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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

It is lonesome in the old plant these days. Our office imp, who has been helping us for the past three years, has gone off to college, leaving the old man to get along as best he can. But we are proud of our baby daughter, at that. She has struggled along with learning to operate the linotype and the rest of the printshop work and now is reaping her reward for her hard work. It isn't often that a girl can get enough of a trade during her high school years to enable her to earn her way through college.

time we, too, were first entering a to see the freshmen wandering up and down the campus at Old Oregon the other day. We looked back down that long vista of the years to the bridge since that day, but it seemed high school. And we were just as verdant as they make 'em, too. Forty-three years is a long time and a lot of water has gone under the old bridge since that day, but it seemed just like yesterday to us when we first took our place as a college freshman. And we'll admit we would like to do it again. Perhaps we would learn more now and get more real good from the experience.

If one has real ambition and expects to get to the top one can get a lot of good from college. But too many enter just for the fun of the thing. College alone cannot bring success. But what one can learn there will go a long way toward getting one a good start on the ladder of success.

One thing we noticed in our trip north was that Southern Oregon has 'em all beat in the way of auto camps that are really comfortable. There are more really good camps in this part of the state than we saw anywhere. We wondered why? It seems to us that there would be a good field for such business in the vicinity of the University. Many people go up there to see their boys and girls and would patronize really comfortable camps.

It is not to be wondered at that the man who invented the Linotype went crazy. It drives us crazy just to clean one of the darned things. We have been working all day fooling with unnumbered thousands of tiny pieces held together with microscopic screws. And if you find some fearful and wonderful spelling and words that mean nothing, just blame it on the fact that we may not have got them all in the right place.

We wish all our readers would get last week's copy of Collier's magazine and read the article therein by Walter Davenport entitled "Power in the Wilderness." It will set you to thinking and wondering just what good these big power projects are going to be. Mr. Davenport brings some powerful arguments to bear against the idea that these projects are going to bring cheaper power to the people of this country.

The agitation for safer driving of automobiles on our highways seems to be bearing fruit. In a 360-mile drive over the Pacific highway the other day we noted very little of the old reckless driving we used to see. There is more courtesy among the drivers and more care taken in the handling of cars on the mountain grades. Which is all to the good.

There is a lot of dissatisfaction being expressed at the fruit situation. There is complaint that the pears are not bringing as much for the grower as they should. It is too bad that some way cannot be found to lessen the spread between what the grower gets for his fruit and the price the ultimate consumer pays.

Friend Hamilton of the News is doing his best to get into trouble. He is trying to get elected speaker of the House in the next session of the Legislature. Seems like these newspaper fellows just can't let well enough alone.

John Anderson reports that he took 60 lbs of pears to a packing house and was to receive \$14.52 for them. Up to date he has received \$7.50. He also took in 1927 lbs of d'anjous and up to date has received \$78 and every day they remain in cold storage eats up his profits.

Many Nurseries Being Established By Government

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Anticipating an unusually heavy demand for trees, shrubs and grass seeds, owing to the expansion of the national soil conservation program, approximately 600 million trees and shrubs will be produced by nurseries of the Soil Conservation Service and cooperating agencies for use on erosion control demonstrational projects throughout the country the coming year. The announcement was made recently by Charles R. Enlow, Chief of the Division of Nurseries of the Service.

To meet this heavy production assignment, 19 new nurseries will be established, bringing the total number of Service nurseries to 83 in 35 states. One of nine Service nurseries now growing a majority of the available native and foreign grasses for experimental purposes has been established at Pullman, Washington. Dr. A. L. Hafenrichter, Chief Agronomist for the Soil Conservation Service at Pullman has been designated as acting regional nursery man in charge of this phase of the work. One hundred acres of land have been placed at the disposal of the Soil Conservation Service for this purpose by the State College of Washington.

The mounting demand for trees, shrubs, and grasses has been occasioned by the recent expansion in the demonstration program of the Service, which increased the number of demonstration projects from 47 in

31 states to 141 in 41 states, and the number of CCC camps from 55 to 545.

A large share of the 600 million trees and shrubs will be used in the reforestation and afforestation phases of erosion control work on farm and grazing lands. Under the soil conservation program, areas too steep or otherwise unsuited for practical cultivation are taken out of crop production and planted in trees and shrubs to prevent erosion by wind and water. In many instances shrubs and vines are used in the control of gullies. When planted on gully banks, they anchor the soil and prevent it from washing away. When used on land subject to wind erosion trees and shrubs serve a double purpose by anchoring the soil and by breaking the sweep of the wind. They also slow up run-off of rain water.

The nursery program, in addition to the trees and shrubs, calls for the collection of one million pounds of grass seed from 25 species of native grasses not produced commercially. This large quantity of grass seed will be used to seed certain lands retired from cultivation under the erosion control program. Like trees, grass anchors the soil and prevents it from being washed away by rain or blown away by wind.

