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Musings Innocent Bystander

thing during the wee sma' hours at once got busy fixing up our old defroster on the family bus. Only to have it warm up before we could use it. That's always the way we're always just too late. Last year we fought frozen fog and snow on our windshield for a long time and finally bought that darned defroster. Only to have it warm up right away and make it unnecessary.

We had a bit of misfortune at our shop this week. A slight accident caused the breakage of a dinky casting on our Linotype. We took it to the feller, how did you like the looks of the sun yesterday? It looked like the same old sun, but we haven't seen it for so long we may have forgotten just how it used to look. Anyway, it was pleasant.

But it gave us the shivers to get up yesterday morning and find it had snowed, or sleeted, or some of our old friend George Barnum and had him stick the blamed thing together. When it cooled the dad gummed . . . ! . . . —pest went and shrunk all out of shape. And so we labored for ages, more or less, with files and drills and gadgets until we at long last made it work! Heck of a job, but we saved \$14.59 by it.

It seems lonesome not to pass the ever popular library on our way to and from home. And Friend Bob will find he's on the wrong side of the street to get out that chair and lean back against the front of the building for a sun bath on library days. But it will be fine next summer. Anyway, the city dads showed commendable spirit in allowing so important and popular an institution to use the empty city building. Our city needs the library and every thing that can be done to aid it is worthwhile.

Had you noticed the new stream line busses now making the run through the city? We are told the Greyhound people are putting on several new ones and will run them oftener until after the holidays. Pity they couldn't stick an ad in this great family journal so the people would know about the new service.

Our sincere apologies are extended to the Masonic brethren who invited us to help eat turkey at their annual meeting last night. We fully intended to come, but the accident to our machine this week put us in a hole and we had to stick on the job. Thanks a million for the invite, anyway.

There is a rumor floating about that one of our county newspapers has changed hands. If it is true, we are mighty sorry. We have had very pleasant relationship with the young man and his good wife who are about to leave. And we hate to lose such friends from our fraternal circle. As for the new owner, we welcome him to the group of poor souls who slave in the country newspaper field. May he find all his hopes succeed.

The writer took in a basketball game in the newly remodeled gym the other night. And we were much pleased with the comfort of the new grandstand. The only drawback was that we had to forego our old pipe as we reclined on a bench near a radiator. But at that we could see the game to good advantage without crowding.

And speaking of basketball, a number of former star players got together recently and organized a "town team". And were they a stiffened up bunch after their first practice game. We wot they found it wasn't so easy to stand the pace at twenty-five or so as it was at eighteen. Last night they journeyed to J'ville for a game and just managed to drag home the bacon by a score of 31 to 29. Cheer up, fellows, you'll get warmed up after while.

We had the pleasure to meet Mr. R. P. Theiss in Medford Wednesday and he said he was grieved over the death of Mr. Chomel and requested us to give Mrs. Chomel and her sister, Mrs. Message his deepest sympathy. Mr. Theiss was riding his bicycle and reports that he is feeling fine. With his curly beard and rosy cheeks he looked at least fifteen years younger than when he moved from here.

TOWN BASKETBALL TEAM WINS CLOSE GAME FROM J'VILLE

The Central Point all-star town basketball team invaded Jacksonville last night and carried off the honors of a close game with the Miners by the close score of 31 to 29. Fifteen players went over from Central and three full teams went into action during the game. The local boys had had only one night's practice this year and played a rather ragged game. The first team from here to enter the game was composed of Virtue (4), Jones, Pinkham, Powell and Adams. The second team were D. Ayers (4), Merle Simmons (14), Woods, Marshall Simmons (3) and Monty Simon (2). While the third were Virtue, Babbs, Higginbotham, Conrad (4) and Atkins.

The Jacksonville team was composed of Hoffman (3), A. Ayers (10), Forbes (6), Smith (2), Hunsaker (8) and Martin, sub. Jacksonville started off by taking the lead in the first quarter, but Central Point took the lead at the half and 3rd quarter. Jacksonville rallied and lead in the last quarter by seven points, but C. P. in a last minute rally and by making several foul shots, nosed out winner by 31 to 29.

