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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, folks, the more or less innocent bystander is once more on the job. For the past four weeks we have been wandering amid new scenes. But it is time to get back home and take a look or two at what is going on.

We note that Friend Bob has also returned from attending both national conventions. And we are wondering if the fact that both he and F.D.R. are alumni of "Dear Old Hawa-a-d" has had anything to do with his desertion of his party (at least he has always claimed to be a Republican) and his taking up the New Deal.

And we also note that the entire New Deal gang are awfully busy these days going up and down the land crying that Mr. Landon was too vague in his speech of acceptance and also that the Republican platform was stolen from the old Democratic platform of 1932, plus a few vague and uncertain additions. Well, isn't it better not to make a lot of rash promises and threats and just do what comes to your hand with a right good will? And even if the Republicans did steal a bit from that old platform, why not. It was a perfectly good platform and although a bit dusty and faded, still had never been used.

It appears that the State Highway Commission is not going to allow Talent to stay on the map. Which may be just as well. If they have as much trouble with speeders up there as we do here, they will be better off without the highway.

We commend the action of the city council regarding the riding of bicycles about our streets. Riding double is dangerous, especially little kids. And the sidewalks were made to walk on, not as bicycle paths. And we understand the council also voted to allow the mayor and recorder to proceed with any sale of city property, without having to wait for a regular council meeting. This is a good idea and will expedite such sales. The council had already placed a price on each bit of property and there is no good reason the city officers should not be given authority to conclude the business when and if an opportunity arises.

We hope to see the state officials get busy and have better signs placed along the highways on each side of the main intersection. We are well aware there are a lot of fools on the move these days who habitually pay no attention to signs. But there are a good many more who try to be law-abiding and who will obey the rules if they know what they are.

And that makes us think. Last week in our article about the death of Little Avis Brood, we said the coroner's jury called it an "unavoidable accident, with both parties to blame." That was an error. What the jury did find was that there was "negligence on the part of both parties," which is true. Of course the greater blame rests on the man who disregarded the law regarding speed within incorporated towns. We hold this man should be punished to the extent of the law, if only as a warning to others. Regardless of the fine point of "negligence" the little girl is dead and nothing can bring her back. And the man whose carelessness or dam phoolishness or whatever you wish to call it should be punished. We hope the grand jury will do its duty in this matter.

We wish to offer a hearty vote of thanks to the officials of Crater Lake National Park. The other day we drove up there for the first time this year. And the ranger on duty at the checking station, when he heard we were newspaper people, just handed us a sticker and wished us a pleasant visit. And he didn't take our dollar, either. Then later we ran into Ernest Rostel, publicity man at the park and were shown all over the new headquarters building, and dormitory. That new building is certainly a beautiful structure and one worthy of its setting. Wherever we went, we were met with courtesy and all, or at least, almost all, our fool questions answered.

And to those of you who have never driven around the rim road, we say, you've certainly missed

SCHOOL MAN FINDS WAY TO PREPARE TO ENJOY OLD AGE

At least one educator has been found who "uses his noodle" as the feller said. The editor of this great family journal and his family were invited one day last week to take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Amick at their home in the Eastern outskirts of Grants Pass.

On our arrival we found that this worthy couple had been putting in a very busy summer on what they call their "farm". And the result was well worth the labor. Such flowers, such fruit and such a garden. It would take a much better pen than ours to describe it all.

But what impressed us most was the solid comfort of the place. The old house on the property when Mr. Amick bought it, had been remodeled and refinished in a very beautiful and striking manner. And its setting among some stately trees and wonderful flowers added much to the coziness of the home.

It was very apparent that when the time comes to retire from active work in the public schools Mr. and Mrs. Amick will have a fine home to which to retire and with land enough to make a living.

But the crowning event of the visit was the dinner served by our hostess. Piles of fried chicken, fried as mightily few women know how to fry it; fluffy mashed potatoes; salads that almost melted in one's mouth, and so much else we lost track long before the dear lady brought in an old-fashioned apple pie "like mother used to wish she could bake."

All in all, the brief visit was all too short, we being compelled on account of having promised to assist at a funeral that afternoon, to "eat and run," as the saying is. But we are hoping to rate another "invite" some other time.

Church Holds Party For Young Family

The Christian Church entertained Tuesday evening with a farewell party honoring the Harry Young family who are moving to Medford this week. The party was held on the lawn of the J. Sanford Richardson home. A nice program had been arranged. The Orchestra played two numbers. Rev. Phillips lead in prayer. Several readings of her own composition by Mrs. Phillips were much enjoyed. Mrs. Reynolds told of conditions in Nebraska and how we should appreciate Oregon. Ed Vincent sang and Mr. Alexander expressed the sorrow that would be felt and words of appreciation for each member of the family.

After all the nice things were said Mrs. Young responded saying she was not leaving and would see us all often but thought it fine to say the nice things while people were still living. Games were played until a late hour. Lovely refreshments of ice cream and home made cake were served.

