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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, folks, the darned old contest is over at last. And if Providence will ever forgive us for this we'll promise never to start another. But we have all had a lot of fun out of it, at that.

We will have to admit that Bro. Banwell made us almost ashamed of ourselves when he hopped all over us in his speech at the picnic. But we are going to say this much for "Ban," he's a darned good fellow and a mighty hard worker for Jackson County. We may have criticized the manner in which some things have been done in the past. But we are bound to say if they keep on as they have lately, we're for 'em.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has a mighty big job and we believe they are going at it in the right way. As witness the manner in which those fellows have boosted our little contest for the beautification of our city. They got hold of the judges for us—and take it from us, they got mighty good ones too. Then they helped advertise it through their daily broadcasts. Their members helped gladly with the prizes. And when it came to an end, they gathered a bunch of the faithful and helped out our program. For all of which the writer feels very grateful.

We got quite a kick out of several things about the prizes. For instance, Mrs. George Marine winning a grocery order from her husband's competitor across the street. And she said she needed those groceries, too. Then we were amused at Mr. Alexander winning a prize of an article put up by Con. Leever, who runs the other hardware store. And to cap it all, Mr. Alexander's prize also included a piece of cutlery from his own shelves. And we are wondering what Bob Moore is going to do with that fishing tackle. We don't believe he has been fishing for ages, if ever.

But such is life. None of the prizes were of great intrinsic value, but they represented a big idea. We'd hate to guess how many tons of rubbish have been hauled away from our city since the contest started. Nor how many square feet of grass has been cut in places where no grass had been cut in years. While we haven't reached perfection by a long way, we have done a lot and hope to do more. Our little town is a cleaner, safer, prettier place to live in on account of the civic pride aroused and the writer and his better half want to thank you all for the support you have given this worthwhile project.

Now for the best news of the week. We got kicked off, or rather kicked ourselves off the school board last Monday, for which small favor we are devoutly thankful. We are not one bit ashamed of the record made by the school board during the three years we have labored, thereon. We have gladly given hours and hours of our time and energy that the Central Point children might have a good school. And the school stands today out of debt, except for the bonded debt, which is being steadily whittled away each year.

And now we can sit on the fence and cheer. Or if we can't cheer, we can at least holler. And we are not going to be interrupted every now and then to sign pay checks and such.

But we don't believe we will have to do much hollering. We heartily congratulate the voters of the district upon their wisdom of choice of the man who takes up the burden we are laying down. Guy Tex is a mighty fine type of citizen. He has a very clear head and will take hold of the problems with a vim. No fear for our country where such men as Guy are willing to carry on with public affairs.

And we believe that Bob Kincaid will make a good, conscientious clerk. And if you don't think that is a real job, just ask Guy. Or Bob, for that matter, for he held the job before.

We looked over the affidavits filed by the defense in the Sallee case the other day, asking for a stay of sentence and a new trial and we were amazed to find that such pro-

CHURCH LADIES OF CENTRAL PT. ENJOY FELLOWSHIP MEET

A pleasing event of the week was the fellowship gathering of the ladies of the Federated church who were joined by the ladies of the Christian church as guests.

Meeting opened by the president, Mrs. Elsie Martin, offering prayer, followed by group singing. Duet Misses Avis Ayers and Bette Hill; reading, Mrs. Alvin Williams; solo, Miss Roberta Pankey with Mrs. Snyder as accompanist; reading Miss Maryellene Gebhard; duet, Roberta Pankey and Bette Hill; reading, Mrs. Lorlie Minnick; solo, Bette Hill.

An interesting talk was given by Rev. Robert C. Lewis and word contest led by Louise Grimes. Refreshments were served.

Included among those present were Mesdames Martin, Marine Limbeck, Scott, Pankey, Richmond, Dunlap, Wright, Warner, Faber Lewis, Lacer, Roe, Pierce, Stansby, H. Grimes, Jones, R. Powell, Minnick, T. Grigsby, Davis, Wyatt, Hanson, Mahns, Nichols, Gresham, Y. Powell, Lawton, Gregory, Milton Moshier, McBride, Tethrow, Cash, Wiley, Knadler, Hermanson, Cassman, Cochran, Bither, Ayers, Merritt, Snyder, Davison, Anderson, Grimes, Fry, McGruder, Hill, Gebhard, Reames, Borah, Smith; Misses Loretta Williams, Avis Ayers, Lucille Williams, Irene Williams, Bette Hill, Roberta Pankey, Ruby Webster, Maryellene Gebhard and Rev. R. C. Lewis.

