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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and just can repair. The event is in the hands of God." George Washington.

Will Oregon never get tired of springing surprises on us in the way of weather? It has been many a year since we have had so much snow so late in the year. To the best of our recollection it was in the first or second week of February, 1930 that we had snow enough to slide on. But we have found that this valley is a law unto itself when it comes to weather. Conditions which apply to other parts of the country do not fit here and the weather man just runs hog-wild.

But when all is said and done, it is our opinion that this is a hard country to beat for all-year-round weather. We have done quite a bit of wandering up and down this vale of tears, but so far we have found no place to beat Southern Oregon as a pleasant place in which to live. They used to say that our climate was almost exactly like that of Florence, Italy, but since the coming of Mussolini we hate to hear that we have anything in common with that benighted country.

Beats all how many people read our weekly scribbling. A couple of weeks ago we spoke of finding a place where one could cut wood at a very low price and not too far from town. And almost every day since then we have been asked by people we never saw before just where that wood was to be found. Guess we will have to call on the owner of that woodland and see if we cannot get a commission for sending her so many customers. At any rate we are glad to be of service to those who are unfortunate enough to have to go out and cut wood this time of year.

We are tempted to say a word in self defense. We have been censured for printing the new Townsend paper, The Times. In the first place we fail to see that it is "any skin off the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 16, Township 37 South, of anyone's anatomy," as William Allen White said the other day, whether we do or don't. But just to keep the record clear, we will say that we are printing the Times just as we would print any other piece of commercial printing. And as Mr. Dooley once said about the celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, "F'r meself, I have no feelin' on the subject. . . I won't march in the parade, and I won't put any dynamite under them that does. I don't say the marchers an' dynamiters ar-re not both right. 'Tis purely a question iv taste, an', as the ixicutive says whin botn candydates are members of th' camp 'Patriotes will use their own discretion.'"

We note that the ladies are waking up to a realization of their strength in politics. Just look at the record: 45 per cent of the vote is cast by women; 80 per cent of the 65 million life insurance policies in the United States is in favor of women; 65 per cent of the savings is in the names of women; 44 per cent of the public utilities stocks in the United States is held by women; 40 per cent of the real estate, both homes and farms, is held by women. And woe betide the poor politician if these women ever get started and make an organized campaign against him.

We noticed a couple of city employees sneaking down the alley carrying a tape line. We heard all sorts of stories as to just what the idea was, but at last we wormed it out of one of them that they were just measuring the distance from the highway to the east end of the pavement on Pine street and took to the alley to avoid being bothered with questions. Just why they wanted to know that distance was not revealed.

Kenneth Wyatt Much Improved
Master Kenneth Wyatt accompanied by his mother was out enjoying the nice sunny weather in a wheel chair Wednesday. When we seen Kenneth he was making arrangements to work in the blacksmith shop with Mr Peart this summer. His many friends will be pleased to know he is progressing nicely and is able to help himself more all the time.

OPERETTA TO BE GIVEN BY GRADE PUPILS MARCH 27

Grade school pupils are rehearsing several times a week under the direction of Miss Schreiber in preparation for the operetta which is to be presented on March 27th.

The large cast of characters will give opportunity for about 75 children to take part. There are 11 principal characters and five choruses using about 60 children. The name of the operetta suggests its fanciful nature, "The Land of Dreams-Come-True". It is one of the most popular children's operettas and is being given by a great many schools.

Costumes are being prepared under the leadership of Mrs. Richardson ably assisted by Mrs. Bonney and many of the mothers. Mrs. Skyrman and Miss Anderson are directing the dances, and the other grade teachers are helping in the general direction.

Now is the Time To Start Cleaning Up Streets of Town

With the coming of longer days and spring sunshine the time has come to start cleaning up the town. Dead weeds, rubbish and waste paper, etc., should be removed and everything put in shape for the summer.

The city is taking steps to remove all city buildings that are too far gone to repair and to renovate and repair all city-owned property. Citizens should have enough civic pride to wish to beautify our homes and the streets and alleys about our property. A clean town means a prosperous town.

It has been proposed that the ladies of the community organize a Civic Improvement club and that all join with the city officials in putting over a big improvement in the beauty and comfort of our fair city.

This paper stands ready to lend its help and encouragement to such a movement. It is a well known fact that clean streets, shaded parkings, flowers and shrubbery add greatly to the material value of the property in a town, besides the pleasure all derive from such things. Let's get busy now and do our part.

