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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

How did you like the rain we brought on? Next time you want a good soaker just tell us and we will get to work on our driveway. It has rained everytime we have tried to fix that darned thing all winter. And just because we thought we ought to get busy and not be the last person in town to start beautifying our premises and started on that bloom-in' driveway, we brought on another rain.

We are receiving lots of comment upon our City Beautiful plan. On every side we hear praise for the idea. While all this is fine, we would like to see more people enter the contest. The more the merrier. Come on in, folks, the water's fine.

We don't want to cast any slurs at our grave and reverend City Fathers, but we wonder why they are so backward in taking up a project which has for its sole object the improvement of our city? We can think of nothing which will do more to attract desirable citizens to our town, nor do more to add to the real value of every bit of property within its limits, than the plan of getting people to take more pride in the appearance of their homes.

The writer and his family drove last Sunday up into what a couple of years ago was the "forest primeval". We found that the "Brush Marines" had been building a dandy road up that creek for miles, and had constructed camps in some of the most beautiful spots. We intend to spend many a quiet hour up in the shade of those giant trees when the hot weather comes.

To our mind, of all the experimental buncomb of the New Deal, the three C's is by far the best. There is no doubt they are doing some fine things in our country. And one of the best is the improving of the roads into the forests and the making of campground facilities. Danger of forest fires is reduced and many pleasant drives added to our already long list of places to go.

Brother Hamilton saw fit to cast aspersions upon our great family journal this week. He says our flivver makes more noise than our newspaper. All right, Moore, we always were of a retiring disposition and prefer to suffer in silence. But we'll put up a small bet that our paper carries as much weight as some others we might name.

This is a funny old world. And how some men seem to be as attractive to the ladies as molasses to a swarm of flies. All of which is brought to mind by the fact that Hall of the Miner has found another bride. That lad's the marryin'-est youngster we ever saw. Congratulations, Leonard.

We hereby offer thanks to the lady from Tolo who sent in the poem printed elsewhere. "A Sermon" is right. How much nicer this community would be if everyone took as much pride in their homes as this Mammy did. Even though living in a rented house, one should have pride enough in their home to keep it neat and plant a few flowers or a small garden.

We are very sorry to see the cheese factory being dismantled. We'll admit we always held doubts as to whether such a factory could be made to pay in this district. This is not an ideal dairy country and there are so many creameries to compete for what milk there is. We are wondering just what will be done with the building. Hope some good use will be found for it.

We heard of one man in our town who wouldn't have this paper in the house because of our attitude about the old age pension. Sorry, but we can't please 'em all. We do believe in an old age pension, and in one large enough to make life easy for the aged, but just how to obtain the necessary money is something else again. Governmental agencies, from counties to the federal government itself cannot just grab money out of a hat like a prestidigitator, and even Dr. Townsend is beginning to waver regarding his \$200 a month idea.

We see where Mrs. Hauptman has fired her chief lawyer. Good for her. He ought to be fired. He had no business getting into the mess in the

SMALL BUSINESS MAN CLAIMS NRA TRYING COERCION

By NATHAN ROBERTSON

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A self-termed small business man complained to the senate finance committee today that big business had attempted to coerce and intimidate him through an NRA code authority. George S. Tracy, president of the Perkins-Tracy Printing company of St. Paul Minn., was the witness, the first of the "little fellow" group to charge oppression under the blue eagle to the investigating senators.

He said the graphic arts code authority dominated by big business firms, sought to keep him from getting a state printing contract on the charge he bid below cost, though he was complying with the code wage and hour provisions.

Smith L. Scoggin, president of the St. Paul Typographical union, backed up Tracy's charge. He contended the Perkins-Tracy company was persecuted for employing union labor. As Tracy testified, the federal trade commission announced it was preparing a complaint against the Rubber Manufacturers' Association Inc., another NRA code authority, on charges of price fixing. This action developed from testimony before the finance committee on the sale of fire hose.

Tracy said his business was purely intra-state. He charged the code authority tried to make him adopt a system of cost accounting under which he would have continued to charge depreciation after his machinery was paid for.

Some one directly concerned as a competitor, he said, was making an effort to prejudice his bid. Tracy also contended the code authority action apparently was dictated by three big printing companies which he said had a monopoly in the Twin Cities.

He said he favored the wage and hour provisions of NRA but was opposed to price fixing because it would give the big companies an advantage.

