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BIG PICNIC IN PARK MONDAY

Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Did you notice that we had an election last week, or did you go fishing that day? The vast majority of folks must have gone somewhere for darned few cared enough as to who was going to be the candidates of their party next fall to visit the polls.

But the few who did show up did a good job, at that. We are going to have a mighty fine lot of men to choose from this fall. All the way down the line from Charley McNary for U. S. Senator to Constable they are going to be hard to choose from. And as a loyal Republican the writer is naturally pleased to see McNary draw such a monstrous vote.

Then Ralph Billings piled up a big majority over that Talent road boss. The two Ralphs will have a glorious scrap when the time comes. George Carter got the biggest vote of any candidate and deserved it. Even the popularity of the president of the G.G.C. Inc. failed to shake his firm stand among those who recognize real ability when they see it.

And that veteran war-horse in the treasurer's office is going to be hard to dislodge. Stick to your guns, Walker old son, we're with you. Coding and Newman have faced each other in the court room scores of times and it's going to be lots of fun to sit on the fence and watch this race. And we aren't placing any bets yet, either.

This week we are taking over the circulation of the defunct Southern Oregon Times, formerly printed at this office and edited by Kay Clay. We shall send The American to all paid-up subscribers of The Times for the balance of their time, and hope to merit their continued support. While we have never taken a positive stand for the Townsend Plan, and so far have been rather unconverted as to its desirability, we have not actively opposed it and shall be glad to print reports of the activities of the various clubs from time to time.

Last week we tried an experiment just for the heck of it. Owing to a sudden rush of commercial printing we were rather late in getting our paper out. Then we wanted to go to the high school play to learn how a newspaper really ought to be run. So we left our paper go until Friday morning and did we raise a holler? Steen people rushed in breathlessly that morning to find out why they hadn't got their paper. We proved to our own satisfaction that our readers really want the darned old rag, after all.

If this weather don't warn up soon we shall be compelled to ask the committee to change that big community picnic next Monday to a "Weinie roast." And we'll want a ringside seat at the fire, too.

This week this writer attended a meeting of the roads and highways committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. There we learned that this important committee is working hard on a program to secure a better road over the Siskiyou, as well as a number of lesser projects. And we found that as usual Senator McNary was on the job, trying to get all he can for Southern Oregon.

It is the work of such committees as this, composed of such men as A. S. V. Carpenter, Karl Janouch, Paul Rynning, Fred Scheffel, Jack Wakefield, Ed Brown, Wm. Von der Hellen and others, that are doing the great work of building up our valley. And they are doing it for love of their community and for no other reason. And we are mighty proud to play ball with such a gang.

We still hear, at times, some poor deluded soul harping on that old subject—the "Medford Gang." Well, folks, we may be a gullible idiot but we say we believe there can be

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE SUNDAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The annual baccalaureate exercises honoring the senior class will be held in the Christian Church on Sunday evening, May 24. Mr. C. A. Phillips will give the address.

Special music will be provided by the Girls' Glee Club and the Girls' Sextette of the high school. They will be directed by Miss Ruth Schreiber and accompanied at the piano by Roberta Pankey.

Member of the graduating class are as follows: Ruby Brodd, Clyde Conrad, Grace Clifford, Herbert Crowder, Floyd Dole, James Fleischer, Carol Furry, Edwin Gebhard, Nellie Grissom, Dorothea Hedgpeh, Arlene Immann, Marjorie Jones, Ernest Lathrop, George Merritt, Maxine Musty, Arlene Thompson, Ernestyn Thompson, Sidney Thurston, Ruby Webster, Floyd Woolridge and Roger Yost.

The following program will be given: Processional, Miss Lyle Gregory; Hymn No. 232 "Faith of Our Fathers"; Congregation; Scripture Lesson, Rev. Charles A. Lewis; Prayer, Rev. Charles R. Lewis; "Thanks Be to God"—Dickson, Girls' Glee Club; Hymn No. 283 "Love Divine"; Congregation; Sermon "The Complete Life", Rev. Clifton A. Phillips; "O Loving Father"—Del Reigo, Girls' Sextette; Benediction Rev. Clifton A. Phillips.

