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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Hurrah for the Fourth! One hundred and fifty-nine years ago those great men sat in old Independence Hall and signed a document which was the greatest step in the advancement of human freedom ever taken. Talk about your New Deals! There was one which really amounted to something.

And for the first hundred years our country grew in grace and favor of the Lord. We took to our bosom vast numbers of Northern Europe's finest stock and made Americans of them. They struggled with the wildness and made themselves homes and cities and the wealth of this country grew by leaps and bounds.

Today the tide of immigration has changed. No longer do the brave men and women of the hardy Anglo-Saxon race come to us by the thousand. Today it is the southern European and the Asiatic who come. And to our mind these that come do not make such desirable citizens. Read the crime news—notice the names of the bootleggers, the gangsters, the kidnapers. In nine cases out of ten you find the criminal is a Wop, or a rag-head, or such.

And we believe as good a way as any to put an end to the unemployment situation will be to make a close check on every alien in the country who has made no effort to become naturalized and ship him back to his own country. Who cares a hang whether or not they like it, or whether or not their country wants them. Our country has a perfect right to say who shall be admitted to her shores. We stand for an America for Americans.

It has become clearly apparent that the Old World doesn't care a hang what becomes of us. With the exception of poor little Finland, every country to which we loaned money to help them in their rehabilitation following the war, has repudiated that debt. It is high time for us to let them go hang and send their citizens, and especially their working classes, packing, with a swift kick where it will do the most good.

Why should the real American man whose ancestors made this country, be compelled to seek the relief agencies or starve, while there are millions of aliens abroad in the land and filling our shelter stations to capacity? Let's be hard-boiled for once and stand for our rights.

The city dads had a rather hard problem put up to them by Mayor Leever the other night when he asked them to make a choice among the several candidates for city treasurer. And we believe they made a very wise choice. Although we could easily have said the same thing of any of the rest, for they were all worthy. Mr. Edward Jones is a good neighbor, and that means a lot. He is honest and capable and we feel sure the city funds will be absolutely safe in his hands.

There was a certain tenseness in the council meeting Monday night. There had been rumors of war, or something. But everything is now settled and the dove of peace hangs high.

In the removal of the Hermanson family the writer feels a special loss. Ever since we first came to this city, a stranger, with an awful uphill fight before us, Mrs. Hermanson has been of much assistance to us. She has furnished us with many an item of interest which we otherwise would never have heard of. And we want to add our best wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Hermanson and their charming daughters may find much peace and joy and happiness in their new abode. "And may ye live till a gooseberry skin'll make a ca-a-ffin for ye!"

And we want to offer a word of hearty welcome to Rev. Phillips, who comes as the new pastor of the Christian Church. And with that welcome we want to say that we believe it was a wise move on the part of the Elders of that church in securing a full-time pastor again. No church, nor business, for that matter, can expect to thrive through "absent treatment" on the part of its head. And one sermon a week, with nothing else, can never keep a church going as it should.

## COUNCIL SELECTS EDWARD JONES AS CITY TREASURER

The city council met Monday evening in regular session with all members present. Several matters of interest were discussed, following the regular routine business.

Reports were made concerning the improvements at the city well. Steel beams have been ordered and a new cement covering is to be built over the well. An automatic switch is to be installed which will automatically start the pump when the water reaches a certain low point and will stop it when the tank is full. This will give the water superintendent much more time to attend to other matters pertaining to his department.

The matter of the resignation of Mrs. Rose Hermanson as city treasurer was taken up. Mayor Leever stated he did not like to take the responsibility of making a nomination and asked the council to take a vote on the several candidates. Those asking for appointment to succeed Mrs. Hermanson were Edward Jones, Mrs. Minnie Buckles, Mrs. Pearl Bonney and Mrs. E. P. Stone. Several secret ballots were taken before any candidate had a majority. The final vote stood Jones, 4; Buckles, 1; Bonney, 1; Stone, 0. Mr. Jones was declared elected. The council then accepted Mrs. Hermanson's resignation and adopted unanimously the following resolution:

**Resolution**  
"WHEREAS, Mrs. Rose Hermanson, on account of leaving to reside in another city, has resigned from the position of City Treasurer, and  
"WHEREAS, She has for several years filled the position for which she is about to retire with ability, honesty and satisfaction, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we hereby express to her our sincere thanks for the businesslike and efficient manner in which she has handled the financial affairs of our City and assure her of our honest wish that she may enjoy prosperity and happiness in her new location.