Rev. Lewis Speaks Daily Over KMED

Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, pastor of the Federated Church of this city, will speak every morning at 8 a. m. during the week of March 2 to 7 over KMED.

Monday morning Mrs. L. C. Grimes and Mrs. Guy Tex will sing a song written by Rev Lewis' daughter, Mrs. Nell Vieira, of Sierra Madre, Calif. entitled "Listening In."

Tuesday morning he will read the "World's Most Beautiful Will," which was written by an attorney in Chicago who had lost his fortune and ended his days in the poor house. The paper was found in his room after his death, torn in two. The person finding it pieced it together and was so struck with its beauty of language that he turned it over to the Cook County Bar association, who named it the World's Most Beautiful Will.

Morning religious services will be given during the month of March by various pastors of Southern Oregon over KMED, including Zula Baiston of the Foursquare church, Medford; Rev. D. A. Cohagan, Free Methodist church, Medford; Leonard Weston, Full Gospel church, Medford and Rev. W. R. Baird, Christian church, Medford.

Tune in Monday morning and hear the local ladies and Rev. Lewis.

Hard Wind Moves Barn

The hard wind we had the other night blew so hard it raised a big barn on the Earl Owings place in Talent and moved it six feet and set it down on the highway. It took the roof off and deposited it across the highway. Mr. Owings is building a new barn now.

We are requested to state that any time the Medford merchants put on a special like Kellogg's Corn Flakes or Ivory Soap specials, the Central Point merchants will have the same bargains.

Schade Re-elected President of Boy Scout Council

At one of the most successful annual meetings in the history of the Crater Lake Area Council of the Boy Scouts held Sunday, February 23rd, at the Hotel Medford, Larry Schade was re-elected president of the council for the fourth consecutive time.

The nominating committee, headed by L. N. Lorenzen, Mt. Shasta, California, nominated three vice-presidents for the first time in the history of the area. Those nominated were G. Howard Grover of Grants Pass; Lewis N. Lorenzen of Mt. Shasta, California, and Dr. Walter Redford of the Southern Oregon Normal School in Ashland, who was also appointed chairman of the leadership and training committee. All were elected unanimously.

R. E. McElhose was re-elected commissioner and Eugene Thorndike re-elected treasurer. President Schade made the following appointments for 1936: W. J. Meyer, Grants Pass, chairman of the troop organization committee, John Fuller Ashland, court of honor chairman; M. N. Hogan, Medford, civic service chairman; George Luttrell, Yreka, California, chairman of the educational publicity committee; Eugene Thorndike, Medford, head of the finance committee; A. E. Angel, Weed, California, chairman of the new

Council committee on reading, and Seth Bullis, Medford, chairman of the health and safety committee.

Regional Executive Edward L. Curtis of Portland was the principal speaker at the business session, which also included the reading of reports. Reports made included: court of honor for 1935, Judge J. Fuller; camping, L. D. Jones; civic service, M. N. Hogan; finance, Fred L. Heath, Sr.; health and safety, Seth Bullis; troop organization, Council Commissioner Richard E. McElhose; council treasury, Eugene Thorndike.

Don Newbury was toastmaster at the banquet in the main dining room, attended by over 100 scouts. The council Court of Honor, with Judge John H. Fuller as chairman, made the coveted Eagle Scout award to Scout Jack Heyland, who with 32 merit badges instead of the necessary 21, was adjudged one of the best fitted for that honor in the history of local scouting. The presentation was made by President Schade. M. N. Hogan, member of the Council Eagle Scout Committee, sponsored the scout, who is a member of Troop 8. Heyland's was the first Eagle presentation in six months in this area. The boy presented an Eagle Mother's pin to his mother.

Last Rites Held For Volney Dixon

Funeral services for Volney Dixon who passed away at his home last Wednesday evening, were conducted at the Perl funeral parlors Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Weston F. Shields, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, conducted the service.

The Odd Fellows' lodge conducted services at the graveside in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Honorary pallbearers from the Medford Rotary club were Frank Newman, J. W. Wakefield, Chester Leonard, Bill Whiteley, Arthur Hubbs and Jack Carley.

Active pallbearers, from the Odd Fellows' lodge were Oliver Roger, C. A. Meeker, George Howard, E. E. Wilson, Samuel Bateman and Homer Harvey.

