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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The mills of the gods grind slowly, etc., etc., but they get there just the same. For many moons we have yowled at our beneficent city fathers to get rid of that blasted old weed patch behind the city hall. And lo, they have actually went and done it! Hats off to Guy, Bert and Jim, and you may even tip 'em to Fred and his mighty steed, Farmall, which he so fearlessly rode amidst that terrible jungle with its lurking pitfalls.

And now it begins to look like some other folks could take a leaf from the city's books and "go thou and do likewise." There are several privately owned lots and parkings about town that could do with a bit of fixin'. Who'll be the next.

The writer and his family enjoyed a unique experience last Sunday. We took our lunch and departed for the "wild open spaces" to see the bold horse wranglers from the wilds of Chicago and other Eastern cities, assisted by the forest service and a few real horsemen (to say nothing of the horsewomen) drive in that herd of wild beasts over on Little Applegate. And the biggest thrill we experienced was in no way connected with wild horses. It was the sight of Smudge Pot Perry, one-time member of Uncle Sam's Navy, walk the plank.

Said plank was the sole means of crossing a big mining ditch. It was all of eight feet long, and hung dizzily in the air at least four feet above the silent water. Boldly the ex-sailor advanced to the bridgehead. There he paused and took stock of the situation, finally demanding that some heavy person stand on the end of the plank to prevent its slipping. Then, silently commending his soul to its Maker he started more or less steadily across the vast chasm, while the throng awaiting their turn held their breaths and prayed the danged old plank would turn a flip-flop and send the adventurous journalist into the icy depths. But the luck of all newspaper people was with him and Art went majestically on his way, dry, (at least outside).

Way back in our dim, disreputable past we lived in northeastern Wyoming when that country was new and as wild as the rest of the cattle country in its balmies. And on a good many occasions it fell to our lot to help drive into corrals many range horses. But if we expected to have any luck at it we didn't station a brass band at the corral or invite all and sundry to sit on he top rail thereof and yell. Now that the claque has departed Mr. Port and his riders may have better success.

But one part of the gala occasion was well worth while. And that was sitting beside the sparkling waters of the Little Applegate and eating fried chicken with fixin's with our coat off in the balmy sunshine in the middle of March. We don't often get that chance and sure did pity the poor benighted folks back east with their snow, floods and mud. Southern Oregon is plenty good enough for us.

We note with surprise that just being loud spoken followers of Dr. Townsend hasn't as yet changed human nature or made saints out of everyone. According to reports some of the old trouble-making element who helped to raise h—l and put a chunk under it during the campaign four years ago in this county are up to their old tricks and stirring up all sorts of mud in one of the Medford clubs. Some folks are forever hunting trouble.

W.P.A. Mural Placed In Asylum for Insane

Chicago.—Works Progress Administration artists have just completed a mural 44 feet long and 6 feet wide, at a cost of almost \$2,000. Eighteen of the "boondoggling" painters were employed on the object of art, at salaries of \$94 a month. When the mural was completed it was placed where it is hoped it will be of interest and diversion to hundreds of art lovers—in the state asylum for the insane at Elgin, Ill.

BRIDE OF FOUR DAYS UNDERGOES SERIOUS OPERATION

Miss Wilma Hood and Mr. Elmo McGraw were married at the bride's home Saturday evening in the presence of immediate members of both families. Mrs. McGraw is well known here being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hood and a graduate from the high school last year. Mr. McGraw's parents live in Medford. Mrs. McGraw was operated on at the Community hospital Wednesday morning for appendicitis and according to latest reports today is doing nicely. Upon her recovery the couple plan on making their home in Lakeview for the summer when Mr. McGraw has work. The American joins their many friends in hopes for a speedy recovery for Mrs. McGraw and best wishes to the young couple for a long and happy life.

New Restaurant Opened Saturday; New Equipment

Leonard's, Medford's newest restaurant and fountain, opened Saturday in the location formerly occupied by the Rex Cafe. The new concern is under the management of Lo Denzel, formerly of Portland and has been entirely remodeled and renovated.

