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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Once more what we have come to call the "Holiday Season" has come to us. Each year we set aside the time from just before Christmas to just after New Years as a sort of glorified holiday. Just for that short time we look at each other as brothers and sisters. We search the shops for gifts for friends and relatives and even for those whom we do not know. We contribute to all sorts of funds for the helping of the needy, especially the children.

But how many of us care a darn what becomes of those same children after the holiday season is over? Do we follow up their cases and see that they have the things they need all through the year? We fear not.

We wrote the above paragraphs yesterday before the rush started, but today we have too much to do even think of anything to write for this column so are going to say MERRY CHRISTMAS and let it go at that.

THE PPP

Following is an editorial from the Oregonian which hits the spot exactly. We also are glad to welcome this latest of the alphabetical organizations. And we hope to see all our readers take this method of combating the crazy potato control law which the last Congress in the desperation caused by the constant driving of the New Deal, passed at the last session:

"When the PPP meets the AAA, as is destined to occur, what will the harvest be? The harvest will be potatoes, Spuds, Murphies. That's what the harvest will be. For the PPP is consecrated to the cause of human liberty rather than to the uplift of regimentation, and constitutes an invocation of the alphabet for something other than new deal boondoggling. PPP means Potato Protest Planters. There are lots of them in the east, especially in New England, and they have organized to frustrate and embarrass the potato control act so long as it is in force. "The PPP, an organization of backyard and vacant lot potato culturists—many of them socially prominent—have sworn a solemn vow to grow their own potatoes and so defeat an irksome and tyrannous statute by lawful means. It seems there isn't any law against a citizen growing his own potatoes. Somehow the framers of the control act forgot to include that provision. And the man in the brown derby and the dame in the sealskin coat make common cause for liberty. They intend to plant their own.

"You see how it works out, don't you? If the backyard revolt becomes sufficiently general the federal attempt to establish an artificial attitude in the potato market, by dispensing potatoes as though these were extra-fancy oranges, will just naturally bog down and wane away. This would constitute another much needed lesson in when, where and how to meddle. One never had supposed that one's eye would again alight with gladness on another of those alphabetical entitlements. But the PPP, that's different."—The Oregonian.

Real Xmas Party Held at Manse

The Younger Married People's class of the Federated church Sunday school had a class Christmas party, with a real Santa Claus, at the church manse Thursday evening.

They had for their guests the members of the Young Married People's class of the Christian church.



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CHURCHES FETE CHRISTMAS WITH MANY PROGRAMS

The Christmas Play "Who Is King?" will be given on Christmas eve, Tuesday 24 at 7:45 P. M. This is a three act play as follows:

Act I—The Shepherds Call
Scene I, Announcement of the Angels.
Scene II, Visit of The Shepherds.
Act II—Journey of The Wise-Men.
Scene I, The Desert Meeting
Scene II, Nearing Jerusalem
Act III—"Who Is King, Herod or The Christ-Child?"
Scene I, Herods Wrath.
Scene II, The Child Proclaimed King.

The cast of characters as follows:
Leading Shepherd, Harry Young Jr.; Jocuin, Roger Yost; First Shepherd, Max Knadler; Second Shepherd, Donald Richardson; Third Shepherd, Norman Hansent

First Angel, Joyce Young; Second Angel, Dorothy Smith; Third Angel, Lotus Hesselgrave.

Wise Men: Balthassar, Arden Tyrrell; Melchior, Roland Hoyer; Gaspar, Jimmy Fleischer.

Herods Court: King Herod, J. E. D. Vincent; First Guard, Earnest Kelly; Second Guard, George Marine; Third Guard, Harry Joung Jr.; Porter Doyle Mills; High Priest, J. Sanford Richardson; Esdras the Scribe, Chester A. Elide; First Scribe, Bruce Powell.

The Nativity: Joseph, James N. Cornutt; Mary, Mrs. Isotta Elide. Porlocutor, Mrs. Lois Cook Young; Costume Manager, Mrs. Ruby Powell; Lighting, Ernest E. Scott; Decoration Manager, Mrs. I. N. Cornutt; Choir Director, Mrs. Lois Cook Young; Director, C. A. Phillips.

