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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Saturday is the last day to register for the November 3 election. Get busy!

The people of the Rogue River valley have been wondering whether the smoke screen which for the past few days has been almost obscuring the sun, is from the big fires over on the coast or was caused by the rip-roarin' campaign just getting hot. In either case, it's darned disagreeable.

At first blush, blame for the numerous fires now blackening our forests fell upon the hunters then loose in the woods. But we cannot believe they set all those fires. There might have been a few came from that source, but it is our belief there will be found some other reason. We have heard that some of them can be blamed on a too-early burning of slashings under orders from some fire warden, who ordered the fires started a short time after the recent rain.

Whoever or whatever may be to blame, we hope the true reason will soon come to light. In the meantime, all hunters are barred from the woods, saw mills are shut down, logging has stopped and many in industries are suffering.

But one thing comes into the picture like a cool breeze on a hot day. Within a very few hours after it became certain that Bandon was doomed, the American Red Cross sprang into action, just as they have always done when a major catastrophe strikes our people. One hears many and bitter things ament that wonderful organization when the annual drive for funds comes along. But let some real emergency arise and we have come to know that with out any fuss or feathers the Red Cross will soon, as do the U. S. Marines "have the situation well in hand."

And so today we are hoping each one of our readers who possibly can will send in all he can spare to help these poor homeless people who are taking their loss so bravely. Remember, pennies make dollars and if you can only spare a few cents, it all will help. Let's not let it be said that Oregonians are not ready to help a neighbor in trouble.

Another thing which struck us was the rapidity and smoothness with which the National Guard swung into action. And the CCC also. When the word flashed over the wires that people were being burned to death, that hundreds were homeless and hungry, the army men in charge of this area at once started a caravan of huge trucks to the scene of trouble with all manner of supplies. And the movement was like most military movements, quiet, efficient and exceedingly prompt.

But to get back to the political campaign said to be raging. Mr. Roosevelt has emerged from his shell and is calling all the gods to witness that he is a spotless angel straight from Heaven, and should be given another and better chance. On the other hand, Mr. Landon says his opponent is no such darned thing. "You pays your money and takes your choice."

H. L. Mencken, writing in The American Mercury puts the whole thing very plainly:

"The reported benefits of the New Deal are all imaginary. It has not solved a single one of the problems that bewilder and bedevil human society everywhere. The so-called underprivileged, far from being lifted out of their wallow, have simply been converted into mendicants and serfs. Free competition has been curbed and monopoly has been fostered. The banks have been harassed in petty ways, but the banking system remains so clumsy and irrational that another smash is almost inevitable, and when it comes, it will be worse than the last one. The savings of millions of industrious and useful people have been depleted with no benefit to anyone save parasites in and out of office. The civil service has been wrecked to make a national Tammany, devoted only to pillage. Every real scientific effort to get at the springs of the communal grifts has been abandoned

## PARENT-TEACHERS TO HOLD FIRST MEET FRIDAY EVE

The first meeting of the Local Parent Teacher's Association for the year will be held Friday night, October 2, at 7:30 at the High School Auditorium.

This meeting will be in the form of a reception for the teachers with the Boy Scouts as honor guests. Mr. Beesley, Scout Executive of Crater Lake Area of the Boy Scouts, will be the speaker of the evening.

All Parents and Friends of the organization are invited to come out and get acquainted.

## Banner Year Is Predicted for '37

By Miss Carlton

Advancements in public health work, indicative of the "banner year" predicted for Jackson county in 1937 by Miss Mildred Carlton, president of the Jackson County Public Health association, were revealed yesterday at the first fall meeting of the association held at the county courthouse, in reports from health officer, nurses and community chairmen.

Introduced by an inspiring message from Miss Carlton, whose illness necessitated her prolonged absence from the association, reports revealed: Jackson county will have a sanitary inspector, assuming duty October 1, a fourth nurse on the public health staff, beginning January 1, and extensive programs in health work in all corners of the county.

