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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Many people are of the opinion that the present spurt of business is going to last. That is a fine thing, if true. But many are of the opinion that the increase in the amount of business being done is too much the result of the fact that millions of dollars of federal money are being spent throughout the land. We have a hunch that if you would take away that government cash, much of the unhealthy "improvement" would mighty soon disappear.

This is "Fire Prevention Week" and so far we haven't been able to get our better two-thirds to see that we oughtn't to have to get up in the wee sma' hours and start that kitchen fire.

We want to call attention to the school budget on another page of this issue. While some of the items have been raised over last year, still the total has been held down to practically the same figure as last year. This will mean that there will be no increase in the school tax for this district next year. We feel that the budget committee did a very good job in the preparation of this Budget and that the schools will be enabled to go on without any disrupting shortages.

We heard a very funny thing the other day. When the Youth Administration allotted eighteen scholarships to this county for the purpose of aiding needy high school students, one was assigned to this district. When the superintendent went to investigate, he found that the regulation was that the parents of the student selected for help must have been registered on the "relief" roll as of May 1 of this year. He was amazed to find that there wasn't a single Central Point family so registered. Hurray for our town! We are mighty proud of the fact that our people have sufficient intestinal stamina to get out and rustle for themselves without the aid of Uncle Sam.

We commend the foresight of our city officials in starting now to haul in a supply of granite for our streets before the rains start. Too often such things are postponed until the getting out of the granite is almost an impossibility. And we like the idea of fixing the highway intersections, also. That loose gravel was a potential source of serious accidents.

We have been informed that the school is to have a 23-piece band, as well as an orchestra. That is a fine thing and we hope the citizens of the town will lend all the support possible. Won't it be just dandy when we have our next civic picnic to have a band to help in the fun? Here's to you, Mr. Botts, may your shadow never grow less!

We hear lots of tall stories about the ways of the deer in the woods this year; of wild cows carrying firebrands through the hills at great speed; of bears frightening big bucks so badly they almost ran over the hunters. But so far we have not seen any evidence of the prowess of the Nimrods who have returned from the hills. Maybe they were successful—and again maybe not.

Governor Martin showed rare wisdom in the selection of Judge Touvelle as a member of the highway commission. We feel sure that the Judge will make a very good commissioner. And Southern Oregon will be sure to get her fair share of road work once more.

We urge the county budget committee to make provision for putting the salaries of the faithful clerks in the county offices back on a reasonable level once more. Now that Mr. Roosevelt has told us that the depression is really over, it is time to raise the pay of those who toil for us to a point where they can live without scrimping. Penny pinching on the salaries of the clerks in the offices of the county is poor business, to our mind. These people work hard and long hours and the county should not be niggardly in return.

Mrs. James Wisner of Eastern Oregon is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Musty, whom she hadn't seen for fourteen years. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Musty, Nadine, Mrs. Grisby of Medford and Mrs. Wisner motored to Diamond and Crater Lake.

High Food Prices Campaign Issue

Whenever the politicians attempt to analyze the voting outlook, the American housewife usually rates high as a topic of conversation. It was much easier to accurately guess the tenor of the voting public's feeling in the days before female suffrage. Mr. Smith's views are easily obtained—he spends hours in talking with Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown about political issues ranging in importance all the way from oyster conservation to a new constitutional amendment. If he doesn't belong to a club, the corner grocery or beer parlor provides his soap-box. Mrs. Smith presents a much more difficult problem. Her name is legion—she holds the balance of power in any election. And the political experts often grow grey in futile efforts to discover how she feels about the issues that make or break administrations.

That is by the cost of food may be a potent factor in the next election. Mrs. Smith's principal interests generally lie in her home. She thinks less about the national debt than she does about new shoes for Junior. And the thing that is likely to cause the seeds of resentment to swell and mature inside her is a sharp rise in the cost of the most basic of necessities, food.

The high cost of food has become a center of controversy throughout the nation—as have the causes of the increase. At the height of depression, which occurred in the late summer of 1932, foods were almost unbelievably cheap. Thereafter a slow and natural rise set in, until, in the late summer of 1933, foods were higher than in the preceding year, but were still very cheap. In the year following the rise continued slowly—and then went into a zoom. At the present time, while foods are still a little cheaper than in the years immediately preceding 1929, their prices are so much above the "normal" depression level that the American housewife is beginning to complain in no uncertain terms.

