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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, it's all over but the cursing. Again our city beautification contest has come and gone and the town looks better. Or at least, it did look better until that big wind hit things. But it does beat all how Providence sometimes helps a poor editor out. We had just finished talking to the wife about borrowing a tree pruner to get rid of a lot of dead limbs and twigs, when up came that wind and blew them all off.

And now comes the job of cleaning up the darned things and getting our yard looking even half-way decent again. Good thing those judges didn't come along today.

One hears all kinds of comment on the value of these contests. We admit it seems sometimes like a lot of energy thrown away. But whenever we get that feeling, along comes some old-timer and reminds us what the city looked like before the contest was started. There is no doubt the effort to get the town cleaned up is accomplishing something.

We want to add a word of commendation for the city officials who have done their part well in the cleanup work. Of course, there is plenty more to be done and it looks sometimes like a hopeless task, but they are struggling away at it and helping a lot. The City Marshal sure did a lot of work on the park before the picnic and many comments were heard on how well the place looked.

The threatening rain scared a good many people away from the picnic but those who braved the elements had a good time. And how that ice cream disappeared. Poor Roy Jones worked so hard dishing it out that he acquired a fine lot of blisters on both hands. Prof. Amick's tumbler were extremely good, as usual, and we remarked to the mother of one of the lads she would have to quit spanking that kid soon, as he would be hard to hold. The band, although late in getting started, gave us some good music when they did get going.

All in all, the contest and picnic were great successes and many people have expressed a desire to keep the idea going. But we want to offer a few suggestions regarding our park. In the first place, we should have a drinking fountain in the park. And also a hydrant where water can be drawn when picnics are held. It is a nuisance to have to carry water on such occasions from neighboring houses, half a block away.

And it seems to us that a few well-made tables, with seats attached would be a good thing. We are told that there used to be tables in the park and that young vandals broke them up. That may be all true, but that is no reason we shouldn't try again.

We don't get half the good out of our park that we should. Very frequently we see tourists stopping near the depot to eat lunch. And our own people would like to be able to take their supper over to the park on hot evenings. But as it is now, there is no place to sit down or to get water.

Of course it would cost a bit for the water. And receptacles for waste papers and garbage would have to be provided. But other towns provide free picnic grounds, why not Central Point. If we had signs on the highway calling attention to our free picnic grounds in the park, many strangers passing through might stop a bit to rest in the shade. And the good impression these people would take away would be a good advertisement for our town.

Many of our own people do not realize what a pretty park we have. Many new-comers in the city do not even know there is such a place. It seems to us it would do no harm and might help a lot to make the fullest use of our fine city park. We ask the council to think this over.

This week brings the end of another school year. Twenty-one young people will graduate from our high school and twenty-four will finish the grades. It has been a very successful school year and we are all proud of the institution. Whatever

## HAMILTON HEADS C. P. STUDENT BODY FOR NEXT YEAR

Miss Libby Hamilton defeats Richard Jewett at Polls, Becoming First Girl Student Body President of C. P. High.

In a most interesting race for president of the Student Body Libby Hamilton defeated Richard Jewett in the final election last Thursday afternoon. Much more feeling and enthusiasm than usual was shown in the student election.

The two girls associations were backing Libby Hamilton.

Bill Grimes defeated Esther Lathrop for the office of vice-president. Janice Nealon had the lead over Erma Thompson and Norma Holland for the office of secretary.

Jim Grimes defeated Zada Cash in the election of a treasurer.

The primary election to make nominations for the above offices was held last Wednesday noon.—Central Pointer

## First Graders Have Own Newspaper

We were fortunate enough to be present this morning at the time the first grade pupils of the grade school read their last newspaper for the term. This paper is printed on the blackboard every morning and the children bring news which Mrs. Richardson writes on the board. The children take turns reading it. There can be no doubt of the benefit of this method when you see the eager little faces and the interest they take. The newspaper varies from morning to morning.

This is a copy of the one they read this morning:

### FIRST GRADE NEWS

Thursday, May 28, 1936.

Jimmy won first prize for his writing.

Betty won second prize.

Dorothy and Mary are going to sell flowers for Decoration day. This is the last day of school for us.

