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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The other night the writer got into a conversation with another old-timer of Medford and how we did enjoy the reminiscences of the "good old days." And these were good old days, at that. We didn't have any New Deals to take all the joy out of life for a poor man. We worked hard and played hard, and life was well worth while.

Occasionally we are accused of being a "reactionary" or a "conservative" or what have you. Well maybe one who has passed the three score mark is apt to look upon new things a bit cynically. But we confess we do have a good bit of love and respect for the old days. Progress that brings more happiness into this old world for the ordinary citizen is all well and good. But we have a strong hunch the world would be better off if a whole lot of the new fangled ideas which have come into being since the time Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party "kept us out of war," were thrown in the scrap heap.

We sometimes pine for the days when the American home meant something besides a place to get your mail. With the coming of the modern inventions and with the help of the so-called "budget plan" of buying everything under heaven, has come too much leisure; to much ease. Our 'old mother taught us about half a century ago that "Satan always finds mischief for idle hands to do."

Isn't it true today that a big percentage of the ills that beset mankind, at least in America, can be traced to that very thing—too much leisure? Of course life was harder in many ways, but folks were happier, too.

Well, we noticed with a bit of glee that even the chairman of the opposing party's county organization can't face the music. Sorry, Bro. Marshall, but people who take their politics too seriously, must expect plenty of kidding.

We also notice that the august editor of our leading daily has gone way up in the air lately, even to the extent of interviewing the residents of a distant planet, to get consolation for his political pains. What we are wondering is just what was the true reason for those trips east this summer and fall. Maybe he has hopes of getting Big Jim to recommend to the Chief his appointment as Ambassador to—well any old place would do.

We heartily agree with Bro. Hamilton in his editorial how about the way the office-seekers play for free publicity. And how they do like to blab-blah over the radio and how they always want the poor newspaper to give up their space to boost their candidacy. But how they do hate to spend a nickel for advertising space.

Well, we always were an easy mark and so presume we shall go on filling our columns with tales of this one and that one just for the good of the order.

We note that the mud-slinging as prophesied by Mr. Farley is well under way. It was ever thus. From the days of George Washington to now every candidate for major political office has felt it. No president to date but has been called a thief and a robber. It's a queer old world.

It isn't a question of right or wrong. It's just human nature. President Roosevelt may be a very honest, kind-hearted gentleman for all we know. No doubt he is. But we do not agree with his idea of what American government should be. And we feel he has been too easily led by his college-bred friends into "ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain."

Then, too, Mr. Landon may not be a plaster saint—we have a hunch he is far from it. But he is standing for a return to sanity; to the kind of Americanism which has brought our country through all the years. And we, who believe in that "rugged individualism," and who are by no means ready to sit calmly by and see our beloved country led into the ways of any European dictatorship.

CENTRAL POINT SCOUTS HONORED AT AREA COURT

The largest Boy Scout Court of Honor ever to be conducted in the Crater Lake Area Council was held in Medford Monday night. The local troop No. 49 was one of the two outstanding troops represented.

The opening and closing Flag presentation and Scout Oath were under the direction of acting Senior Patrol Leader Neil Stone, Troop 49—Central Point. He was assisted by a Color Guard in full Scout Uniform and parents, Scouts and Scouters of his Troop.

The two leading Troops for Scouts obtaining awards were: Troop No. 3, Medford, sponsored by the Roosevelt Home and School Circle, with Bill Kellington, Acting Scoutmaster and Frank Hull, Jr., Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop No. 49, Central Point sponsored by the Central Point P. T. A., with Ed Vincent, Scoutmaster and Del Ayers and Norman Kerr, Jr., as Assistant Scoutmasters Troop No. 18 Eagle Point under Scoutmaster Gerald Cook and sponsored by the Eagle Point Civic Club were a very close second.

Awards were received by the following Scouts and Scouters:

Troop No. 3—Bob Lee, Second Class; Charles Johnson, Second Class merit badges in Pathfinding and Personal Health; first class merit badges for Reed Cox in Athletics, Pathfinding, Cooking, Public Health and Safety; Bill Holloway, Jr., in Athletics, First Aid, Safety, Public Health and Richard Schuchard in Pathfinding, Firemanship and Music; Richard Schuchard for Star; Reed Cox and Bill Holloway, Jr. for their Life Awards which were presented by their mothers.