Here, for example, is a comparison of some basic food prices over a two-year period, as compiled by the U. S. News:

Aug., '33	Aug., '34
Sirloin Steak29.8c lb.	40.8c lb.
Pork Chops21.2c lb.	39.5c lb.

Bread	7.4c lb.	8.2c lb.
Lard	9.8c lb.	21.8c lb.
Eggs	25.6c dz.	37.3c dz.
Milk	10.9c qt.	11.7c qt.

What this amounts to, to quote the U. S. News again, is that the American housewife must pay \$1.59 today for what she could have bought for \$1.05 two years ago.

Many forecasters think that this situation must inevitably cost the Roosevelt Administration a great many votes. And that leads to this question: What has been responsible for the increase in food costs? Answers are varied—but, taking them by and large, they resolve themselves into this: First, the AAA's crop restricting program has been an important factor; second, middleman costs cause an increasingly wide gap between what the farmer receives and what the consumer pays.

It is a fact that grocers, in spite of high prices, are not prospering accordingly. Their wholesale costs have zoomed along with retail costs. Some large chain systems, which strive to keep prices down as much as possible, are actually earning less net profit than they did a year or so ago. The question of middleman profits will be aired in an inquiry soon to be started by the Federal Trade Commission. However, Mrs. Smith is likely to take her ire out on the government officials she believes responsible for her strained budget, whether or not there are contributing circumstances beyond their control.

Attitude of the farmer is also of great importance. In a late speech, Mr. Roosevelt stood squarely for his Administration's AAA work, which he said had brought producers benefits of more than \$5,000,000,000. And Republican Central Committee head Fletcher recently said that the GOP would combat all major New Deal activities with but one exception—the exception being the AAA. Reason: Inquiries have revealed strong support of the AAA in the great farming states, which must be carried by a presidential candidate if he is to win.

So the cost-of-food issue is confused and is growing more so. It will play a leading role in the next campaign—whether the candidates want it or not.

S-NOOZE FLASHES

Flash! Flash! Flash! Miss Scandal Tosses to you dots and dashes and hot shot flashes from the streets of from here to there.

Flash—A Battle Royal! They slugged, they cursed, they growled, they bit. The buildings shook, the windows rattled, the blood flowed freely. An ambulance was almost called by a by-stander, who gazed in a spell-bound manner with awe and consternation at the wicked fist activities.

The winner won. (A coin should have tossed to determine the winner). The names of the opponents will not be mentioned here. The two little boys finally shook hands and went arm and arm into Ross's where Harold bought Spider a milk shake.

Flash—Is the world growing better or worse through the changes wrought by Old Father Time?

A hat becomes a young lady, a young lady becomes a beautiful woman, a beautiful woman becomes a bride, a bride becomes a mother, a mother becomes a mother-in-law, a mother-in-law becomes a nuisance.

Remember when pool halls used to sell only candy, tobacco, and soft drinks? But now! Pool halls sell razor blades, shaving cream and fishing poles.

Still another change! Remember when the purpose of drug stores was to sell drugs? But now! You buy your ice cream and pop sicles at the drug store.

Flash! Flash! Flash! And who would ever thought that some day barber shops would have saws to file, ammunition to sell, axes to grind and gun smithing to do?

Where could I get a soft drink, some drugs, or a shave and a hair cut? Oh change, you treacherous monster, but how I wish that I had a pocket full of you.

Flash—Puzzle—Why do people

utter a sputter, heave a sigh, and begin to cry when they pass George Marine's former grocery store location next to the library?

Solution. John Bohnert has stored onions in the joint.

Flash—While Mussolini is preparing to declare war on Ethiopia, Al Maple is ruthlessly taking the lives of the innocent little flies in Mr. Jones's store, through the process of chemical warfare. Why don't those two big bullies pick on someone their own size?

