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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

CO-OPERATE

The mocking bird sat in a tree,
The hour was growing late;
He chirped the word he heard that night,
"Co-operate!"

Then snugly placed his head 'neath wing
And slept. Dawn broke anew;
The night before the town folks met
Their pledges to renew.

To build a town, to make it grow!
A sumptuous banquet spread,
And hundreds who for show to make
Had loudly spoke and said:

"We'll do it now, we'll make things hum,
We'll work together great;
We'll do the things that should be done,
We'll co-operate."

Lo, how the swell of speaker's voice
Can move to promise all;
But when the oratory stops,
Emotion's feathers fall.

And so 'twas ever thus; in crowds
We boldly sign the pledge;
But when collection day comes round,
By ones, why 'er—we hedge.

As said before the mocking bird,
When dawn broke night-time's spell,
Could only quote in sad lament:
"Co-operate? Like hell!"

The other night we attended the annual dinner of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. We listened to a very eloquent address by a famed speaker who came to Southern Oregon from the big city upstate to tell us how fortunate we were to live in such glorious surroundings. He spoke of the advantages and disadvantages of living far from the maddening crowds. And as we listened to that matchless oratory we felt rather amused that after all these years of living in what has been known far and wide as one of the most progressive and aggressive communities in the West, we should now learn we had missed out on so much of life.

But we agreed with the speaker that the people of Southern Oregon have learned to be satisfied with what we have. And why not? Though we may miss some of the social life of big cities—who cares? If we want art—just raise your eyes in any direction and feast them on pictures signed by the Great Master. What though we cannot attend the opera, or opening nights at great theatres, have we really missed so much? Some of us have lived among all those things and have come to appreciate what a tinsel show it all is.

To live close to Nature; to have real neighbors and friends; to feel we have a part in our community life, is worth much to us all. But we hope that mocking bird was referring to some other place and some other people than ours. Let's show the cynical thing WE can and will co-operate.

We had hoped that Dr. Birkowitz would include all Southern Oregon in speaking of a "United Community" and not just Medford. That has been the trouble for years. Medford has hogged the limelight and forgot that only as the Valley prospers can Medford prosper. In recent years they have awakened to a realization of the inter-dependence of the city with country and have been showing signs of a much broader attitude. But we who live without her borders listened in vain for one word except laudation of Medford the Great.

We have been hearing quite a few comments on the artistic beauty (?) of the display of circus posters filling the windows of vacant buildings along our streets. And we are wondering just who among the city officials got those tickets for leasing the windows of the old city hall for the display. All this certainly doesn't add much to the "City Beautiful" plans now being promulgated.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Benson of Central Point, a girl weighing 7 1/2 pounds, at the Purucker Maternity Home April 15.

GENERAL BUTLER FLAYS BUSINESS FOR WAR HORROR

Uni- of Oregon, Eugene, April 21.—Vigorously denouncing war, big jor-General Smedley D. Butler, retired marine corps officer, yesterday told 2000 students and townspeople in Gerlinger hall that the president who would give his word to keep the United States out of war would be the greatest man in the world since Christ.

"The fellow who says that there shall be no war—I'd vote for him if he were a Buddhist," the general reaffirmed in the short open seminar after the scheduled talk, given from 10 o'clock to 11:20 before a packed hall.

Diplomats Ridiculed
General Butler, who held his audience with sparkling humor and vivid statements, complained bitterly about the use of the American flag as a tool of diplomats and international bankers. Diplomats he ridiculed as "politicians out of a job, who talk on the intake."

"If there is any blood of international bankers in our flag, it's in the yellow fringe around it," Butler remarked caustically to an amused audience. He went on, however, to explain the sacredness of the flag which in his mind should stand for all of the people.

Patriotism Defined
"Patriotism is love of the homes—the 22 million of them with their roots in the ground," explained the peace-seeking professional soldier.

"It's not the pride in the strongest army or navy. That's nationalism." Economic ventures of gigantic corporations, like the New York City bank and the Standard Oil company, were blamed by Butler for United States participation in wars. This makes it necessary for American soldiers to go to Europe, Cuba, China to "protect their homes."

