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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

And so the last month of the old year has begun. How the days do fly by. Wasn't it just last week we were writing about that Christmas feast? And today our thoughts go way back to the Holidays of childhood. How we hoped for a "White Christmas" and were mighty seldom disappointed back in Minnesota. But "White Christmas" is not so common in Oregon. Just a very few times in more than a quarter century of residence in the state can we recall a real "white" one.

But this year we shall be satisfied if we can have even a "wet" Christmas. The abnormal spell of dry weather now existing cannot come to an end too soon for us. Of course we like to make newcomers feel at home in our midst. But this is also rather too darned realistic for the benefit of the "dust bowl" folk who have come here this year.

It has come to our attention that the Public Library may have to move. It is understood that the building now occupied by the library was donated rent-free by Mrs. Merritt for that purpose, but now that the property has changed hands the new owners do not feel it is fair to them to be expected to furnish the building for such a purpose and have to keep up the taxes without a cent of income. And we cannot blame them for that. But the situation is rather a difficult one. The city contributes \$10.00 a month toward the library and also the lights and water. The council feels this is all it can spare. It has been suggested that the school district should contribute, on account of the fact that the library is so necessary an adjunct to the school and is used by so many students.

If our recollection is correct, the matter of the school district paying part of the library cost was considered several years ago, but at that time the school authorities could not see their way to legally use specially raised school funds for the support of any institution over which they had no control.

That seems a bit far-fetched to us. The school has a small library of its own. It is true. But the students are compelled to use regular public library books in their work. And the large number of students living out of town contribute practically nothing towards the upkeep of the institution. If school district funds were to be used for this purpose it seem to us no one could complain. The district covers the entire community.

And it is certainly not fair to expect Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who have given so much time and care already to the keeping up of this public institution to pay rent, etc., out of the mealy \$10 a month they receive for their services. We suggest that the school board slip them another \$10 a month, at least during school and charge it to "Book Rental" or some such item.

Do you realize there are only 13 more shopping days until Christmas! And how about those distant friends? You will at least want to send them a card of remembrance. And remember Uncle Sam has a mighty big job getting those cards to their destination, so you want to get them in the mail in plenty of time. Just drop in and see what a wonderful assortment of cards we have this year. And at no increase in cost, either.

It seems kinda natural to see Jack Southwell on our streets again. And Jack looks a lot better than when he left. He says he has been living in the vicinity of "Amy's" temple in Los Angeles. Wonder if he tells all he knows about that? He spoke of several desert trips he made, but just who went along deponent sayeth not.

We note that the U. S. National bank in Medford has bought the old Jackson County Bank building and is going to move. Wonder if the loafers' corner will remain? If the drug store moves over there will the boys still uphold it? It will seem mighty strange not to have a bank there.

We would like to know just why Jack Garner beat it up to Washington so hurriedly recently? What, you tell.

RICHARDSONS ENJOY VISIT IN BAY DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson and daughter Charlotte left November 29 for a visit to the Bay region of California. Their first stop was at Napa, where they visited friends. Continuing on to Concord, Mrs. Richardson's old home, they visited her sister, Mrs. Enos, who was convalescing from a recent illness in a hospital.

Berkeley was the next stop. Here Mrs. Richardson and Charlotte visited her mother, while Mr. Richardson stayed with John Townsend, recently from Medford. They visited a number of radio hams with whom Mr. Richardson had talked over short wave at various times.

They returned to Concord for Thanksgiving dinner with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Enos. Friday they went to Oakland and across the new Bay bridge, but found a heavy fog entirely hid the view. Going on to Hughson they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis C. Galt, former editor of this paper. Mr. Galt is now publishing a small paper, the Hughson Herald, in connection with his other work in a wheat warehouse. Mr. and Mrs. Galt have two very fine children, a little girl three years old and a young boy.

Returning to Oakland for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earcel Carter the Richardsons crossed the bay bridge by moonlight and declare it a most wonderful sight saying no one can realize the beauty of it from pictures.

