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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Judging from the activity noticeable across the street preparations are under way to bring on another rain. At least Bob Moore says if they cut any alfalfa in these parts it is sure to rain.

But we have our hay crop all cut. At least we have at last cut down the high grass alongside our sanctum. And we aren't entered in the contest either.

Bro. Hall, one-time hand-spanked editor of Jacksonville, seems to feel slighted because we failed to take a poke at him last week. Cheer up, Leonard, there's lots of time before the Democrats are all disposed of.

Again the Jacksonville highway is the scene of automobile wrecks. It does seem that every fool in the county picks on that stretch of road to operate on. It looks as if they will have to build a high board fence down the center of the pavement to keep folks on their own side of the road or else make it a one-way road.

Just why it is that so many drivers can't stand to have another car ahead of them is a mystery. Even if the car ahead is traveling as fast as anyone should, these idiots must rush ahead, just to show they can, or something. And of all the foolish and dangerous tricks, passing a car when the road is not clear or the vision obscured, is about the worst.

Captain Bown hit the nail on the head when he said the other day that the most important part of an automobile equipment is the driver. He also said that no driver should drive his car faster than he is able to think. Which is mighty sound doctrine. One of the chief causes of so many serious accidents today is the fact that present-day cars are built to travel so fast that few people have quick enough minds to see and decide what to do in the extremely brief time it takes to arrive at a given point.

And add a few beers to that and you have a worse condition. Alcohol always slows up the faculty of making quick and sure decisions. And when driving a powerful piece of machinery which has no fixed orbit at a rate of a mile a minute, the need of a clear brain and an ability to make quick decisions becomes doubly imperative.

We sat in the court room the other day and listened to the lawyers wrangling over who should get what in the interpleader suit now being heard. It seemed almost like old times. There sat Earl Fehl at one table with his counsel. At another was Colonel-Judge-Attorney Kelly and his aids. At still another sat the assistant district attorney. All that was lacking was a tired-looking jury and a crowded courtroom, together with the dignified assistant attorney general, to make the illusion complete.

We noted that H.B.M. and her family occupied a back seat and gone was that erstwhile cordial solicitation with which she once followed every act of the little man who once held the limelight in this county. Also gone were a lot of familiar faces once seen so regularly in that court room.

But it has ever been so. Let a man lose his wealth, his position of honor and even his liberty and at once there is a scattering among his one-time friends who seem to fear a besmirching of their own none-too-clean garments. And as we sat there a feeling of sadness came over us. It is not a pleasant sight to see men beaten, even by their own foolishness.

It was brought home to our mind suddenly this week that another school year is about to come to a close. In just three more weeks it is going to the duty of the writer to hand out to this year's class at our high school their diplomas. And that, by the by, is not going to be so easy. It seems just a few days ago that we returned from a short absence from home to find that the stork had been there and left a red-faced, wrinkled bit of feminine humanity in our home. And on June 7th it is going to be our task to bend to this same young lady (not so wrinkled but perhaps red-faced) the official evidence that she has

MRS. WEBSTER ENTERTAINS GROUP HONOR MOTHERS

Mrs. Arthur Webster entertained with a Mother's Day party Friday afternoon. A pleasing feature of the occasion was that each one was privileged to contribute in her own way toward an appropriate program.

Following a prayer by Rev. Lewis, group singing of several hymns were sung, among which was "In the Sweet By and By" of which Rev. Lewis told the interesting story of the composing and setting to music of this well known hymn. Readings, poems and interesting experiences added variety.

Among those participating were: Mrs. W. P. Grimes, Mrs. Alvin Williams, Mrs. A. J. Milton, Mrs. R. C. Lewis, Mrs. H. P. Jewett A solo, "No Mother" by Mrs. Webster; trio, "Nobody Knows But Jesus" by Mrs. Louis Grimes, Mrs. Ray Wyatt and Mrs. Guy Tex; memory chapter, John 15. Mrs. O. M. Minnick; trio Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fry. A beautiful cake was presented to Mrs. Mary Grim, she being the eldest mother present.

