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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Yesterday we all paused in our mad rush to consider the life and example of that great American whose birthday it was. And it occurred to us that right now as the opening guns of a great political battle are being fired, it might be well if every one of us would make a silent pledge to do their best in the coming years to live up to that high standard as set forth in the great Gettysburg Address:

"It is rather for us, the living, to be here dedicated to that great cause for which these men gave the last full measure of devotion. That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

And also we wish our readers would consider seriously those closing words of Lincoln's second inaugural address: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us go on in the work we are in—to bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for the widows and orphans; and to do all in our power to achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." How fitting these inspired words are to our country today. May we, to whom the torch has fallen, be worthy to follow in his footsteps.

As we sat at the table in that stately dining room last evening, listening to the speakers who were telling of the life of our greatest American, we thought musingly of the days that are gone. Of other such gatherings we had seen where among the crowd were to be seen large numbers of blue-clad old men who had taken a man's part in that struggle when Abraham Lincoln was Commander-in-chief of the army. And we noted that in that vast throng only two of those veterans were still able to be present. And we also noted with pleasure how spontaneously that audience sprang to their feet to do honor to those two feeble old men who had fought in that great war with Lincoln.

But we missed the faces of "Sump" Smith, and of Judge Colvig, who twenty-two years ago helped to found the Lincoln Club of Jackson county and who during all the years were stalwart workers in its activities. But while we missed these and others of the old "war-horses", we were proud of the manner in which so many of our younger men are stepping into the breach, ready to "carry on."

And speaking of "carrying on", what about our annual Beautification Contest? Isn't it about time for our Business Men's association to awake from its hibernation and get this going? It went over big last year and was much enjoyed, so why not get going again?

We heard a radio report the other day of certain activities being carried on in our sister city of Talent. According to the report these folks held a dinner this week, sponsored by their local chamber of commerce, where ten organizations of the city were represented. They met for a general talk about civic affairs and to plan for future work. Why cannot we, too, do as much? Our town has as many lodges, churches, schools, etc., has Talent, and our people should be as interested in community welfare. Won't someone start this ball rolling? We'll at least promise to eat our share of any dinner prepared by Central Point ladies, than whom there are no better cooks extant.

We wish that darned big-time daily four miles to the south would cease being so trusting in the prognostications of the weather bureau and getting us all worked up. The other day they declared solemnly that it was going to snow that night. We sat up late to watch the beautiful phenomenon, but all in vain. Next morning we again rushed to the window, only to find that we had been fooled again. Now they are claiming it really did snow that night. Maybe so, but we're from Missouri.

## POINTERS BACK IN RACE IN COUNTY B. BALL LEAGUE

In a thrilling hard-fought basketball game last Friday the Central Point "Pointers" put themselves back into running in the county basketball conference by beating the Gold Hill team 20-18.

Gold Hill took the lead in the first few seconds of play and kept it throughout the first half of the game. The score at the end of that period was 15-8, Gold Hill's favor.

The Pointers, fighting hard, came back at the Gold Hill team during the last half and slowly caught up with them. With four minutes left to play the score was a tie—the Gold Hill team took the lead only to have the Pointers rally and pass them. The whistle ended the game with the score 20-18 in Central Point's favor.

This game put Central Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Phoenix even up in the conference. Each team having lost two games. The Pointers lost once to Gold Hill, but evened that by beating them Friday evening. They also lost a game to Phoenix and expect to come back at them sometime next week.

Jacksonville, once beaten by Central Point will invade this territory this evening but the Pointer's hope to send them home with a second defeat.

Those seeing action on the first string were: Richard Jewett, capt., Bill Grimes, Arthur Copinger, Ernest Lathrop, Roger Lawrence, Kenneth Hood and the twins, Pink and Blue O'Connor.

The grade school and the second string of the high school also played against Gold Hill in preliminary games. The grade school team although over-topping the smaller Gold Hill team was beaten after putting up a hard fight. The second team easily walked away with a high score from the Gold Hill seconds. Pink O'Connor after having played a half of this game was taken out and later proved to be a big help to the first string.