Troop No. 49, Bob Grisham, Norman Hansen, Hal Jewett, Harold Pierce, Albert Thompson, Robert Vincent, Kenneth Williams and Woodrow Phillips for Second Class and Neil Stone for his First Class Award.

Frank Hull, Jr., Troop No. 3, Assistant Scoutmaster, Wm. A. Holloway, Tr. No. 3 Troop Committeeman, A. Woodrich, Tr. No. 18 T. C. Chairman and Gerald Cook, Troop No. 18 Scoutmaster received their annual membership certificates and re-committed themselves to the Boy Scout Oath.

Scouts from Troops 7, 8, 16, 18 and 35 also received awards.

Former Resident Taken by Death

George Leivin Nolte, 69, of Jacksonville, passed away at a local hospital after six weeks of pneumonia. He was born at Oakland, Oregon, October 7, 1875 and was married to Zona Rees, January 16, 1898 at Yoncalla, Oregon. Ten children were born to this union. He leaves his wife Zona, an delight children, Mrs. R. J. Alleman, Mrs. Vernon Allen, of Orland, California; Floyd, Virgil, Loyal, Dale and Walter Nolte of Willows, California; Vance Nolte, Jacksonville, Ore., and nine grand children.

Funeral services were held at the Peri Funeral Home Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment in Siskiyou Memorial park. His parents William and Nancy Nolte were pioneers of the Sutherland district settling there in 1848.

Miss Lorraine Davis entertained at her home with a get-together party, about twenty-five of her school friends. Games were played and all had a lovely time. Refreshments of cool-ade, cake and cookies were served.

are proud to stand with this "typical governor of a typical prairie state."

The writer, for one, has no faith in "planned economy" as planned by the New Deal. We fail to see how the mere holding of an arm-chair job in Washington gives anyone a better ability to plan the lives and fortunes of his fellow men. And history clearly shows that no political appointee has ever been as efficient in the handling of business affairs as have been the men who have spent their lives in that business. It never has worked and it never will.

Pear and Tomato Show at Talent Well Attended

The Pear and Tomato Show put on by residents of Talent last Friday and Saturday was a worthwhile event of the fall season. The show was largely attended and the exhibits were very well gotten up and displayed. The show as put on in the high school gym with commercial displays arranged in the basement of the high school building.

Several booths were arranged around the yard between the two buildings. In the gymnasium one side was given over to displays of tomatoes and tomato products. The other side of the big room was covered with beautiful displays of pears arranged by several of the local fruit companies. The displays emphasized the beauty of the packed pears as they go to the eastern markets.

At one end of the main floor in the center was a table showing 35 varieties of pears from the more than 300 grown at the Southern Oregon Experiment Station. The station is working to produce a blight-resistant root system on which to graft the regular commercial varieties. Many of the kinds of pears shown were inedible and in all kinds of shapes.

But the main attraction occupying the most prominent place on the big floor was the world's largest pear pie, weighing over 1000 lbs. 30 boxes of pears went into the making of this monster confection. Not being a baker we cannot say just how many pounds of sugar, shortening, spices, etc., were used, but we have an idea the amount would last the ordinary family quite some time. The giant pie was baked in huge sections at Beck's bakery in Medford and then assembled with the aid of icing. There were over 2000 ordinary sized pieces in the big pie.

Pictures of the pie were made by a news real photographer to be used

on the screen all over the country.

Saturday evening a program was given in the main hall, attended by about 2000 residents of So. Oregon. Delegations were present from all over the valley. Mr. A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce was called to the microphone and introduced many prominent visitors who were unanimous in their praise of the Talent show. Much credit for the success of the affair goes to Ray Schumacher, head of the Talent Chamber of Commerce, who had worked untiringly for the success of the big show.

A bit of humor was injected into the program when Mr. Banwell called on Mr. J. H. Marshall, of the Marshall-Smith-Leonard printing company of Medford and chairman of the Democratic County Committee for a speech. Mr. Banwell declared no political speech would be allowed so Mr. Marshall, who had started for the stage, backed out. Mr. Banwell then said: "All right, we see Mr. Marshall has lost his nerve so if you folks have any printing to do, send it down to Art Powell at Central Point, for he did come when called."