All fittings in the new restaurant are ultra modern, artistic color harmony lending a pleasing effect. Rich mahogany trimmed with natural birch is effectively used. One of the outstanding features is the new low counter, with its attractive chair back stools upholstered in genuine red leather and outlined in chromium plate.

The chef, Frank Moore is a specialist in sea foods and steaks. All pies and pastries used are baked in the remodeled kitchen, which is equipped to give Southern Oregon patrons the very best in culinary service.

The fountain is under the supervision of Stanley Johnson, an experienced soda fountain dispenser. Fresh frozen ice cream made daily in their modern freezer, is always available at Leonard's.

Large crowds attended the opening of the new restaurant Saturday. Complimentary flowers were given to all lady guests during the day and evening.

Report Expensive Trip

Mr. Bert Boswell and cousin Chester Booth arrived Monday night from Springdale, Arkansas, for a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Henry Kilburn and family, and uncle, Mr. Booth and wife. They left Tuesday from Arkansas and arrived here Monday evening. They made very good time but report a very expensive trip. They had six other boys with them and were compelled to buy a state license and chauffeur's license and pay 6 cents a mile mileage to drive through Arizona and California. Mileage of 3 cents a mile was collected in Mexico.

Sister of Local Man Writes Poem

Mrs. Edna Gleason while visiting her brother, Mr. E. R. Gleason here some time ago, visited at this office and left several poems which she had composed. At this time we are very happy to print the first of these which is called "Spring Time".

SPRING TIME
May-day shower came a wooing,
Amid my apple trees;
To press his suit more ardently
He brought a zephyr breeze:
Upon each faintly half closed bud
He beat a tattoo bold,
And bid each bud of coral-pink
Disclose her heart of gold.
Then zephyr breeze more chillily grew
To chide their hesitating,
May-shower bid a rude farewell,
Impatient at his waiting.
Anon through rifts clouds appear
Stray sunbeams warm, inviting,
And to the buds with hearts of gold
Eternal love was plighting.

Old Age Pension Program Starts About April 1

SALEM, ORE., March 18.—Old age pensions in Oregon, under the new plan just approved by the National Social Security Board, will continue to be administered by the county relief committees but subject to the supervision of and rules and regulations made by the State Relief committee.

Each application for old age pensions must be determined upon its own merits after an investigation by agents of the county committee and assistance awards "shall be great enough to provide, when added to the income of the recipient, a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but in no event shall exceed thirty dollars a month to any one person."

Applicants for old age pensions to be eligible for assistance must be a citizen of the United States or a native born American woman who was married to an alien prior to September 22, 1922 and who thereby lost her American citizenship but who otherwise is qualified by reason of age and residence; have resided in Oregon for five years during the last ten years and must have resided continuously in the state for at least one year continuously immediately preceding the date of application for aid; is not an inmate of any public or private home for the aged; must not have made any assignment of property so as to render himself eligible for assistance; and is not subject to institutional care.

Zoric System of Cleaning Now Used By Laundry Co.

The Zoric system of garment cleaning, which was placed in operation Saturday at the Medford Domestic Laundry, has met with instantaneous and whole-hearted public approval, according to Manager Glen Fabrick.

Mr. Fabrick says, "The new Zoric dry cleaning system is the last word in garment cleaning equipment. It took several years and hundreds of thousands of dollars to perfect this wonderful unit, which uses a pure non-inflammable, non-explosive cleaning fluid—gallons and gallons of it on every garment."

In the Zoric system the garments are placed in a smoothly polished metal cylindrical container which slowly revolves through the cleaning fluid. The processes of cleaning, removing the cleaning solvent and drying the garments, formerly done in three separate machines, are all handled within this single unit. The garments are cleaned, dried and deodorized in the one machine and are not removed until the entire process is completed. Then they emerge clean through and through—dry and absolutely odorless.

Mr. Fabrick says: "The new Zoric cleaning fluid, with its superior cleansing qualities, penetrates every type of fabric thoroughly and removes every trace of dirt. Yet its action is most gentle, and rejuvenating. It restores the original new-like appearance and feel to men's and women's garments."