Enthusiastic reports revealing ambitious programs, outlined for the new year, were made by the following community chairmen: Miss Helen Bullie, Medford; Mrs. Elwood Hedberg, Ashland; Mrs. R. H. Wilcox, Phoenix; Mrs. Lively, Gold Hill; Mrs. John Hamaker, Jacksonville; Mrs. Charles Taylor, Central Point; Mrs. Fred Middlebush, Prospect; Mrs. Glen Spurrin, Sams Valley. Mrs. F. Corning Kenly reported progress of the dental clinic.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. H. Fuller of Ashland, vice-president of the association, and Mrs. R. E. Green presided as program chairman. Greetings from each member, with a promise of united work to carry out the health program, anticipated by her, in the inspiring message sent the association, were extended Miss Carlton with an expression of sincere regret at her prolonged absence from her organization. Her message was read by Mrs. I. E. Schuler, Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, representing Mrs. Lewis Urich, presided as secretary of the meeting.

## Interesting Program For Year Arranged By Local P.T.A.

An interesting program has been arranged for the year by the local P.T.A. and it is hoped that everyone in Central Point will come out to the first meeting to be held Friday evening.

This Unit is endeavoring to carry on the work of co-operation between parents and teachers. They need your help.

Come and learn for yourself the work the organization is doing and hear the fine speakers who are giving their time for the work. Join now.

The dues are 35c for the entire year and may be paid to Mrs. Henry Meyers or to Mrs. Wilma Gresham.

for quackery pure and undiluted.

"I believe it will be a good idea to try the Hon. Mr. Landon of Kansas. He would cut a poor figure in opera but he looks to me to be a pretty good hand with a shovel. He probably knows a great deal less than the Hon. Mr. Roosevelt, but much more of what he knows is true. And when he promises to do this or that, laying his hand on his heart and rolling his eyes toward the Throne of God, there is at least a reasonable probability that he will make an honest effort to keep his word."

## Two More Dead Brings Total To 11 At Bandon

Bandon-by-the-Sea is no more. Fire of unknown origin roared down on the town Saturday night and wiped out the entire city of 1500 people. Only a few charred walls and piles of ashes remain of the entire city, with the exception of two or three buildings on the outskirts. The \$25,000 city dock was burned and all the homes along the bluff overlooking the beach.

The flames, swept by a strong easterly wind, swept through the city so rapidly that fire fighters were powerless. Citizens rushed out of their homes and down to the beach for protection from the awful holocaust. First reports were that at least nine people lost their lives in the flames. Later the bodies of a woman and a child were discovered in the yard of a ruined house. So far the bodies have not been identified.

Although fire raged at various points through a 400,000-acre sector. Bandon was the only community to suffer fatalities.

By the size of the bones, the two new victims were judged to be a woman and child. They lay near the Bob Randall home, but all members of the Randall family have been accounted for.

The cheerful word that the emergency was near its end came from Brigadier-General Thomas E. Rilea, placed in charge of the fire zones by Governor Charles H. Martin.

"I consider the danger which threatened Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille and Myrtle Point definitely passed," the general said after a survey of conditions late this afternoon.

He stated that relief measures were progressing orderly and there was no actual suffering. He said rumors of lawlessness and looting in Bandon, resort city burned out Saturday and Sunday were false.

At Bandon sightseers were turned back at Bullards Ferry and officers continued to block unauthorized persons from entering the stricken area at all points.

Early estimates of property damage remained unchanged. Bandon alone counted damage of \$1,500,000.

## Visitors Tell of Horrors of Fire

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark, of Medford motored to Gold Beach last Saturday. They were just in time for the big fire. They report that the smoke was so bad that the tears ran from their eyes.

They were forced to come home by Reedsport and North Bend. At Bandon they had to cross by ferry as the bridge could not be used.

They reported Bandon started to burn at 9:15. All the men in the shows were called out and at 10:30 women and children. By 12:15 the town was a bed of red hot coals and smoking ashes.

Mrs. Nicholson says that she had never seen Marshfield look as dry as it does now. Even the ferns are all brown and dry.

The party expected to return home Sunday but were unable to on account of the fire. They returned home Tuesday.

J. C. Lush of Eagle Point purchased a new tractor at the Alexander Implement Company recently.

## Oh-mi-gosh!

A small girl living beyond Gold Hill had been out among the hired help and picked up quite a number of swear words of which her mother had labored in vain to break her of using. After the last outbreak her mother told her to pack up her suit case and leave as she wouldn't have little girls around who talked like that. She insisted on it so the little girl packed her suitcase and sat down on the front step looking very forlorn.