Mathilda Harris of C. P. Succumbs

Mathilda E. Harris passed away at a local hospital Sunday morning after a month's illness. She was aged 66 years, 8 months. Mrs. Harris was the widow of W. B. Harris of Central Point, Ore., where the family had resided for the past 23 years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

She leaves four step-sons: Russell L. Harris of Portland, Ore.; Herbert P., Oak Park, Ill.; Ernest A. Crockett, Texas; James S., Boise, Ida.; one granddaughter, Helen June, Oak Park, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Ceila A. Whitcomb, Long Beach, Cal.; and a niece, Mrs. Maud Way, Long Beach, Cal.

Funeral services were held at the Federated church here Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. W. F. Shields officiating. Interment in the Central Point cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of the Perl Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rodney Richards Returns to Calif.

Mrs. Rodney Richard and little son Stewart returned to their home in California this week. They planned to return earlier but owing to Stewart contracting the latest craze—"measles" were unable to do so.

Mrs. Richard was the motif of many charming affairs during her visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick.

Mrs. Louis Grimes gave a very delightful luncheon in her honor. Those present were Mesdames Richmond, Hamrick, Davidson, Wyatt, Hill, Lewis, Grimes, the honor guest Mrs. Richard, and the hostess, Mrs. Grimes.

Union Lecture to Be Given Dec. 27

C. F. Atchley, superintendent of Anti-Cigarette League of Oregon will give a lecture on "The Enemy of Youth" at the Christian Church on Friday, Dec. 27. This lecture is sponsored by the Federated church and the Christian church and we invite you to hold this date open.

Mr. Atchley will give us the facts about cigarettes and will warn the youth in a very effective and interesting way. He will define a cigarette and will show the other end of the cigarette smokers career. A free will offering will be taken at the close of the service but admission is free!

A special program will be arranged by a joint committee from both churches. Come!

Merry Christmas!

We wish to express to our readers and advertisers and particularly to those who have handed in news items our very best wishes for a Merry and Joyous Christmas.

This is our fourth year with The American, and we extend our thanks to our subscribers, advertisers and all who have made it possible for us to continue here. We have certainly landed in an honest spot. In spite of the depression, in all the four years here we have lost less than \$25 on bad accounts on job work and subscriptions or advertising.

Our subscription list has tripled and while with our limited equipment we cannot always do the work as we would like, we have big hopes for 1936 and plan to give you a bigger and better paper.

Again we say, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE PUBLISHERS

Townsend Pension Plan Strong, Say Editors of Oregon

HERE'S THE VOTE

How great a factor will the Townsend plan be in forthcoming elections in Oregon?

Decisive 77
A factor 11
No consequence 3

Is Senator McNary still outstandingly popular?

Yes 77
No 11
Undecided 3

How does Governor Martin stand with your people?

Strong 59
Unfavorable 30
Losing out 11

BY PALMER HOYT
Managing Editor, The Oregonian

The Townsend plan will be a decisive factor in forthcoming elections in Oregon, in the opinion of the majority of up-state Oregon editors.

Many editors feel that the Townsend plan will be all important in deciding local, state and national issues. These opinions were learned by The Oregonian in a survey recently completed, which was answered by a total of 91 newspaper men outside of Portland.

Seventy-seven of the editors returning the questionnaire believed that the Townsend factor will be decisive in forthcoming elections; 11 believed it will be a factor, while only three thought it will be of no consequence.

McNary Sentiment Strong
Another question reported on this week was, "Is Senator McNary still outstandingly popular?" Seventy-seven up-state editors held that he was; 11 did not think so, while three were undecided in their opinions of Oregon's senior senator.

Most of those who thought the senator was slipping in popular favor attributed his illegal fall from grace to the fact that he had voted for too many new deal measures. However, more than 84 per cent of the answers indicated that Senator McNary is still Oregon's favorite political son.

Governor Well Liked
The third query concerned the standing of Governor Martin with the people of Oregon. In answer to: "How does Governor Martin now stand with your people?" 59 editors felt that the governor's position was strong, 10 were sure that his status was unfavorable, while 11 believed that he was losing out.