Riley Meyers Feted On 82nd Birthday

Mr. Riley Meyers celebrated his eighty second birthday Sunday with dinner party at his home. There were eighteen seated at the table where two big birthday cakes were the center of attraction. Mr. Riley's birthday was Monday but in order to allow all the members of the family to be present they celebrated on Sunday. Mr. Meyers received many remembrances.

First Grade News

The following items were written by pupils in the first grade of the Central Point school as part of their regular school work for the purpose of increasing their vocabularies. They will appear each week:

Wednesday, December 16
Look Out! The walks are slick.
Some one had a fall.
Some rain fell last night.
9 days and Christmas will be here.
So we are very happy.
We love the Christmas story. We will make gifts today for our mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Griffith and family are building a new home out by the four corners. Mrs. Griffith sold the last of her turkeys today which made a total of about 200 she has sold. She reports that she did very well with them in spite of the low price. She has kept 25 hens for next year.

Mr. Frank Bonney is back in the hospital again for the third time, and is very seriously ill.

With every Singer sewing machine sold goes a free life-time service and free dressmaking lessons, which really double the value of the machine.

See Stones Drug Store for toys and suitable Christmas gifts for all members of the family.

Israel Lewis hopes to be moved to his new location by Saturday. The new place will make him a very nice building. The building has been calcimined and he will be pleased to meet all his old patrons as well as new ones at this location.

Give a Singer sewing machine or Singer Vacuum cleaner for her Christmas Gift—22 S. Grape. W. H. Klatt, distributor.

Mr. Flaharty was called to Oakland two weeks ago as his youngest sister was critically ill. His sister is still very ill and the doctors have little hopes for her recovery. Mr. Flaharty is remaining there.

First U. S. Typewriter Displayed

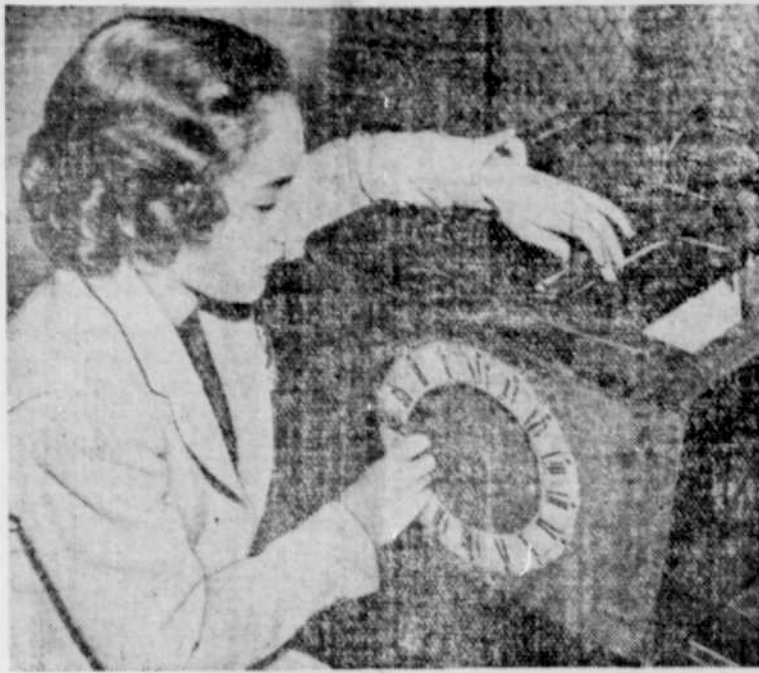


Photo shows Miss Lorraine Vocco, of New York city, demonstrating the model of the first United States typewriter now on exhibition at the Smithsonian institution. It was invented by William Austin Burt in 1829. The crude wooden machine, forerunner of the modern machines, was never produced commercially.