Several dancing numbers by pupils of a dance academy in Medford and songs by the principal of the Talent high school and a pie-eating contest ended the program.

Before the dance part of the program was started the audience was asked to leave the room and return by couples to file past the big pie for a generous helping. Many amusing incidents were noted as men, women and children attempted to eat their pie with nature's tools.

We are informed that the Talent Pear and Tomato show is to be an annual event and plans are already being made to make next year's show even bigger and better than this year.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Bert Hedgpeth has returned home after a weeks visit with her uncle and aunt at Derby.

Bananas—4 lbs. for 25c at Marine's

J. E. Higginbotham and family have moved from Willow Springs to their ranch home recently purchased from Ansell Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Adams and granddaughter Norma Jean Simmonds of Storington Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hawkins of Missouri are recent arrivals in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lofland of Grants Pass are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lofland. The two gentlemen are brothers.

Mrs. L. C. Grimes is entertaining this afternoon the Berean Class of the Federated church with a shower in honor of Miss Bonnie Settlemyre and Lauretta Williams whose weddings will be at an early date. Claire Higginbotham and Floyd Lefler are the lucky youths. There will be a more complete story of this event next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Watenburg of Klamath Falls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buckman Sunday. They motored out to Mr. Anders and got some lovely grapes. They also visited at the Blankenship home where they received lovely pears and tomatoes.

Ruby Walker and Mrs. Louise Robinson were shopping in Medford today.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Humphreys and Mrs. Humphrey's mother, Mrs. Cole motored to Bandon Sunday and continued on to California where they will visit Mrs. Cole's daughter, Mrs. Hines and family.

Frank Bonney of Bonney's Grill is still seriously ill at the hospital.

Mrs. Southwell and Elizabeth left Tuesday for their home in California.

Alice Smith is visiting her uncle Mr. Wilbur Walker and family for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douglas of Emmowleau, Washington were over night guests at the Maple home this week on their way to the football game at Los Angeles where their son Bud plays with the Washington team. Allie and Bud were old friends. Mrs. Ethel Southwell and Elizabeth were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and son at the Maple home.

Jello—3 packages for 17c at Marine's

Mr. Ray Wyatt will leave tomorrow for Portland to visit his wife and son Kenneth. Kenneth was operated on last week and both legs are in casts. They will be kept in casts for one month. Every hope is held out that he will be able to walk. We all rejoice to hear this. Mr. Wyatt expects to return home Tuesday and bring Mrs. Wyatt with him. Kenneth will stay at the Shriners hospital. Mrs. Wyatt is only allowed to see Kenneth once a week.

Mrs. Louise Penny is very low at the home of Mrs. Florence Walker in Central Point. Mrs. Penny fell and broke her hip five months ago and the doctor was unable to set the bone on account of her age. She will be ninety years old the 30th of this month. She is a sister of Mr. Riley Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Flaharty received word from their son James Harvey, who is stationed at the Percidio at San Francisco that he made the trip to San Diego with a caravan of 56 trucks. He also sent pictures of the Zoo which were very interesting.

REV. and MRS. R. C. LEWIS HOSTS TO CLASS THURSDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Lewis were hosts to the Baracca Philathea class on Thursday evening for the weekly social and business meeting, following which a party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Putney who are moving to Medford where Mr. Putney has accepted a position in the Montgomery Ward store.

Frank's show at Fabura.

OLD BILL
Mrs. E. E. Scott has a five dollar bill that her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swartz recently gave her. It had been given to Mrs. Scott's mother Mrs. Swartz by her uncle, who said it had been in his mother's bible as long as he could remember.
It is printed on one side only and is on a Mercantile bank in New Jersey.

Four Boy Find Pocketbook on Street

Several days ago as four small boys were walking home from school they found a pocketbook in front of the Alexander Implement store, which they picked up and pondered over the proper means of finding the owner. Not being able to find the City Marshall, Bert Hedgpeth, they went to the office of City Clerk, Guy Tex who examined the purse finding fourteen dollars and fifty-five cents cash and also the registration card of R. C. Cearley, who in recognition of their honesty gave a reward of fifty cents to each of the boys, which the proudly carried home to show to their parents.

The children were Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bloomenstien; Harold and Leland, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyers and Billy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCord. These parents appreciate the attitude taken by their sons.

