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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Hurray for Spring! The past few days have started the fever of activity in a lot of folks. Gardens are being planted, yards are being raked up and the daffodils are in gorgeous bloom. And while on the subject, let us again urge some of the ladies to get together and get the ball rolling for a Civic Club. We would suggest that the ladies organization of either church would be a good nucleus for such a club.

What our town needs today is an organization of home-loving people who will get together regularly to plan for the betterment of the city. And where better could such a movement start than with the churches? Our business men will gladly help, but they need the helping hand of the better halves to make things go.

The writer has been assisting in the re-juvenation of the family flyver for the past few days. And as per usual, we found a lot of things the matter when once we got the old boat cleaned of several years' accumulation of dirt and grease. Hope the darned old thing will run after all that dirty work.

And as we sat today looking at the mess of gear shaped irons, and all the paraphernalia which goes to make up a motor vehicle, we were struck with the thought of what one of the old pioneers would have thought if he had been suddenly confronted with such a thing. What wonderful advances have come since the writer was a boy. And to quote again from that glorious philosopher, Mr. Dooley:

"Glory be, when I look back from this day iv ginal rejoicin' in me rhinestone jubilee, an' see what changes has taken place an' how many people have died an' how much better off th' wuruld is, I'm proud iv meself. War an' pestilence an' famine have occurred in me time, but I count thim light compared with th' binifits that have fallen to th' race since I come on th' earth."

"What ar-re ye talkin' about?" cried Mr. Hennessy, in deep disgust. "All this time ye've been standin' behind this bar ladlin' out disturbance in th' Sixth Wa-rd, an' ye've not been as far east as Mitchigan Avnoo in twenty years. What have ye had to do with all these things?" "Well," said Mr. Dooley, "I had as much to do with thim as th' queen did."

And so, while we may not have had a very big part in the world's great advancement, we have seen a lot and enjoyed the seeing. And we are looking forward to quite a bit of changes as the years go on. The youth of today are not going to stand still. Never were there greater opportunities than exist today. Let us hope these young world builders will build wisely and well.

If, as they say, this is going to be the dirtiest and most bitter campaign in history, we are wondering when the fun is going to start. So far there seems to be a strange lethargy among those who would seek office.

## Items of Interest From the High School

By ROBERTA WERTZ  
Central Point lost the basketball game to Ashland Thursday night—20-24.

Girls' Volleyball for the spring season began last Thursday.

Reverend Baird was the center of interest at a special assembly Friday when he gave several entertaining readings. Among them were "Jewish Wedding" and "So Did I". The Girls' Glee Club presented two numbers and under the direction of Mr. Jewett the entire assembly participated in a one act play, "The King With the Terrible Temper."

Central Point won the basketball game from Sams Valley Friday—29 to 28.

A special assembly was called Tuesday when four students from the public speaking department of the University of Oregon discussed current event topics. One from the group sang two songs.

A new bell schedule began Wednesday.

Those attending the program at Tolo from school Friday night were: Miss Schreiber, Nellie Grissom, Ar-

## EUGENE THORNDYKE NEW MANAGER OF 1ST. NATIONAL BANK

A. A. Schramm, manager of the Medford Branch of The First National Bank of Portland and for many years Oregon state superintendent of banks has joined the staff of the head office of the Portland institution and left Medford last week to take up his new duties in Portland.

Eugene Thorndyke, well known Medford resident who had become assistant manager of the local branch of First National, is now manager. Thorndyke was vice-president of the First National Bank of Medford when that bank consolidated with the Portland institution last November. He remained with the branch as assistant manager.

A. R. Puchner, assistant cashier of The First National Bank of Portland, who has been transferred from the Main Branch in Portland to the Medford Branch as assistant manager, arrived in Medford last Monday to take up his new position. Mr. Puchner has been in the banking business since 1918 when he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Paco, Washington. In 1925 he came to Portland and has been in the banking business there for more than ten years. He has been affiliated with the First National since 1933 when the American National Bank of which Puchner was assistant cashier, became the Sixth and Morrison Branch of the Portland bank.

Oris Crawford, also assistant manager of the Medford Branch of the First National, is continuing his work as assistant manager.

## Coomes Joins Race For Congress Seat

I hereby announce myself as independent candidate for the office of Representative in Congress, 1st District.

I am: One hundred percent for the Townsend Plan. One hundred percent for managed and stabilized currency.

Our present money is unmanageable, unstable and unsound. It is wildly inflationary in prosperous times and destructively deflationary in other periods. We have reached the limit of productive possibilities under its restrictive influences.

If Democracy and Industrial Capitalism are to be saved they must be rescued from the domination of Financial Capitalism.