A neighbor lady came up the path and inquired if her mother was at home. The little girl answered—"How in the b— do I know, I don't live here anymore."

The losses for the entire southwest region was tentatively placed in the vicinity of \$3,000,000.

Keith Young, district fire warden, estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 acres were burning in Coos and Curry counties. About 500 acres, he declared, was virgin timber.

Fear of destruction by fire at Yachats on the central coast section north of here was eliminated when word came that early reports of a rapidly spreading fire were false. For a time it was believed Yachats was in direct path of a fire about half a mile from the town. The fire was under control and not as serious as first stated.

Forestry officials said Clark and Killekat counties in southwestern Washington were fighting fires, but that the menace was reduced by the absence of wind. Northern California too, breathed easier.

More rumors of incendiarism were brought to police at Coquille.

The Mark Shelley ranch east of Coquille was leveled and a boy is held in the county jail on suspicion of incendiarism. Two of his companions were detained as witnesses.

While there is no certainty that the fire was set, Captain Lee Brown of the state police said he had been told a person was seen running from the building shortly after it leaped into flames.

Fires still burned through the territory. One, a serious one, continued in the Two-Mile district. The Ring-creek blaze was nearly out, and two other fires on the Marshfield-Coquille highway were declared not serious.

Weather was a major factor in halting the destruction. Fogs, reported as far inland as the Willamette valley, covered many sections of the coast country. The temperature dropped encouragingly.

Red Cross workers at Coquille said an epidemic of colds had broken out among refugees taken to Coquille for shelter.

Scores of residents driven out of Bandon were returning to their property. One of the three mills undamaged said it planned to resume operations tomorrow.

## NOTICE

The Central Point Health Unit will hold their annual rummage sale in the building next to the Central Point Beauty Shop October 9 and 10. Anyone having articles to donate call 153 or 12-x-3 and articles will be called for. Clothing, furniture and various articles of any kind will be gladly accepted. Don't forget the date Friday, October 9 and Saturday October 10.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Broomfield at South Gate, Calif., a baby boy. Mrs. Broomfield will be remembered as Marjorie Conger. She attended the Central Point high school several years ago.

Arthur Farnell has been visiting friends and left for his home in Southern California on the 29th.

All girls who would be interested in learning more about the Girl Scout Organization or wish to become a scout are invited to attend the next meeting which will be held after school at the school house next Thursday.

A good one on Lu Lull. It took him all day Sunday to put in a few blasts, as he ate too much dynamite and it just didn't set good.

Bob Moore helped Ellis Clark to reshingle his house this week.

Mr. C. M. Johnson and son Arthur are working in the Potato Harvest in Klamath Falls. Mr. Johnson is running the grader and Arthur is picking up potatoes.

Dale Johnson who joined the CCC camp in the summer and was sent to Diamond Lake was promoted to the headquarter detachment in Medford shortly afterwards.

Have pictures of all the children. Four for a dime. 204 East Main St. Over Medford Thursday.

## CCC Equipment Rushed to House Fire Sufferers

Twelve hundred complete beds and equipment and all available tents, stores and other supplies were loaded on National Guard trucks Monday and rushed to Bandon for use of the suffering and homeless residents of the fire-destroyed area.

The truck train returned Tuesday for another load and were loaded out about 5 o'clock that afternoon. The trucks spent Monday night at Coquille and the drivers report the smoke as being very dense along the entire coast highway.

The entire facilities of the CCC, National Guard and Forest Service have been requisitioned through orders of Major General George S. Simmonds, commanding the ninth corps area and Brigadier General Thomas E. Rilea, placed in charge of the fire zones by Governor Charles H. Martin.

## Mrs. Richardson to Head Teacher Group

Jackson County Primary Teachers' council held its first meeting of the year at the courthouse Saturday. Officers elected for the coming year were President Mrs. Mae B. Richardson, of the Central Point schools; vice-president, Miss June Rudd, of the Howard school; secretary-treasurer, Miss Marie Prescott, of the Phoenix schools.

Plans for the coming year were discussed and it was decided to make an intense study of children's literature.

