state cop from the rear. He tried first to pass, then turned suddenly in behind the lady's car, striking it so hard as to break the glass in the rear window and causing several severe bumps and bruises among the occupants.

Instead of endeavoring to ascertain the extent of the injuries he took the number of the car being pushed, told the lady her tail light was not burning, and rushed on to town, leaving the ladies and children to

### LOCAL LADIES ARE SHOWN IN PHOTO HOME EC. MEET

BIG APPLGATE, March 21.—(Spl.)—At least 36 Jackson county women need never say they haven't enjoyed the thrill of breaking into print between magazine covers. The Oregon Farmer featured a full page in the March 7th issue on the Home Interests conference at Corvallis last month, listing the names of all women registered at the conference, and publishing a picture of the home economics council, which is composed of the executive committee from each of the counties having a home demonstration agent.

The article, written by Edith D. Smith, gave a brief but complete review of events during conference week, with particular comment on activities of the Oregon council. Jackson county women who appeared in the group photo of the council were Mrs. Rita Meyers and Mrs. W. H. Young, Eagle Point; Mrs. Susie Maust, Phoenix; Mrs. K. Ethel Lathrop, Central Point; Mrs. Mabel Thornton, Fish Lake; Mrs. Lee Port, Applegate; and Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, demonstration agent.

### Stories That Never Get Past Proof Stage

(Ed Note—Here is the story of life in the raw as it is never published in home town newspapers. When this one broke over the line and got into print, the society editor lost her job and the newspapers had to hire a body-guard of lawyers.)

### POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED

Mr. Robert Chetway and Miss Alice Broadkin were married at noon Monday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Broadkin. Rev. M. L. Gassaway officiating.

The groom is a popular young bum who hasn't done a lick of work since he got shipped in the middle of his junior year at college. He manages to dress well and keep a supply of spending money because his dad is a soft-hearted old fool who takes up his bad checks instead of letting him go to jail, where he belongs.

The bride is a skinny little idiot who has been running around with every boy in town since she was 12 years old. She paints like a Sioux Indian, sucks cigarettes in secret, and drinks mean corn liquor when she is out joy riding in her dad's car at night. She doesn't know how to cook, sew or keep house.

The house was newly plastered for the wedding and the exterior newly painted, which was extremely appropriate, for the groom was newly plastered, also, and the bride was newly painted.

The groom wore a rented dinner suit over athletic underwear of imitation silk. His pants were held up by pale green suspenders. His number eight patent leather shoes matched his state of tightness and harmonized nicely with the axel grease polish of his hair. In addition to his jag he carried a pocket knife, a bunch of keys, a dun for the ring and his usual look of imbecility.

The bride wore some kind of a white thing that left most of her legs sticking out at one end and her upper parts sticking out at the other. The young people will make their home with the bride's parents—which means they will sponge on the old man until he dies—and then she will take in washing.

The Branding Iron

extricate themselves as best they could. Never even offered first aid. Later several other state cops came out from town and took the sufferers to the hospital.

We fail to see where these young men have any more right to break the "basic rule" than anyone else, at least when no emergency existed. And we note that no report of this accident has ever appeared in the daily papers of the metropolis.

### C. of C. Committee Making Ready for Big Improvements

O. O. Alenderfer, general chairman of the Jackson County Five Year Development Committee announced this morning that his committee on Monday night agreed upon a definite program of development.

"This program is the most comprehensive I have ever seen worked out in Jackson County", stated Mr. Alenderfer this morning, "and the various committees will be enlarged to carry the program out."

It was decided at the meeting not to make known the complete recommendations of the various sub-committees at this time, due to the fact that a number of the suggested things in the program, are receiving active attention from the committee and it is believed that premature publicity may hinder the work.

The general committee is divided into five sub-committees as follows: Federal Agencies, Judge E. B. Day, chairman; Agricultural, W. A. Gates, chairman; Industrial and Mineral Development, Captain S. M. Tuttle, chairman; City and County, Guy Applewhite, chairman; Tourist, J. Edward Thornton, chairman.

The Industrial and Mineral Development sub-committee reported that in its opinion there were certain opportunities for development in this county and a reconnaissance and survey will be made relative to some of the suggestions. The committee also proposed that an industrial survey be made to secure information relative to industries already here.