McCaskey Library To State College

CORVALLIS, Aug. 5.—One of the finest private libraries in the state on mining and geology, belonging to the late Hiram Dryer McCaskey of Central Point, will be added to the Oregon State college campus library.

The collection consists of more than 1000 bound volumes and several unbound volumes.

Mr. McCaskey was well known as an authority on the gold, silver and quicksilver resources of the United States and the mineral and geological characteristics of the Philippine Islands.

Mrs. H. D. McCaskey is giving the library as a memorial to the late Hiram D. McCaskey. It will not be assembled until fall after the opening of the school term, when appropriate dedication ceremonies will be arranged.

Something that wonderful lake is even more beautiful from the east end than from the Lodge. And the drive over to Diamond Lake is very nice, too. But the road from Diamond Lake to Union Creek beats them all. Oregon can well be proud of her lakes and woods.

Tomato Culture Ideal in Valley, Reimer Declares

Rogue river valley is ideal for tomato culture, the Kiwanis club was told at its weekly luncheon-meeting in the Hotel Medford today by Prof. F. C. Reimer, director of the southern Oregon experiment station near Talent.

Prof. Reimer pointed out that conditions here were peculiarly favorable for the growth of tomatoes. He emphasized that sunshine and dry warmth prevail during the summer months.

"We raise firm, solid tomatoes of excellent color and flavor," the professor said. "We have fewer troubles with diseases here than in other districts."

Prof. Reimer exhibited plants to show the effect of western yellow tomato blight and mosaic disease, and told of the efforts now being made to wipe out these ailments. Selection of good seed from disease-free plants is essential to successful production he stressed.

Local People Visit Big 'Glad' Show

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moore and Mollie and Emil Britt of Jacksonville attended the Gladioli show in Grants Pass Friday afternoon. Mr. Moore reports he never saw such beautiful glads. The show was held in an immense room, the side of which was banked with gladioli in various forms, arches, etc. There was one large flag made of red, white and blue blooms.

A large V-shaped table run the length of the room with two long tables on each side of this. The tables were all covered with flowers.

To help celebrate the show the town dressed up for occasion by having from one to a dozen bouquets of gladioli in every window.

Rebekahs Enjoy Regular Meeting

Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge No. 167 met in regular session in the I.O.O.F. Hall Wednesday evening with Sister Bessie Fredenburg N. G. presiding. Sister Clara Vincent, chairman of Good of the Order Com. of this District appointed Sister Mary Richardson, chairman of Good of the Order of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge for the next meeting which will be August 19th. All members are requested to be present as Sister Richardson promises you a hilarious good time.

Sister Clara Vincent, Chairman of the District Convention notified our Lodge that the District Convention will be held in Central Point, Oct. 31st. Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge No. 167 to be the hostess Lodge assisted by Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4 of Jacksonville.

W. A. Gates, head of the Bagley Canning company and himself a commercial grower of tomatoes, introduced Prof. Reimer who has attained eminent success in eliminating blight in the Rogue valley.

Emphasizing the growing importance of the business here, Mr. Gates stated that tomato production has grown to 140,000 cases this year from 35,000 cases the first year commercial culture was started in the valley. This is in addition to the large tonnage taken by the cannery.

Miss Shirley Riebel of Grants Pass entertained the Kiwanians with three piano solos. She was warmly applauded for her technical skill and interpretive ability.

Samuel Clarke attended the meeting as a visiting Kiwanian and V. J. Namitz was a guest of the club.

It was announced that the Medford club would be represented at the district convention in Seattle August 9-11, by J. H. Fletcher, Everett Faber and G. C. Briggs.

Valley Sweltering As Mercury Soars

Medford and the valley peeled down to a minimum of wearing apparel today as the thermometer reached a new seasonal high mark. No relief from the intense heat of the past few days was in evidence, the official forecast being for fair weather tonight and tomorrow, not much change in temperature.

The mercury shot above the century mark yesterday for the first time this year, reaching a maximum of 101 degrees.

Oregon Seed in Demand as Supply Lessened by Drouth

The severe and continued drouth in the middle west has had marked effect upon future field seed supplies reports E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist at Oregon State college. In many cases, alfalfa, clover and grass seed crops in the drouth area have been practically ruined, which will doubtless have its effect on prices for the 1936 supplies.

Oregon raises a large tonnage of field seeds now, and will probably be called upon to supply a larger proportion of the country's needs than usual. Seed crops of which Oregon has a virtual monopoly, such as bent grass, are not expected to be affected as much, except as demand for such seed is increased by the shortage of other types.

Many Oregon farmers who had not contemplated harvesting some crops for seed have now decided to allow them to mature for this purpose, says Jackman.