"Protected Mother" in Cuba
"I ran away from home in 1895 to protect my mother in Cuba," the general announced dryly. "And I fought against Spaniards from Madrid, who were protecting their mothers in Cuba too."

The dollar diplomacy adopted in 1898 has been responsible for international difficulties experienced by the United States. "Our dollars run abroad, the flag runs after the dollars, and the suckers run after the flag," he said.

Circus Posters Are Now All the Rage

Last year during the Beautification Contest the advance agent for the Barnes' circus came along and persuaded Jack Lees to allow them to cover the walls of his garage building with posters in exchange for tickets. But when the boys came to use those tickets, trouble arose and the boys had to pay extra.

More or less unfavorable comment was heard about town about disfiguring the town with such things and some of the talk must have reached Mr. Lees for this year when the same circus came along, he refused to allow them to put up the posters.

But later came the advance man for the Tom Mix show and he, too, was turned down. But, being a persistent cuss, he returned and offered \$10 cash for the privilege instead of free show tickets. In the meantime Mr. Lees discovered that almost every vacant window in town, even the old city building, was resplendent with the monstrosities. So he decided he might as well join the gang and glom that ten bucks.

So now if you want a headache, just take a look at the Jack Lees garage.

"HOT COPY"

Friday, May 8, has finally been chosen as the night for the senior class to present their class play "Hot Copy."
The ticket sale is under way, under the management of Ernestyn Thompson, business manager. The tickets are the class colors, red and white.
An extensive advertising campaign for this three act comedy will soon begin to boost "Hot Copy."

C. of C. Holds Annual Dinner, Address Enjoyed

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce held their annual dinner at the Hotel Medford Tuesday evening. The huge dining room was filled almost to capacity.

Ben E. Harder, retiring president, who has held that office for the past two years, presided and introduced the new board of directors and officers of the chamber. Mr. Harder, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the officers and members of the chamber for their cooperation during his administration and bespoke the same cooperation for the new officers. He especially commended the choice of Olen Arnsperger as president for the coming year and also commended the work of the manager Mr. A. H. Banwell, whom he called "one of the best on the Pacific coast."

Following the introduction of the new officers, Mr. Harder introduced the principle speaker of the evening, Dr. Henry J. Birkowitz of Portland, who delivered an eloquent address on the subject: "A United Community."

Road Oiling By County at Cost

The oiling of dirt roads anywhere in Jackson county to minimize dust will be done again this year by the county court for the cost of the oil, it was announced yesterday by Judge Earl B. Day.

The service, he said, is available to any county resident whether he lives within a city or not. Cost of the oil is five cents a lineal foot for double width oiling so that, for example, a 100 foot stretch would cost \$5. Judge Day stated, A deposit covering cost of the oil is required.

All applications for the service and the required deposits must be made at the county clerk's office before May 15.

So what?--

E. P. Stone treated his car to a new coat of paint.

O. D. Tucker is still mining and getting poorer every day.

Geraldine Tex scattering money in front of Marine Grocery.

Mr. T. A. Marine, fishing at Savage Rapid dam, reports sucker at one end of the line.

Jack Lees pondering the advisability of tearing down his garage and putting up a couple of bill boards.

Arnold Bohnert carrying one of Faber's straw hat across the street.

James Watkin and J. D. Culbertson studying the Circus posters on the Jones building.

Two big white horses getting new shoes fitted by Minnick today.

L. Hatfield trading an empty bottle for a full one.

Miss Lottie May Critchell is nursing a sore arm from her session with Dr. Johnson and Miss Renell.

Charlotte Richardson made a health garden out of a piece of orange paper at school.

Attend Radio Convention

Mr. McKinney accompanied by Sanford J. Richardson, John Townsend and Kenneth Pasmore of Medford and Mr. Brown of Brown Radio shop in Grants Pass left last Friday night for the radio convention in Salem. Saturday they registered and took in the dealer's displays of radios and parts. They went thru the Salem Telephone office which is the only office in the state outside Portland to have an all dial system. After this Prof. Younger of Corvallis gave a very instructive and interesting talk. Sunday morning they enjoy breakfast in individual groups, meeting at the Airport at nine o'clock and watching the Air Army put on war maneuvers. After lunch a big business meeting was held with a big banquet Sunday evening. Our local boys each won a prize in the contest held during the convention.