Those in attendance were, Mrs. Paul Martin, Mrs. E. C. Faber, Mrs. H. P. Jewett, Mrs. R. C. Grimes, Mrs. Ted Hill, Mrs. A. W. Ayers, Mrs. Sam Anderson, Mrs. Sarah Warner, Mrs. J. H. Terrett, Mrs. Viola Lampman, Miss Helen Carlton, Mrs. Katie Mosler, Mrs. Mary Grim, Mrs. A. J. Milton, Mrs. Henry Kilburn, Mrs. Jesse Hamrick, Mrs. Guy Tex, Mrs. O. M. Minnick, Mrs. E. C. Richmond, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Alvin Williams, Mrs. W. A. Crane, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs. Ruth Clark, Mrs. W. P. Grimes, Mrs. Louis Grimes, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Ray Wyatt, Mrs. Nettie Cassman, Mrs. Blithe, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Emma Hilkey, Mrs. Stansby, Mrs. Foutch, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Bartol, Mrs. Borah, Mrs. L. H. Smith, Mrs. A. Webster and Rev. R. C. Lewis.

Oakland Man Buys Local Store

Mr. L. F. Ferguson of Oakland, California, bought the B. P. Theiss store from the board of trade at Portland and has taken possession. Mr. Ferguson is not a stranger in Jackson County having been located in Ashland, Oregon for many years in the mercantile business. Retiring in 1923 he has since made his home in the Bay City.

To a reporter for this paper he states there is a real surprise coming to the people of this valley for he has a staff of clerks now busy rearranging the stock and marking down all prices so low that even the old timers will admit they never saw such bargains.

It will be several days before this great Brankrupt Sale will be announced to the Public, but we are assured this rare opportunity to secure Dry Goods, Men's and Ladies' furnishings and shoes with its tremendous savings will be well worth waiting for. Watch this paper for further announcements.

Local Boys Win Track Event at Ashland Saturday

The County track meet for secondary schools was held in Ashland, Saturday. Few from here attended besides the boys who entered. Our boys were high point and won the trophy.

Aaron Ayers took first place in the Class A events of 50, 100 and 220 yard dashes. Bill Grimes took first in the B class for the same races and Richard Jewett took second in the same races.

The meet was sponsored by the Ashland Active Club and run by the Ashland Normal school, under the supervision of Howard Hobson.

satisfactorily completed the work of the high school. Hope we don't break down and cry on her neck.

And anyway, it's rather a strange position for a common old mechanic to be placed in. Our training has not been along such lines and we admit we are tempted to take to the tall timber about that time and "let George do it."

Contest Judging To Start June 12

The Arrangement Committee for the Home Beautifying Contest met Wednesday night, May 15, for the purpose of setting a date for the picnic to be given at the close of the contest and when the yards, gardens, etc., will be judged.

The date for the picnic will be Saturday, June 15, in the City Park. The judging is to begin Wednesday, June 12, and if necessary to complete the job may continue on the 13th and 14th.

It was agreed by the committee that each business man or woman or wife or husband of same should act as a reception committee for the oc-

casional and personally see that all visitors are made to feel welcome. One other thing that was suggested, and we hope to have the support of every family in town, is that during the first week in June every one mow down the long grass adjacent to the property in which they live and pick up the unsightly rubbish, as tin cans, boards, sticks, etc. This means the parking strips and corners and yard also if not kept up regularly. This suggestion is of course for those that are not entering the contest and are not otherwise concerned. Help us to have the town looking its best when being inspected by out of town folks.

Al G. Barnes Circus Will Give Show in Medford Saturday

The circus is coming! The famous Al G. Barnes Wild Animal Circus, one of the world's largest amusement enterprises will exhibit in Medford, May 18, tents near the Jackson school.

