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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The fire which destroyed the Ford machine shop in this city this week brought to light the fact that for some reason or other the fire equipment belonging to the city is not always in the proper order when the actual time arrives when it is needed. Whether this is because the person supposed to keep it in order has more work than he can do, or some other reason, is not for us to say. Suffice it to say that it is mighty poor business for such a condition to be allowed.

We have talked to a large number of the business men of the city and there seems to be a strong feeling that something must be done if we are to have real fire protection. It seems a shame that one of our citizens should lose everything he had in the world just because the fire equipment of the city would not work when minutes counted.

Several citizens expressed the opinion that it should hire an outside man—some older man preferably—whose sole business it would be to look after the fire equipment. The truck should be started every day to be sure that it would run when wanted. Then the chemical apparatus should be checked often to see that it worked properly. In the Ford fire the other day the chemical failed entirely. If it had worked as it should, the fire could have been held in check until the water could be turned on.

This writer has been in favor of the organization of a volunteer fire department for the city. We again urge the starting of such an organization. If the city could put a man in charge of the fire apparatus and we had an organized crew of fire fighters who knew what to do and when, the homes and businesses of each one of us would be a lot safer.

The bare facts in the Ford fire speak for themselves. First, the truck—an old Model T. Ford—was so cold it took several precious minutes to get it started, causing the fire to be late to the scene of the fire. Then, second, when the truck did get to the scene the chemical outfit failed entirely and several more minutes were wasted. When at last the men gave up the idea of using the chemical and connected a hose they had a lot of trouble making the connection at the hydrant on account of the cold morning. When they at last got the hose connected it was discovered that the nozzle was closed and stuck so that it could not be opened. It took several minutes to get this nozzle open so they could get a stream on the fast spreading fire. By the time all this was done the fire, which when the truck arrived was confined to a small room at the south end of the building and could have easily been held in check while the hoses were being attached, had broken through the ceiling into the upper room and also through the partition between the small room and a shed adjoining. The truck then went back to the fire station to get another hose which was attached to another hydrant. A valve in this hydrant gave way and the water spurted out through the bottom of the hydrant, thus losing much of its force. After the fire had been burning for some time this writer discovered that no one had informed the power company of the fire and that the wires leading into the building were still "live." We ran several blocks to a phone and called the Copco office. Within ten minutes their men were on the job and the wires cut away.

The above is a bald statement of just what occurred. We are making no criticism of the work of the men who jumped in and did all that could possibly be done under the circumstances. They all worked hard to save the building and machinery. Jack Lees several times risked serious injury by entering the burning structure with the hose in an effort to keep the fire away from the lathe and other tools in the front of the building. But we do say frankly that we believe there was almost criminal negligence on someone's part in allowing the fire apparatus to get into such bad condition.

The high cost of insurance in this city is the direct result of the fact that we have no adequate fire department. In some parts of town the

DREAD PARALYSIS HITS COUNTY; TWO DIE THIS WEEK

A late report says that the third victim of the dread disease is out of danger. The county medical association has announced there is no danger of an epidemic here and that there is absolutely no cause for excitement.

After two children of the Howard school district were stricken with the dreaded Polio disease Friday morning, the Health Officials held a meeting and took measures to prevent an epidemic.

Strauss Gustin, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gustin succumbed to the disease Monday noon, and Verne Strayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Strayer, died Tuesday evening.

The Howard school was closed Tuesday for an indefinite period. Frank Newton, principal of the Howard school advised parents to keep their children at home.

Dr. Johnson described symptoms of the disease as follows: Fever from 101 to 103 degrees, headache, pain in the back and limbs, drowsiness, restlessness, irritability, twitching, vomiting, diarrhea, abnormal reddening of the throat and tonsils and possibly convulsions.

Dr. Johnson advised that a physician be consulted immediately upon the development of any of the symptoms. The symptoms, he explained, may vary from extreme mildness to alarming severity but the degree of severity has no relation to the extent of the subsequent paralysis or course of the disease.

When any of the symptoms develop, the patient should be isolated immediately and traveling and visiting should be prohibited.

"City and county health authorities would like to get in touch with all residents who have had the disease and survived," Dr. Hayes said. "Their blood is the best aid we have in treating polio."