Those in doubt as to the potential strength of the Townsend movement would do well to consider what happened several weeks ago in the republican primaries in the third congressional district in Michigan. Here five candidates sought the nomination. One of them, Verner W. Main, endorsed the Townsend plan. Twenty-five thousand votes were cast. Main got 13,400 of them, while his closest opponent received only 4300.

Michigan Thought Weak
This occurrence awakened the American press due to the fact that Michigan was considered to be one of the weaker states in the Townsend set-up. The natural question immediately arose as to what would

happen in an election in one of the strong Townsend states such as Oregon, Washington or California.

Many national figures, including Senator Borah of Idaho, have given the plan a "left-handed" indorsement. Newspaper commentators all over the country are increasingly active in recognizing the Townsend plan as a potential source of political strength. Possibilities of the movement may best be illustrated by the fact that official United States 1930 census figures showed 10,385,000 persons over 60 years of age.

Opinion Poll Aim

The Oregonian poll was taken with a view to ascertaining the opinion throughout this state as to the strength of the Townsendites in the nearing elections.

Opinions on the Townsend plan were quite uniform throughout Oregon. There was little difference in strength to be noted by counties or sections. While the poll itself was not submitted to editors in the city of Portland, it is known that the Townsend plan is extremely strong in the Rose City with a minimum membership of between 20,000 and 25,000 and that editors, politicians and business men in this city are free to admit that the Townsend plan will be a vital force in the next elections.

Politicians Thought Scared

One Willamette valley editor declared: "The Townsend plan has the politicians scared. No outspoken opponent to it can be successful. If established political lines still hold even in radical Townsend circles, this will have some modified effect on Townsend strength."

Another Willamette valley newspaper man voiced an opposing viewpoint:

"Advocates of the plan will make a load of noise, but they admit that they do not expect to get the \$200 a month but want something done to bring back good times."

Another opinion from the same area:

"Our observations would lead us to think that two-thirds of the old people will stand by the Townsend plan regardless of any and all other issues."

Party Lines Out

A Linn county editor declared the Townsend movement would be very strong throughout the entire county.

Another Linn county newspaperman declared: "It will be a great factor, as at least one-third of the voters favor it and they will probably vote together regardless of party line."

From Marion county came this thought:

"It may in many cases be a decisive factor as is always the case with the regimented minority."

Another Marion county editor observed:

"Nobody can answer that question at present. Its difficulty is that it has too large a percentage of quiescent and ignorant zealots in its membership. Present indications are that the Townsendites will be used by adroit politicians for their own purposes."

From the coast sections there was

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Junior Class Play Is Big Success

The Junior class play "Be It Ever So Humble" given last Friday evening was a big success. Words of praise were heard on all sides.

It was an all star cast. The parts were all taken so ably that it would be hard to pick the part presented the best.

The play was put on under difficulties owing to sickness and postponement.

Mrs. Ethel Fleischer deserves much praise for the success of the play.

Berean Class Ladies Hostess at Party

The ladies of the Berean class of the Federated church Sunday school invited all the ladies of the church to participate in their Christmas party festivity which was held at the Manse Thursday afternoon.

Assisting Mrs. Lewis was Mrs. Matie Smith who had charge of the games Mrs. Ed Gleason who made the Santa Claus arrangements; Mrs. Louis Grimes, the refreshments; and Mrs. Wm. Grimes who read the Christmas story and Mrs. Paul Martin, president, of the class.

About seventy attended. Santa Claus distributed gifts to all. Lovely refreshments were served and a delightful time enjoyed by all.

Oakland Turkey Show Interesting Affair

Mr. Volney Dixon of Medford visited the Oakland, Douglas Co., Ore. Turkey show and reports a very interesting show.

Mr. Dixon can not understand why no Jackson county turkey growers were present—at least he did not meet any of them.

There were 600 dressed turkeys and 400 live ones. Five distinct breeds were on display—bronze, Black, White, Red and Maragansett, which is a speckled turkey. There were turkeys from Rhode Island, The Dakota's, Minnesota and many other distant places.