Dr. Birkowitz, in handling this somewhat trite subject, brought out many new thoughts. He spoke directly of Medford and her problems; of her isolation and its advantages and disadvantages. He showed that such isolation brought a sense of contentment seldom felt in larger communities. He called attention to the fact that national patriotism is a deep, abiding feeling seldom thought of by most people, unless in foreign countries. State patriotism, according to the speaker, is almost non-existent. Few people have any particular love for their home state. But love for one's home town is a different matter. Everyone is proud of their own city and never tire of telling the world of its advantages.

When the meeting broke up at the close of the address, many crowded to the speaker's table to thank Dr. Birkowitz for his stirring address and also to shake hands with the new president and to pledge renewed support to the activities of Jackson County's great booster body.

Track Meet Preliminaries

In a quadruple track meet staged at Ashland Thursday afternoon, April 16, Central Point won 34 points to take third place. Ashland gained 57 points displaying great power in the field and long running events.

Phoenix took second with a total of 35 to nose out Central Point by a single point. Jacksonville, the fourth entry placed in 4 events to give them 9 points.

Central Point took first in the 100 yard dash and shot put second in the pole vault, high jump, broad jump, 220 yard dash and 440 yard relay third in the broad jump, pole vault and javelin; fourth in the 100 javelin and 880 yard run.

P.T.A. INSTALLS

Installation of new officers will be an important part of next P.T.A. meeting May 1st at 3: p.m.

Carl Boswell will present the subject "The Liberal High School Curriculum." All high school parents should attend this meeting.

Mrs. Allison is seriously ill at the Musty home.

Mr. Francis Kizer of Harrisburg visited Bert Hedgepeth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillispie arrived a week or ten days ago from California and are living in Mrs. Gillispie's house in Medford. The Gillispies recently sold their property west of town and went to California to look after some property and during their absent sold their property there.

J. C. Crouch Speaks To Assembly

Friday forenoon, Mr. J. C. Crouch, Chief Ranger of Crater National Forest, addressed the student body.

Mr. Crouch spoke about Indian tribes, past and present. He told the students of the origin of the Indians, who, he said, came originally from Mongolia, across the Bering Strait which was then all land, into Alaska where some still remain as Eskimoes, and down the coast to spread over the United States. He said some Indians settled in Mexico and were known as Aztecs and still others pressed onward into Peru where they settled and became known to history as the Incas.

He also described native weddings, where the bride retained her family name which was in turn passed on to the children. He told about the Snake Dance of the Hopis, during which the dancers hold rattle-snakes in their hands and mouths and twine the snakes around their bodies. The dancers are given a potion brewed of herbs that counteracts snake venom in case they should be bitten. The Hopis believe the snakes are representatives of the gods so they treat the reptiles with reverence.

He mentioned that the Indians developed not only the corn and potato, but also a great majority of our foodstuffs.
Mr. Crouch's remarks were very interesting and were greatly appreciated by the students.

Sidney Thurston Wins Scholarship

The Central Point High School was very proud to learn that one of their number, Sidney Thurston a Senior, won a scholarship to Oregon State College.

Awards for the scholarships are made on the basis of academic achievement during the high school career, according to H. P. Jewett, superintendent of the Central Point High School. Selections are made in each high school from the upper quarter of grade standings of the graduating class by the superintendent, who chooses four or five to recommend for scholarships. Outside of superior grade achievements, the students recommended must show need of the scholarship for entrance in state institutions of higher learning the year after graduation.

Final selections are made by the committee on the basis of lengthy questionnaires filled out by high school superintendents concerning the worthiness of each student recommended.

The High School, as a whole, wishes to extend its congratulations to Sidney, not only for his winning of the scholarship, but for his superior work in his four years of high school.

Edward H. Davis Pneumonia Victim

Edward Hudson Davis, 81, beloved resident of southern Oregon for the past 42 years, living at Central Point most of that time, passed away at a local hospital Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., from pneumonia, after three weeks' illness.