The high school band accompanied the team to the game Friday evening and proved to be very successful under the able leadership of Mr. Botts. Those playing in the band were: John Meyers, drums; Dale Johnson, snare drums; Roger Yost, trombone; Clyde Lee, Hal Jewett, James Fleischer, and Harry Young, trumpets; Warren Young, Stanley Jones and Mr. Botts, clarinets; Norman Hansen, Ralph Blazing, Lorne Webster, Everett Atkins, alto horns.

## Shower Held for Mrs. Obenchain

Mrs. James Campbell entertained with a stork shower last Friday for her sister, Mrs. Oliver Obenchain.

The invited guests were Mesdames Stella Obenchain, Bert Hedgpeth, Frank Cochran, Arch Turpin, Minnie Buckles, Ella Milton, Floyd Hedgpeth, John Catey, Loy Marshall, Virginia Bohnert, Roberta Gregory, Joe Cox, Fred Hale, Ervin Hall, Edwin Martin, John Clark, Floyd Root, Don Robbins, Emma Dunn, Lester Higgenbotham, Bertha May Mills, Eva May Bengston, and Miss Dorothy Hedgpeth and the honor guest, Mrs. Obenchain and the hostess Mrs. James Campbell. Various games were played and delicious refreshments of ice cream and angel food cake were served.

Mrs. Obenchain received many lovely gifts. Every one reports a jolly time.

Mrs. E. E. Griffith and daughter and Mrs. Owings and daughter motored to Evans Creek today. In spite of rumors to the contrary Mrs. Owings is still running the Owing Service Station.

Last week we mentioned the idea of the forest service or the county or someone furnishing timber land where poor people might cut their own firewood. Since then we ran across a place within ten miles of town where the owner of a big tract of burned-over timber offers to let anyone cut all the dead timber they want at two-bits a trailer load, which is almost giving it away. No limit is placed on the size of the trailer, either, and the only restriction is that one burns their own brush. Not so bad.

## Eloquent Editor Speaks at Banquet of Lincoln Club

Last evening a large number of stalwart Republicans, and even a sprinkling of Democrats, gathered at the Hotel Medford for the annual dinner of the Lincoln Club of Jackson county, held each year on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Prominent members of the party from all parts of the county were among those seated at the long tables. The party gathered in the lobby of the hotel at shortly after 6:00 o'clock and promptly at 6:30 the doors of the main dining room were thrown open and the crowd marched in and were seated at four long tables, extending entirely across the big room. The room was decorated with flags while over the speaker's stand was a full-length portrait of Lincoln.

The meeting was called to order by President Earl T. Newbury, who called upon Rev. Joseph Knotts to deliver the invocation. The report of the nominating committee was read by G. W. Phetteplace. Upon motion the following officers were declared elected: President, Frank J. Van Dyke; First Vice President, Wm. McAllister; Second Vice President, Kenneth Denman; Third Vice President, Herb Grey; Secretary-Treasurer, O. H. Bengtson.

Following the election of officers for the coming year, the audience listened to a radio address by Former President Herbert Hoover. This feature of the evening was made possible through the courtesy of C. D. Bean, who loaned a large radio for the occasion.

A song by a ladies trio consisting of Eleanor Curry, Oletha Olson and Marjorie Wymore was much enjoyed. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was given by Billy Wilson with much effect. Letters were read from a number of prominent men who had been invited but were unable to attend, including Senator Charles

McNary, Senator Frederick Steiwer, Congressman James Mott, Governor Charles Martin and others.

Following the reading of these letters, President Van Dyke, in a few well chosen remarks, introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. C. E. Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, who delivered a very able and eloquent address on the subject, "Lincoln, the Rugged Individualist." Mr. Ingalls, in his introductory remarks, said that he had been told that he was expected to "take the hide off the donkey and hang it on the fence, (where it belonged)," but that he would try to stick to his subject as best he could. He gave a condensed life of the Great Emancipator and said he could find no man of history with whom to compare Mr. Lincoln. He stated that he believed that the great men of the world had been brought into the world for the special work they performed. The speaker also forcibly condemned the stories often circulated regarding the life of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln which did so much embitter her later years.

Following the address the president introduced a number of prominent guests present, including two members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who fought in the Civil War when Abraham Lincoln was President, Comrades J. C. Woods and Polk Hull. Both veterans expressed brief thanks for the honor done them. Resolutions of regret for the passing of several prominent members of the Lincoln club, including Judge William M. Colvig and S. Sumpter Smith, charter members of the club and active workers for the Republican party, and Fred Colvig, long active in Republican affairs in this county.