The Soil Conservation Service is cooperating with the Bureau of Plant Industry and with the state Foresters to obtain the best results from the nurseries.

Peach Blight Fungus Protective Spray Is Recommended Now

With the beginning of fall rains, the peach blight fungus will become active and destroy many buds and fruit spurs unless a protective spray is applied soon, states C. B. Cordy, assistant county agent.

This disease attacks peach and apricot trees in the fall and early winter and its effects are not noticed until early in the spring. When the tree starts growth many twigs and spurs are blighted and have lumps of gum exuding from them. Severely attacked buds fail to develop, others bloom weakly and fall off. In severe cases large limbs may be killed.

An application of 5-5-50 bordeaux before the fall rains is necessary for control. The trees should be thoroughly sprayed, particular attention should be given to covering all the fruit spurs as they suffer most from the disease.

Further information on the disease or the home mixing of bordeaux spray may be obtained at the county agent's office.

Tourists from Many States Visit Valley

The following parties have had rooms at the Hotel Valandra during the past month or six weeks. Most of them are traveling for pleasure, looking the country over and visiting Crater Lake:

S. G. Russell and family of Fairfax, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Weaver of Springfield, Ohio; R. M. Carr and party of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Snyder of Pine Grove, Penn.; W. F. Schell of New Rochelle, N. Y.; B. White and wife of El Paso, Texas; H. L. Hazlett and family of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Dr. B. Shiriz of Vancouver, B. C.; Dean Burk of Tulsa, Okla.; Miss Mildred Rosenberg, of Chicago; Abe Podowitz of New York City; John Gottselg and family of Regina Park, Canada, and Mrs. L. P. Brown of San Diego, Calif.

Believe It or Not!

O. D. Tucker and family left early Sunday morning after huckleberries at the head of Tike Creek. They planned to eat breakfast at the patch but on arriving there found they had left the breakfast (bacon—yum-yum! and eggs) at home in the ice box! They found lots of nice berries and are planning another trip.

Louis Swartz leaving on a hunting trip and finding he didn't have a match with him and no one to borrow from. Having to return home with a hunting party.

Gold Hill Fair Is Huge Success

The Gold Hill Grange took first honors at the Northwest-Jackson County fair, held at Gold Hill last Saturday, winning the first prize for the Grange booth, and first prize for the best float in the parade.

Live Oak Grange won second prize in the Grange booth contest, with Sams Valley third. Prizes were \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively.

The fair started in the morning with a parade at 10 o'clock, and ended late at night when the strains of "Home Sweet Home" died away at the dance. A barbecue in the evening ended the day for many who did not dance.

With the growth of popularity of the Gold Hill fair, sponsored by the Gold Hill Garden club and the several Granges, there is much talk around the valley of having a revival of the Jackson county fair.

Four Pass Exams; Will Enter Navy

Information received from E. M. West, CWT-USN, navy recruiter for the Southern Oregon-Northern California district, states that all four applicants who comprised this month's quota for enlistment in the United States Navy, passed their final examinations at Portland and are now stationed at the San Diego Naval base in California.

The four, R. A. Buckles of Central Point, D. F. Thomas of Selad Valley in Northern California, Reo Robbins of Klamath Falls and V. M. Boswick of Jacksonville received their final examinations during the middle of the week and were shipped direct to the southern California base.

Cultivation Not Required Under Act

On August 19, 1935, Congress passed "An Act to Eliminate the requirement of cultivation in connection with certain homestead entries," providing as follows:

That, exclusive of Alaska, the provisions of the homestead law requiring cultivation of the land entered shall not be applicable to existing homestead entries made prior to Feb. 5, 1935, or thereafter, if based on valid settlement; prior to said date, and no patent shall be withheld for failure to cultivate such lands; Provided: That this act shall not be construed to affect any provision of law requiring the cultivation of lands subject to the reclamation law nor to apply to entries made under the Forest Homestead Act of June 11, 1935. (34 Stat. 333.)

Local Happenings

Bill Snyder arrived here last Friday evening on his way to Corvallis, where he will attend Oregon State College. He visited at the home of his grandmother and various friends before continuing his journey Sunday. Donald Richardson left Sunday for Eugene to attend the University. Dorothy Powell left Saturday for Eugene, where she will also attend the university. Millburn Atkins left Friday for Corvallis to attend Oregon State.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell took Mrs. Bursell's sister home to Eugene Sunday (after a week's visit at the Bursell home).

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bloomenstein and children returned to their home west of town recently, after a six weeks' trip in Washington. Mr. Bloomenstein has work in the Owen Oregon mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of West Salem are guests at the Hilkey home and visiting their many friends here. Tuesday they called on Mrs. Edward Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farra. Mr. Davis is a retired railroad man. Mrs. Davis was a member of the W. R. C. here.