Mr. Davis was born at Wonwoe, Wis., May 24, 1854. He left Wisconsin with his parents, when he was nine years of age, and they moved to southern Minnesota, where he grew to manhood, and was united in marriage to Della Lockhart, November 12, 1876. They lived in the east for many years, and came west to Oregon in 1884.

He was a fine Christian man and good neighbor, and will be missed by a host of friends. He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Mrs. Della Davis, one daughter, Mrs. Ethelyn Gleason of Tacoma, Wash., three sons, Leslie and William Davis of Central Point, Ore., and Guy Davis of Trona, Calif., one daughter and one son passed away in infancy. There are five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Peril Funeral Home Friday at 2 p.m., Rev. W. R. Baird of the Christian church officiating.

Gerald Relling Passed, Aged 21

Gerald Edwin Relling, aged 21, resident of Medford for the past 5 years, and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Relling of Berrydale avenue, passed away at local hospital Tuesday evening after an illness of the past month.

Gerald was born at Baker, Oregon, June 17, 1914, and came to Medford in 1924.

He leaves to mourn his departure his parents, one sister, Eva May Relling, and two brothers, Donald and Ernest Relling, all at home.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Sacred Heart Catholic church Friday at 9 a. m., Father Francis W. Black officiating. Recitation of the Rosary will be held at the Peril Funeral Home Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Interment will take place in the Siskiyou Memorial park.

Gerald was well known here having lived in Central Point last year.

Mrs. Paul Nitzschke and Mr. Marsh have two very beautiful tulip beds which make bright spots of color as far as they can be seen. Mr. March presented Mrs. Harry Hanson with a lovely bouquet of tulips and Mrs. Hanson very generously allowed her husband to place them in the Chamber of Commerce where they might be enjoyed and admired by many. While Mrs. Nitzschke has picked at least half of her tulips. She has many lovely ones left. Mr. and Mrs. Upton was among the many calling to see her tulips Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White and son and daughter of Rogue River, visit Mr. White's uncle, Mr. Edward Farra and wife one afternoon last week.

Tin Fallen and Claude Stevens who were seriously hurt in an auto crash between the Hotel Valandra and the cheese factory last Saturday are both reported out of danger.

ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR CITY CONTEST

The time for registration is fast drawing to a close. Only two more days in which to register. The judges will call some time next week, according to present plans, and anyone may get their name in before the judges call.

The contest will close with a big city picnic at the park. The committee in charge of the picnic at first decided not to issue a general invitation to the public for this picnic, but to confine it to Central Point people only. However, anyone wishing to invite outsiders may do so, provided they bring sandwiches or salads or any other eatables. Free ice cream will be furnished by the merchants.

Surprise is Given Mrs. Henry Kilburn

Mrs. Henry Kilburn was very pleasantly surprised in honor of her birthday Wednesday afternoon. The following guests were present:

Mesdames Hilkey, Manua, Webster, Ruth Clark, Flaherty, Ayers, Langston, Minnick, Green, Kilburn, and Masters Rolly Clark and Dale Kilburn.

A lovely birthday cake was served with other daintily refreshments. The honor guest received many lovely gifts.

The following clever poem by Mrs. Mary Langston was very much liked.

TO MRS. KILBURN:
If wishes were horses, beggars might ride
If wishes were fishes, we'd have some fried
If wishes for Birthdays could all come true
I'd wish the biggest of all for you.

And:
If Billy's vaccination, and my sore throat
Hadh't got together to get my goat
And Bert with a bump on his ole shin bone
(As if that wasn't enough, alone)
What with hot packs, linament, gargles and pills
And all sorts of other ailments and ills.

You can see for yourself I didn't have time
To make this apron with stitches so fine
But I'm wishing my wishes for you
Just the same
And right down here I'll sign my name—

MARY LANGSTON

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 Honer, supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M.
Senior Endeavor 7:00 P.M. Leader Zadie Smith. Director J. Ed Vincent.

Evangelistic Services 8:00 p.m. Subject: "The Book of Jonah" or "Great Fish and Small Men"
The orchestra will play for this service.
Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Leader Mrs. Edward Jones.
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday 8:30 P.M.
Junior Endeavor at McAlaster home Mrs. J. Zetta Eide, director.