Sunday evening they visited Mr. Richardson's cousin, Mr. Murray Kelso and wife, leaving for home Monday morning and arriving here late that night. Altogether it was a fine trip and they state they had no car trouble at all.

Rebekahs Elect Officers for Year

The Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge No. 167 met in the I.O.O.F. Hall Wednesday night with Beattie Fredenburg Noble Grand presiding. Election of officers: Betta Pankey, noble grand; Clara Vincent, vice noble grand; Minnie Buckles, secretary; Luzella Damon, treasurer. After closing lodge Sisters Gleason and Musty entertained and refreshments of turkey sandwiches, and coffee was enjoyed.

P.N.G. Club Meets With Mrs. Buckles

The P. N. G. Club of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Minnie Buckles for our annual covered dish luncheon at noon, December 1st. The main dish being roast turkey with all the trimmings, after all ate to their hearts content and tables were cleared club opened in form with Nellie Simmons, president presiding. Roll call found eleven members present: Nellie Simmons, Mary Richardson, Ida Henderson, Clara Vincent, Inez Ferguson, Catherine Merritt, Cara Farra, Emma Gleason, Irma Hedgpath, Sally Musty and the hostess, Minnie Buckles. Sarah Vincent and Edna Marino were welcome visitors.

Emma Gleason invited the Club to meet with her in January. After the business meeting was over club closed in form; then they all gathered around the Christmas tree with each wondering who their Becky was. Mrs. Gleason acted as Santa Claus and all received a beautiful gift from their Becky. We then drew names of our Beckys for the coming year.

After visiting a while and exchanging greetings, all departed for their respective homes hoping to have as jolly a time next Christmas.

Dr. Grace Orr from Los Angeles has purchased property between the two Table rocks and will retire from active practice. Dr. Orr was a former resident of the Agate district when a child and has many friends here.

Weighty matters of state called the Vice President to the job? Did some one discover that in the absence from the country, that someone had to sit in for him?

Local Happenings

Miss Elaine Brophy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Brophy and grand daughter of Mrs. Mollie Holmes, who is attending Oregon State college, was among the many members of the younger set returning to school after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Obenchain and little daughter Merle Linda enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Stella Obenchain.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tex have both been suffering with the flu.

Mrs. G. A. Markey and daughter Hazel of Carthage, Mo., who have been visiting at the Faharty home the last 10 days left Monday on the train for Oakland to visit other relatives.

Mr. Flaharty received word this week of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. C. J. Cooper who lives in Oakland, Calif. She is in a hospital there.

The American has one Christmas window display with a huge hornets nest in the center.

It is time now for Christmas windows to be ready so that we may enjoy them for more than one week.

Marjorie Martin returned to school this last week but the effort was too much and it will be necessary to graft skin on her burns which are not healing as fast as they should.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beaker and son and daughter of Klamath Falls visited at the home of Mrs. Beaker's nephew Bob Akers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Randle returned to their ranch near Roxly Aen after a months trip in California.

Miss Alice Anderson and Miss Laura Pasterino attended the nature study lecture by Miss Elizabeth Price after school Tuesday in Medford. Mrs. Price's talk was for the girl scouts.

21 relatives and friends had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Mathews of Central Point. Other relatives and friends called in the afternoon.

Mrs. Jennie White left this morning for a nursing job in Medford.

Jones Family Spend Holiday in Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones, Marjorie and Stanley returned to their home Sunday evening from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton of Graeagle, California and Mrs. M. N. Conley and family of Red Bluff. While at Graeagle they visited Reno one evening and spent one day at Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake.

Enroute home they visited Lassen National Park and spent Sunday with Dr. Byron Frank, and uncle of Mr. Jones, at Weaverville, California in the Trinity mountains.

P.T.A. to Hold Regular Meet Fri.

The P. T. A. will hold its monthly meeting on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Church of the Medford Junior High School will be the speaker of the afternoon.

