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## Musings By an Innocent Bystander

We heartily endorse the action of the school board in deciding not to close the city schools on account of the scare of infantile paralysis. It seems to us that it will be better for the children to be in school than to be turned loose at this time of course parents who wish to do so may keep their children at home, but to our mind, if any public affair is to be closed, the movies should be the first.

Word has been received from Grange that the AAA corn-hog contracts to be signed this year have a new provision. Where in the past they paid a farmer for not raising hogs, now they propose to pay him a bonus to raise them. In other words, any man who raises a hog will get \$2.50 from Santa Claus in addition to the regular market price. And you and I will have to dig up that \$2.50, too, just as we have to dig up for all the rest of the fool things the present mal-administration dreams up.

We see by the papers that the national Grange has again come out flat against sales taxes of every kind and description. Which won't make it any easier to pass that sales tax proposed by the Oregon legislature to raise money for the old age pension. Wonder how the Townsend folks like the attitude of the Grange in this matter? While they have changed the name of their proposed tax to a "transactions tax" it won't be any easier to pay than the old sales tax. Either one will raise commodity prices out of sight.

It sure looks lonesome to look out of the window and see the old Thells or Robnett building vacant. This historic old building has been the center of business life in this city since we came to Oregon over twenty-five years ago and it makes one sad to see it at last closed. What a tale it could tell of former glories.

There seems to be strong hope that Southern Oregon will succeed in securing an army flying field. There is lots of room on the desert for such a field, and so far as we can see, the land is good for nothing else. We have always wondered if they would ever find a use for that part of the county, besides sheep pasture.

We hope the highway commission will find a way to open the Crater Lake highway to the park entrance this winter. Many people like to get out in the snow for winter sports and many more like to see the lake in its winter coat. In past years when the road was kept open there were thousands of cars made the trip every week. And besides, it will mean more work for a number of men during the winter.

It seems too bad that we of Southern Oregon should be forever denied a road from this valley to the coast without having to cross a corner of California. At present there is no way to get to Curry county without either going far to the north or south through Crescent City. This writer is in favor of a road down the river from Grants Pass to either Gold Beach or Port Orford. And we ought to have railroad connection to the coast. Such a road would open up a rich country now lying idle and tend to improve transportation facilities in this part of the state.

Only one week until Thanksgiving. The years glide by so swiftly that it seems yesterday since last Thanksgiving. But we all have a lot to be thankful for this year. In spite of the muddling of the brainstormers at Washington and the Oregon legislature, the country is slowly gaining ground in its fight to end the depression. Whether or not the next year will see the starting of the old-age pension for us oldsters is a question, but at least we will go on doing our best to eat occasionally.

Attention is called to the report of the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in another column of this paper. It has seemed at times that this organization was only another way to spend federal funds.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Following is the program of the union Thanksgiving service to be held in the Federated church next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Prelude, Miss Ruby Webster.  
Doxology, Congregation.  
Hymn, Congregation.  
Invocation, R. C. Lewis.  
Response, Choir.  
Responsive Reading, Congregation.  
Special Music, Combined Choir.  
Scripture Reading, R. C. Lewis.  
Special Music, Selected.  
Offering.  
The President's Proclamation, Stanley Parrish.  
Sermon, Rev. Clifford Phillips.  
Hymn, Congregation.  
Benediction, Lord's Prayer.  
Postlude, Choir.

## Price Indications Bright for Farmers; Business Better

Business conditions appear to be favorable for maintaining at least the present level of demand for farm products through the next few months, according to the current summary of the agricultural situation and outlook report just issued by the extension economist at Oregon State college.

Prices paid by farmers for commodities bought, including interest and taxes paid, have not changed much recently. The composite index was last estimated at 128 per cent of the 1910-1914 level. This is one point lower than a month previous and a point below a year ago. While these prices paid have tended to remain about the same or go a little lower, the prices received by farmers have risen in recent months, the report shows. As a consequence the relation of prices received to prices paid is now the highest in more than five years.

The general level of farm prices, both in the country as a whole, and in Oregon appears to be higher than at mid-September when it was 107 per cent of the pre-war average. This was up one point over the month previous and four points higher than in September, 1934.

Highest among the individual commodities on the index was meat animals at 131, chickens and eggs at 126, dairy products at 102 and truck crops at 101. Grains stood at 97 and fruits at 82, both lower than a year ago.

The index of Oregon farm prices which is based on the 1924-1930 average instead of the prewar period, shows a three point gain from 64 to 67 since September, 1934. A parity level, to use the familiar AAA term, would be an index of 96 per cent. Highest in the list of Oregon commodities, as compared with the 1924-1930 prices, are horses, hogs and eggs, while lowest are sheep, potatoes, hops, barley, oats and apples.