MRS. PAXON HOSTESS TO PAST MATRON'S CLUB WITH LUNCHEON

The Past Matron Club of the Nevita Chapter were entertained at a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Paxson in Medford Wednesday. The table carried out the St. Patrick colors with green airplanes for placecards, green dishes and the refreshments used the same color whenever possible. Daffodils added to the beauty of the table.

The serving committee was composed of Mesdames Paxson, Mabel Bennett, Pankey, Bursell, Jennie Merritt, Sanderson and Miss Alice Hanley.

Mrs. McJinsey was our enjoying a walk in the sunshine Wednesday. It was the first time she was able to be out in two weeks.

Mrs. Joe Collier and three children of Klamath Falls are guests at the Gene Blackford home.

Assistance paid out under the state plan will stand as a claim to any estate that might be left by a beneficiary. Administration of old age assistance under the new set-up is scheduled to begin April 1 or as soon thereafter as the necessary machinery can be set in motion. Approval of the plan by the national social security board carried with it also approval of the application of the state relief committee for \$375,000 in federal funds to cover Uncle Sam's share of the pension burden, for the months of April, May and June. This money will be matched by state and county funds.

Stork Shower at Obenchain Home

Mrs. Oliver Obenchain entertained with a stork shower in honor of her sister, Mrs. James Campbell of Talent.

Those present were Mesdames Lester Higgenbotham, Harry Dunn, Don Clark, Floyd Root, Edwin Martin, Herbert Gregory, Otto Bohnert, the honor guest, Mrs. James Campbell and the hostess, Mrs. Obenchain.

Games were played and many lovely gifts received by Mrs. Campbell. Refreshments were served in St. Patrick colors of green cheese, potato salad, cake and tea.

Bible Class Meets At Bursell Home

The Golden Link Bible Class of the Christian church met Friday at the home of Mrs. Victor Bursell. Owing to illness the President, Mrs. Edward Jones, was unable to attend and the vice president, Mrs. Tethrow had charge.

Owing to illness many were unable to attend although about twenty were present.

Delicious refreshments of cookies, jello and coffee were served.

Trout Season to Open on April 5

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14.—Oregon's trout season will open April 5. Sunday, the fish and game commission decided in a surprise session here. Consideration of open seasons and bag limits on fish and game were not scheduled to be considered until later today.

The fishing season will close October 31.

Enjoy Class Party

Mrs. Lois Young's Sunday School class met at the Tyrell home for a St. Patrick's Day party. The girls each brought a box lunch for two. Games were played and all had a delightful time. About 25 members were present.

Mrs. Leever Entertains Tuesday

The Royal Neighbors met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Leever Tuesday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Doyle, Deputy from Ashland, Mesdames Lacy, Bursell, Gregory, Fox, Vincent and the hostess, Mrs. Leever. St. Patrick's Day was the motif. Chocolate, salad and sandwiches were served in green dishes.

W. R. C. Dinner Successful Affair

The fourth annual business men's luncheon given by the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps on St. Patrick's Day at their hall above the Ross confectionery, was a big success.

The attendance far exceeded the expectations of the ladies who had to do some hurried shopping to supply the demand. Over 100 tickets were sold and the proceeds amounted to \$24.85.

Many expressions of pleasure regarding the dinner were heard. Several remarked it would be a fine thing if the ladies put on such a dinner every day at such a low price of 20 cents.

So what?—

Gerald Morris rather downhearted—rapid change on receiving a post card from San Diego and is all smiles now.

Jim Lees riding home with his father and a certain young lady asking him why he wasn't in school that day. Caught between two fires.

Mrs. R. C. Lewis sent her daughter, among other gifts, some lovely tulip bulbs for Christmas. They have just bloomed and are all daffodils.

A certain lady when phoning didn't know whether she was standing on her head or feet. Could it be the fact that her daughter and friend were home for the spring vacation.

Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Gillespie were playing the punch board at Valentine's and not wanting it known because they lost.

Sandy Richardson and John Townsend waiting in line rather than take a seat at the WRC lunch Tuesday that would separate them.

Mr. A. J. Milton taking a vacation now before business got so rushing he would lose out.