Health Unit to Hold Big Sale

The Central Point Health Unit will hold their fall rummage sale Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, in the building next to the post office. Anyone having articles to donate call Mrs. Ed. Vincent. Anything that is still usable, such as clothing, household goods or articles of any kind will be acceptable and appreciated very much.

Chest Drive Is Going Over Strong

The Community Chest drive is going over good, but we are unable to make a report as it will not be completed before Friday night. It is found that many of our men working in the mill or packing houses have helped there and we hope these will be counted for Central Point. While we are not supposed to let our right hand know what the left hand does, in this instance we would like the credit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Finley left for Portland last week. Mr. Finley will deliver a load of hogs and will return with a load of machinery. While in Portland Mrs. Finley will consult a specialist in regard to her health.

Local Happenings

John Eddy and Everett Scott left recently for Klamath Falls, where they will work in the potato harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy and Nancy Kay moved to Phoenix last week.

Mr. Buckman, who has been ill for some time was able to be down town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan received a nice piece of venison from Mr. Joe Johnson. Mr. Johnson accompanied by a number of Medford hunters traveled over 200 miles to hunt but each returned with a deer.

Meburna Atkins has joined the Beta Kappa fraternity at the Oregon State college.

Mrs. E. E. Scott entertained her primary Sunday school class at her home last Saturday. Cake, jello and lemonade were served and various games enjoyed.

Roberta Pankey plans to have an operation for appendicitis as soon as she recovers from her present illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Ritzenger and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Myers expect to leave soon for eastern Oregon for a week or ten days on a hunting trip.

Sid Breston and son left for Moon Prairie in their new Dodge pick up for a hunting trip.

Mrs. Mayfield returned home Tuesday morning.

Sunday morning September 29 Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milton were called out of bed at 3:30 o'clock and left for Klamath Falls and arrived there in time to welcome a new granddaughter Barbara Gail Hale who was born that day. Mr. Milton returned home, Mrs. Milton remaining with her daughter for a short while. Mrs. Hale has not been very well but is improving at this time. Mr. Milton's mother and sister from Rogue River are staying with Mr. Milton during his wife's absence.

Sam Jones has been suffering with an infected arm after being stung by a bee about a week ago.

Mrs. L. M. Fisher is seriously ill at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher recently sold their farm in Sam Valley and visited their son in New York returning here a few weeks ago. Their son William on being notified of his mother's illness left New York Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and arrived here Saturday afternoon at 2:30. He is associated with the Bell Telephone laboratories in the radio division. The presence of her son has a more beneficial effect on Mrs. Fisher than her medical help. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher rented a cottage at the hotel Palandra after their return from New York. Their many friends wish Mrs. Fisher a speedy recovery.

Harry Tom and George Marine returned from their hunting trip minus a deer in its place they brought in a coyote.

Mrs. William Carl was an over night guest of her daughter and family Mrs. George Marine.

Ernest Dewy and Roy Nichol left for a hunting trip in the Klamath County Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett enjoyed dinner at the L. C. Grimes home Sunday.

Mrs. Coker who has been at the Bohnert home all summer returned to her home last Thursday.

Mrs. Emil Lange has joined her husband at the home of his mother Mrs. Marie Lange and will make their home in this vicinity. Mr. Lange is a member of the Lange Motor Co. in Medford.

Hunting licenses issued in Central Point to date number 155.

Mr. Davison, Mr. Kamberg and son and Mr. Richmond were among the men that left for the big timber to get wood for the Federated Church this coming winter.

Sam Kohler was in town this morning marketing some of his fancy peaches.

Mrs. Donna Brenner and Mrs. Lois Richardson enjoyed lunch and spent the afternoon Wednesday with Mrs. Roy Kelly.

Mrs. Bert Peck is helping out with the winter nellis pear at the Root packing house.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lacy, daughter Mrs. E. W. Stillwell left on the stage this morning for Portland to attend the livestock show. She will

Mr. and Mrs. Del Holley and family have moved from Marshfield to make their home here. Mrs. Holley is Mr. Root's daughter.

Mr. Tom Ross is up now and able to walk on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Harrison visited at the Stone home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Short were also guests at the Stone home Sunday.