Scoggin said he was opposed to "any trade association governing a code." He said his organization felt a "great injustice" had been done to the Perkins-Tracy company.

Seniors Prepare to Present "Trapped" At School April 26

The seniors have been devoting much time to the preparation of "Trapped," the play which they will present April 26. Under the direction of Mrs. Ross members of the cast are rapidly learning to correctly portray their parts.

"Trapped" is a mystery comedy that combines laughter and thrills in about equal portions. It has to do with the adventures of a group of house-party guests who find themselves beset by a strange, vindictive power which seems bent on their destruction, with the excitement centering around a Hindu idol which is said to have been stolen from a temple in India many years before.

The finger of suspicion in connection with a murder is directed at each turn, and with each move made by the energetic detective to straighten out the affair the mystery becomes more involved. While the play is intensely dramatic, it is not gruesome, for there is a vein of hearty and wholesome comedy running throughout the three acts and the startling outcome of the mystery, leaving everyone happy, is wholly unexpected.

The characters in "Trapped" are of unusual types, and every member of the cast has an unusual opportunity for effective work. This clever comedy affords an evening of lively fun and excitement, unfolding an absorbing story that has strong appeal wherever it is presented.

Committee Gives List of Prizes for Beautifying Work

The prizes given in the beautifying contest will be on display at Mamin's Grocery store for a short time and then in some other business house.

First second and third prizes will be given in the following order:

Greatest Improvement in Yard—first, \$2.50 cash and a salk umbrella; second, \$2.00 grocery order; third, 5 qt. Cycloil.

Prettiest Yard—first, Jelly Server and \$2.50 in cash; second, sack of lawn fertilizer; third, \$1 grocery order.

Neatest Back Yard—first, fishing tackle order; second, flash light; third, 5 qt. lubricating oil.

Nicest and Best Planned Vegetable Garden—first, sprayer; second flash light; third, undecided.

Most Beautiful Rosebush—first percolator and 1 lb. coffee; second, \$1 Barber order; third, 1 qt. ice cream.

Ideal Farm Home—first, 5 gallons gas; second, 3 yr. sub. to American; third, 1 gal. Veedol oil.

Best Flower Garden—first, \$2.50 in cash; second, electric wall lamp; third, gladioli bulbs.

Butte Falls Organizes P. T. Association

A representative and enthusiastic group of parents and teachers met in the Butte Falls High School auditorium on the afternoon of March 28 and with the assistance of Mrs. Jack Heyland of Medford, County Organizer of Parent Teacher Associations, and Mrs. Walter Young of Eagle Point, chairman of County Parent Teacher Association Council, organized a local association. Mrs. L. Richman was elected president, Mrs. Alice Tungate as vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Patton as secretary and Mrs. J. S. Smith as treasurer. There are twelve charter members and plans for a membership drive will be worked out by Friday, April 5th when the first regular meeting of the unit will be held in the Grade School auditorium.

Tea was served from beautifully decorated tables by the Home Economics class under the supervision of Miss Newburg. Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Leigh poured.

The Butte Falls Parent Teacher Association is the fourth unit to be organized in Jackson County this year. The Talent unit with Mrs. Norman Ashcroft as president, Griffen Creek with Mrs. Catherine Gay and Evans Valley with Mrs. Sadie Simpson are the other new associations.

Council Meets In Regular Session

The city council met in regular session Monday evening. Only routine business was transacted with the exception of the matter of throwing off the balance of the sewer assessments and interest on several pieces of property in the north-east part of town.

It was brought out that the ground is so low in that section of town that it is practically impossible to make use of the sewers. Several property owners had already paid one-half of the assessment and felt that was enough. The council voted to throw off the principal and interest until the next meeting, at which time a formal resolution will be passed.

No action was taken regarding the City Beautiful contest. A committee of business men was expected to be present to bring the matter before the council, but failed to appear.

High School Prizes

Best Vegetable Garden—first good baseball; second, flash light; third, 1 gal. Mobiloil.

Best Flower Garden—first, tea-pot; second, \$1 order at Beauty parlor; third, 2 Craterian tickets.

Grade School

Best Vegetable Garden—first, Everyready candle; second, big angel food cake; third, 1 quart ice cream.

Best Flower Garden—first, box of candy; second, 2 Rialto tickets; third, 1 qt. ice cream.

Biggest Improvement in any Business house—to be decided later.