Our present money system of money which robs us of the fruits of the natura resources and native abilities which God gave us. I stand for the Gold Standard as an international money only, for an independent domestic currency stabilized with an invariable Average Price Index and a variable ratio of exchange as a connecting link between them. Currency Control is my issue.

J. A. COOMES, Trail, Oregon

## Stork Shower is Given Mrs. Benson

Mrs. Will Foley entertained with a stork shower at her home in honor of Mrs. Raphael Benson recently. A large number of Mrs. Benson's former classmates and other friends attended and report a very lovely time.

The honor guest was presented with a lovely baby bath.

The table was very prettily decorated with the center piece consisting of a large stork and a little baby in a net. Delicious refreshments of chicken sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

## JUST SOLD THIRD STORY

Mr. Elmer Carlson has just had a story, "Young Crusader" accepted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. This story will be at the Medford Library, and will make the third story that Mr. Carlson has sold recently.

Mr. Carlson lives with his parents on a farm southwest of Medford.

Line Immann, Edith and Leatha Vincent, Edith Anderson, Dorothy and Donald Smith and Norman Hansen. Joyce Young visited in Medford Sunday.

Norma Holland was motoring on Roxy Ann Sunday.

Clara Belle Brood hiked to Howard District Sunday afternoon.



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## New Beauty Salon Opened Saturday

Ethel's Beauty Salon, which opened for business Saturday in the building just west of Gleason's Barber Shop fills a long felt want for the ladies of Central Point and vicinity. The building has been completely refinished for the new business and is a very attractive place.

The waiting room is nicely furnished with comfortable chairs and a large davenport. In the rear are two booths, one equipped with a barber chair and lavatory and the other is equipped for giving permanent waves and other beauty work. The entire place has a quiet, restful appearance.

Central Point has long felt the want of a beauty parlor separate from any barber shop and in the coming of Ethel's Beauty Salon the ladies now have an opportunity to obtain the best of work at reasonable prices in a place prepared for that purpose alone.

The proprietor, Miss Ethel Simpson states that her business has been very good so far and she will be pleased to make arrangements for appointments at any time. The phone number is 21.

## Mary E. Melvin To Last Reward

Mary Elizabeth Melvin died at her home three miles east of Central Point early Saturday morning of paralysis, aged 66 years and 28 days. She was born at Topeka, Kas., February 1, 1870, and was married to Christopher F. Melvin, February 10, 1926 at Yakima, Wash. She leaves her husband, Christopher F., and one son, Lowell E. Giggey, of Corvallis, Cal., and three grandchildren. The family has resided in the Central Point district for the past three years. She also leaves one sister and nine brothers: Mrs. Annie Stevens, Long Beach, Cal.; J. E. and W. S. Baker, Ruch, Ore.; Jess and George Baker, Cannon Beach, Ore.; Yet Baker, Elsie, Ore.; J. O. Baker, Wapato, Wash.; G. A. and E. W. in California, and Frank Baker, Central Point.

Funeral services were held at the Perl Funeral Home Tuesday at 2 p. m. Interment in Medford L. O. O. F. cemetery. Rev. Ralph Harer of Ashland of the Full Gospel church conducted the services.

## HEMMILAS WELCOME 5-POUND DAUGHTER

Proud parents Sunday were Theatre Manager Eino Hemmilla and Mrs. Hemmilla, of 59 Quince St., Medford who were presented with a small bundle of femininity in the form of a baby daughter born Saturday night at the Community hospital. Miss Hemmilla weighed 5 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces at birth, and both she and her mother are reported doing very nicely.

## FIFTEEN MEN KILLED

Crushed between a runaway tender and a locomotive de-railed by a snow slide at least fifteen men were killed, eight more are in the hospital and a number missing.

The accident occurred about 3:30 o'clock March 2 near Revelstoke, B. C. on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

## SCHOOL STUDENTS KILL GOLD HILL BOY

A car loaded with Medford High School students on their way to attend a basketball game in Grants Pass when turning to pass a truck struck and instantly killed Richard Fleming, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fleming of Gold Hill. No inquest was held and the Grand Jury was studying the case Wednesday.

## COOKING SCHOOL TO BE HELD TUES. AT GRANGE HALL

Next Tuesday afternoon, March 10, the ladies of Central Point and vicinity will have an opportunity to learn the latest wrinkles of electric cooking when a cooking school and demonstration will be given in the Grange hall under the auspices of the California Oregon Power Co. The school will start at 2 p. m. and will be conducted by Miss Marguerite Feener, an expert in home economics.

Demonstrations will be given of cake and pastry baking, roasting, broiling and frying meats and the proper cooking of vegetables. At the close of the school all food cooked will be given away to those present.