**Resolved**, that a copy of these resolutions, properly signed, be presented to her as a mark of our esteem.

Signed:  
W. C. Leever, Mayor  
Guy Tex, Recorder  
I. D. Lewis  
Andre Chomel  
A. O. Myers  
Fred Hesselgrave  
Floyd Ross  
Ellis M. Clark  
Councilmen.

The council took under advisement the matter of closing the city hall at noon on Saturdays. Adjournment was then taken until Monday July 8, at which the matter of a sewage disposal plant will be definitely settled.

## W. R. C. Gives Party For Two Ladies

W. R. C. gave a farewell party for Mrs. Lydia Yakel and Mrs. Rose Hermanson last Thursday afternoon at the Yakel home. Mrs. Hermanson helped plan for the farewell party for Mrs. Yakel and met at the hall with the other ladies and accompanied them to the Yakel home to surprise Mrs. Yakel. Mrs. Hermanson was very much surprised herself to learn that she was also an honored guest and that the party was for her also.

Mrs. Yakel had the rugs all up and almost everything packed, which added to the fun. Packing boxes and crates were called into service for seats. Mrs. Yakel and Mrs. Hermanson received gifts from the corps and also many lovely individual gifts. Home made ice cream and cake were served.

The following guests were present: Mesdames Rose Hermanson, Lydia Yakel, Nancy Wilson, Mattie Smith, Katherine Merritt, Minnie Buckles, Flora Thompson, Ethe Southwell, Clar Farra, Mary Richardson, Betty Potter, Alice Wiley Ivy Copinger, Lois Richardson, Hilkey, Lara Minnick, Della McJimsey, Tilly Maple, Sophronia Humphries, Dora Jones, Virginia Powell and Miss Charlotte Richardson.

## June Brides Are Plentiful In This City This Year

June is the month of weddings and we certainly have many lovely June brides and handsome bridegrooms in our community. We join their many friends in best wishes for many happy years.

The following girls from Central Point were married in June or early in July:

Miss Evelyn Hamilton and Ivan Skyrman were united in marriage by Judge Earl Day in Medford June 29 and left immediately for a two weeks trip.

Mrs. Skyrman is a teacher in our high school and is under contract for next year. Mr. Skyrman is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Skyrman and is well known in the valley.

This wedding came as a complete surprise to their many friends who had expected it to be in the distant future and had expected Mrs. Skyrman to attend the summer school at the University.

Miss Vera Hood and Mr. L. McCay were married in Medford Saturday by Rev. McCay in the presence of their immediate families. Mr. and Mrs. McCay left for Lakeview following the ceremony where Mr. McCay has work.

Miss Ruth Turpin and Irvin Hall were united in marriage by Rev. Millard Tuesday evening at the Turpin home in the presence of the parents of the bride and groom. The bride was lovely in a white silk crepe

dress with a corsage of sweet peas and pink rose buds. The bride's mother was matron of honor.

The ring ceremony was used, the bride's father giving the bride away. Mr. Hall works at the Jackson county creamery. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will leave for Crescent City tonight for a short trip.

Miss Geraldine Fox and Hyrum Hogan were also married Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bessie Murphy and Richard Smith were married early in June. Mrs. Murphy lived here a year ago and taught the sixth grade in the grammar school.

Dorothy Jones and Alfred Middleton were married May 29.

Dorothy Inmann and Melburn Williams are to join the group of newly weds soon.