Ari Perry having an acute attack of ague on attempting to cross a broken plank six feet above an irrigation ditch. Swimming lessons might be in order.

Roy Jones sent his rugs to the laundry and on their return Tuesday placed them nicely on the floor. His guests smudged Wednesday morning—So What!

Irsel Lewis accidentally letting loose of a news item.

E. R. Gleason carrying a hammer and looking for some nails. He was planning to take a drive.

Vinco Ritzinger, Archie Parker, and Johnny Ross in a sunny spot trying out a swell new fish pole.

Guy Tex on the business end of a shovel, manfully assisting in leveling the new city park.

MRS. JEWETT ENTERTAINS BEREAN BIBLE CLASS

Mrs. H. P. Jewett was hostess to the Berean Bible Class on Thursday, March 12. President Elsie Martin presided over the business and devotional period. The meeting was opened by group singing and prayer by Mrs. Martin. Review of the book of Revelations by Louise Grimes was much enjoyed. During the business session plans were developed for future activities of the class and the entertainment program was omitted owing to lack of time.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and committee during the social hour. Thirty-three ladies were present.

Frost Observer Here For Season

Earl J. Rogers, frost observer for the district, arrived in Medford Saturday and was on duty Sunday. The first frost of the season was yesterday morning.

Roy Nichols at the Scherrer Orchard reported smudging. L. C. Grimes and Roy Jones gave the alarm when the phone rang at 2:30 o'clock.—Mr. Grimes calling Jim and Bill and Mr. Jones calling Juniors Ayers and Bud Carr who notified other Central Point boys. Many of the orchards are all set for the frost season and others are busy preparing for the annual smudging season.

NEW DEAL STILL BLOWS \$2 FOR \$1; BIG DEFICIT LOOMS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Having entered its fourth year of administration March 4, President Roosevelt's New Deal is still spending two dollars for every dollar it takes in. Federal receipts for the 1936 fiscal year to Feb. 29 were \$2,348,281,700 while expenditures stood at \$4,758,686,351.

This two-for-one spending progresses despite the fact that the President said, in his first annual budget message, that the nation should plan for a balanced budget—which in simple terms means spending no more money than you take in—during the "third year of recovery," which is the 1936 fiscal year.

Now all indications are that the 1936 deficit will be surpassed by the deficit in the 1937 budget, which has been estimated to be more than \$4,000,000,000.

Since he was inaugurated on Mar. 4, 1933, the President has spent \$19,000,000,000 of which \$10,000,000,000 was for purposes other than the ordinary running expenses of the government. A further expenditure of more than \$5,000,000,000 is provided for.

Most of the spending outside ordinary expenditures was for the purpose of "priming the pump" pouring Federal money out of the taxpayer's pocket on the theory that business, once stimulated by the artificial purchasing power created would "pick up" of its own accord and put the idle millions back to work.

After three years, with money still rolling out of the treasury in billions for relief and "made work" (boondoggling), the American Federation of Labor, through its president, William Green, estimates that at the end of January there were still 12,626,000 workers unemployed. The increase in unemployment of 1,229,000 from December to January was the largest such increase in five years.

As three years of the New Deal came to an end the National debt had reached a total of about \$32,000,000,000, a new high for all time. And an excellent prospect for the near future was a debt of 35 to 40 billions of dollars. This would be a debt for \$1.100 to \$1.260 for every family in the United States, a prior lien on everything each family owns and a first mortgage on everything it owns.

\$31,223.33 Tax Paid By Copco Check

The California Oregon Power Company paid its first quarter tax payment last week, amounting to \$31,223.33. This is one of the largest tax payments received by the tax collection department of the County sheriff's office. The total property tax to be paid by Copco to Jackson County this year amounts to \$125,003.53. This sum covers only the state, county, city, school and other district property taxes levied against Copco in Jackson county, and does not include other forms of state and federal taxes.

The total of property taxes alone to be paid by The California Oregon Power Company in the state of Oregon this year, will amount to \$354,639.39 according to local officials.

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 8:00 p. m.
The Family Gathering, Wednesday. 8:00 p. m.
Choir Practice—Thursday. 7:30 p. m.