More than 200 acts representing the best circus talent in the world will be seen with the big show this season. As a prelude to the circus proper, the management announces that "The Fiesta of the Rio Grande" will be given. This amazing presentation is made up of practically everyone with the circus. There are scores upon scores of men, women, horses and other animals, beautifully costumed, in the arena for this opening spectacle, and all who love fairy lore, far exceeding in magnificence, brilliancy, gorgeousness and beauty anything that has ever been presented by this circus, will not be disappointed. There will be scores of dancing girls, many trained singers, the enlarged military band under the direction of Prof. Charles Redrick, and still this great production is but one of the many features carried with the Al. G. Barnes Circus this year.

The Dazzling Burbans, the Canastrell Family, the Bernetti Family, The Waltiers Troupe, The Escalante Family, Mabel Stark and her tigers, Captain Terrell Jacobs and his lions and elephants are numbered among the many and Walter McLain and his four great headliners with the show this year.

The clean, businesslike methods and the magnitude of this great organization, traveling on its special steel railroad trans have always made the Al. G. Barnes Circus welcome visitors in this community.

There will be two performances given, at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. with the door opening an hour earlier to allow visitors to view the great zoo that is carried this year.

Mrs. Sam Anderson Hostess to Berean Class on Thursday

Mrs. Sam Anderson was hostess to the Berean Bible class at her home in Willow Springs district on Thursday, May 9 with president Mrs. Elsie Martin in the chair. Session opened with prayer by class teacher, Mrs. Frances Wyatt and songs, "Take the name of Jesus with You." Owing to the volume of business discussion the usual lesson was omitted and a review of the book of Esther ably given by Mrs. Jessie Lewis followed by singing, "God be with you till we meet again." A pleasant social hour was enjoyed during the serving of refreshments by Mrs. Grimes and the hostess. The June meeting will be held in the church basement in Thursday, June 13 at which time the ladies of the First Christian Church will join us. Present were, Mesdames Elsie Martin, Sarah Warner, Elizabeth Faber, Hattie Grimes, Lucy Bither, Sarah Limbeck, Viola Lampman, Frances Wyatt, Sarah Eldon, Amy Lawton, Della Tex, Edna Kilburn, Gladys Ruth Manus, Lorlie Minnick, Sarah Roe, Louise Grimes, Belle Booth, Dorothy Root, Marion Richmond, Marree, Gebhard, Mattie Smith, Miss Barbara Jean Root and hostess Mrs. Selma Anderson.

Mr. Emil Lange arrived here from Texas Wednesday and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Marie Lange and family. Mr. Lange expects to go into business in Medford and his wife, who is a sister of Mrs. Charley Taylor, will arrive here this fall.

Snider's Creamery Ready for Visitors; Farmers Invited

The Snider Creamery is now open for inspection. Mrs. M. M. Snider, president and manager has been connected with this company since it started in 1904. The plant has been at its present location since 1920. The firm is under the following force: Mrs. M. M. Snider, president and manager; Mrs. E. Snider, vice-president; Mr. D. O. Fredrick, sales manager; H. C. Thompson, plant manager; and Alice M. Dunn, office manager. Their products are used all over Jackson and Josephine County.

From Mrs. Snider's private office she has a view of the whole plant with the exception of the loading department. The butter and beer storage rooms are equipped with a Filder air condition machine. This system has no pipes and the butter storage room has one large fan and the beer storage room has two. The walls of these rooms are absolutely dry—something very unusual in the storage rooms. Big windows and sky lights furnish the whole plant light and make it very attractive.

The main office under the office manager, Alice Dunn, is directly under Mrs. Snider's private office.

They have a new pasteurized machine and a new Red Diamond bottling machine that will bottle 100 cases an hour. Frank Blore has charge of this room.

The inside of the entire plant is white. A large can washing machine and sterilizer and bottle washing equipment is in a department of its own.

