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## CONTEST TO CLOSE APRIL 25

### Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The time's getting short, folks, to get in on the Beautification Contest. You know it closes a week from Saturday and you had better get your name down right now.

We enjoyed a brief call from Bro. Banwell, of the Jackson Co. C. of C., this week. And His Nibs volunteered the information that the great booster body would give a framed picture by Shangle to the winner of the first prize for the prettiest yard. Wouldn't you love to have one of these beautiful art pictures of your home by that noted artist? We would but fear we stand a poor show to win it.

But anyway, we are glad to see the old chamber living up to its good resolution to help every worthy project anywhere in the county. In return, every business man in the town ought to be a member. We like to have the chamber of commerce help our projects. Why not lend a hand for the other fellow?

Beats all what a furor always arises when the proposition of a parole for Earl Fehl comes up. Seems to us that he is entitled to exactly the same treatment other prisoners receive—no better, no worse. It has been customary to turn men loose from the pen as having served their time when their earned "good behavior" time is deducted. This has been the regular procedure for these many years. If it has been illegal, why has the Attorney General's office just awoke to the fact? Seems to us that if it has been customary for twenty years to take the Warden's judgment as to whether a prisoner is entitled to "good behavior" allowance, it is darned queer to drag up a new "opinion" at this late day just because certain officials have it in for Fehl.

We have no way of knowing whether or not Earl has been a model prisoner. But the Warden knows and if he believes Fehl is entitled to this deduction from his maximum sentence, his say-so should be enough. Any man is entitled to a square deal.

We hold no brief for Earl Fehl. His actions and his record entirely alienated any regard we may have had for him. We hope he never comes back to enter again upon a career such as was his in the past. We want no such men in our county. But fair play is fair play, always.

Just a month from yesterday comes the primary. So far we have seen just one candidate in our office. And that was H. B. M. who always was an early bird. As we were sitting back "joshing" the dear lady one of our Democratic friends dropped in. He seemed rather shocked to learn who our visitor was and that after all we had said about her we could still "threat her as a lady" as Mr. Dooley would say.

But that's the way of newspaper folk. We who spend our days sitting on our pinnacles watching the going and coming of all sorts of things daily and telling the world of the same, sometimes become a hardened lot. We see so much of the seamier side of life it makes cynics of many of us. But it gives us the ability to "josh" our way along, even with those whom we oppose politically.

Wonder if we dare spring any more suggestions on our city dads after all they have stood from us in the past? We would like to see them secure a mowing machine and hitch it on behind the city truck and keep cutting the grass and weeds along our side streets. That hadn't ought to cost a fortune and would make things a lot neater.

Enjoyed a talk the other day with another old-timer who had driven a team across the Dakotas as we ourselves had done in the dim, dark past. And he told of having crossed the same old route within the last five years, only to find that the

### CELEBRATE 59TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIED LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Fry celebrated fifty-nine years of married life yesterday, April 15. A number of friends called at the Fry home during the day to offer congratulations.

John F. Fry and Sarah I. Station slipped away from the home of the young lady's father, Mr. Jehu Gabriel Fitzhugh Station, in Kansas and across the line to Cass County, Missouri to have an old pastor and special friend perform the ceremony that made them man and wife.

After the ceremony, which was performed at the home of another friend, the double doors were thrown open and disclosed a table set for a big wedding dinner. On returning to Mrs. Fry's home another big wedding table was ready and many friends of the young couple were present.

Mr. Fry, who is 87 remarked with a twinkle in his eye, "We didn't look like this 59 years ago." Mrs. Fry, who is 81, said, "No, he didn't have a long white beard then." Mr. Fry in spite of his advanced age, drives his own car and cares for a small vegetable garden, roses and other flowers. He and his wife have lived in Central Point for the past 11 years and for the past 49 years in Jackson County.

Eight children were born to this couple, three of whom are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Fry lived near Trail for many years before coming to this city.

The American joins their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fry hearty congratulations.

### New Store Aids Home Development

A new Pabco Products Store managed by Mr. H. L. Ekerson, approved Pabco Dealer, has opened to extend home improvements to the residents of Medford, Central Point, Grants Pass and Ashland.