The banquet closed with singing of "America" by the audience, led by Attorney Don Newbury.

## Resolutions Adopted by Lincoln Club

The following resolutions of regret were adopted at the annual banquet of the Lincoln Club of Jackson County held at the Hotel Medford Wednesday evening, February 12, in honor of Judge Wm. M. Colvig, S. Sumpter Smith and Fred Colvig, who had for years been active members of the club and whose passing had cast a pall of sadness over the entire community:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since the last meeting of this Club the Omnipotent and Divine Providence has removed from our midst the kindly and loving presence of Wm. M. Colvig, who for many years was one of the foremost citizens of this community and of the State of Oregon and,

WHEREAS, Wm. M. Colvig, by reason of his sterling character, lovable disposition and untiring public service, endeared himself to the citizens of this community and particularly to the members of this Club, out of respect to his memory, we have moved to adopt suitable resolutions commemorating his life and great public service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Lincoln Club of Jackson County, Oregon, does hereby express its sincere admiration of the high character, citizenship and achievements of Wm. M. Colvig and hereby expresses its sorrow for the loss of this loyal friend and citizen of our community, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of the deceased and a copy thereof be delivered to the press.

LINCOLN CLUB OF JACKSON COUNTY, ORE.

By Wm. M. McAllister  
Jack Porter  
Frank Van Dyke  
W. R. Coleman  
Frank P. Farrell  
Committee on Resolutions

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, S. Sumpter Smith, an originator and first member of the Jackson County Lincoln Club, has, within the past year, passed to the great beyond, and,

WHEREAS, by reason of his devotion to his party principles, his fairness and his personal integrity and friendliness, he has in the past endeared himself to the members of this organization, and each and every member thereof regrets the personal loss caused by his demise, it is fitting and proper that a memorial to said S. Sumpter Smith be spread upon the records of this meeting, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Lincoln Club that this Club and the members thereof are deeply appreciative of the loyalty, energetic effort and friendly co-operative spirit extended in behalf of this Club and its members by S. Sumpter Smith during his life time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Club and its members deplore his untimely passing from our midst, consoling ourselves, however, as best we may, with the thought that our good friend and associate lived a full and active life; and that by reason of his unselfish devotion to this Club and its principles, to the civic enterprises of his community and to the welfare of his family and friends he has helped to make this community a happier and better place in which to live.

Signed by me in authentication of its passage this 12th day of February, 1936.

EARL T. NEWBURY  
President.  
KENNETH DENMAN  
Secretary.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during the past year the Omnipotent and Divine Providence has seen fit to call from us Fred Colvig, who for many years was an active member of this organization and a loyal worker in the interests of good citizenship, his country and his political party and,

WHEREAS, Fred Colvig has enjoyed the respect and friendship of the citizens of this community and especially the membership of this Club, and it is fit and proper that this organization spread upon its records a tribute to him.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lincoln Club of Jackson County, Oregon, does here-

## GRANGE TO SERVE ANNUAL DINNER ON FRIDAY EVE

The Annual Dinner of the Central Point Grange sponsored by the Home Economics Club will be held in the Grange Hall Friday evening, February 14. Dinner will be served from 6 to 8.

Following the dinner a dance will be held, music by the Jacksonville orchestra.

Everyone acquainted with the ability of the ladies of the H.E.C. knows that the dinner will be well worth attending. They have long had the reputation of handing out the finest chicken dinners ever served in the country. Be sure to come and enjoy a good feed and a fine time.

## Johnson's Shoe Shop Moved to Larger Quarters Recently

Through an oversight we failed to state last week the new address of Johnson's Shoe shop in Medford. Mr. Johnson has recently moved his shop to new and larger quarters at 105 West Main street, in Medford.

For many years, Mr. Johnson has conducted a shoe repair shop on West Main street in part of the building occupied by the Marshall, Smith, Leonard, printing company. His reputation for fair dealing, good work and reasonable prices has built up for him a good business, and his many friends will be glad to follow him to his new location.