Honorable mentions will be given for biggest improvement in any one street or block. There are a number that have not decided on their prize and also a few prizes that have not been classified yet. The names of those furnishing the prizes will be published next week so please be prompt in bringing yours in. A number of Medford firms have helped out with prizes saying they figured that our contest was of value to the Rogue River Valley as well as to Central Point. Come on everyone in Central Point or vicinity let's register and get busy.

Mrs. Merritt Entertains Relief Corps Thursday

In honor of her birthday Mrs. C. M. Merritt entertained the Woman's Relief Corps at her home Thursday with an all day quilting party. At noon, a delicious cafeteria luncheon was served by the hostess, who also surprised the organization with a gift of enough beautiful quilt blocks for a quilt with material for finishing.

A birthday gift from the Corps was presented to Mrs. Merritt. Those present were Mesdames Eldon Royal Gleason, Edward Walker Jones, Henry Banton Kilburn, Thomas Albert Marine, Allen Monroe Henderson, Miss Mary Anne Mee, Robert Lee Humphrey, Alfred Ephriam Hermanson, Alvin Bishop Maple, Clarence Milton Merritt, Harry Woodlock Copinger, Oscar Milton Minnick, Clifford Evans Smith, Leo Klondike Potter, Levi Henry Smith and Edward Lee Farra.

Jackson Co. P. T. A. Plan Meet Here

The annual meeting of the County Parent Teacher Council will be held in Central Point on April 13. This will be an all day meeting with a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Walter Young, Council Chairman, will preside. Election of officers for the coming year will be an important part of the regular business.

A worthwhile program is being arranged. Watch your paper for further announcements for this meeting. Is your unit going to be represented at this meeting?

Mrs. Farra Entertains Past Noble Grands

The Past Noble Grand club met at the home of Mrs. Clara Farra Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Emma Gleason, Inez Ferguson, Ida Henderson, Catherine Merritt, Iva Copinger, Minnie Buckles, Edna Marine, Erma Hedgpeth, Clara Vincent, Sally Musty, Bette Pankey and the hostess Mrs. Clara Farra.

Mrs. Newton Eddy assisted Mrs. Farra with the refreshments which consisted of chicken sandwiches, salad, pickles, cookies and coffee. Everything was carried out in gold colors. The table linen, favors and flowers all being in the same shade.

A SERMON

A garden—a perfect Mosaic—deep green 'gainst the blackest of loam
Spread out near a little log cabin, but immaculate home.
I paused to admire it—who could help it—
The weedless expanse near the door
Where pleased at my pleased inspection
Stood a Mammy of years that were yore.
"A beautiful garden," I ventured; she cupped a brown hand to her ear.
"Fine garden," I shouted. "Oh, shurely. It ought to be fine, I LIVES here!"
I went on my way with a sermon, as great as I ever had heard.
Not the highest paid preacher, but existant could ever have added a word.
Were every human who ever inhabited the United spot on this earth,
To see that place that he LIVED in, or ever had given human birth,
Stood perfect as now he could make it. Dear God! what a different sphere!
Let's borrow our motto from Mammy. "It ought to be fine, I LIVES here!"

Fruit-Berry Census Now Being Made

The United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the County Relief Committee and the County Agricultural Agent's office is making a fruit tree and berry acreage census of Jackson county. The results of the census when completed will be combined with the results of similar surveys now being carried on in other fruit producing counties of this and adjacent states. The data are expected to disclose just how drastic have been the changes which have taken place during the past few seasons, largely as a result of extreme economic conditions which have prevailed. This special fruit census supplements the general agricultural census of the census bureau.

No Cost Attached To Registrations For Contest Here

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the matter of registering for the Beautifying Contest. The person who signs a registration card assumes no obligation whatever. There is no payment to be made; no liability incurred. All that is wanted is to get the names of those who desire to compete for one or more of the many prizes. You may withdraw any time without any notice or bother.

Winners will be chosen from those whose names are on the list only. So get yours in AT ONCE.

A few of the prizes are on display in the window of this office. Look 'em over, then get busy. Let's get together on this and make it a big success.

Purpose of P. T. A. Welfare of Children

The Parent-Teachers Association is an organization whose exclusive purpose is the welfare of all children.

It is non-sectarian, non-political and purely democratic. It is a home and school partnership, an organized National state and County cooperation of parents and teachers who are responsible for the education of children and whose obligation it is to act intelligently on all measures which are necessary to provide adequate education for every child.