Shipments of Fruit Told by O. S. C. Men

A detailed list by years of all car lot shipments of fruits and vegetables in Oregon from 1925 to 1935, inclusive, has just been issued as a mimeographed circular by the extension service at Oregon State college. The list, the most complete of its kind to be issued for this state, gives the shipments by counties and shipping points within the counties.

Potatoes, pears, apples, onions, fresh prunes and cauliflower account for the bulk of the car lot shipments of fruit and vegetables in this state. The trend has been upward in regard to potatoes and onions, the peak of 5478 carloads having been reached in 1934 for potatoes and 1448 for onions the same year. Ten years ago the figures were 1252 and 518 carloads for these two commodities.

Hood River is the point of origin of a large part of the shipments, especially apples, pears and strawberries. Medford ranks first in pears. The Dalles first in cherries, Milton for fresh prunes and Salem for dried prunes.

Klamath County last year shipped 3798 cars of potatoes, compared with 699 cars from Deschutes and 315 from Malheur. Brooks in Marion county is the leading shipping point for celery, and onions, while Nyssa in Malheur county ships out the most lettuce, the report shows.

The information was compiled from official car lot shipment reports of the U. S. department of agriculture, by students at O. S. C. employed under the NYA. The work was supervised by staff members in the extension economist's office. Copies are available for distribution to those interested.

For those needing more detailed information, listings were made by months for each shipping point, but this tabulation was so voluminous that it was placed on file for public use but was not published.

P.N.G. Club Meets At Simmons' Home

The P. N. G. Club of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Nellie Simmons, on the Old Stage Road. Sister Simmons, president, presiding. There are so many of members working in the fruit, only nine were present. Those answering to roll call were Iva Copinger, Clara Farra, Ida Henderson, Minnie Buckles, Clara Vincent, Emma Gleason, Mary Richardson, Catharine Merritt, and the hostess. There were two visitors present, Mrs. Winterhouse and Mrs. Barlow.

The P. N. G. Club of Olive Rebekah Lodge requests Mt. Pitt Lodge's presence along with other P. N. G. Clubs of this District at a picnic luncheon at Helman's Park in Ashland on the 16th of August. Sister Clara Farra invited the club to meet at her home Sept. 1st. After the business meeting closed Sister Simmons assisted by Sister Copinger served delicious sherbert, Cool-ade and cookies.

GEORGE LOVE, 61, FALLS DEAD WHILE ON VISIT TO DOCTOR

George Love, 61, a long-time resident of Central Point, dropped dead in the office of Dr. Bishop in Medford this morning of a heart ailment. Mr. and Mrs. Love had gone to the doctor's office to consult him in regard to Mr. Love's health, and while there Mr. Love suddenly collapsed, dying instantly.

Mrs. Ira Love was at once called to the phone and after some search succeeded in getting Sandy Richardson to take her out where her husband, who is a brother of the deceased, was working, to tell him the sad news of his brother's death.

George Love was born in Missouri April 16, 1875, and passed away August 6, 1936 in Medford. He had been a resident of Central Point for a number of years and leaves a host of friends to mourn his sudden passing.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Saturday at 3:30 p. m. Burial will be in the Central Point Cemetery.

So what?--

George Fox trying to get his money back for some deeds he had that Mr. Isaacson signed 23 years ago.

Sidney Bristow went fishing and never caught a fish.

Someone wanting a ride home from Medford followed Mrs. Powell two blocks and when they caught up with her found she was a total stranger. "O wad some po'or the giffle gie us, to see oursels as ithers see us."

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.

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 Hoover, Supt.

Communion followed by Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subj. "Heaven." Mrs. Izzeta Elde and Mrs. Carl Hoover will sing.

Senior Endeavor 7:00 p. m. Bobby Vincent, leader. J. Ed. Vincent, director.

Evangelistic Service, 8:00 P. M. Subject "The Last Three Plagues of The Revelation." When are they coming? and What will they be?

Junior Endeavor Friday 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Izzeta Elde, Director
Prayer and Bible Study, Wed. 7:45 P. M. Miss Lyle Gregory, Devotional Leader and the pastor will explain the Divided Kingdom.

Boy's Body Found Floating in Pool Near Gravel Pit

The body of Victor Martin, 12 year old boy who disappeared Saturday on a fishing jaunt and had not been seen since, was this morning at 8:50 o'clock found floating in the dredge pond of the Medford Concrete Construction company on Bear Creek, near the north city limits of Medford. The body came up only a few feet from where one of six charges of dynamite had been fired Sunday in an effort to bring the body to the surface.

Mr. and Mrs. William Askwith of Prospect were overnight guests of Mrs. Askwith's father, Mr. Guy Tex, one night recently.

Winner In Rose Festival Parade



One of the most beautiful floats and commercial sweepstakes winner in the Portland Rose Festival parade this year was this Viking ship—entry of the General Petroleum corporation. On Viking ships, the zargolie on the bow represented a bold spirit of adventure. The ship is seen headed away from a sunset.