Always a lover of wild flowers, Mr. Johnson has for the past 12 years conducted a contest, offering a prize for the earliest Lamb tongues to be brought to his shop each year. He has kept a display of flowers in his window for many years. Any boy or girl who brings in the first bouquet of Lamb Tongues will receive a pair of half-soles free.

## The Churches

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

Bible School—A. W. Ayers, 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 classes Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock in charge of Mrs. H. A. Davison. From 3 to 4 o'clock in charge of Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

er. 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, Superintendent.  
Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A. M.

Senior Endeavor 6:30 P. M. Dorothy Smith, leader. J. Ed Vincent, Director.  
Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M. Subject, "The Miracles of Our Lord" Mrs. Dorris Nealson will sing for this service.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Bertha Bursell will lead the Devotional period and we will answer in Light of Scripture all questions on 5th, 6th and 7th Plagues.  
Junior Endeavor, Friday 4:00 P. M. Director Mrs. Isetta Eide.

by express its sorrow for the loss of this loyal friend and member and hereby extends to his family heartfelt sympathy and condolence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of the deceased and a copy thereof be delivered to the press.

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## Marines Enjoy Trip To So. California

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine returned recently from a trip to Los Angeles and vicinity and report a very pleasant and interesting trip. They visited at the home of Miss Mildred Berger for five days where they saw the Wee Kirk o' the Heather and the Little Church of the Flowers. One of the most beautiful and impressive sights was the stained glass window depicting "The Last Supper" which was made by Miss Moretti, whose family have made stained glass windows for centuries. Miss Moretti is the last of her line. She was seven years making this window. It would be a shame to miss this sight if in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Marine also visited for a few days with a brother of Mr. Lewis Swartz at San Bernardino and then for the benefit of Mrs. Marine's health they stopped at the Arrowhead Baths. These baths are hollowed out of natural stone and vary in temperature all the way from warm up to 202 degrees. The nurses bring their lunches and place them in oiled paper on these stones to warm. The baths derive their name from a gigantic arrowhead, 1375 feet long by 449 feet wide and covering 7½ acres—a rock formation on the side of one of the foothills of the San Bernardino range which is bare of all vegetation. This arrow points down to the springs below. Here are the coolest and purest of mountain water and other springs with temperatures almost up to the boiling point. The baths are at the base of the mountain and the hotel at the top.

The Marines picked oranges, lemons and grapefruit off the trees. They also attended the "Barn Dance" that we all hear over the radio and saw the original. While in Los Angeles they met an old friend they had not seen for twelve years, having last seen him at Bow Island, Canada. He now has a position in a museum in Los Angeles.

The Golden Link class of the Christian church class will entertain the Berean class of the Federated church at the Christian church Friday afternoon. The entertainment will be in the form of a Valentine party.

## NEVITA CHAPTER MET TUESDAY

On Tuesday evening Feb. 11 Nevita Chapter OES entertained in honor of Mrs. Hazel Ingram, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, who was making her official visit to this chapter. Mrs. Della Tex, Worthy Matron of Nevita chapter, with the assistance of her officers and members had planned the evening so as to make it enjoyable for all present. A number of members from Adalair Chapter of Jacksonville attended.

Two new families have moved into town this past week—Mr. Shepherd and family, into the Cochran house and Mr. King and family into the Haelwood house.

## ODD FELLOWS VISIT MR. AMICK

A group of Odd Fellows motored to Grants Pass Tuesday evening to visit Mr. Amick who is sick with the flu. Those in the party were Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Musty, Mr. T. A. Marine and Fred Hesselgrave. Mr. Amick hopes to be back in school by Monday.

Mr. Alexander received a new Farnal tractor direct from Chicago this last week. Anyone interested in a new tractor are welcome to call and see it.

Mrs. John Cash is home from the hospital and is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine were dinner guests at the Merriman home in Medford Wednesday evening.

There was a very good attendance at P.T.A. last Friday. The eighth grade presented a very interesting play on "Proper English" and its benefits in applying for positions. Many every day errors were brought to our attention. The second grade won the prize for most mothers attending the meeting.

The many friends of Esther M. Sanderson will be sorry to hear that she is ill in the Community hospital.

"You all know that heat causes an object to expand and cold causes it to contract," explained the teacher. "Now I want someone to give me a good example."

"Well, teacher," answered Bobbie Jones, hesitantly, "in the summer the day is long and in the winter it is short."

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