The Central Point P.T.A. is working very hard for the betterment and welfare of our community and our children. They are sponsoring a boy scout troop and a girl scout troop in Central Point and both groups are now getting nicely organized.

They sponsored a Sunday school contest and presented a fine book of "Hurlbut's Bible Stories" to the room that had the most children in Sunday school every Sunday for six months.

The Executive Committee of the Central Point P.T.A. met Friday afternoon March 29th at the home of Mrs. Bert Langston.

The Committee's were well represented and a number of business items were voted on. It was voted by members to sponsor the garden program that it being conducted by the city. And as the P.T.A. is going to need some more money to finish our work for the year it was voted to have a "What Not Sale" before Easter. This is going to be a lot of fun for everyone and you can buy every thing from cooked foods to garden seeds. Make a list of what you are going to need and then see if we have it.

Junior Endeavorers Meet Knadler Home

The Junior Endeavor of the Christian Church met at the Knadler home on Thursday, after school. After the regular devotionals a birthday party was given in honor of all members who had birthdays during the past three months. Those honored were June Furry, Helen Knadler, Abner Knadler, Bob Hoagland and Homer Young. After lunch was served gaves were played, followed by a "Gift Hunt" for the honored members. Twenty five members were present in addition to the following guests, Mrs. Adams and sons Kenneth and Elmer, Maxine Ayers, Jimmy and Mervin Gleason.

EASTERN STAR ENJOYS VISIT FROM ASSOCIATE MATRON

The Order of the Eastern Star met in special session, Monday evening, April 1st, on account of the official visit of the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Inez Glaisyer.

Many visitors were present from Jacksonville and Medford.

The officers of Nevita Chapter received many high compliments for the beautiful work they exemplified. A very pretty gift was presented to Mrs. Glaisyer, by the Junior Past Matron, Mrs. Leta Kyle in her very gracious manner. A short time ago very beautiful drapes had been hung at the windows by the past matrons. Miss Hanley as president of the past matrons club presented the drapes officially to Nevita Chapter and the Masonic Order. She spoke of the desire of the club to be of some help and decided on buying the curtains. They were all beautifully made by Mrs. Gay Husbands. Mrs. Ethel Freeman, Worthy Matron, accepted the beautiful gift in the name of Nevita Chapter and Mr. J. E. Vincent in the name of the Masonic Order spoke of their appreciation and thanked the Past Matrons for the gift.

Many interesting speeches were made and in closing the officers formed a star and Mrs. Esther M. Sanderson sang "Star of the East".

The decorating committee deserved special mention as the halls and tables were decorated very artistically with spring flowers.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Faber's Store Joins I. G. A. Chain; To Open Tomorrow

Fabers will open their newly remodeled I.G.A. store tomorrow and will have special bargains Friday, Saturday and Monday. A store has to come up to the I.G.A. standard before they can become a member.

The store has been entirely remodeled. A new counter for vegetables with a fountain system which insures their freshness. They have a very attractive and convenient place to trade.

Mr. Milner who is general supervisor of the Oregon I. G. A. stores was in town yesterday.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who has said such complimentary things about our paper, and this is not to criticize or find fault.

We think Central Point is a fine little town and since coming here have found some very fine friendships. Would like nothing better than to live here all our lives. But all this pays no rent, taxes, paper, ink, fuel, etc.

Many of our readers are very punctual about paying their subscriptions and some of our business people advertise freely, (we think you could almost tell by the business they do, which ones we mean.) We would like to serve others as well.

In regard to subscriptions to the American, those who have had the paper free for the past four months are coming in almost daily and renewing their subscriptions. May we hope others will do the same. Only by such cooperation can we hope to succeed in our effort to give this community a real home newspaper.

THE PUBLISHER

An interesting meeting of the Extension unit was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Jones, Friday with Mrs. Mack in charge with discussion on menu planning. Twenty two members were present. Officers will be elected at the April meeting to be held in all day session at the Grange hall on April 9th. Subject—Menu Planning and Serving.

HEEDING THE CALL OF BEAUTY

While Rogue Valley residents Are breathing pure mountain air, People of some other states Are choking and dying of dust. People of Central Point, Keep on beautifying! You are living in beauty; Preserve and enhance it! Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank (Community Builders) (Deposits Insured)