Letter Shows that Local Conditions Best

We received a letter recently from a party at Cashmere Washington who is an apple-packer. We wish to quote a portion of the letter which we think will interest you.

"The people in Southern Oregon don't know the meaning of the depression. Conditions up here in the fruit belt are so much worse—there is no comparison. The morale in southern Oregon is so much more optimistic, while the people here are so discouraged. This creates an atmosphere of depression. It sure makes one proud of the Medford and Jackson County spirit to compare other districts with them. Even during the worse times the people in southern Oregon never gave in to the depression as they have here."

A. H. CLEMENTS RAISES WONDERFUL CORN

Mr. Bill Gordon brought two ears of corn into the Gleason Barber shop, where it is on display. One ear measured 12 1/4 inches, the other 10 1/2 inches. There were 756 kernels on one ear and 842 kernels on the other. The largest ear was 10 1/2 inches in circumference.

This corn was raised by A. H. Clements in the Willow Springs District. The corn that won the prize at the Gold Hill Fair was 13 inches long.

Many easterners upon seeing the corn inquire if it is Illinois or Iowa corn and seem to be surprised that we could raise such corn.

Mr. A. J. Milton is very seriously ill with pneumonia. The doctor has been called seven times, but at the last report he is some better.

rates are almost prohibitive. In fact, we were prevented some time ago from moving to what we thought was a better location for our shop by the fact that the insurance rate on the building we had in mind was so high as to be entirely out of our reach. The terms of purchase on our linotype machine required we carry quite heavy insurance, and at the rate quoted it would have cost us about \$10 a month just for this insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine left Sunday for San Francisco where they will visit friends. Mrs. Chester Merriman is helping in the store during Mr. Marine's absence.

Initiation in 6th Degree Given to Grange Delegates

The State Grangers held initiation rites in the Grange hall last night for the 6th degree. Four state officers, George Palmiter, Mrs. Alice Goff, Mrs. Bertha Beck and the Assistant Steward, as well as, visitors from Washington and Idaho were present.

Those substituting in the work were: Mrs. O. C. Maust, Phoenix, Fla.; Mrs. Emma Conger, Jacksonville, Pomona; Mrs. Ethel Hocken-smith, Phoenix, Ceres; Wilford Davies, Eagle Point, treasurer; Mrs. Ross Cline, Eagle Point, steward; Clarence Davies, Eagle Point steward; Floyd Bill, Phoenix, gatekeeper; O. M. Maust, Phoenix, chaplain; Henry Conger, Jacksonville, Ray Ward, Phoenix, and Ross Cline.

Delicious and beautiful refreshments were served of Bosc pears, Jonathan apples, and purple, red and yellow grapes. The pears were ripened by Professor F.C. Reiner of the experiment station at Talent.

Junior Class To Give Play

An evening of splendid entertainment is promised all who attend the Junior class play, "Be It Ever So Humble," which will be presented by a large cast in the High School Auditorium on November 22.

"Be It Ever So Humble," a 3 act, royalty play, is a comedy and will require a full evening's in which to be given. The scene is laid in the western farm home of an orchardist. As the title suggests, the theme centers about the joys and problems of a home. The father and mother find themselves bewildered by their children, who have outgrown the old farm house, and who find it plain and uninteresting when they return after several years' absence.

Comedy is furnished by a Chinese cook, who meddles into other people's business, by a crotchety old grandmother, and by two quarrelling lovers who shock their elders.

The play is remarkably dramatic, full of suspense and pathos, with enough humor to relieve the tense situations.

The ticket sale under the direction of Business Manager Bill Grimes is well under way and tickets are selling rapidly. Reserves are on sale at Stone's Drug Store.

MRS. JOHN BRENNER IS HOSTESS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. John Brenner was hostess this week with a covered dish luncheon and handkerchief shower in honor of Mrs. Nora Jones, who will make her future home in Los Angeles.

The afternoon was spent playing cards, high honor going to Edith Beck and low to Mrs. McConockle. Invited were the Mrs. Francis McConockle, Nora Glascock, Edith Beck, Maude Lovell, Calla Geer, Marie Gantenbein, Nora Jones and Ida Bunnell.