We wish everyone a happy vacation.

Good-bye. Good-bye to all.

## County School Day At Ashland Friday

The fifteenth annual Jackson county school day will be held in the Junior High School at Ashland at ten a. m. Friday. Approximately three hundred eighth grade graduates will receive diplomas and in the afternoon will enjoy the swimming pools and parks of Ashland.

This year Dr. Arthur Russell Moore of the University of Oregon will deliver the address to the young people. Members of the eighth grade of the various county schools, their parents and friends, are all invited to these exercises which are free to the public.

As usual this year selected players from the school orchestras of Gold Hill, Central Point, Eagle Point and Jacksonville, under direction of R. A. Botts, will furnish several numbers on the program. The combined eighth grades, under direction of Florence Hunsaker will sing two numbers with orchestra accompaniment. Diplomas will be presented by County Superintendent C. R. Bowman.

The following eighth grade graduates from Central Point will receive their diplomas tomorrow: Leonard Atkins, Maxine Ayers, Kenneth Beebe, Bessie Burns, Wanda Faye Cassman, Keith Copinger, Rex Coy, June Furry, Milton Garrett, Marie Glone, Bob Grisham, Vernon Holland, Abner Knadler, Harold Pierce, Vivienne Ross, Neil Stone, Gray Thompson, Kenneth Williams, Homer Young, Maxine Moore, Ronald Pinkham and Fern Hawley.

## Expect To Visit at New Orleans

Mr. John Meyers and Mr. Harry Elden expect to make a trip to New Orleans this summer where Mr. Meyers will visit his sister and Mr. Elden will visit relatives. They plan to go by way of San Diego and take in the fair.

else Central Point may lack, we certainly have a fine school system and one that would be a credit to any community.

## City Picnic Much Enjoyed in Spite Threatening Skies

The Second Annual City Beautification contest closed Monday with a big picnic in the city park. About 200 men, women and children attended the picnic in spite of the threatening rain.

No tables being available, the lunch was spread on the grass under the trees and at last about in a large circle. Ice cream, furnished by the business men of the city was served to all. A program of music by the high school band had been arranged for, preceding the supper, but owing to a misunderstanding on the part of Mr. Botts, director, this was delayed until later.

Following the supper, a tumbling act by four school boys, Warren Young Clyde Lees, Kenneth Williams and Homer Young under the direction of D. F. Amick, was much enjoyed. After this act several selections were given by the band. Announcement of the prize winners in the beautification contest was made by A. E. Powell. Instead of merchandise prizes as were offered last year, ribbons were given to the winners. Following is a list of those winning prizes in the contest:

Most Beautiful Rosebush—First, Mrs. Landon; at Alexander's; Second, J. B. Stevens; Third—Mrs. Mary Richardson.

Best Planned Vegetable Garden—First, J. A. Flaherty; Second, Mrs. Nancy Wilson; Third, Mrs. Marie Lange.

Prettiest Yard—First, Guy Tex; Second, undecided; Third, Mrs. Ira Love.

Neatest and Best Arranged Backyard—First, Mrs. Ira Love; Second, R. H. Moore; Third, Mrs. Hilkey.

Flower Garden—First, Ira Love; Second, Mrs. S. J. Richardson; Third, Mrs. Hilkey.

Grade School Flower Garden—First, Franklin Gebhard; Second, Merylene Gebhard; Third, Dorothy LaCasse.

High School Flower Garden—First, Marjorie Jones.

Greatest Improvement in Yard—First, A. E. Powell; Second, Shorty Terrill.

Grade School Best Vegetable Garden—First, Dorothy LaCasse; Second, Billy Langston.

Rock Garden (Special)—First, Stella Obenchain.

Rock Garden—First, Mrs. Geo. Marine; Second, Guy Tex.

No ribbon was awarded for lilies as it was too early for them to be out. The judges stated that Mrs. Nancy Wilson had the most thrifty looking bed of lilies they saw. Also the rock garden owned by Mrs.

Stella Obenchain was considered as not being in the same class as the ordinary one and the judges recommended that a special ribbon be given her.