Through this service Mr. Ekerson will offer the many home improvements to help beautify with the many color combinations on Roof and Paint jobs as well as general remodeling.

He is offering many new colors in Pabco shingles in new and heavy patterns to harmonize with any type of architecture. He also offers small monthly payments to induce home owners to beautify and repair now.

### High School Students In Grange Program

The program for Grange Friday evening will be provided by students of the high school. The orchestra will play several numbers under the direction of Mr. R. A. Botts. The Girls' Glee Club will sing under Miss Schreiber's direction.

Two short skits will also be given. This program is open to the public and will begin at 8 o'clock. Those who plan to come are urged to be on time as the program must begin promptly. The orchestra and glee club are scheduled to appear at the Community Club program at Table Rock at 9 o'clock and ask your cooperation by your being on time.

**Water Turned Off**  
The city water was turned off last night to repair a main. They planned to shut the water off at 9:30 but owing to the cheese factory needing the water it was postponed until midnight.

country hadn't changed a bit. There are square miles in western South Dakota we wouldn't trade for our back yard here. As an old settler there once told us: "This country is good for two things, a few cattle and lots of Indians." Now that the Indians are gone and the big cattlemen dead there isn't much left to use that land for.

### Registrations to End One Week From Saturday

Interest in the Second Annual Beautification contest is growing daily. Many entrants have already registered, but it is hoped that many more will get into the race soon. Registration for the contest will close Saturday, April 25. Every one in town is urged to register and help make this Contest a big success.

Rules for the contest have been changed somewhat from last year. No merchandise prizes will be given, but instead blue ribbons are to be given to the winners in the various classifications. There will be more classifications than last year. For instance in the class "Prettiest Yard" there will be prizes for those having lived here 10 years or more; for those from 5 to 10 years and from 2 to 5 years.

Also ribbons will be awarded for such things as rock gardens, special flower beds, vines, pool and the like. A special prize of a framed picture by Shangle of the prize winning yard is offered by the Jackson Co. Chamber of Commerce for the prettiest yard.

A drive about the city will prove a surprise to those who believe our town is just a old dilapidated bunch of shacks. There are dozens of beautiful homes, each showing hours and years of patient labor in the growing of flowers and shrubbery. Since the contest last year much improvement is apparent all over the city. Much more interest in being shown in the care of the streets and alleys

### 65th Artillery Reunion Slated

Members of the old 65th Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Camp Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia river during the war, will hold their annual re-union at the Congress hotel in Portland on May 2. Walter W. Abbey has been notified. Abbey was a member of the company, leaving for France in 1917.

Although the re-union is being prepared by the 65th, any member of a coast artillery corps stationed at Camp Stevens during the war is asked to attend the meeting. Anyone planning to attend is asked to write to Harold Hunt, 1200 Guardian building Portland.

There are several members of the old 65th now living in the Rogue river valley, Abbey said. Among them are George Gates, Charles Farmer, Hubert Bentley of Ashland and many others—Mail Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Freeman returned from their trip in California Sunday. Mrs. Freeman did not benefit from the trip as much as was hoped for. She has been confined to her bed since returning but is improving at this time.

### EASTER SERVICE IS ENJOYED AT LITTLE RED BRICK CHURCH



Easter Services at the Little Red Brick Church started with a sunrise prayer meeting at 5:30 a. m. Brother Johnston from Faith Home was present and gave the address. He is now holding services at Table Rock. There was a very good program during the Sunday school hour. Kenneth Wyatt sang a song accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. Davison at the piano. This number was very much enjoyed by all. Services by the young folks and the regular church service in the evening completed the Easter program.

### Pie-Eaters Fooled At Local Dinner

A bit of humor was introduced at a recent H. E. C. dinner in this city. A number of business men commented upon the unusual excellence of the pies served. They said "those Grange ladies sure can make pies which are far ahead of the average baker's pies."

The ladies solemnly accepted the tribute and then casually remarked: "But these pies came from Fluhrer's." Alas for the reputation of the "pies mother used to make."

### Souvenir Issue of 3-cent Postage Stamps

A special issue of a sheet containing four 3-cent stamps embracing the Connecticut Tercentary, California-Pacific Exposition, Michigan and Texas Centennial Commemorative issues will be issued soon, according to information received this week by Postmaster Pankey. Information concerning these stamp sheets may be obtained at the post-office. Collectors and others interested should see Mr. Pankey at once as the only way the stamps can be obtained here is by sending to New York or Washington for same.