A special invitation is extended all mothers of high school students as they are to be honor guests for the afternoon.

The program is to be given by the third grade pupils. The public is cordially invited.

Trophy Won With Rifle Bought Here

Jimmy Williams, at the time of his visit at the Mervyn Gleason home 4 years ago was not interested in shooting, recently won first place in the California shoot over 110 entries. He won a gold medal and a heavy barrel.

Mr. Williams became interested in shooting on his second visit here three years ago and purchased Mr. Gleason's 22 Winchester rifle, which he still uses. It was the same rifle that Pete Pomeroy used when he won the Javeline 50 and 75 foot Championship shoot here in 1935. Mr. Williams won over Al Lutjwie who won the International shoot at Camp Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney of Klamath Falls arrived Sunday for a visit at the Buckman home. Mr. Whitney returned home Sunday evening but Mrs. Whitney remained for a week's visit.

Mrs. Paine's little grandson Jack Raymond Leich of Eastern Oregon spent several days with her recently. Jack's father and mother were on their way to San Francisco to visit Mr. Leich's brother who was seriously ill in a hospital.

The Hoover vacuum cleaner on display at the Central Point Hardware store would make a wonderful Christmas gift.

Robert Virtue writes from Sacramento that he is enjoying the lovely weather and has had some work but nothing steady as yet.

Mrs. Ethel Fleischer entertained with a stork shower in honor of Mrs. Ivan Skyrman at her home Wednesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. L. Maple is at home with a bad cold and Russell Ayers is taking his place in the Jones' Grocery.

Miss Carol Furry spent Thanksgiving at home. She is attending the State college at Corvallis.

Mr. Charles Cole and son have purchased the Trading Post and took possession this morning.

The Health Unit will meet at the Thornley home Dec. 11.

A.E.C. Washers and ironers make ideal Christmas gifts. Phone 782, or call 22 S. Grape, Medford. W. H. Klatt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carr and mother Mrs. Hadley were visiting friends in Medford last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eddy enjoyed dinner with Mr. Eddy's parents on Saturday and supper with Mrs. Eddy's parents.

The Central Point Hardware has the Agency for Norge electrical supplies. See them for information and prices.

Mrs. Crane celebrated her 73rd birthday Thanksgiving Day. Many of her friends called and left remembrances. Mrs. Crane has been very sick but is now improving and able to see her friends.

Norge washing machines and ironers make fine Christmas presents. Call for prices and leave your orders at the Central Point Hardware.

Norge oil burning circulating heaters. Get prices and leave orders at the Central Point Hardware store.

See Stone's Christmas window for just the gifts that will delight children on Christmas morning.

Mrs. Lois Richardson received a letter from Mrs. L. C. Scott, Orange California saying her brother Vernon passed away recently and that she was very glad to be there and help care for him. She was with her mother for a couple of weeks before his death. She plans to return home soon but will help her mother locate in town first.

PORTRAITS at a price everyone can have. Make a date before Christmas. A so home sittings in your own home.—Ander's Studio. On old highway.

Mrs. Jack LaCasse and daughter, Dorothy visited Mr. LaCasse at the mine Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and little daughter Corena were in the Service Station during their absence. Mr. and Mrs. Wright moved here from Oklahoma.

The busiest place in Medford Tuesday was the Leonard Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Milton visited Mr. Milton's mother at Rogue River Sunday.

UNCLASSIFIED For Sale: Antique chair by old man with hole in back and scratched leg.

FOR RENT: Room with two beds by a young lady that folds up.

WANTED: A high chair for baby with a case sent.

Huge Hornets' Nest On Display Here

A monstrous black hornet's nest is on display in our window. The side uppermost was attached to a rafter on the grape arbor at the W. E. Alexander home, and was brought in this week by Mr. Laudon.

The huge nest shows several honey combs and also the delicate parchment of which the sides are formed. It measures about 36 inches in circumference.