Miss Helen G. McCuen and Theodore Orin Glass were married in Medford Wednesday, June 26 in the presence of Mr. Glass' father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Glass expect to make their home on the property that Mr. Glass purchased from Otto Bohnert early this spring. He has purchased the house that the Curt-rights are living in and when they move into their new home this house will be moved onto the Glass property. Mr. and Mrs. Glass are staying at Mr. Glass parents. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Glass, until their new home is ready, which they expect will be early in September.

government securities. Senator Byrd of Virginia, a conservative Democrat, at once introduced a bill and a constitutional amendment to make that possible.

All in all, response to the bill is not what the President might have expected—and it is extremely doubtful if he will be able to muster his usual Congressional support behind it. Congressmen are being deluged with letters protesting the existing burden of taxation, and they naturally are chary of increasing it further. In the opinion of the well-informed Wall Street Journal, the bill will go into committee, will be treated as if it were on the "must" list for the current session—but will be put over until next year when it is found that it will necessitate too long a delay.

There was one other important legislative act during the week in review. The House Committee came out with approval of a Public Utility Holding Company bill which is in sharp contrast with the bill that passed the Senate. Where the latter provided for the elimination of holding companies, the House measure proposes to stringently regulate them. Immediate result of this was a rise in utility security values.

On June 15, a number of notes went out from the State Department in Washington. Addressed to the principal foreign powers, they politely informed them that their annual installments on the war-debt were due and payable.

As everyone knew, all the notes, with a single exception, represented a waste of postage and effort. Every major power owing this country money had previously informed us, directly or indirectly, that the installments would not be paid.

Exception, as in the past, was Finland, which remitted its \$165,453. It is doubtful if anything in history has done so much to prompt respect for that little nation in the United States as its promptness in meeting its debt. The Senate showed its gratitude by passing a bill to appropriate \$300,000 for erection of a diplomatic and consular building in Helsingfors.

America made war loans to twenty nations, for a total of \$10,338,000,000. \$2,747,000,000 of that has been returned. However, overdue interest payments continue to increase the debts which will probably remain forever in the category of repudiated obligations.

Dying May, the long-lagging construction industry reached its high point of the year. Residential awards were larger than for any month in 2 1/2 years and ran 81 per cent ahead of a year ago. In spite of the lack of public works building, non-residential construction registered a 22 per cent advance over April.

## Richardson Wins U.O. Scholarship

Donald S. Richardson was one of those selected to receive a limited scholarship to Oregon's institutions of higher learning. It was made known today. The award was granted to Richardson for outstanding work during his high school career, and because he was considered worthy of financial aid. He will attend the University of Oregon.

Four Medford girls were also awarded limited scholarships. They were: Dorothy Jane Burgess, University of Oregon; Margaret E. Younger, Oregon State college; and Lois Speaker and Barbara Richmond Holt to attend the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland.

Others who will attend the Ashland school include Ada Yocum, Helen Elizabeth Brown, and Flora Ione Minor of Myrtle Creek; Lynn Johnson, Selverton; Marie Willis, Riddle; Freeda Baumgartner, Brookings, and Eddna Grubb, Cottage Grove.

## Ben Hur Lampman Publishes New Book

Following is an editorial from the Portland Oregonian regarding a recent book written by Ben Hur Lampman, son of Mrs. Viola Lampman of this city:

**Mr. Lampman's Book**  
Many readers of this page, having admired and followed the writings of our colleague, Ben Hur Lampman, during more than a dozen years, will welcome the word that he is author of a full-length work of fiction, issued this past week end by the Metropolitan Press. They will be eager to know whether he has been able to sustain through the intricacies and length of a book that rhythm and richness of imagery which characterize his essays and which make his editorial writings, we believe, unique in America.

Nor will they be disappointed. In "Here Comes Somebody," the fantasy of "Lisbeth and Jumbles," Mr. Lampman's rich style has been extended to the narrative form, and the poetry of it, while less crowded than in the essays, in the end becomes even more effective. It was said of a great French composer of music that most composers did what they could with music, but this one did what he would. Mr. Lampman is deserving of the same compliment where words are concerned. He commands them, where most of us are commanded by them.