The general level of farm wage rates has shown the usual seasonal advance and is nine points above a year ago and the highest in four years. Some decline in the supply of available farm labor appears to reflect the recent pick-up in industrial employment.

## Lola Blackford 1st Woman to Act As Grange Master

The grange was opened Friday evening by Miss Lola Blackford acting grange master. Miss Blackford is the first woman to ever act as grange master here. The grange members and her many friends are very pleased to have her honored in this way. Mr. Warren Patterson took charge of the work. After the business meeting of the Home Economics club in charge of Ruby Powell put on a play, "Class Proficiency" which was very clever and much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell and Dorothy made a business trip to Eugene last Saturday.

But when one looks at the total of new roads built and telephone lines strung through the woods, one can see that they have done a lot of darned good work.

## Work of CCC Aid to Assets Of Our Forests

Fire proofing the forests of Oregon and Washington and developing them for public use and enjoyment are two chief aims of the CCC program, which have been partially realized in the 2 1/2 years of CCC existence, according to a recent report of the U. S. Forest Service.

The CCC has built 5000 miles of fire protection roads in the two states, enough roads if stretched in single line to extend nearly twice across the continent. Approximately 4000 miles of forest telephone lines have been completed. Nearly 700 miles of firebreak have been cleared. Snags have been cut and fire hazard reduced on some 55,000 acres of forest land.

Largest accomplishment of the fire protection work is in forest protection which includes the combating of fire, insects and tree disease. Other substantial work has been done in developing forest recreational facilities, in flood and erosion control, and in fencing and improving livestock range.

Records show that more than 1-200 acres of public forest developed in the two states. To the recreation-

ist this means, according to the Forest Service, that dotted over the forest map from California to the Canadian border, forest shelters, fireplaces, rustic tables, benches and many other buildings, with drinking water and sanitation facilities, make public forest campgrounds attractive as never before.

"Proof of the value of CCC fire protection work is seen in the outstandingly low record of recent fire losses in the national forests of Oregon and Washington," said regional forester C. J. Buck, in commenting on the CCC accomplishments. "These tree troopers have contributed toward reducing forest fire losses in two ways. The report shows that they have added they have also spent more than 150,000 man days in actual fire fighting. The chief value of the CCC as a fire fighting machine consists in its instant availability and its training. It is ready at a moment's notice. It bridges over the critical gap of time ordinarily required to collect and dispatch a fire fighting crew. The fire loss on national forests in 1935 was the lowest since 1907.

## Community Planning Shows Expansion Local Board Told

Under the leadership of more than 500 outstanding citizens of 46 states, all of whom are giving their time and experience to a study of the natural and human resources of the country, state and national planning is rapidly coming to the front as one of the leading national movements, according to word received at Medford by L. O. Caster, Chairman of the Jackson County Planning Commission. A bulletin by Dr. P. A. Parsons, head of the school of sociology of the University of Oregon, who is chairman of the co-ordination division of the Oregon State Planning Board.

Assisting the 500 members of state boards are thousands of other people, who are serving on county boards, committees or are engaged in various projects in the report states. In the state of Oregon alone more than 300 citizens are serving on county and other committees.

Oregon is one of the 32 states that have made their planning boards permanent by act of legislature, it

is pointed out, and today, with all counties fully represented by boards, it is far ahead of many other sections of the United States. Not only have citizens gladly volunteered to serve on the county groups, but hundreds of others persons are engaged in planning projects that will eventually prove of great value to Oregon.

Members of the Jackson County Planning Commission appointed by Governor Martin, include Mr. Caster, O. O. Allenderfer, W. C. Clements, T. E. Daniels, M. M. Hogan, Carl J. Nauch, M. M. Morris, Paul B. Rynning, R. R. Reter, Justin Smith, J. C. Thompson, all of Medford; J. O. Isaacson, Central Point; C. W. Martin, Gold Hill; W. M. Wallis, Ashland. Ex-officio, Earl B. Day, Ralph Billings, R. G. Fowler, Mrs. Mabel Mack, all of Medford.

A. J. Milton recovering  
The many friends of A. J. Milton will be glad to know that he is on the road to recovery. Mr. Milton appreciates the interest and kindness shown during his illness very much. For a few days he was very seriously ill. His daughter, Beale, from Klamath Falls, was home, also his brothers and sisters from Rogue River were here.

## Schools to Stay Open, Says Board

At a special school board meeting held Tuesday evening, November 19th, for the purpose of considering the closing of school on account of infantile paralysis, the recommendations of the county health physician was present, and were taken into consideration and it was decided that school be kept open.

## Observance of New Ordinance Urged by Committee

At its last regular meeting on November 4th, the city council passed an ordinance, this ordinance if enforced and observed by our citizens, will go a long way toward making our city more clean, hygienic, and attractive to any visitor who contemplates making his home in our midst.