The butter room is a very interesting sight. The butter is packed in large containers to be shipped out and the buyer will cut them into cubes and wrap them.

The plant sells butter, cottage cheese, all beverages, various ice creams and sherbets, etc., and is to be congratulated on their new up to date plant and equipment.

All of Southern Oregon will benefit by this modern store.

Young People Enjoy Visit County Farm

A group from Medford, Jacksonville and Central Point gathered at the County farm Sunday, May 5th, to try and bring a little cheer to the old folks there.

Vivian and Jerry Jones of Medford sang a couple of duets, Lulu Salisbury of Jacksonville gave a reading, Bob Sweeney of Yreka and Ray Lewis of Jacksonville sang duets, and Jack Swark, age nine, of Jacksonville gave a reading. There was also group singing.

The entertainment was appreciated very much by the audience. They are planning on making the trip again soon.

4-H CLUB NEWS

The 4-H club leaders will meet Monday evening at eight o'clock at the County Court House. It will be an important meeting in regards to sending members to Corvallis to the summer school.

The 4-H club members met at the C. F. Smith home Tuesday evening. I. G. Fowler was present. The meeting was on practical judging of dairy stock.

The 4-H cooking club under the direction of Mrs. Lathrop invited their mothers to be present at their cooking class Friday and several attended. Mrs. Patterson, president of the extension unit was present also. They were all very much pleased with the work.

Local Women Lead W.R.C. In District

With District President Ethel Weed of Medford presiding over delegations from Medford, Ashland, Central Point, and Gold Hill, the Southern Oregon district convention of the Women's Relief Corps met on Friday at Grants Pass with General Logan Corps No. 25.

The session opened at 10 a. m. A potluck luncheon was served at noon and business followed at 2 o'clock, when candidates were initiated and two officers seated.

Several from this city were chosen as leaders for the ensuing year, it was made known by the announcement of the following new district officers:

President—Louisa Reid, Grants Pass.

Sr. Vice-Pres.—Emma Gleason, Central Point.

Sec.—Dora Jones, Central Point.

Treas.—Rose Goy, Gold Hill.

Chaplain—Hattie Moore, Ashland.

Conductor—Tehita Pickel, Medford.

Guard—Ethel Weed, Medford.

Asst. Cond. — Marjorie Orme, Grants Pass.

Asst. Guard—Iva Hosper, Medford.

Patriotic Instructor — Marietta Pratt, Grants Pass.

Press Corr.—Etta Manning Grants Pass.

Color Bearers—Eva Smith, Central Point; Delphia Moore, Grants Pass; Ella Patrick, Gold Hill; Katheline Peterson, Medford.

The next meeting will be held in Medford. Greetings were sent from the district convention to the National President, who is in Portland today.

4-H Clubs Celebrate Achievement Day At Grange Hall

4-H Club Achievement Day program was held at the Grange hall Monday evening, May 6. Mrs. Lathrop has charge of the 4-H cooking club and Miss Lola Blackford of the 4-H sewing club. Mrs. Arnold Bohnert had charge of the music, songs sung to the tune of "Carry me back to old Virginia", "Michigan, My Michigan" "Jingle Bells" "Solomon Levi" "Dixie".

Every child had something on display that they had made. A fashion show was put on by the Willows Spring sewing club. The girl displayed garment they had made. Even the 1st year sewing was on display. Pin cushions, spool holder, dish towel, etc., The sewing and cooking club girls and Mrs. Lathrop, assisted by Miss Blackford, Mrs. Arnold Bohnert and Janice Hesselgrave put on a very clever three-act play, Cinderella. Louise Elliott was Cinderella and carried through her part very successfully. June Furry was the fat sister, Maxine Malain the thin sister, Vivian Ross, the home demonstrator, Maxine Holland, club girl. This was a big success and called forth much applause.