MERRY GROUP ENJOY PARTY AT "THE SHACK"

Vivian Jones and a group of friends gathered at The Shack the other evening. Among those present were Fern Cherryholmes, Bessie and Everal Dean, Charles Sanders, Dale Fornerok, Harold Williams, Burnold McClure, Vivian Jones and the host Roy Jones.

Delicious refreshments of tomatoes, rivolioli and pineapple cake were served.

Floyd Smith, who was operated on last week at the Sacred Heart Hospital is doing nicely but it will be some time before he will be able to return home.

Shorty Terrill was a color bearer in the Armistice Day parade.

Libby Hamilton, Carol Furry, Barbara Koehler, Trillma Powers, Viola Penland, Norma Holland and Dorothy Powell motored to Rogue River Tuesday afternoon to attend the football game.

Wood range for sale. Inquire at corner of Maple and Eighth street. Mrs. W. Wagner, Central Point, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine left Sunday for San Francisco where they will visit friends. Mrs. Chester Merriman is helping in the store during Mr. Marine's absence.

Eagle Point, acted as members of the Executive Committee. The Sams Valley drill team, who won the contest last month had the honor of seating the state officers. The ladies of the court were Elsie Hoover, Edna Dunn, Mrs. Helm, Mrs. Castor, Florence Drake, Mrs. Pickle, Faye Ritzinger and Lola Blackford. The sixth degree was confined on 45 members. Over 200 members attended. A number of grange members left for the National Grange convention in Sacramento afterwards.

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Fred Silva Returns To Central Point

Fred D. Silva, who has been here, at this time of year, for the past several years, has returned to Central Point again this year to pack turkeys at the Central Point depot. Mr. Silva represents the A. Levy and J. Zentner Company of Oakland, California, and the King Produce Co. of San Francisco.

Mr. Silva states that the outlook for this year's turkey prices in the Bay region are better than they have been for a good many years. The present market price for turkeys is 28c, and may reach 30c, while the price on Capons is 30c to 32c.

If growers will cooperate with the shippers in shipping only prime birds, it will hold up the market and they will prove to be more satisfactory to both parties, Silva also states.

Mr. Silva and family are staying at the Valandra hotel.

Relling Infant Taken By Death

Virginia Lee Relling, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Relling of McAndrews road, passed away at a local hospital Monday evening at 7:30 aged 3 days.

Besides her parents, she leaves her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Relling of Roseburg, Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Groves of Medford.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the Medford I.O. O.F. cemetery at 10 a. m. Wednesday, with Rev. Father Black officiating. Peril funeral home was in charge.

TURKEY SHOOT TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a Turkey shoot just north of Central Point Sunday. Turkey's, geese, beef and other merchandise will be given away. Equal chance for all class of shooters—rifle and shot gun. Everybody come.

The Michigan Centennial stamps are now on sale at the postoffice. It is reported that they are the prettiest stamp put out yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson, Miss Erma Richardson, Miss Dorothy Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Turner and Mr. John Townsend of Medford attended a radio ham party in Ashland Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anders, Barbara and Jimmy spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel in Roseburg.

Mr. Cox is looking after Mr. Milton's business during his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cochran were among those who attended the Armistice celebration in Medford.

Mrs. Aaron Davis and daughter, Hazel spent Sunday as guests at the George Russell home in Medford.

Mrs. Edward Farra is spending today in Medford.

Mrs. H. M. Parkhurst of Rockford Illinois and Mrs. J. L. Olson of Klamath visited at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. M. Merritt over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martin of Copco, California visited at the Maynard Putney home Wednesday.

Grants Pass Advertises New Kind of Cow

COW FOR SALE — Slightly used 1931 Jersey model, hay burner, hornless, in wonderful running condition, hits on all fours, self-filling radiator with four good faucets.—Grants Pass Courier.