The following committee was selected to outline the work of the council for the coming year: Mrs. Mae Richardson, Mrs. Una Inch, Miss Helen Kinsey, Miss Eunice Hager, Miss Marjorie Gregory, Miss Wilma Connor and Miss Frances Fitzgerald. Next meeting will be held Saturday, October 24 and all primary teachers are urged to keep that time in mind.

## Richardson Making Slow Recovery From Car Accident

Mr. Sanford J. Richardson is not recovering very fast from injuries received in a motorcycle and car collision last week. Dr. Wilson attended him and an X-ray was taken by Dr. Moffett. No bones were broken but ligaments were torn and possibly cartilages torn also in his shoulder.

Mr. Withrow was driving a car out from Kamburgs, west of town, and in turning drove over onto the wrong side of the road. Mr. Richardson did not see him in time to swing out far enough to miss him. The running board was torn off the car and damage of about \$20 was done to the motorcycle.

Mrs. Richardson is carrying the paper route during his convalescence.

## So what?--

L. C. Grimes instructing Bert and Jim on how to repair the city water pipes.

A half dozen boys ganging up on the editor after a promise the other day that he would help donate for a good cause.

Harry Hansen, quite disgusted at having the hunters called home on account of the fire, stating that no hunter ever set a fire.

Mr. Fred Wiley trying to stomp on a big wood rat that ran between his feet and into the feed store.

Wade Humphrey brought in a big piece of pumice stone which is on display in The American window. If any newcomer wishes to lift it they are welcome to come in and try.

Whose little pet snake got loose and wandered all around Central Point Wednesday.

Riley Myers seen handing out Tokay grapes from the back of his buggy to some school children.

One party putting up a big holler on the publicity he was getting out of the So What. Medford folks as well as home folks told him about it.

Two young Grants Pass boys who went to Klamath Falls to pick potatoes and found it to early stopped on their way home (twelve o'clock Tuesday night) at E. P. Stone's and asked for something hot. Before leaving they decided to get a milk shake.

Herbert Crowder, "Do you understand that kind of language?" Mr. Simmonds, "No. If I did I might knock your block off."

## COUNTY CLERK TO KEEP OFFICE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

County Clerk George Carter announces that he will keep his office open until 8 p. m. from now until Saturday night for the purpose of registering voters who are unable to come in during regular office hours.

It is believed there are many eligible voters in the county who have failed to register for the reason their work prevents their going to the clerk's office during the day time, and Mr. Carter has consented to hold the office open evenings for their benefit.

Anyone living in Central Point or vicinity may register before Saturday night, October 3, at Stone's Drug store.

## Blaze Destroys Jantzer Sawmill In Cascade Gorge

Fire of undetermined origin Sunday afternoon completely destroyed the George Jantzer sawmill at Cascade Gorge, in the Prospect district, with an estimated loss of between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Nearby lumber piles, a planing mill, tool sheds and other outbuildings were saved. The loss was not covered by insurance.

Jantzer was today at a complete loss to explain the origin of the blaze. There had been no fire in the mill boilers since Wednesday when cutting was temporarily halted. When the blaze was discovered it was eating rapidly away at the inside of the building. The sawmill crew of 11 men and Fire Warden Bruce Grieve of Prospect prevented the flames from spreading but were helpless in any attempt to extinguish the fire in the main building.

The little mill was built three years ago and had been cutting about 25,000 feet of lumber a day all summer. Jantzer said today the mill would probably be rebuilt.

## C. E. Rally Rally To Be Held at Jacksonville

A Crater Lake Union C. E. Rally is to be held at Jackson, October 2. All Christian Endeavorers are urged to be present for a pot luck supper at 6:30 p. m.

Business session will follow. The high-light of this meeting will be deciding the place and plans for our Union Convention, Nov. 27-29 inclusive.

The meeting will be open for invitation at your church and town.

Mrs. Nettie Wellman's father arrived back after spending the summer in Idaho visiting his brother whom he hadn't seen for over 15 years.

## 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. Aim 150 on time.

Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A. M. Solo by Mrs. Phillips.

Senior Endeavor 6:30 P. M.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m. Subject "What Mary Says and What God Says on Salvation."

Prayer and Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p. m. Devotional Leader, J. B. McDowell, Mrs. Edward Jones will review the Book of Ecclesiastic. Please remember October 4 is Promotion Sunday and our aim is 100 in Bible Study.