Isabel Bernard Taken by Death

Isabel Mary Bernard passed away at her home in Cornelius, Oregon, June 15 of Parkinson's disease after an illness of six weeks. She was aged 73 years. Mrs. Bernard was born at Louther, Iowa, April 26, 1862. With her husband, Jonathan C. Bernard, she had resided in Central Point and Ashland, Ore., for twenty years. Mrs. Bernard was a member of the Royal Neighbors of this city.

She leaves her husband, Jonathan C., of Cornelius, Oregon, and one daughter, Mrs. John Demsey of Wilmington, California, and two grand children, John N., Jr. and Mary Anne.

Funeral services were held at the Perl Funeral Home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment in Central Point cemetery.

Peterson Plans Lake Publicity

Ernest W. Peterman, automobile editor of the Oregon Journal, was a visitor at the city picnic Monday evening, on his way to Klamath Falls and Lakeview. He expected to spend Wednesday at Crater Lake.

His 15th annual trip through southern Oregon on similar missions began last Friday, when he left Portland for Crescent City, via the coast highway, stopping at Oregon Caves en route to Medford.

Mr. Peterson is church editor for the Oregon Journal and recognized as one of the men on the coast best posted on world religion, having studied religious conditions extensively from travel sources and by contacting religious leaders.

Mr. Peterson expressed much interest in the City Beautiful idea and congratulated the people of Central Point upon their fine cooperation.

Judges Have Hard Task for Contest

The judges in the City Beautiful Contest had a very hard task, which was made harder by people not giving more thought as to the class they should have registered under. There were people registered under prettiest yard that had made some wonderful improvements and most likely would have received a prize if they had registered in that division.

bank should be used to obstruct the wheels of justice. We hope His Honor will stick the whole mess in the stove where it belongs. In our opinion the man is guilty and should be punished to the full extent of the law.

City Picnic and Contest Finish Draws Crowd

The first annual community picnic held to celebrate the close of the City Beautification Contest Monday evening was a huge success. The time was set for 6 o'clock in the city park and a large crowd gathered to celebrate the event.

The gathering was called to order by H. P. Jewett, chairman of the program committee who stated that the committee had experienced a good deal of bad luck in securing music for the occasion and asking Mrs. Lois Young to lead the audience in a few group songs. Several old-time songs were sung with much amusement.

Mr. Jewett then introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, who spoke on the value of City Beautification. Mr. Banwell called attention to certain things which had been said by the editor of this paper regarding Medford endeavoring to "hog the earth." He showed how much good work had been done for the entire county by the new organization and ended by urging all to join in the movement to make this county really the "Pearl-a-dise of the Pacific."

Following Mr. Banwell's talk, which was very enthusiastically received, the chairman introduced Mr. Bert Thieroff, vice-president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, who spoke briefly of and commended the city upon its demonstration of civic pride.

Mr. Lee Bishop, manager of KMED, whose voice is so well known in this valley, then spoke briefly of his appreciation of the occasion and invited anyone interested to call at the broadcasting studio any time. Mr. Bishop said that KMED was always ready to do all that it could to assist in such worth while projects as this one.

Mr. Delroy Getchell, president of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank of Medford spoke of his enjoyment of beauty in all its forms and gave an original poem which was much enjoyed.

Following the speakers, Mr. Jewett called upon the judges of the contest to make their report. These judges were appointed by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and consisted of Mrs. Ralph Woodford, Mrs. Verne Shangle and Miss Beeson. Mrs. Woodford read the list of prize winners in the various projects of the Beautification Contest. The meeting then broke up while the winners secured their prizes from the committee in charge.

As soon as the prizes were distributed the different families spread their lunches under the trees and all seemed to enjoy this part of the program. Several families joined together in serving. Free lemonade furnished by the business men of the city was served to the different tables by a group of young ladies consisting of Jerry Hermanson, Grace Hermanson, Frances Faber Joyce Young and Dorothy Powell.

It was the general opinion that the Beautification Contest was a fine success and one worth while repeating. It is planned to make this and the closing picnic a regular annual affair. Many expressions of surprise and congratulation were heard on all sides. Especial praise was given to Mr. Bert Hedgpeth for the fine condition of the park. Many people were heard to say they hadn't even known Central Point had a park.