Through an error on the part of the person preparing the list for the judges the name of Mrs. Pearl Bonney was included as a contestant for the prettiest yard. Mrs. Bonney was not registered this year, although she won first prize in this classification last year. The judges will be asked to name someone else for this place. Mrs. Bonney helped very much in the work of putting on the contest and deserves special mention.

Among those who gave much time and thought to the success of the affair were Roy Jones, E. C. Faber, George Marine and E. P. Stone. Especial thanks are due to Mr. A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, who aided the contest by special mention in his daily broadcast and by offering a special prize from the Chamber of Commerce of a framed photograph of the prize-winning yard. Fluhner's Bakery also offered a special prize of an angel food cake to be given to the prize-winner of the best flower garden by a grade school student. The local Women's Relief Corps offered a prize of 50 cents for the best vegetable garden in the grade school classification. Mr. Delroy Getchell of the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank of Medford also gave much encouragement to the contest.

The judges thought that Mr. Andre Chomel deserved honorable mention in the wonderful improvements he had made in his surroundings but owing to his being registered under greatest improvement in the short time between their first trip and last, they could not give a prize to him. If he had registered under some other classification it would have been different. Honorable mention was also given Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Blithers.

The following prize-winners were not present at the time of awarding the ribbons and they may get them by calling at this office: Mrs. Landon, Mrs. Obenchain, Mrs. Marie Lange and Franklin and Merylene Gebhard.

## So what?-- Catherine Lathrop to Join Honor Society

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 27.—Catherine Lathrop of Central Point, sophomore in agriculture at Oregon State college, has been pledged to Mask and Dagger honor society in dramatics.

Pledges chosen for the honor group are selected for their proven interest and ability in the various phases of work connected with a dramatic production. The majority of those picked are interested mainly in acting, but several have shown ability in business management, advertising and properties committees.

Miss Lathrop is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop and a graduate of the Central Point high school in the class of 1934.

## ANNUAL DINNER THURSDAY

The Annual Boy Scout Dinner will be held next Thursday evening, June 4th at the Christian church. This will complete the first year of the boy scout troop organization here. Mr. Beesley, Mr. Schade and Mr. Hull, the executive committee, from Medford will be present and give scout speeches. The scouts and parents and committeemen and parent sponsoring body will be invited guests. Covered dish luncheon will be served.

## SPONSORING PLAY

The Writer's League of Medford is sponsoring a play given by the Applegate Grange at St. Marks Hall on N. Oakdale Friday evening at 8:15 p. m. The public is invited.

## Jerry Tex to Become Bride on Saturday

Miss Geraldine Tex, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tex, will become the bride of Mr. William Askwith of Seattle Saturday and leave immediately for Seattle where they will make their home. They had planned for a fall wedding but upon Mr. Askwith receiving a raise in pay he took advantage of the double holiday this weekend and persuaded Miss Tex to promise to return with him.

Miss Tex was a graduate from the Central Point high school two years ago and will be greatly missed in the younger set, both socially and in the church circle.

The wedding will be a very quiet one and will take place at their home in the presence of the relatives of the bride and a few close friends.

## Prize Essay Written By George Merritt

Following is the prize-winning essay written by George Merritt, a senior in the local high school, in a contest sponsored by E. C. Faber on the subject, "What Constitutes a Successful Life?"

A successful life is a life that has been spent in helping others. The reason I say this is that thinking of others causes us to forget about troubles we ourselves have.

How many people of this day and age do we find who are helping others? If we thought of this subject "a successful life," entirely in this light we would come to the conclusion that there are very few people with really successful lives.

What is Success? Do Roosevelt, Mussolini, Hitler, Ford, Lindbergh, and all the other great men of high positions in national government and industries have success? Yes they do if they think of others more than they do of themselves. If they work for the Social well-being of the people as a whole, they have success. Success is not always found in big things that increase the naturally selfish mind but is found in the little deeds of kindness that you to others kindly do.

Success in life after all is not a name you make in life although a name in fine, nor is it the fame you get while your here on earth, but it is the happy knowledge that you have helped some other soul to share your vast supply of happiness.