HOLD SHOWER FOR MISS HILL AT H. P. JEWETT HOME

The Berean class of the Federated Church entertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Bette Hill whose marriage to Stanley Parish will take place in June, at the Jewett home last Friday afternoon. Zoe Hill, wearing Mrs. Jewett's bridal veil and slippers, and Marjorie Jewett, as groom in Hal Jewett's suit, presented the honor guest with a beautiful basket of gifts. Little Lollie Jewett, as flower girl, carried a gift corsage to the honor guest. Twenty-nine were bidden by Mrs. Jewett to honor Miss Hill.

Townsend Rally at Shady Cove

A county wide Townsend Rally is set for next Monday evening at Shady Cove Community Hall according to statement by Rev. Ray Garland, of Talent. All clubs of the county are expected to be represented. Those attending are asked to bring lunch, which will be served following the meeting.

ENTERTAINED WITH TEA

The Executive Committee of the Girls Scout Troop entertained with a tea in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman, scout leader, at the Ted Hill home recently. The grade and high school teachers were present. The executive committee consists of Mrs. Furry, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Cassman.

found in no town on earth a more capable, disinterested home-loving tribe than that same "gang". Men who give freely of time and money that their home town and its surroundings shall grow and prosper. And in all the dealing we have had with these men in the more than a quarter of a century of contact with Southern Oregon and its people, we have found them a mighty square bunch.

Of course Medford men want to see Medford prosper. So do Central Point people want to see our own city get ahead. But above all, and beneath all, there is a love of the Rogue River valley that supercedes everything else. The basic thing is to stand together for the advancement of the entire county—and Medford and the rest of the towns and communities will take care of themselves.

Just watch the new city park and see the city recorder tending his flower beds and nursing that new grass. And Bert digging up weeds. Don't we have fun?

Get-to-gether to Mark Close of Annual Contest

The second Annual City Beautification Contest will come to a close Monday with a community picnic in the park. The report of the judges will be read and the prize ribbons awarded. The entire city is invited. There will be a program of speakers, music by the high school band, tumbling, etc. It is hoped the public will come early and spend the afternoon visiting and getting acquainted.

Following the program the public is asked to spread their lunches together and enjoy the big feed. Bring

Old Movie School Racket Nicks Gullible Parents

Culling their victims from among gullible and dotting parents and from high school publications listing the activities of members of dramatic society, a number of racket "schools of coaching" have again sprung up in Hollywood and are charging fees on representation they will put children in the movies, promising quick riches and soft jobs for the parents. The Portland Better Business reports the names of youngsters now prominent on the screen are freely quoted. Some "schools of acting" claim they "discovered" certain child stars. Tricky contracts, fast talk, lure of the movies, flattery, and fake references are often employed to obtain advance fees, "registration costs," fees for screen tests, voice tests or for "coaching and publicity". A drive on these schemes is being sponsored by Better Business Bureaus, the Board of Education of Los Angeles, legitimate child training schools, public officials and the Association of Motion Picture Producers. One individual has advertised that he would "like to bring two or three outstanding children to attention of film producers. Send photos". Persons responding are asked to send \$10 with photo to cover cost of engraving and printing in "mug book" which is sent unsolicited to motion picture studios.

Memorial Poppies To Be on Sale Friday and Saturday

Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23 have been designated as Poppy days and everyone is urged to wear a Poppy during that time in memory of the thousands of American boys who lost their lives on the poppy-strewn battlefields of France. These memorial poppies are made by disabled veterans and the money from their sale goes to bring additional comforts to these men who suffered and are still suffering from the effects of their heroic service to their country.

Sale of the Memorial Poppy locally will be under the direction of L. C. Grimes and the little red flowers will be available on our streets during the designated time. Wear a poppy and show these men they are not forgotten.

Times List to Be Taken Over by The American

With this issue The American is taking over the subscription list and current advertising contracts of the Southern Oregon Times, which until recently was printed in this office and owned and edited in the interest of the Townsend Movement by Mrs. Kay Clay. We shall send The American to all paid-up subscribers of the Times for the balance of their time and hope to merit a continuance of their patronage. We shall be glad to print official news of the various Townsend clubs of the county when sent us by the secretaries of same. But space will not permit us to print promiscuous communications on the subject. THE PUBLISHER.

Local Boy Wins Army Commission At Oregon State

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 20.—Marion Caster of Central Point, senior in agriculture at Oregon State college, will be awarded a commission as second lieutenant in the artillery of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States army at the end of this term. Commission will be given to 55 men who have completed four years of training in the ROTC at Oregon State.