The list of prizes, together with the winners and the donors is as follows:

- LIST OF PRIZES**
- Greatest Improvement in Yard**
1st. prize—Mrs. LaCasse, \$2.50 from Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank and Silk Umbrella from Hatfields.
2nd. prize—Mrs. Bennett and Bither, \$2.00 grocery order, Marjines.
3rd. prize—A. E. Terrill, 5 quarts Cycol oil, L. C. Grimes.
- Greatest Improvement Business Home**
1st. prize—Andre Chomel, 5 gallons gasoline, Owings Service station; set of mixing bowls, Ficks Hardware, Medford.
2nd. prize—Mrs. G. R. Moore, 3 yrs. subscription to the American.
3rd. prize—Jones's Grocery, 1 gal. Vedol Oil, L. C. Grimes.

Prettiest Yard

1st. prize—Bertha L. Bonney, Community silver Jelly Server, Lawrence Jewelry, Medford; \$2.50 cash, Medford National Bank.

2nd. prize—J. O. Isaacson, 1 sack lawn fertilizer, Finley Implement Co.

3rd. prize—Mrs. Geo. Marine, \$1.50 grocery order, Jones Grocery.

Best Arranged Back Yard

1st. prize—R. H. Moore, \$1.50 fishing tackle order, Ross & Ross; Pruning Shears, W. E. Alexander.

2nd. prize—W. E. Alexander, Flashlight, W. C. Leever Hardware; Paring knife, Alexander.

3rd. prize—Mrs. Ed. Farra, 5 qts. Lubricating oil, Lee's Garage.

Best Planned Vegetable Garden

1st. prize—D. A. Landen, Garden sprayer, Monarch Seed & Feed Co., Medford; Set mixing bowls, Alexander's Imp.

2nd. prize—A. O. Myers, 1 gal. Mobiloil, Central Point Service Station.

3rd. prize—Guy Tex, Necktie, The Toggery, Medford.

Best Flower Garden

1st. prize—J. B. Stevens, \$2.50 cash, First National Bank, Medford.

2nd. prize—George March, Electric Wall Lamp, Leonard Electric Co., Medford.

3rd. prize—J. M. Cummings and C. P. Thomason, 1 doz. choice Gladiolus Bulbs, Ted Hill.

Most Beautiful Rosebush

1st. prize—Mrs. A. O. Myers, Perculator and 1 lb coffee, Faber's Cash Market.

3rd. prize—Mrs. Wiley, 1 qt. Ice Cream, Damon's Cafe.

Prettiest Block

Wiley-Faber block.

GRADE SCHOOL PUPILS

Best Vegetable Garden

1st. prize—Dorothy LaCasse, Everready Candle, Hubbard Bros., Medford.

Best Flower Garden

1st. prize—Dorothy LaCasse, Box of Candy, Stone's Drug Store.

2nd. prize—Franklin Gebhard, 2 Rialto Tickets, Rialto Theatre, Medford.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Best Flower Garden

1st. prize—Marjorie Jones, Teapot, Al Piche, Medford.

2nd. prize—Dorothy Powell, Beauty order, Ida Graves Beauty Shop.

Owing to the fact that a number of prizes were offered for which there were no contestants the committee on prizes decided to divide part of them among those who received Honorable Mention by the judges. These consisted of the following:

Roberta Wertz: For her courage in overcoming the handicaps in beautifying the water tower, 1 qt. Ice Cream, Snider's Dairy, Medford.

L. VanGundy: For immense tree geranium, 2 tickets Craterian Theatre, Medford.

J. A. Flaherty: For Vegetable garden, Angel food cake, Fluher's Bakery, Medford.

Theodore Glass: Improvement to front yard, 1 quart ice cream, Snider's Dairy, Medford.

Bobby Vincent: Prettiest Yard Baseball, Lamports, Medford.

O. D. Tucker: Most improvement—residence.

The judges also recommended more care be taken in the future in registering. They said some would easily have won prizes if they had been registered for the right thing.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the three ladies who had given so much time and thought to the judging. Much of the success of the entire affair is due to their painstaking efforts.

Rock Garden Is Thing of Beauty

Mrs. Estella Obenchain has completed a very unusual and beautiful rock garden. The garden is of irregular shape and has many rare and some very expensive rocks. It has a miniature driveway leading into a cave and many suitable rock plants arranged in an attractive manner. Mrs. Obenchain also has her yard landscaped. She has performed most of the labor herself. Many lovely flowers and shrubs may be seen here. It is well worth anyone's time to see this attractive home grounds.

Guy Tex Is Chosen Director

At the annual school meeting held at the high school Monday afternoon Guy Tex was elected school director for three years, to succeed A. E. Powell, whose term expired this spring. Robert Kincaid was elected clerk to succeed, Mr. Tex, who chose not to accept the position.

Mr. Powell had stated positively that he would not accept a reelection owing to the pressure of personal business. But when a rumor was heard that the board was being censured for the manner in which they had performed their duties and that they had been the cause of the increased tax for schools this year, he changed his mind at the last minute and consented to run.