Consequently, the hearty co-operation of every public spirited citizen of this city is most respectfully asked, as it will greatly facilitate the work of the police officer, upon whom falls the duty of enforcing the ordinance. This ordinance or any such other ordinance, is well high valuable, unless all our citizens make a loyal effort in complying with its provisions.

From now on, therefore, it will be greatly appreciated if our citizens will kindly refrain from dumping rubbish of any kind between buildings and on vacant lots. This practice creates a fire-hazard, and besides it makes an unsightly public nuisance.

ANDRE CHOMEL  
Chairman, ordinance committee.

## Mrs. Jennie White Receives Word of Death of Husband

Mrs. Jennie White received the sad news, Monday, of the death of her husband, W. A. White at Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. White, who had been totally blind since 1916, has made his home the past two years with his son and daughter-in-law in Los Angeles. He leaves one son, two daughters, E. Atlee White, Los Angeles; Mrs. Hansen of Freewater, Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Snyder, formerly of Medford and Central Point, now at Watsonville, California; one sister at Millwood, Wash., and many nieces, nephews and friends galore in Idaho, Washington, Montana and California. There are also, four grandsons, one of whom is Bill Snyder, Mrs. Snyder and his son, Atlee were at his bedside when the end came.

## David Mansfield Passes Away at Grants Pass Sunday

David Mansfield, son of Mr. Will Mansfield of Grants Pass died Sunday, November 17, at the age of 15 years. He was born on June 29, 1919. His mother, Clara Mansfield passed away on February 24, 1935.

He leaves besides his father, Will Mansfield; one brother, Asher; one uncle, Frank Caster of Eagle Point, Oregon; and four aunts, Isa Draper and Belle Parker of Klamath Falls, Ernestine Sheridan of Los Angeles, and Norma Higginbotham of this city. He also leaves a number of cousins and a large host of friends who will mourn his loss.

Funeral services were held at Grants Pass today at 1:00 p. m. Interment was in the Central Point cemetery.

## Council Acts to Improve Property

The city council at a special meeting held Thursday evening voted to accept the bid of S. J. Bristow to put a new roof on the house now occupied by Mrs. Owings, which is the property of the city.

The council also refused to endorse the petition of Merrya Gleason to hold a turkey shoot within the corporate limits of the city. The council held that if such a shoot was held in the city, that the city would be responsible for any damage which might occur and they did not wish to assume such responsibility.

## JUNIOR CLASS PLAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED

"Be It Ever So Humble" the Junior Class play, scheduled to be given on Friday, this week, has been postponed until a later date.

This change in date is because it is believed that many people in the community will not want to attend at a time when there is much sickness.

This does not mean any "let-up" on the part of the juniors, who expect to keep hard at work on rehearsals. The postponement means that, when the play is given, it will be all the better for this extension of time of preparation.

Watch this paper and posters for later announcements about the junior play. The juniors will appreciate the support of patrons and friends of the school at such later date when it seems advisable to present the play.

## Relief Corps Enjoys Delicious Luncheon Saturday Noon

Saturday at noon the Women's Relief Corps had a very delicious covered dish lunch in honor of Mrs. Harmon, who was accompanied by fourteen ladies of the Grants Pass, also three members of the Medford Corps were present.

The regular meeting opened at 2:00 p. m. with the President Eva Smith presiding. Mrs. Harmon, the Inspector, Conrad J. C. Woods, Mrs. Woods of Medford and Mrs. Zana, who is president of the Grants Pass Corps were presented to the presidents station in the regular form.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Harmon gave the Corps a very good report on the way the Corps books are kept and the way the ritual work is done.

Conrad Woods gave a few words of encouragement and on patriotism. Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Zana spoke a few words of thanks, as did the rest of the visitors. Mrs. Sophia Anes and Mrs. Agnes Searles, who are War Veteran Widows of Grants Pass also spoke a few words.

Mrs. Reed, who is treasure of the Grants Pass Corps praised our local Corps for the way they handle their finances and asked if she could get in on the secret—and of course she received plenty of suggestions. The ladies gave the Corps a very cordial invitation to attend their meetings at anytime.

The new corn popper on display at the Leever Hardware is a big improvement over the old kind and even improves the pop corn. See Leever's ad in this issue for other attractive merchandise.

## 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 Hoyer, Supt.

Communion and Praying, 11:00 a. m. Subject "Things Worth While."

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.  
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M.  
Subject, "Belshazzar's Feast." Special music for this service.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.  
We will co-operate in the Union Thanksgiving Service to be held in The Federated Church on Thanksgiving Day, 10:00 A. M.

## 1935 Red Cross Poster Invites Your Membership