If you don't believe this will give you happiness and success, well just try it, but don't forget that sometimes the best way to help others is to give them a kindly word.

GEORGE MERRITT—Senior

## Return From Australia Trip

Economic conditions in Australia and New Zealand are much like those prevailing in the United States. Mrs. Edith V. Wingfield said yesterday in recounting her nine months' tour of the "down under" countries.

Mrs. Wingfield and her husband, James, spent about six months in Australia and three in New Zealand, visiting friends and relatives. On their return voyage they called at Suva, Fiji islands, and Honolulu.

On the return from their trip Mr. and Mrs. Wingfield were overnight guests at the Landon home.

## JOINT HOSTESSES

In compliment to Miss Geraldine Tex, bride-elect, the Misses Edna Shaver and Avis Ayers were joint hostesses Saturday afternoon, entertaining with a reception and shower at the home of Mrs. Holland. Many beautiful gifts were presented to Miss Tex, who has been honored at numerous pre-nuptial affairs recently.

## Visit Thumblers.

Rev. T. L. Thumbler and wife and daughter, Miss Violet, of Manteca, California were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Thumbler of this city. Rev. Thumbler was a former pastor of the Adventist church in Medford. Miss Violet will spend the summer here with her brother and family.

## RETURN FROM EAST

Mrs. Warren Patterson and son, Donald and Orville Castor returned from an extended trip where they visited in Detroit and Chicago driving 3000 miles on the return trip in their new Plymouth. They traveled through Minnesota, the Dakota's and took in the Yellow Stone Park. On their return trip they stated everything looked good—grass was green and the flowers were coming out. The Patterson's left here the fifteenth of April.

## COMMENCEMENT IS EVENT OF MAY 29 AT HIGH SCHOOL

Twenty-one Seniors will receive Diplomas from Arnold Bohnert, Chairman of the Board. Dr. A. Russel Moore of University of Oregon will make the Address of the Evening.

The Commencement exercises for the class of 1936 will be held in the high school auditorium on May 29 at 8 o'clock. At this time the high school will graduate a large class—11 girls and 9 boys.

The address of the evening will be made by Dr. A. Russel Moore of the University of Oregon. The title of his address will be "Mutual Aid".

The salutatory will be given by Arlene Inmann and the valedictory by Ruby Webster.

Special music will be provided by the high school orchestra, who will play the processional. The High School Glee Club will sing and a girls' sextette will sing a number.

The program in detail will be as follows:

- Processional ..... School Orchestra
- Invocation ..... Rev. C. A. Phillips
- Selection ..... School Orchestra
- Salutation ..... Arlene Inmann
- Valedictory ..... Ruby Webster
- The Blue Swan—Mueller
- Girls' Glee Club
- Address ..... "Mutual Aid" Dr. A. Russell Moore, University of Oregon
- Southern Moon—Strickland
- Sextette
- Presentation of Class ..... H. P. Jewett
- Presentation of Diplomas
- Arnold Bohnert
- Benediction ..... Rev. C. R. Lewis
- Central Pointer

## Carnation Club Enjoys Luncheon

The Carnation Club enjoyed another of its usual covered dish luncheons on Tuesday of this week at the home of Mrs. Truman Brenner. During the afternoon the hostess was honored with a surprise shower. She received many lovely gifts, after which games were played and a delightful time enjoyed by all.

Eleven members were present with Mrs. Martha Smith assisting the hostess in serving.

## Left Yesterday for Portland

Mrs. Wm. Wright, who has been visiting relatives and friends in and around Central Point left yesterday morning for Portland where she will visit a niece and family, Mrs. Lora (Mingus) Gell. She then expects to go on to Emmett Idaho for a visit with Fletcher Mingus and his sister, Francis Jones. On returning from Idaho, she will go to Coquille and visit her Uncle Judge Stanley, then to her home in California via the Roosevelt highway. Mrs. Wright has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Farra the past week.

## 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.

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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.

Senior Endeavor, 7:00 P. M. J. Ed Vincent, Director.

Evening Service 8:00 P. M. Subject "Thou Art The Christ."

Prayer an Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Junior Endeavor, 4:00 P. M. Friday, Mrs. Izetta Elds, Director.