Mrs. Mary Richardson is visiting at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gay of Medford were callers at the Farra home Monday.

Sunday evening the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held a joint anniversary celebration. About 35 were seated at the table and all report a wonderful time.

Kenneth Powell was in a party that left Wednesday morning for a deer hunt near Gold Beach.

Mr. Emmett Nealon and John Anderson are organizing a Grange on the North Applegate. May complete the organization at a meeting on the 28th.

Hodgkins Wrecks Car; Not Injured

A reception for the teachers will be held Thursday evening, October 3, at the high school. The children of Mrs. Hanson's room are preparing a program and Seth Bullis of Medford will give a talk on "Safety first." Mrs. C. Furry, president of the P. T. A. will have charge. The reception is held Thursday evening instead of Friday owing to the fact that the teachers' institute will meet Friday and Saturday. This will be an especially interesting meeting and all fathers are urged to attend.

Mrs. Fisher is at the Sacred Heart hospital under the doctor's care for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Harrison and Mrs. Pierce of Yreka spent Wednesday evening at the E. P. Stone home.

Mr. Hanson and Mr. Kopp returned home from Chiloquin where they have been remodeling and refinishing houses. The Kopp's have bought the Hermanson place and Hansons the Buckman property.

Cecil Clement and Bill Gardner are home after a successful hunting trip to Eastern Oregon.

S-NOOZE FLASHES

Flash! Flash! Flash! Miss Scandal Tosses to you the newsless news of the world. Find not fault with this classical column, oh noble reader. Remember, if you don't know any more than to read this dope, then you don't know any more than Miss Scandal Tosses who didn't have any better sense than to write it.

Flash!—Ed Brown sprayed his Cafe with flit the other day. Ed said the flit was guaranteed to exterminate all of the insects. He must have got a refund on the flit, though, because today his establishment was full of bar flies.

Flash!—Love is wonderful! She wore the loveliest smile on her face that ever you did see. 'Twas "So long, my Romeo, until tomorrow, when once more I shall see handsome thee!"

A boy and a girl were dancing. Ah yes, so goes the story. Not this boy and girl, though.

A romantic, breath taking, tears for joy, held spell bound, Romeo and Juliette episode was this.

The clock was striking twenty minutes past four. (If clocks strike at twenty minutes past four?)

And so it came to pass that the

MANY RUSH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BARGAIN PRICE

This is the last issue of our paper before the price raises. Until Oct. 1, (Tuesday) we will accept \$1 in cash or trade for one year's subscription, or, if desired, arrangements may be made by calling at our office to pay later at the same rate.

Hurry up! Now is the time to send The American to your out-of-town relatives or friends. Just the same as a letter once a week for less than 2c. All the home news that you don't bother to write.

We have added a number of new names to our list as well as many renewals.

For the next week until Oct. 7, we will send the paper to anyone whose name is not already on our list free for one month. Tell your new neighbor or friends about this. Phone 601 or leave address at this office.

Shangle Chosen To Head Contest

Verne Shangle, Medford photographer, has been named as one of the five persons to take charge of third annual photographic contest sponsored by the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association.

Shangle, whose exhibits in many state and national contests have won high acclaim, will assist four other Oregon and California photographers in arranging this exhibit, to be held at Redding, Calif., in the near future.

Cheese Factory Sold To California Man

G. Vella, who is interested in a cheese factory in Petaluma and one in Sonoma Valley, recently completed the purchase of the Rogue Valley Cheese factory here and is figuring on opening up in a big way.

He reports that he wants 10,000 pounds of milk a day and is going to get it. That he has a market for all the cheese he can make. That there are 85,000 dairy cows in the valley and many more heifers.

Just how soon Mr. Vella will take possession of the factory has not been announced and Mr. Hair will continue to make cheese there for the present. He has been leasing the plant for some time.

Mr. Leonard Williams and five hunters from Medford made a hunting trip to Warner Valley, the other side of Lakeview. After two days going and returning and two days hunting they returned with three nice mule deer. Mr. Williams shooting one of a herd of 14 large deer. It had six prongs and weighed 245 pounds.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, Pastor

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Bible School—A. J. Milton, Superintendent—9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.

Y.P.C.C.—(two groups). 6:30 p. m.

Evening Services—7:30 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 Hover, Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 a. m. Subject: "Our Winter's Work"

Christian Endeavor 5:30 p. m.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.

Subject: "The Tabernacle". We will present a chart made from the Bible Blue Print and explain the meanings of all the altars, rooms, colors and ceremonies of the Old Testament.

Worship and see if The Church is founded on these things. Mrs. Lois Cook Young will sing for this service.

Prayer and Bible Study, Thursday. 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Alta Powell, leader.

We will explain the 11th chapter of Revelation.