Mrs. L. C. Grimes entertained Friday, October 4, at her home in Willow Springs, with a shower honoring Miss Lucille Williams, whose marriage to Mr. Wayne Higgenbotham will be an early fall event. The rooms were beautifully decorated with baskets of fall flowers and tapers. Forty mothers and daughters enjoyed the evening and the bride received many lovely gifts.

The Berean Bible class of the Federated church will hold a class party this afternoon at the E. C. Faber home.

Mrs. Francis Russel and two little daughters of Table Rock visited at the home of her sister Mrs. Ed. Vincent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes had for guests Sunday for dinner, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett and family.

Presbytery to Meet Wednesday Evening

The adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Oregon to meet in the Federated church of our city convenes next Wednesday night at 7 o'clock to install Rev. Robert Charles Lewis as pastor. Hon. E. L. Elliott of Klamath Falls is the Moderator. The order of meeting is as follows:

Hon. E. L. Elliott, presiding. Doxology.

Invocation—Rev. J. S. Smith of Butte Falls.

Hymn—Congregation. Scripture Reading—Rev. Ralph Peterson of Medford.

Prayer—Rev. Jos. M. Johnson of Gold Beach.

Sermon—Rev. Wm. Faucette of Roseburg.

Choir Selection. Charge to the Congregation—Rev. John M. Haman of Grants Pass.

Charge to the Pastor—Rev. Engwald Iverson of Medford.

Propounding the Constitutional Questions—Rev. Weston F. Shields of Medford.

Installation Prayer—Rev. Sam H. Jones of Jacksonville. Doxology. Benediction—By the Pastor.

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RECEPTION FOR NEW TEACHERS BIG SUCCESS

The reception held for the teachers by the Parent Teacher association was a very pleasing affair. It was opened by Mrs. Furry, president of the P. T. A.

The first number was the singing of "America" by the audience. Mrs. Harry Hansen's fourth graders gave a short skit, "Safety First" which was very good. Mr. Seth Bullis of Medford gave a talk along the same lines. Rev. R. C. Lewis was next on the program. Mrs. Gebhard spoke on "Our Teachers and how much we trusted to them" and what a big share they had in our children's welfare. She especially mentioned Mae Richardson, primary teacher and how the mothers could feel secure leaving their children in her care. As the children advance the teacher's responsibility is still larger.

Mr. Jewett introduced the teachers and responded to Mrs. Gebhard. He invited the parents and friends to visit the school and assured them a welcome at any time. Mrs. Furry adjourned the meeting.

Cake and punch were served and a social hour enjoyed. The P. T. A. will hold their next meeting November 1st.

Boy Scouts Win Honors at Meet

First fall Boy Scout court of honor was held last evening in the court house. It was the largest court of awards to be held this year, every troop in the Medford district being represented.

Prior to the court, the board of review, L. D. Jones, Dr. C. H. Paske, Seth Bullis, Earl Sims, Eagle Scouts Robert Brown and Bob Gail, met to review applicants and determine their fitness for advancement.

Col. W. H. Paine acted as judge of the court in the absence of Don Newbury. Seth Bullis and Earl Sims were commissioners. The awards made were seven second class, six first class, three star, two life and 71 merit badges.

Armine Lewis, son of Art Lewis, received a 1st class merit badge. Neil Stone and Gary Thompson were advanced as second class Scouts. At this time space forbid publishing the names of all the scouts that received badges.

W. R. C. to Hold Hallow'en Party

The W. R. C. will hold their annual Hallow'en party at the Walker hall, October 29. There will be the usual features, cider, pumpkin pie, country store, candy booth, fish pond, etc., etc. Everyone keep the date open and be sure to be there. Ghosts, Goblins and lots of fun guaranteed.

The Churches

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

Bible School—A. J. Milton, Superintendent—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—11:00 A. M.
Y.P.S.C.E.—(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 Hoover, superintendent.

Communion and preaching 11:00 a. m.—Subject, "Officering the Church of Christ." We especially urge all officers and teachers to be present.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.—Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.—Subject, "Hell. Did Jesus Believe in a Place Called 'Hell'?"
Prayer and Bible study Thursday 7:30 p. m.
Choir rehearsal Thursday 8:30 p. m.
Always welcome! Always wanted.