Masons Elect New Officers for Year

The Central Point lodge No. 133 A.F. & A. M. held their regular annual meeting Wednesday night. Two new members were initiated into the 3rd degree at four o'clock and new officers installed.

A recess was called at six o'clock and a fine turkey dinner enjoyed. All the lodges in the valley were represented. One member from Oakland, representing the Masonic Club of the Pacific Greyhound Club, was present.

The following officers were installed:
Elis Clark—Worshipful Master.
L. C. Scott—Senior Warden.
Harold Head—Senior Deacon.
Ed Vincent—Secretary.
H. P. Jewett—Treasurer.
About sixty five members and invited guests were present.

Much Depends On Sale Of Tuberculosis Stamps In Nation

Behind the little square of Season's Greeting, known throughout the land as the Christmas Seal, lies an important story, it was pointed out this week by members of the Jackson County Public Health association, again carrying on the drive to sell Christmas Seals and protect Jackson county homes from tuberculosis.

Working with the cheery stamp in the crusade for health are 48 state tuberculosis associations and nearly 200 local groups. One thousand summer camps, open air schools and other preventoria are maintained. There are 1000 permanent clinics for diagnosing tubercular cases and as many more that are traveling or temporary. More than 10,000 public health nurses are doing tubercular work and 95,000 beds are maintained in 1200 institutions for tubercular patients.

Still there are not enough things done to stamp out the dreaded disease. Tuberculosis is still the leading cause of death among people between the ages of 15 and 45. Progress, however, has been made, which is proof that more can be accomplished. There were more than three times as many deaths from tuberculosis in the United States in 1900 than there were in 1933.

Every citizen is asked to buy Christmas Seals to help insure a continued decrease in this death rate.

John Ross is back in the barber shop greeting old friends. Mr. Ross has many friends in Central Point and the surrounding territory who are glad to have him back in the shop.

Mr. Dale Smith made a trip to Dallas recently and returned with their household goods. He is now fixing up an apartment in the back of the store which will be very nice and convenient.

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

Russell Ayers is working in the Bear Creek office temporarily.

John Townsend of Oakland is visiting in the valley.

Woodman Enjoy Taffy Pull At Theo. Glass Home

After the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen Lodge Tuesday evening the members and their wives and friends met at the Theodore Glass home for a "taffy pull". Owing to the heavy fog a number were unable to attend.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Young of the Willow Springs district, Mrs. Floyd Hilton, Mrs. Fred Hesselgrave and Mrs. Conochie, Mr. Truman Brenner, Mrs. A. E. Powell and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Glass.

Big pans of snowy white pop corn and grape juice were enjoyed and then the taffy was pulled until it became white and creamy.

Grange To Install Officers Monday Eve

On Monday evening, Dec. 21 installation of the 1937 officers will take place—service to be conducted by a team from the local grange, with Mrs. Will Foley as installing officer.

A special Christmas party with games, songs, eats, a tree etc. will follow. Everyone in attendance is requested to bring a gift not to exceed 15 cents in price.

All members please keep this date in mind. This is an open meeting to which visitors will be welcome.

Stop in at Swem's Gift shop and look over their many lovely gifts before making your Christmas purchases.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor. Pohen 51.
A. W. Ayers, Supt. Bible School.
Sunday: 9:30 A.M. Bible School, everyone welcome.
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship,
6:30 P.M. Christian Endeavor,
Junior and Senior Groups.
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship.
Tuesday: 2:00 P.M. The afternoon bible classes will next meet on January 5th.
6:00 P.M. Fishermen's Club, next meeting January 5th.
6:30 P.M. Scofield Bible Class, next meeting January 5th.
7:30 P.M. Church Evidence Class, next meeting January 5th.

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M. Family Gathering will meet as usual.
8:30 P. M. Bible Doctrines Class, next meeting Jan. 6th.
Thursday: 2:00 P. M. Ladies aid will not meet, but a joint meeting of the Ladies Aid and Women's Missionary Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Milton at 2:00 p. m. Dec. 31.
7:30 P. M. Personal Evangelism Class, next meeting Jan. 7th.
8:30 P. M. Sunday School Methodists Class, next meeting Jan. 7.