C. of C. Adopts Resolution In Honor S. S. Smith

WHEREAS through the death of Mr. S. Sumpter Smith, this community has lost a beloved citizen and friend whose passing is greatly mourned, not only by his many friends but by all who knew him, and

WHEREAS, through his demise the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has lost an ardent supporter and committee worker of many years standing, and

WHEREAS, his innumerable charitable acts and friendly advice will continue as permanent memorials in the hearts and minds of those who constantly felt the touch of his kindness,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce that this organization express to the surviving widow, his daughter, Mrs. Guy Phe- teplace, and his grand-daughter, Miss Joan DeLosh, our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the widow of the deceased to the Central Point American, and spread upon the records of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

B. E. HARDER
President
A. H. BANWELL
Manager

Fire Destroys Ford Machine Shop

Monday morning Ford's machine shop was entirely destroyed by fire. The Anders house was also threatened.

Heavy black clouds of smoke rose into the sky and could be seen for miles around.

The building carried a small amount of insurance but none on the equipment which was valued in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Mr. Ford is now living in the house formerly occupied by Crofts.

POINTERS FOOTBALL TEAM BEATS ROGUE RIVER

With another victory to their credit the Central Pointers returned from a hard-fought football game at Rogue River Tuesday evening. The final score was 6-0.

The only touchdown of the game was during the first quarter when Richard Jewett passed to Blue O'Connor, who was over the goal line.

Those playing on the Central Point team were: Richard Jewett, Alan Jewett, Arthur Copinger, Simon Pappé, Bill Grimes, Jim Grimes, Blue O'Connor, Irvin Lawton, Edwin Gebhard, Ernest Lathrop and Eugene Humphrey.

Reports received this week stated that a game between the Medfordites and the strong Myrtle Creek outfit one of the few undefeated, untied teams in the state, will be played here this Saturday. Statements received reveal that this outfit is a strong unit, and will offer plenty of competition for the locals.

Claudette Constable of the Claudette Beauty Shop spent a few days in Eastern Oregon recently.

The last load from the B. P. Theles store was moved to Medford this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson will leave in a few days for their home in Oakland.

The Berean Bible class of the Federated church are having a class party this afternoon at the church. The party was originally planned to be at the A. J. Milton home but as Mr. Milton is seriously ill it was changed.

The Dole family have moved from the Nolita house into the house where Yakel's formerly lived.

Jerry Tex is visiting her aunt in Prospect this week. She plans on leaving November 21, for Seattle.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL TO OPEN AT FED. CHURCH

Wednesday of next week, November 20, marks the opening of a Bible training school in Central Point. The school will be held in the Federated church and offers a two-year course of Bible study and Christian training for all who care to avail themselves of this opportunity.

"The need for trained Christian workers in all departments of church life is greater than ever before," states Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, pastor of the Federated church. "The Bible schools of the country have furnished hundreds of capable men and women for various positions, but the demand is continually increasing. Many have looked forward to such training to meet a real need, but have found the expense of the course far beyond their ability and have given up in despair.

"Realizing this, and seeing students turned back to their homes for lack of funds, we have been led to offer free of charge this two-year course in the knowledge and use of the Bible, and to qualify for service in the field they may be called in the providence of God to enter, whether that of Pastor's Assistants, Evangelists, Missionaries, or other forms of aggressive Christian services."

The course offered by the Training School are patterned to a great extent after those of the established Bible Institutes of America.

A prospectus of the school and application blanks will be sent free upon request. Write to Rev. Robert C. Lewis, Central Point, Oregon.

Everyone Asked to Help Make This "City of Lilies"

Now is the time to plant St. Joseph lily bulbs or move and divide same. It is too early to say much about the beautification contest next spring, but you remember the judges said they never saw so many lilies before as they saw here in Central Point.

Let's all plant lilies—just as many as possible. They require little care and water and they bloom early.

Let us make Central Point a city of lilies—all kinds, but especially St. Joseph.

The Churches

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

Bible School—A. J. Milton, Superintendent, 9:30 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, Supt.

Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A. M. Subject, "The Gospel of Mark"

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M., Subject, "A Weak Giant."

Prayer and Bible Service, Wed. 7:30 P. M. Subject, "Spiritual Warfare."

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday 8:30 P. M.

COME! WORK! PLAY!

A DOLLAR

Is a Good Friend.

Save One.

Many are better than one.

Save Many.

Look upon each one as a Good Friend.

Then you will not part with them foolishly.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
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