Big crowds were in attendance and much turkey information was to be had.

Mrs. Tex Chosen Matron O.E.S.

Nevita Chapter met Friday night December 5th and the following officers were elected:

Worthy Matron, Della Tex; Worthy Patron, Ed Vincent; Associat Matron, Minnie Clark; Associat Patron, Guy Tex; Conductress, Clara Vincent; Associat Conductress, Evelyn Skyrman; Secretary, Hattie B. Hatfield; Treasurer, Selah Paxson; Organist, Sadie B. Kohler; Marshall, Velma McCredie; Chaplain, Esther Sanderson; Ada, Ethel Freeman; Ruth, Margaret Swing; Esther, Helen Hedrick; Martha, Lelota Bennett Elect, Bertha Bonney; Warder, Edith Scott; Centinal, Leonard Scott.

Christmas Pageant To Be Given Monday

At the Federated church next Monday night a Christmas pageant, "The Story of the Christ" will be given at 7:30 o'clock by the Younger Married People's class.

An invitation is extended to all.

Senior-Alumni Banquet, Dec. 27

The Alumni Association of the Central Point High school is holding their annual Senior-Alumni banquet December 27, 1935, at 7:30 P. M.

Dancing and cards will furnish the entertainment.

Delmer Smith is in charge of the tickets.

Everybody come!

Parcel Post Mail Delivered on Xmas

The general delivery window at the Postoffice will be open Christmas day from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of delivering parcel post packages, but no other services will be rendered. This service will be rendered in order that the patrons may get their Christmas packages that are late in delivering.

No other mail will be delivered, and no stamps sold.

H. T. PANKEY,
Postmaster

LOCAL GIRL HAS PICTURE, STORY IN DEC. MAGAZINE

Readers of The American will be interested to know that a local girl, Miss Catherine L. Miller, aged 0 1/2, whose address is R. 1, Box 161, has her picture and a letter describing a trip she and her mother made recently in the December issue of CHILD LIFE, a magazine for children. Miss Miller is a member of the Child Life Pen and Pencil club. The letter is reprinted here:

"I wish to write a letter to you about the trip my mother, brother and I took one summer.

"We followed the Old Oregon Trail to Illinois. It was a great help in history and geography. While we were there, we visited many relatives in surrounding states. Illinois is my mother's home state.

"We visited A Century of Progress. It was a great adventure. We saw and visited many parks and museums and enjoyed them all, especially Lincoln Park in Chicago. My father couldn't go with us, so when we got home we told him all about our trip. We were gone two and a half months.

"I am enclosing a picture of my brother Jim, our pets and myself, taken last spring. We lived in the Cascade Mountains then; we now live in the famous Rogue River Valley near Medford, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Putney visited at the Clyde Adams home in Butte Falls recently.

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.

At the Federated church for the Sunday morning sermon the subject will be "No Room in the Inn." The music will be selections for the Yuletide.

The evening 7:30 o'clock service will be of Christmas Cheer and many musical selections appropriate for the occasion.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister

The children will give their Christmas Program at the Bible school hour Sunday at 10:00 A. M. This program will consist of readings, solos, duets and choruses with a short Christmas play given by eight children. The children will also receive their treats from the church at the close of this service. Their program will be followed by the Special Christmas observance of the Communion and the pastor will give a short Christmas Story Sermon, Subject, "Are There Any Wise Men Living Today?"

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.
The Christmas Sermon will be given at 7:30 P. M. and the complete Christmas Story will be the subject matter. Come and hear the Old Story over again and have it explained from a real Biblical viewpoint. We will sing the Christmas Carols at this service.

Our Christmas Play will be given in the High School Auditorium on Christmas eve, Tuesday December 24 at 7:45 P. M. This is played in six scenes and with twenty characters. Each scene will be introduced by music making this program a combination of Contata, Pageant and Play. The free-will offering will be used to assist needy people in this community, with special reference to under-nourished or scantily clothed children attending public schools. Admission is free—We invite the whole community to come and enjoy a great fellowship time together. The complete program is elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

Our mid-week service will be Thursday at 7:30 P. M. instead of Wednesday as usual.