### Surprise Party for Mrs. Webster Wed.

Mrs. Ruth Clark planned a surprise party for her mother, Mrs. Webster, Wednesday afternoon, that being her birthday anniversary. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in playing games and visiting. Dainty refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake was served. Those present were Mesdames Manus, Gresham, Hamrick, Minnick, Milton, Langston, Ayers, Sanderson, Janneb Walton, Rolly Clark and the honor guest Mrs. Webster.

### EASTER PROGRAM MUCH ENJOYED

The Easter program of the Christian church Sunday school was given during the Sunday school and church hours. A reading "The Touch of the Masters Hand" by Mrs. Bertha Bursell was very well received. Every class was responsible for some number on the program. The newly organized orchestra made its initial appearance under the able leadership of Mrs. Lois Young.

### "HOT COPY"

It's "Hot Copy" when the seniors get busy, and as they have settled down to work in earnest, under the capable direction of Mrs. Ross, the play has been progressing rapidly. Although no definite date has been decided upon yet, it will be presented in the early part of May.

The characters in "Hot Copy" are well chosen and each member of the cast has an unusual opportunity to do effective work.

The cast is as follows—Sylvia Dale—handling society and want ads on Evening Herald—Arline Inmann.

Bill Gregory—a young reported with ambitions—James Fleischer.

Bud Rice—in charge of the Herald's "back office"—Edwin Gebhard.

Jane Corwin—writes anything from sob to scandal—Ruby Webster.

Hazel Winston—aspiring to social leadership—Carol Furry.

Kenneth Wade—owner and editor of the Evening Herald—Ernest Lathrop.

Randolph Peters—outstanding among the local colored boys—Herbert Crowder.

Dudley Kay—aspiring to the Mayorship—Floyd Dole.

Peggy Wilson—born in a print shop, so to say—Marjorie Jones.

Mrs. Devine—a busy woman interested in a lot of things—Nellie Grissom.

### TAXATION AND RELIEF ARE SURE CAMPAIGN ISSUES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The nominating conventions are still months away and more than half a year must elapse before the Presidential and Congressional elections, but already it is possible to definitely isolate issues which will be hammered home during the days to come. Other issues will have their place, and either President Roosevelt or the Republican nominee might develop new ones, but right now it is certain that taxation, relief (or boondoggling), and unemployment, are definitely on the agenda for constant discussion during the next seven months.

It might be said that these are certain to be issues because they are the points upon which the present administration is weakest and are therefore the vulnerable points of attack. A few months ago the Constitution and Supreme Court seemed destined to be perhaps the dominant issues, but public reaction seemingly has compelled Secretary Wallace and the rest of those in Washington who sought hasty changes to back away. Until after the elections, anyway.

Thus far the question of unemployment has been obscured in the pre-convention debates. But the Republicans are bound to realize some time that it is at this point that President Roosevelt is weakest and that there is no defense for the fact that so little has been done to re-employ the idle. The fundamental pledge of the present Administration was that it knew all the answers when it came to the unemployment question. When it came into office in 1933, estimates of the jobless were 14,000,000 to 15,000,000. Last month the estimate was fixed at above 12,000,000.

### MR. & MRS. OBENCHAIN PARENTS OF BABY GIRL

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Obenchain at the Purucker Maternity home in Medford Monday morning weighing eight pounds. Both baby and Mrs. Obenchain are doing nicely and will soon be allowed company. The baby has been named Linda Merle.

### 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 Hoyer, Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "Judgment Day."

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Subject "Ascension of Christ, His Church on Earth" The newly organized orchestra is prepared to play for this service.

Senior Endeavor 6:30 P. M. J. Ed Vincent, Director.

Junior Endeavor 4:00 P. M. Friday at home of Lewis Robertson. Mrs. Izetta Elde, Director.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:45 P. M. Mrs. Izetta Elde, leader. Bible lesson by pastor, "The Creation of God." Gen 1:1-12:3.

Choir Rehearsal Thursday 7:45 P. M.