Pomeroy High on Outdoor Targets

Pete Pomeroy took high gun in the regular weekly shoot of the Medford Rifle club on the outdoor range Sunday, with Ivan Waddell and Shelby Tuttle, Jr., finishing second and third. In the second stage of the Windage postal matches C. R. Richmond and Waddell posted 196's but Richmond took high rank by virtue of the highest score at the longer range.

So what?--

Someone flattering us by thinking The American might have money enough to finance a business.

One day several weeks ago Will Ferguson left a farm wagon at Alexanders to be sold. Later Mr. Painter called at the store and informed Mr. Alexander that he had seen the wagon outside and he thought if he would drop Ferguson a line he might buy it as he wanted one.

Guy Tex and Bert Hedgpeh busy as robins on the City Park—only it happened to be weeds instead of worms they were digging for.

One M rebant saying it was no use to quote prices—we have to meet Montgomery Ward prices anyway.

E. C. Faber suggesting that we need a society editor for the American.

WANTED—From 150 to 200 coats for our Community picnic to be held Monday evening in the City Park—Alexander.

Jackie Ruff from Portland, trying very hard to get real value for his money when buying a penny worth of candy in a grocery store.

People who had big hopes when they joined the beautification contest gazing ruefully at their yards.

4-H CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

The 4-H club met at the Aaron Davis home Wednesday after school and elected the following officers: Hazel Davis, president; Wanda Fay Cassman, vice president; Merle Kilburn, secretary-treasurer; Maxine Ayers, yell leader.

Mrs. Aaron Davis is leader of the group and Mrs. Henry Kilburn assistant leader. Sixteen girls enrolled in the club. Mrs. Blanche Thornbrue was a weekend guest at the home of Mrs. Duncan and attended church Sunday thus meeting many of her friends of earlier years, and returning to her home in Oakland, California Sunday night.

Master James Phillips celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary on Thursday, May 14 by entertaining twelve of his young schoolmates at his home. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream and cake served.

APPRECIATION

The Disabled American Veterans of the World War wish to express their appreciation of the wholehearted support given them by the business men of Southern Oregon in the production of the program for their annual state convention which is to be held in Medford June 11, 12 and 13. The hearty response of these business men in the purchase of advertising space in the program has enabled the veterans to prepare for a very enjoyable convention.

FRUIT BULLETIN TELLS OF CHANGE IN PEAR MARKET

Following is a portion of the latest bulletin issued by the American Fruit Growers, Inc., which will be of general interest as showing the changes which have taken place in the world's fruit markets. The introduction of Argentine pears into these markets in large quantities has materially affected our local growers and shippers:

It was only a few years ago that growers of Winter Pears in Medford District had little competition in World markets. Hood River, Yakima, and Wenatchee had very small tonnages of Winter Pears, but the last few years has seen a tremendous change, and all districts now, on the West Coast, are increasing in tonnage of Winter Pears. Hood River district from now on will exceed Medford district or all districts on the West Coast in total tonnage of D'Anjou grown and shipped. Yakima and California will still be the predominating factors on Winter Nellis and Bartlett Pears.

In addition to this change on our own West Coast, we are now faced with serious competition from growers of pears in the South American and South African countries. These two countries' seasons are directly opposite from our own, and this past year our West Coast pears found real serious competition in the (Continued on page five)

Junior Band Entertained Mothers

The Junior Band under the leadership of Mrs. Maynard Putney entertained their mothers after school recently. A lovely time was enjoyed. Ice cream and cake was served.

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 Service—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 Hover, Supt.
Communion followed by the Memorial Service 11:00 A.M. The Relief Corps will attend in body and will be guests of honor. A special invitation is extended to all soldiers and sailors. Sermon subject "Could They Speak Again."

Senior Endeavor 7:00 P.M. Marjorie Jones, Leader, J. Ed. Vincent, Director.
The Baccalaureate Service will be held in this church. 8:00 P.M. Junior Endeavor Friday 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Izzetta Elde, Director.
Prayer and Singing Service 7:30 P.M. Wednesday Mrs. Phillips, Leader.

Business Increase

Owing to increase in business and earnings, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company of San Francisco have reduced their total customer rates One Million and a Quarter Dollars.

We also wish to congratulate the Central Point American on account of its big increase in circulation. FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
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