Thursday evening, Dec. 24th the Bible School will hold their annual Christmas Program in the Church Auditorium. Everyone welcome. On Sunday evening, Dec. 27th, the evening service will be turned over to the various week-day Bible Classes, when a review of the work done in these classes during the past months will be given. This should prove a very interesting and profitable meeting, and the public is cordially invited.

On January 20, the Duffs, who were here about five years ago, will be with us for the evening meeting. Everybody come.

Anyone who has not a regular Church Home is invited and urged to come to the Brick Church and get acquainted with our people.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoover, Supt.
Communion and The Christmas Sermon with a few special features 11:00 A.M.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Edgar Ross, Leader, J. Ed. Vincent, Director.

The regular Christmas Program will be given at 7:30 P.M. Carols, Pantomimes and Readings by the children will be interspersed by special numbers by the older people and an Old-fashioned Christmas will be enjoyed by all. Come.

Prayer and Bible Study Wed. 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Zedie Smith, Mrs. Edward Jones will review the prophesy of Hosea.

The Church of Christ wishes a Happy Christmas to all readers of the Central Point American.

GOLDEN LINK CLASS HAS XMAS PARTY AT JONES HOME

The Golden Link class of the Christian church met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Jones. This was the Christmas party and the members exchanged gifts. Mrs. Jones had a lovely tree ready for the occasion. About 35 members and guests were present. After the business meeting each member was requested to tell about the first Christmas they could remember.

Some very beautiful memories were told. Mrs. Paine's story of her early Christmas's in Sweden in the deep snow were very dear and interesting.

Mrs. Dora Jones and Mrs. Betta Pankey's first remembrance brought forth hearty laughter. Mrs. Jones' elder sister was always getting them into some kind of trouble. So this Christmas following their yearly custom, the candy and nuts were put in the children's stockings and the presents on the tree. Mrs. Jones and her sister dearly loved brazil nuts and after everyone was in bed and asleep the sister suggested "Let's get up and empty the stockings and put all the brazil nuts in our stockings." So in the dark the two little girls crawled out of bed, found and lighted the candle which Mrs. Jones held while the stockings were fixed. The next morning the brothers did not understand how Santa came to treat them so unfair. After it was all explained and the brazil nuts evenly distributed two little girls only escaped punishment because it was Christmas.

Mrs. Pankey told how she loved coffee even then, the same as now and her father promised her sister Julia and herself a small sum each day if they didn't drink coffee for breakfast. Just before Christmas Mr. Olson paid the two girls for the past year. Joyfully they hurried down to the Mary Mee Drug store and each picked out a big lovely doll that they could dearly love. Then each bought the other doll for a Christmas gift for their sister. Mrs. Pankey kept her doll and gave it to her daughter Thelma for her Christmas many years later. In fifteen minutes it had been dropped and broken.

After listening to all these thrilling Christmas stories those present received gifts from the tree which were handed out by Mrs. Tethrow and at that time each discovered who had been their pal for the past year.

Plum pudding and coffee was served by Mrs. Jones assisted by Mesdames Gregory, Hare and Powell.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lettie Gregory on Tuesday Jan. 8. At this time Pals for the coming year will be chosen.

Library Management Thankful For Aid

The Public Library of Central Point wishes to thank the Mayor and City Council in turning over the old city hall to be used for library and the same is appreciated very much by the many patrons of the Library. Also we wish to thank those present at the Council Meeting for speaking a good word in behalf of the Library and for the one giving his time and truck in moving. Also the one putting up the stove (which was no small matter) and other that helped in anyway and The American should come in for its share of thanks also.

ENVOY TO RUSSIA



Joseph E. Davies, Washington attorney, whose appointment as ambassador to Soviet Russia was announced recently by the White House. He succeeds William C. Bullitt, who received the ambassadorial assignment in Paris some time ago.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis
BUY
CHRISTMAS SEALS