The Federal Agencies Committee submitted eight projects, one of which was the Siskiyou tunnel project for which it is recommended that a special committee be appointed immediately.

Fourteen definite recommendations were made by the Agricultural Committee and the report for the most part is designed to insure the raising of those crops to supply markets which are known to exist. This report also calls for one or two surveys which will be started immediately.

The report of the City and County committee confined most of its recommendations to those communities in Jackson County outside of Medford and Ashland. In view of the fact that nine hundred million dollars is contained in the Public Works program of the President for the elimination of hazardous grade crossings, the committee recommended that either under-ground or over-head crossings be placed in Talent, Phoenix, Central Point, Gold Hill, and Rogue River. This com-

mittee also made recommendations relative to the establishment of small public parks and children's playgrounds.

A complete report of the recommendations of the Tourist Sub-committee follows:

1. That as soon as possible the district managers of all the major oil companies be asked to meet with this committee:

a. To arrange for a large meeting of service station men and those selling gas throughout the county. The purpose of the meeting will be to sell them on the scenic resources of Jackson County so that they can pass the information on to the tourists.

b. To have the district managers recommend to their respective companies that they produce thousands of photographs of this section for free distribution to the tourists in the gas stations. It is believed one company take Crater Lake, another Diamond Lake, another a fishing scene, and so on. Pictures should be in color.

2. Suggests to the Jackson County Court that the lower floor of the old court house in Jacksonville be converted into a permanent museum.

3. That the Ashland and Medford urge local citizens to keep their automobiles off the streets during the tourist season in order to provide sufficient parking space for visitors.

4. That a strong effort be made at this time looking towards the completion of the Williams Creek Road.

5. That the garden clubs of the county be urged to immediately sponsor a program designed to beautify the highways in Jackson County. It is particularly suggested that dilapidated signs and unsightly things be removed from the sides of the highways.

The committee chairmen were authorized at the meeting Monday night, to increase the personnel of their committees as they saw fit in order to produce the best results on the recommendations made. The five sub-committee reports were adopted by the general committee at the meeting and will be placed before the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at its meeting on Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Chapin of Eugene visiting here. Mr. Chapin held services in the Christian church last night and will preach there again tonight.

### Ruth 'Tells the World' He's Happy



Answer to the question that has disturbed baseball fans for months, "What'll happen to Babe Ruth?" came with the Bambino's appointment as vice president and assistant manager of the Boston Braves in the National League. Ruth is shown above, with Judge Emil Fuchs, owner of the Braves, as the former home run king phoned friends of his new job before leaving for Boston, where he played years ago. Ruth's departure from New York ended 15 years' service with the Yank.

### Plans Made To Organize Boy Scouts

Plans for the organization of a Boy Scout troop in Central Point have been formed and meetings will be held soon. A scout committee consisting of E. P. Stone, H. P. Jewett, John Meyers and George Marine has been formed.

Mr. J. E. Vincent will act as scout master with Delbert Ayers acting as assistant. Meetings will be held at the school building every week. The P.T.A. will act as sponsors for the troop.

### Royal Neighbors Of County Hold District Rally

Third district rally for Royal Neighbors of America was held in the Grange hall Friday night at 7:30 when a diversified program was featured by a large birthday cake honoring the 40th anniversary of the order.

All camps in this district, including Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Talent, Grants Pass and Central Point participated in the rally, which included a class adoption and an open meeting for visitors. The rally, first two of which were held in Ashland and Medford was under the direction of Mrs. Lenora Broil, district deputy, and was held as a stimulus to the society and in preparation for the district convention in Bend June 1.

### Shower Given for Mrs. Edith Glass

A number of friends gathered at the Glass home in honor of Mrs. Glass last week. Those present were Mesdames Minnricher, Ted Furry Skyrman, Teada Hilton and Mrs. Theodore Glass. Refreshments were served and Mrs. Glass received many dainty and useful gifts.

### P. T. A. to Meet Friday, April 5

The P.T.A. will meet next Friday, April 5th at the High school at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. C. Lewis will speak on the subject, "Have we forgotten the religious and character development of our children?" Third and Fourth grades will present a program. Everyone is cordially invited.