And in the book the poetry is only the covering. The adventures of "Lisbeth and Jumbles" are as varied, with as deep a meaning, as those of Alice when she went traveling in Wonderland. We can think of no other book with which "Here Comes Somebody" might rightly be compared. The rest we must leave the readers to discover for themselves.—Oregonian.

Ben Hur Lampman is well known here, having visited his mother here many times. He was editor of the Gold Hill News many years ago. The publishers of the book speak very highly of Mr. Lampman's book, saying it is even better than Peter Pan.

Mrs. Viola Lampman says that her son has written ever since a small boy and she regrets the destroying of all his early works in a fire a few years ago. His brother, Rex, also is a very brilliant writer and his boyhood efforts were also destroyed.

Mrs. Lampman tells a very interesting story of the boys' first long pants. Their father wished them to have their pictures taken when they first wore them. They dressed for the visit to the photographer and then Ben began to worry. He asked Rex to walk down the alley with him but Rex was very proud of his long pants and wanted to walk down the main street.

Finally, Ben burst out "Rex, I don't know what to do with my legs." But Rex won and they walked down Main street and posed for their pictures. These were also destroyed by the fire.

Mrs. Lampman has been a resident of Central Point for seventeen years.

Mrs. E. C. Faber received a letter from Rev. Lewis and wife saying they would start home Thursday and expected to be home Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Lewis have the sympathy of the entire community on the accidental death of their little granddaughter.

Arthur Brisbane, traveler, thinker, great editor, says: "On all this round globe, there exists no such paradise of earth. Air, sunlight and sea as this western coast of the United States." And Medford and vicinity with pure mountain air and water and fine soil, is the best located.

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

## FOX HOME SCENE LOVELY WEDDING TUESDAY NIGHT

A wedding of interest to many was that, on Tuesday evening, July 2, at 6:30 at the home of the bride's parents in Central Point, when Miss Geraldine Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fox, and Mr. Hyrum A. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels J. Hogan of Bancroft, Idaho, were united in marriage, the ring ceremony being used by Rev. Joseph Knott of the M. E. church in Medford.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Hogan of Medford, brother and sister-in-law of the groom. The bride was lovely in a printed silk afternoon dress; her corsage was orchid sweet peas. Only the parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Hogan were present.

The rooms were decorated with white regal lilies, gladioli, delphiniums and baby breath. The dining table decorations were pink and white sweet peas and baby breath, with white candles.

The table was centered with a large, beautiful bride's cake, artistically decorated with a miniature bride and groom adorning the center. The cake was baked by Mrs. Victor Bursell and given to the bride as a present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left for Crescent City for a short time. They will make their home in Medford, where they have a furnished apartment. Mrs. Hogan is bookkeeper in Mann's Store in Medford and Mr. Hogan operates the Witham Service station.

## SHOWER GIVEN MISS TURPIN AT OBENCHAIN HOME

Mrs. Merle Obenchain entertained with a shower in honor of Miss Ruth Turpin on Monday afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames Virginia Bohnert, Hall, Milton, Higgenbotham, John Clark, Ethel Campbell, Dorothy Root, Turpin, Miss Elizabeth Felscher and the honor guest, Miss Ruth Turpin, who received many lovely gifts.

Evelyn LeClair of Kanes Creek is spending her vacation visiting in Tacoma and expects to visit her mother's sister, Mrs. Adams, in Aberdeen before returning home.

## 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**  
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister

Bible School—10:00 a. m.—Roland Hoover, Supt.  
Communion and Morning Worship—11:00 a. m. Subject: "What Christians Are to Observe."  
Christian Endeavor Service, 7:00 p. m.

Evangelistic Service, 8:00 p. m. "The Seven Days of Creation." Mrs. Phillips will sing for this service and the orchestra will accompany the congregational singing.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, Miss Ly'e Gregory, leader. The pastor will present the first lesson of a series on Prophecy: "The Prophetic Method."

## FEAR-A-DISE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

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