It is felt by the board that the matter of the increased millage should be better understood. When the 1933 budget was voted by the district the amount to be raised by special tax on the district was approximately \$15,000. At that time the assessed valuation of the property in the district was just a few dollars above \$1,000,000. Thus, in order to raise \$15,000 a millage tax of 15.2 mills was necessary.

For the 1934 budget, the amount to be raised by special tax was about the same as the year before. However, in the meantime the state board of equalization had reduced the assessed valuation of the Southern Pacific property in Oregon. Several other taxpayers also secured a cut in the assessed valuation of their property. At the time the county assessor made the levy for this budget, the assessed valuation of the district had fallen to less than \$900,000, which necessitated an increase in the millage rate to 18.3 mills.

It should be clear to all that the local board had absolutely nothing to do with this increase of 3 mills.

According to the clerk's annual report as read at the meeting Monday, the board began the year with an indebtedness in outstanding protested warrants of \$5,800. During this year these have all been paid and today the district has absolutely no indebtedness (with the exception of the bonded indebtedness on the high school, which is being paid off at the rate of \$2,000 a year.) There is at present a bank balance of \$3100.

Copco Makes Large Tax Payment

The California Oregon Power Company paid its second quarter tax payment last week amounting to \$30,659.09, which is one of the largest tax payments received by the tax collection department of the County Sheriff's office. The total property tax paid by the local power company in Jackson County this year amounts 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 this year 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.

The total of property taxes alone to be paid by The California Oregon Power Company in the State of Oregon this year will amount to approximately \$350,000.00 according to local officials.

Relief Corps Holds Birthday Party

The ladies of the WRC held their birthday party Saturday afternoon for those who had birthdays in April, May and June. A number of the ladies who had birthdays in this month were unable to attend. Those who were seated at the honor table were Mrs. Clara Farra, Katherine Merritt, Mary Richardson, Jennie White, Lydia Yake, Ethel Southwell; Mrs. Emma Milton a new member; Mrs. Mattie Smith, the oldest member and the president, Mrs. Eva Smith. They report a very enjoyable time. Strawberries and cake were served. Mrs. Milton was initiated. The ladies have their quilt on display at Jones store. Mrs. Eva Smith left Monday for the WRC convention at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Territt who are staying at the home of their son in Medford during his absence were here Sunday for a short time.

TAXPAYERS GIVEN CHANCE TO SAVE DELINQUENT LAND

Under the liberal provisions of a law which went into effect June 12, 1935, taxpayers whose property is now being foreclosed by Jackson County for delinquent taxes, are given an opportunity to save their property.

Any person whose property is described in the pending foreclosure suit may, by making a 10% payment to the Sheriff, obtain a six months extension of time to put those taxes in good standing, and avoid the foreclosure.

Reports indicate that a large number of people do not understand the provisions of the new law, and its easy payment privileges, therefore all parties whose land is now being foreclosed are urged to confer with the District Attorney or the Sheriff so the matter may be fully explained to them.

A final decree could have been taken in this suit on April 4th, 1935 but action has been withheld to permit taxpayers to make this small payment and thereby save their property from foreclosure.

After the decree is entered no redemption is possible under the present law. It is planned to have the decree entered July 15th, 1935 and anyone desiring to stop foreclosure, so far as it effects their property, should consult the District Attorney or Sheriff before that date.

Mr. Tom Belcher and Junior Malard of Trail are visiting relatives in Yreka.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell enjoyed father's day dinner at the home of their son, John.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass enjoyed Father's Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Edith Glass and family.

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.
Sermon subject for Sunday morning service at the Federated church is the fifth on the "Precious Blood of Christ." The phases of the subject to be considered are: "Pardon, Justification and A New Position."

For the evening service at 8 o'clock, the subject will be: "I Find No Fault in Him."

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.

Next Sunday the pulpit will be filled by Mr. George Phillips, the new pastor. Both he and his wife are ordained ministers and graduates of the Eugene Bible University. Mrs. Phillips was declared poet laureate of Oregon this year. These people will be a desirable addition not only to the local congregation but to the community at large—Come and hear them.

CONCERNING BEAUTIFYING CAMPAIGNS

If Beauty is its own excuse for being, As Emerson says, Then the Creators of Beauty, Central Point, Gold Hill and Jacksonville, By their Flowery Bowers, Have shown not only their Excuse for Being, But their right to Exist.

Farmers & Fruitgrowers Bank (Community Builders) (Deposits Insured)

P. S.—Thanks for Chicken Dinner to Central Point Park.