### BOY SCOUTS HIKE TO TOP OF ROXY ANN

The boy scouts who were lucky enough to possess bicycles went on a hike Sunday. They went to the foot of Roxy Ann on their bicycles and there one scout built the fire and each boy prepared his dinner. After dinner they left their wheels and climbed to the top of Roxy Ann. Seven scouts and Mr. Stone made the trip to the top.

### LOCALS

Mr. V. D. Brophy called for her mother Mrs. Mollie Holmes and took her to Medford Wednesday afternoon.

Ned Cash expected to return home today but the Doctor decided it would be better to wait a few days longer. Ned is doing fine and his friends will be glad to welcome him home.

The Church of Christ met in their new building in Medford on Court street Sunday for their first meeting with about two hundred in attendance and with four additions. Every body is welcome.

Rev. and Mrs. Shields of Medford were visitors here Wednesday.

### Meeting Called

The business men are requested to display prizes to be given away in the contest in their windows this coming week. Let us all turn out to our next business meeting Friday evening at 7:00 p. m. in the old city hall. Many things of importance to our City Beautiful are to be discussed and settled.

### CITY BEAUTIFUL CONTEST INTEREST INCREASES DAILY

The businessmen met last Friday evening at the old city hall in regard to the city beautification program. They held a very enthusiastic meeting. Next week a list of the prizes and donors will be printed. At least fifty dollars worth of prizes will be given away. If you don't care to register for the most beautiful yard register for some one of the other 18 prizes there will be. First and Second prizes will be given for the following:

Greatest improvement in residence; Prettiest yard; Neatest and best arranged back yard; Best planned vegetable garden; Flower garden; Grammar school students best vegetable garden; High school students best flower garden; Most beautiful Rosebush; Ideal farm home; Greatest improvement business house; Honorable mention block or street.

In regard to entering the city beautiful plan we do not expect anyone to have to spend a lot of money to win a prize. Prizes will be given for the biggest improvement as well as the most beautiful yard. The contest will be closed before need of using much water is necessary—as soon as roses and flowers are at their best. If anyone wishes to continue on the sponsors of the city beautiful campaign will give a first and second prize this fall to the best kept yard. We think that if we rented a house we should want it neat and attractive. If we planned to move think if what it would mean to the party moving in to find flowers already planted. We are judged by the look of the place we move out of as well as those we live in. Our main idea is to make this a spot of beauty. Let us every one register and hurry up so as to be registered before the Judges arrive and go over our town. Faber is making a big improvement in his business and Ross & Ross, Damons and the Odd Fellows building, all on main street, are getting a new coat of paint.

The prizes will be on display next week. We will mention a few of the prizes—\$2.50 cash; \$2 savings account; garden sprayer; 2 bricks ice cream; 2 decorated angel food cakes; grocery orders; baseball and bat; \$1 box candy; beauty work; 4 show tickets; 5 gallons of different kinds of oil and many more prizes. Watch for complete list next week.

Any individual or organizations are privileged to offer prizes for any project listed in our City Beautiful Campaign or along the same lines.

Mrs. Della McJinsey visited at the home of her nephew and wife Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nitzschke Tuesday.

Mr. Arthur Johnson arrived from the Dalles to visit his wife's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Russell. His wife and daughter Betty and son Stanley who have been visiting at the Russell home since Thanksgiving will return home with Mr. Johnson this week.

Riley Meyers has been annoyed by boys throwing stones at his house. Once early this winter they broke a window and later they broke another one. This must stop. Parents should see to it and if they don't some one else will have to.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Turner of Medford spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson recently.

Mesdames Edward Jones and Theodore Glass have larkspur plants to be given away to anyone wishing them for the beautification contest. But call soon before they are plowed up. Mrs. Owings at the service station has clarkia and Godolia plants.

Get some of those Deschutes Potatoes. They are better and at no higher price. Faber's.

Mr. Thirlow Wawhope and sister of Klamath Falls spent Sunday with friends in Medford. Mr. Wawhope, being a radio ham spent the afternoon at the Sanford Richardson home here.