Items of Interest

Harvey Cassman, commander local post of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War returned yesterday from a state executive meeting of the organization held in Bend Saturday.

Cassman was accompanied by Frank Holbrook, service officer and Carol J. Parker, past commander of the local post. The three stated that the executive meeting was well attended and was followed by a dance and banquet. It was decided that the next state executive meeting will be held in Medford in January.

The 4-H club livestock fair held at the county fairgrounds Wednesday, September 30, was very successful, according to L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader and judge of the exhibits.

Much interest was centered around the baby beef calves and the pen of four pigs which will be exhibited in Portland at the Pacific International this week.

Following are the exhibitors from Central Point who won prizes; Norman Smith, Olive Davis, Shirley Angle, Doris Hunsley, Ivan Myers, Roberta Hamlin and Dorothy Hunsley.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY—Roy Hensley, son of Robert H. Hensley of Central Point was one of the freshmen receiving the highest grades in English placement tests conducted for freshmen at Pacific university last week. His grade of A, won in the exam, exempts him from the freshmen English course, usually required of all freshmen.

Hensley is a member of the largest freshman class ever enrolled at Pacific the class numbering over 150.

Roy attended school here his freshman here and last year won a scholarship to Pacific while attending school in Medford.

Mrs. Pearl Bonney is back in at Jones' Grocery Store.

So what?--

R. H. Moore looking like a working man Tuesday afternoon. Claims he was putting a new lining in a stove.

Helen Long, Alburta Terrill, Noola and Grant Culbertson getting a big thrill out of the surprise that Mr. McDowell, the shoemaker, gave them pennies to buy.

George Marine knocking a man through the candy case.

Someone waiting anxiously to get into the big pear pie at Talent Saturday night saying "There's Banwell. He just finished one section and is starting on another."

Mrs. Melissa Elliot telling Delbert Ayers what she will do if he picks her English walnuts.

Isaac Shultz of Medford sports a pair of bright yellow shoes.

HIGH SCHOOL TO PLAY FOOTBALL; SUITS PURCHASED

Football—long thought about by the students of the Central Point high school but not played here for some years is fast becoming a reality.

The large field opposite the high school is gradually taking shape; covered with sawdust; and goal posts erected. Funds have been raised and much of the equipment has already been purchased. Second-hand suits have been purchased from the Medford Senior High.

A large crowd of boys are turning our regularly for practice and much enthusiasm is being shown. Boys showing up are: Bill Grimes, Roger Lawrence, Simon Pappé, and Richard Jewett, from the senior class. Pink and Blue O'Connor, Art Copinger, Morris Dow, Jim Grimes, Irvin Lawton from the junior class; Howard Long, Eugene Humphrey, Ernest Pinkham, Cecil Gantzenbein, Bob Hoagland, and Stanley Jones from the sophomore class; Kenneth Beebe, Vernon Holland, Harold Pierce and Milton Garrett from the freshmen class. Others are expected to report soon.

Much cannot be expected the first year, but 5 or 6 games will probably be scheduled. This season will be spent in getting the sport under way. In a year or two a conference can be formed with some of the secondary schools—the Junior Highs, and the sophomore teams of the larger schools. After the boys gain experience Central Point will be able to have teams on a par with those of larger schools.

Coach Hulbert, a graduate of Albany College and coach and principal last year at Tangent comes here well recommended. When asked how he likes Central Point Mr. Hulbert answered: "Swell."

Regular practice started last Monday. As yet the schedule has not been drawn up but the first game will probably be Friday, October 16.

Local People Visit In Grants Pass

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Duncan motored to Grants Pass to visit Mr. Scotts and Mrs. Duncans niece and to meet their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Day from Brementon, Washington.

After they had been there a very short time a telegram arrived from Portland telling of the death of Mr. Days' sister's husband, Mr. Day hurried back to Portland.

Mrs. Day will visit in Grants Pass and come here for a visit before returning home. Mr. Day will stay in Portland and return direct to Brementon. He had planned on visiting relatives here.

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. Aim—"Continuous Growth."

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M.
Senior Director 6:30 P. M. J. Ed Vincent, Director.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Subject "Did Christ Organize a Church?"

Prayer and Bible Study Service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Devotional leader, Mr. McDowell. Mrs. Edward Jones will be the Soloist.