A large number of friends gathered for the last rites, and the masses of floral offerings indicated in a small way the esteem in which Mr. Dixon was held by his fellow-citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erickson of Audubon, Minnesota have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wertz. They made a trip to Prospect with Mr. Charles Jantzer and Mr. H. P. Hansen Wednesday. They will visit in Ashland before continuing on to California. Mrs. Oscar Wertz gave a party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Erickson in Ashland Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson are taking a six months vacation. Mr. Erickson says he has milked cows for 39 years and thinks it is time they took a vacation. They say things are fine in Minnesota if you could only skip the winters. Mrs. Erickson is an aunt of Mrs. Wertz and Mrs. Charles Jantzer and a sister of Mr. Hanson.

Music Festival in Ashland Anticipated

One of the musical events of the year which is being anticipated with a great deal of pleasure is the annual music festival to be held in Ashland by the Southern Oregon Normal School on April 30th and May 1st. The Central Point Schools will be represented this year by about thirty pupils selected from the intermediate grades, and by the girls' glee club of the high school. A special division has been made at the festival for the orchestras under the supervision of Mr. Botta. The Central Point orchestra will take part as will Mr. Botta's orchestras from Jacksonville, Gold Hill, and Eagle Point.

Mrs. J. H. White of Medford visited at the Mary Mee home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grieves from Prospect and Charles A. Pankey of Azlea were guests at the Guy Tex home recently.

House Warming Enjoyed

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brenner were surprised by a group of friends at a house warming Tuesday evening. The Brenners have purchased a new home beyond Voorhies crossing south of Medford. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Bonney, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Ritzinger, Mrs. Warren Patterson and son Don, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackford, Mrs. Dolle Love and son Leon, Mr. Ed Lull, Miss Velma McCredie, Miss Lola Blackford, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mills and the honor guests Mr. and Mrs. Brenner. Cake and coffee were enjoyed. The Brenner's new home is very attractive. Mrs. Brenner has a position at the Farmers and Fruit Growers Bank and Mr. Brenner at the Peoples' Electric Store.

Ladies of W.R.C. Visit New Comer

Mrs. L. K. Potter, who with her family recently moved to the Toledo district, was treated to a happy surprise on Friday, February 1, when a group of ladies from the Woman's Relief corps arrived in a body to spend the afternoon and give her a kitchen shower. Many lovely and useful gifts were included in the assortment. The afternoon was pleasantly passed with visiting and games, and a pot-luck supper served in cafeteria style. Included among those present were Mrs. Mary Richardson, Mrs. Rose Hermanson, Mrs. Dora Jones, Mrs. Emma Milton, Mrs. Tillie Maple, Mrs. Walter Hilkey, Mrs. Clara Farra, Mrs. Henry Kilburn, Mrs. Emma Gleason, Mrs. Iva Copinger, Mrs. Lois Richardson, Mrs. John Hilkey, Mrs. Wm. Hilkey, Mrs. Mervyn Gleason, Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. Zaidie Smith, Mrs. L. H. Smith and the honor guest, Mrs. Betty Potter. Children present were Mervyn, Jr., and Jimmie Gleason, Milton Hilkey and Nancy and Jack Potter.

Mr. Anders, Agate King, Here

Mr. C. W. Anders, the Agate King, was in Town Wednesday. He reports that he has cut and polished a new collection of stones. He also sold to Mrs. William Schroeder of Grants Pass a number of specimens. His place is very pretty as the flowers are beginning to bloom and he has lots of daffodils.

Lenord Pettie Opens Precision Shop

Lenord Pettie has opened the Precision Shop at 415 E. Main in Medford. Mr. Pettie has the very best of equipment and tools and does all kinds of general repair work—machine, electrical, braising, soldering and welding. His is also the only shop in town that repairs musical instruments.

Mrs. Bert Hedgpeth is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Oliver Obenchain.

C. P. Grange to Enjoy Play by Normal School

Central Point Grange met in regular session, February 1, with 58 members and nearly as many visitors present. Granges represented were Phoenix, Gold Hill and Jacksonville. Third and fourth degree work was exemplified by the Central Point officers.

Mrs. Faye Ritzenger presented a splendid program honoring both Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. J. W. Fish, a member of the Gold Hill Grange, entertained with a solo accompanied by Mrs. Marjorie Pena, lecturer of Gold Hill Grange.

The count found team number one in the lead at this meeting, for the first time.

The play "Candida," to be presented February 27 at 8 p. m., by the Southern Oregon Normal players, announced. The Central Point Grange hall can seat 250 persons and as the play is presented in the center of the room, without either special lighting or curtains, the hall is ideal for the production.