This cooking school is sponsored by the local power company as a part of their campaign to bring about a larger use of electricity in the homes of Southern Oregon. Recently the power company has reduced the rate for household electricity and these demonstrations are being given for the purpose of showing that cooking by electricity is not a luxury but a real economy.

All ladies interested in modern cooking methods are invited. Remember the date, Tuesday, March 10, at the Grange hall at 2 p. m.

## Miss Frances Sparrow To Wed March 7.

Prinsepal among events of the spring social season will be the wedding of Miss Frances Sparrow and James Firth of San Francisco, which will take place at St. Mark's Episcopal church the evening of March 7, at 8 o'clock. Rev. E. S. Bartlam will read the ceremony.

The bride-elect has selected her sister, Miss Harriet Sparrow as maid of honor and Miss Marion Rankin of Portland, a cousin of the groom, will be bridesmaid.

Kenneth Firth of San Francisco, brother of the groom, will be best man. Ushers have been announced as F. D. Clark of Stockton, Cal., and Howard Osborne, W. W. Aldrich and James Hayes all of Medford.

Miss Sparrow is the daughter of Mrs. Alex Sparrow of Kirkland farm, and Mr. Firth is the son of Mrs. Grace Firth of San Francisco. The betrothal was announced late last fall, and since that time the bride-to-be has been much feted by her many friends.

## HOTTEST DAY

March 1st was the hottest day since last October 15. It was one of only three days that the mercury has climbed to 70 degrees or higher on March 1 since weather records have been kept in Medford in 1912. The weather has ranged about the same ever since March arrived and is very hard to beat. Wednesday morning evidence of frost was noted.

## TABLE SHOWS DATES OF FIRST LAMBTONGUES

The following table shows the dates that Fred L. Johnson, Medford flower fancier and shoe repair man has received the first lambtongues every spring for nine years:

1928—March 9.
1929—March 5.
1930—March 3.
1931—February 17.
1932—March 4.
1933—March 9.
1934—February 12.

## Celebrates First Anniversary

Little Dorothy Lucile Thumler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Thumler celebrated her first anniversary of her birth, Feb. 29, 1932, last Saturday, February 29, 1936. At the time of her birth in 1932 it was stated in leading Oregon papers that she was the only baby born in Oregon on that day.

She is a very charming little miss and has two brothers in school here. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thumler live in the old Pankey house.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and for the beautiful flowers sent us in our recent bereavement in the death of our beloved mother.

Mrs. Cora Grisham.  
Mrs. Clara Wilcox.  
Mr. L. J. Grimm.

## WILLIAM WRIGHT IS INJURED IN CROSSING SMASH

A report from the Community that Mr. Wright was slightly injured but Mr. Wright was slightly injured but that he had not yet regained consciousness.

William Wright 60-year-old farmer living on the Old Stage road, was rushed to the Community hospital in Medford Monday morning suffering from a fractured skull, and numerous lacerations sustained when the wood truck he was driving into Medford was struck by a north-bound Southern Pacific passenger train at Central Point. The crash occurred shortly after 9 a. m.

A large crowd rushed to the scene of the wreck, the sound of the crash having been heard for blocks. Among the first to arrive on the scene was Marshal Hedgepath who examined the injured man and sent in a call for the state police and the ambulance.

The truck was partly loaded with wood at the time of the accident and the force of the smash could be judged from the fact that when the truck was thrown from the track the wood was left lying close beside the track, the truck apparently sliding out from under the load. Some of the wood was thrown over fifty feet down the track. One of the peculiar things about the accident was that although the frame of the truck was badly bent and the front axle sprung, no injury was done to any of the tires.

There were no eye-witnesses of the accident, state police said, and it is not known whether Wright's motor had stalled, or whether he had over-driven the crossing because of faulty brakes. The train whistled but was unable to stop before contact was made. The truck was hurled 104 ft., Wright being thrown free and landing 54 feet from the point of impact.

Police said that the train stopped in its own length after the crash, and the crew came back to render assistance, but departed as soon as aid arrived.

The attending physician said that no bones other than the skull had been broken, but that it was too early to say what the injured man's chances were for life.

Wright lives with his wife, his son-in-law and daughter and frequently hauls wood into Central Point and Medford.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Freeman are on their way home from California. They have stopped for a visit at Marysville and may stop at other places along the route. They are expected home about the twentieth of the month.

## 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.

The Fishermen'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.

Junior Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Bobby Hoagland, leader, Ed Vincent, director.

Prayer and Bible study service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Harry Young, J.J.R., leader. We will explain the Millennium Kingdom and see a clear picture of the closing of this age in which we live.

Junior Endeavor will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Eide on Friday at 4:00 p. m.

Always welcome, always wanted.