Lotus Hesselgrave had charge of the fish pond. Mrs. Patterson sold candy for the extension unit. Mrs. Mable Mack made a speech complimenting them very much on their work. Merle Kilborn was elected to be a delegate to summer school at Corvallis. A large audience was present. The following is a list of the club members: June Furry, Maxine Malain, Vivian Ross, Maxine Holland, Doris Penland, Evelyn Hickens, Helen Knadler, Mary Knadler, June Woolridge, Marjorie Penland, Abner Knadler, Bobbie Hoagland, Billie Keizer, Mildred Williams, Kenneth Williams, Vernon Holland, Louise Russell, Merle Kilburn, Bobbie Vincent, Noreen Bohnert, Virginia Manus, Beulah Riggins and Theodora Riggins.

C. P. Babies Win Prizes in Contest

In the Pythian Sister's Baby Contest that closed Saturday night two Central Point babies won beauty prizes. Bobby Jantzer, the charming little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer won a beauty prize for being the prettiest boy from four to five years.

Little Marie Hildegarde Pierce won the prize for being the prettiest baby girl under six months. Marie is an exceptionally bright baby and anyone that sees her once will not forget her easily. She has a wealth of dark silky hair and very dark blue eyes. We can easily understand her winning.

MISS RAMSTROM MARRIES STANLEY CLARK SATURDAY

A charming wedding took place Saturday evening when Miss Ruth Ramstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Ramstrom, was married to Stanley L. Stark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stark of Hillsboro, Oregon. The ceremony was performed at eight o'clock at the Ramstrom home, "Green Acres," near Central Point, Oregon. Rev. W. R. Baird of the First Christian church of Medford officiated.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march, the bridal party descended the stairway and met before a bower of white blossoms banked with evergreens.

The bride was gowned in white satin, made on princess lines with long bell-shaped sleeves. The panel train hung gracefully from the shoulders. Her finger-tip length tulle veil, of the same design as Princess Marina's was held in place with a coronet of seed pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of Talisman roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Lois Lindsey, maid of honor, wore a bouffant dress of turquoise blue net over taffets. Her slippers were silver and she carried a nosegay of pink rosebuds. Carl Ramstrom, brother of the bride, was best man.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at which Paul B. Rynning was toastmaster. A ring of white flowers surrounded the bride's cake and on each end of the table were silver candlesticks with white candles.

The bride's mother wore a gown of French blue crepe. Her corsage was pink rosebuds. The bridegroom's mother was gowned in pale green lace and her corsage was pink rosebuds.

About 150 friends and relatives were present. Dancing was enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

After a wedding trip to San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Stark will be at home at Medford, where Mr Stark is associated with the Standard Oil Company.

RELIEF CORPS TO HOLD BUSY MEET SATURDAY

The Woman's Relief Corps are planning to have a very busy meeting on Saturday, the 18th. Memorial Day plans will be made. The quilt they have been piecing is ready to put together. All applications for membership will be handed in in their membership drive and it will be known which side has to furnish the dinner.

The Junior Endeavor met at the George Russell home Thursday afternoon. About 25 were present. Cookies and lemonade were served.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, Pastor
Phone 51.

Bible School—Arthur Webster, superintendent. 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.
Y.P.S.C.E.—(two groups). 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services—8:00 p. m.
Women's Bible Study and prayer meeting, Mrs. H. W. Davison, teacher. 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.
The Fisherman's Club. Tuesday, 7:00 p. m.
The Family Gathering, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
Choir Practice—Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Bible School—Sun. 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.
Bible Study—Thurs. 7:30 P. M.
Junior C. E.—Thurs. 4 P. M.
Senior C. E.—Sun. 6:30 P. M.
Mission Circle—Third Friday each month.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Lois Young Friday afternoon.

A Mothers' Day Program was given during the assembly period of Bible school last Sunday morning by the high school class.

A group of church people plan to attend services Thursday evening at the Phoenix church where Mr. George Phillips is preaching every evening this week. Those who wish to go to Phoenix will meet at 7:30 at the church.