Angus Bowmer, instructor of dramatics at the Southern Oregon Normal, has had many requests to present the play again and finally chose the Central Point Grange hall for the purpose.

Persons who have attended previous showings have pronounced it one of the finest plays presented by the Southern Oregon Normal. The play will be open to the public, but a slight admission charge will be made.

U. of O. Students To Speak to H. S. Assembly Here

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, February 27 (Sp.)—Members of the men's symposium team of the University of Oregon have been scheduled to speak before the students of Central Point High school on March 3 on "The Influence of Propaganda Upon Public Opinion."

The students will then be on a tour of Southern Oregon points, including Glendale, Medford, Jacksonville, Bellview, Central Point and Kerby.

The following students will make the trip, their coach, W. A. Dahlberg, has announced: Fred Bales, Portland; Walter Eschebeck, Klamath Falls; Avery Combs, Marshfield; and George Hall, Ashland. W. A. Dahlberg, coach, will accompany the students.

Next Week Busy One in High School

Next week will be a busy one in the high school with two important assemblies scheduled, with six weeks tests, and with the tournament at Ashland.

On Tuesday at 10 o'clock a group of students from the University of Oregon will have charge of a discussion assembly relating to current affairs. This group comes under the direction of Professor Dahlberg of the department of public speaking and will visit several schools in the county.

On Friday Dr. D. V. Poling will be present making contact with the members of the Senior class. Dr. Poling represents the board of Higher Education for the state and will also visit many of the high schools in the county.

On Thursday and Friday members of the basketball teams and many loyal fans will be in Ashland for the annual basketball tournament. The winner of this tournament will represent the southern B class schools at the state tournament.

Mrs. C. A. Phillips Much Better

Mrs. C. A. Phillips is improving and is now able to be up part of the time. She received the sad news last week of the death of her mother, Mrs. Almeda Carson of Springfield, Oregon, who passed away February 21 at the home of her daughter, M. R. Adams. The American joins Mrs. Phillips many friends in expressing their sympathy.

Travel to Corvallis

Mrs. Effie Castor and Blue O'Connor motored to Corvallis Saturday and visited Mrs. Lathrop and Catherine. Mrs. Lathrop, who has been visiting Catherine for the past five weeks returned home with them Tuesday evening. Mrs. Castor stated she saw the first snow she had seen this year. The snow here was melted when she returned.

MARY E. GRIMM, BELOVED PIONEER, TO LAST REWARD

Mary Elvira Grimm, 86, died at her home in Central Point, early Monday morning after a brief illness. Mrs. Grimm had been a resident of this city for the past 23 years.

Mrs. Grimm was a good neighbor, always friendly and cheerful, and although she had been through a great deal of trouble, was ever looking at the bright side of life. She will be missed by a host of friends and neighbors who had enjoyed her pleasant companionship. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

She was the widow of John J. Grimm, a Civil War veteran and an honored citizen of the town. To this union were born five children, three of whom survive: Mrs. Cora Grisham, Sargent, Neb.; Mrs. Clara B. Wilcox, Alsea, Oregon; and Leslie J. Grimm of Phillips, Neb. Also 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. George Wilcox of Alsea arrived Tuesday to be with his wife, who was staying with her mother at the time of her death. Mr. Leslie Grimm is on his way from Nebraska to attend his mother's funeral. Arrangements for which will be made on his arrival.

High School Faculty Hosts to Teachers

Teachers of the Central Point Grade School were guests of the high school faculty at a dinner served on Thursday evening, February 20. The table, which was spread in the home economics room, was decorated in red carnations, and red favors and was lighted with white candles.

After dinner was served all the party were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett. Games were enjoyed until a late hour after which Mrs. Jewett served delicious refreshments.

Dog Owners.

ATTENTION all dog owners, Jackson County, there remains but one week left to secure your dog license without having to pay a penalty. This State Tax was due January 1st, and becomes delinquent March 1st. The tax is one dollar on male and spayed females and one dollar and a half on female dogs. Payable at the County Clerk's office. Secure your license now.

The Fishermen's club of the Federated Church meets every Tuesday evening at six o'clock. A covered dish luncheon is served and all young men are invited.

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, Wednesday 6:00 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 "The Fall of Babylon".

Senior Endeavor 6:30 P. M. Zaidie Smith, leader. J. Ed Vincent, director.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Subject "The Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem". Mrs. Lois Cook Young will sing for this service.
Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Junior Endeavor, Friday 4:00 P. M. Mrs. Ietta Elde Director.