Condition of Andre Chomel Considered Very Critical Today

Mr. Andre Chomel's condition is very serious. Mrs. Chomel is continuously at his bedside and while it has been hoped that he was gaining strength, fears for the worse are felt.

The entire community will grieve over this news. Mr. and Mrs. Chomel have made many friends since their arrival here and have done much for our city. It is hoped that he will be spared for many more years.

Baby Pictures to Be Shown Soon

One of the most talked-of and thrilling events in the community nowadays is the display of baby pictures by Shangle to be displayed at the Hotel Medford Monday and Tuesday of next week. The display is the culmination of the Shangle Baby Salon, in which prizes for the baby with the most personality were offered.

Among the pictures on display will be the prize winners.

Many babies from Central Point were entered, among them being Dolores Bohnert, lovable little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert, whose home is just west of this city. The contest closed November 30. All photographs will be enlarged and placed on uniform mountings to assure a fair display in this exhibit.

Everyone is invited to inspect these exceptionally fine photographs of Southern Oregon kiddies.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgenbotham and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and daughter enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Higgenbotham.

Mrs. J.C. Woods has been very seriously ill for the past week but is some better at this time.

So what?--

Little Charlotte Richardson was delighted to see olives growing on her recent trip and thought it would be fine to eat one right off the tree and requested her daddy to get her more than one. She was a sport—but decided she would bring the other one to her teacher, Miss Estes.

Mr. Marshall Simmonds acting as referee at the basketball game Wednesday night in the hopes that he would get a chance to shoot a basket.

Believe it or not by Lewis Swartz it sleeted, snowed and rained Tuesday night at about nine o'clock.

Mr. E. C. Faber passing out candy to Jack and Max Neathamer.

A mother of a prominent young attorney in Medford thinking it strange that she drove by a certain market every week and never knew it was there remarking, "If they had advertised in The American, I would have known it".

A certain city official while on a sight-seeing trip to Reno recently grieved all the way home because his wife would not let him stay and see the fan dancers and vowing he would go alone next time.

A staid old married man making some lovely biscuits for lunch before he discovered that a certain charming school ma'am would not be there to help eat them. The rest of the family enjoyed them nevertheless.

The Hornet's nest in the window of this office does not mean you will get stung if you come in.

WANTED—Highest prices paid for small, medium, or large show-er (rais). Inquire at this office.

PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

The problem of what to do about the city library is worrying officials this week. Some time ago the building now occupied by the library was purchased from the Merritt estate by Mr. and Mrs. Damon, who feel that it is unfair to expect any one party to furnish the building for the public library rent free. At present there is no money with which to pay rent.

The city is paying \$10.00 a month toward the library and the county \$5. The city also pays the light and water bills. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moore, who have freely and conscientiously given their time to caring for the library, feel they should not be expected to pay rent for a building out of so slim an income.

Several plans are under consideration for a more satisfactory arrangement. Mrs. Moore, who has served as librarian for a number of years, states that as high as 1500 books a month are loaned through the Central Point library. Anyone who passes the library on Monday or Thursday evenings can easily see for themselves the number of school children and adults using this service, which would be sadly missed if discontinued.

It has been suggested that some of the organizations in the city start a movement to raise the needed funds by giving dinners, entertainments and the like.

It is also suggested that the school district contribute the necessary sum. It is argued that the school uses and needs the library and should help in its support.

Mr. Robert McColley and son Dick of Payallup, Washington, nephew of Mrs. R. H. Moore surprised her Monday by stopping for a visit on their way to San Francisco where they will remain during the month of December. They plan to stop here on their return trip.

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.

or. 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 and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "The Transfiguration" Piano Solo, Mrs. Phillips.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Maxine Holland, leader. J. Ed. Vincent, director.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p. m. Subject "Samuel". Duet, Mrs. Chat Elide and Mrs. Carl Hover.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Mr. Phillips will explain the Book of Ezekiel.
Always Welcome!



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