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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, the powers that be, came mighty close to giving us a "white" Christmas, at that. And any one who wants our share of the "beautiful" is welcome to it for a song, and we'll even sing it for 'em. B-r-r-r!

And by the way, there are only 308 more shopping days left before Christmas. Better hurry!

Today marks the end of another year. It has been a very hectic year for many of us. What with a so-called presidential election which proved to be just a counting of noses of those on the payroll, and another drouth in the mid-west; chasing out of the old depression and all the rest of it, we have all been mighty busy.

But now it is over and 1936 can go down to history for whatever it is worth. And 1937 is a new page. Will the record written thereon be a fair one? To each of us in our little niche will come the opportunity to do our part. May we do it well, that our land may once more blossom as the rose.

Yesterday we were told by friends that Bro. Banwell of the C. of C. had been taking our name in vain over the air. As we happened not to have heard him we are in doubt whether to shoot or shout.

We have been watching the city crew working in front of our office today. Wonder if they are going to plant strawberries or what. Looks better, anyway.

Last week we mentioned the fact that one of our county papers was changing hands. Today comes the swan song of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Dick) Blankenburg who have sold the Gold Hill News and the other two papers published from their shop. We are sorry to see them go as they have been very pleasant people to contact. May their lives always be in pleasant places and their shadows never grow less.

And now, on the threshold of the new year, it would be well for us to look at dictator-ridden Europe. In many great countries the free press has been abolished. Free speech has become a crime. All criticism of those in power has been silenced with imprisonment or death. In some countries the right to worship has been abrogated by law, the state has been made Divine, the dictator in power must be regarded as a god, and the individual has been reduced to an actual state of slavery.

While we pity the citizens of those nations, and wonder that such things could have come to pass in this century, we can learn an invaluable lesson from their plight. We still live under a Constitution that guarantees us freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Upon the preservation of that Constitution and the liberties it guarantees depends the future of the United States and the American people. In the pursuit of an economic millennium we must not sacrifice national ideals and principles that are the very lifeblood of democracy.

This week we received a greeting card from E. Hofer & Sons of Portland. We want to reprint a part thereof and take it for our own sentiment. "It will be our continued endeavor to uphold the principles upon which this Nation was founded, which have proven the back log of its progress and prosperity, and to champion the rights of the individual, be he laborer or Capitalist, to the end that each laborer may never be denied the opportunity to become a capitalist, and that the capitalist shall be deserving of his position through public services he renders."

Happy New Year!

Oliver H. Miller and family from Shoshone Idaho are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Glass and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hilton enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Orin Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of Medford and Mrs. Clarence Case were also guests at the Glass home.

How nice it would be if everyone back on their subscription to the American would drop in and settle up.

NEILSON RETAINS JOB AS DEPUTY DIST. ATTORNEY

Deputy District Attorney George W. Neilson will continue in that capacity under Attorney Frank J. Newman, district attorney-elect, who will assume the office Monday. The new official announced appointment of Neilson this morning.

Mrs. Lunetta Bussey of this city has had extensive experience in legal work in a number of law offices in this city Mr. Newman reported.

Attorney George A. Coddling, the retiring district attorney, announced that he will resume the practice of law in this city.

Ralph E. Sweeney, treasurer-elect will assume office next Monday also. He reported he would retain Walter Dunlap, the present treasurer office clerk.

Commissioner Ralph Billings and Coroner Frank Perl, re-elected county officials, will also start new terms next Monday. Constable Nick S. Young, appointed to the position last year, and elected last November will also start a new term Monday. School Superintendent C. R. Coleman, County Assessor J. B. Coleman and County Clerk George Carter also start new terms on the same date. Under Oregon law, county officials are inducted into office on the first Monday after January 1.—Mail Tribune.

New Cafeteria Opens In Medford

The Rogue Cafeteria at 218 East Main street in Medford, was opened Sunday. The new business adjoins the Reinhart & Barker Men's Clothing store and the room has been entirely rebuilt and redecorated and is a very beautiful and comfortable place.

Mrs. Gilchrist, the hostess and proprietor is giving her full time to looking after the comfort of her patrons. She has had much experience, having been in the same work for eight years in Portland.

She has installed all the latest equipment, including steam table, etc. When in Medford you may be sure of the best of food and service if you eat at the new Rogue Cafeteria.

Relief Corps to Hold Installation

The W.R. Corps will hold their annual installation on Saturday P. M. A turkey dinner will be served to members and their families at noon in the Corps hall.

Mrs. Emma Gleason will be installed as the new president.

Mrs. Ivy Copinger as the new senior vice-president.

Rose Hermanson as junior vice-president.

Eva Smith as conductor.

Emma Hilkey as chaplain, and Sally Musty as guard.

Irvin Rowe Dies; Was Native Son

Irvin Marcellus Rowe, native son of Jackson county, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday a. m. at the Musty home where he had moved recently from a heart ailment and the infirmities of old age. He was in his 80th year.

Mr. Rowe was born on the Pelton ranch in Sams Valley on April 14, 1857. He was the eldest son of Joe and Martha Rowe, early Jackson county pioneers.

Mr. Rowe is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Gus Samuels of Medford, Mrs. B. F. Scroggins of Bend and Mrs. W. A. Wildrick of Portland; a son, J. Ray Rowe of Merrill, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Rowe was widely known throughout southern Oregon and had numerous friends who will mourn his death.

Funeral services are to be held at the Perl chapel at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will be in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Bonney enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Maple and Ally enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Steve Benston home in Medford. Mrs. Benston's mother, Mrs. Sukwood of Longview was also present.

Local Happenings

Fifty Boy Scouts of Crater lake area council left Medford Saturday morning for their annual winter outing at government camp, Crater lake. They will return Monday to make way for the second session, also consisting of about 50 scouts, who will leave the same day and return Wednesday. A dozen leaders will be in charge of each session.

Funeral services for Clayburn Glass who passed away in Medford Tuesday evening were held from the Conger funeral parlors Monday at 2 p. m. Rev. W. A. Dawes had charge of services and interment was in the Central Point cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hensley and their young son Richard of Portland are visiting in Medford during the week-end with Mr. Hensley's sister, Mrs. Ernest A. Rostel. They were guests of W. C. Yost at Klamath Falls Christmas Day.

The following guests enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hesselgrave: Mr. and Mrs. John Hesselgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nolte, Mr. W. E. Alexander, Miss Olga Hesselgrave and Letha Hesselgrave.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Borah and

Mrs. H. E. James entertained the following guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and children Genevieve and Robert of Medford, Mr. Harold Biglow of Myrtle Point, brother of Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cassman and children Adeline, Wanda Faye, Loren, Lawrence, Lavonne, and Mrs. Cassman's brother, Clarence Borah, Miss Helen James of Medford and Ronald James, daughter and son of the hostess.

Court Hall, Medford orchardist, was taken to Community hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from bruises and skin abrasions received in an automobile smashup. According to a report in city police station Hall attempted to pass a car driven by Walter Milligan, Medford, on Crater Lake avenue and Bennett street yesterday afternoon as Milligan was about to make a left-hand turn for the latter street. Hall's car, it was said, hit the one driven by Milligan, glanced off and knocked a light pole off, breaking the reflector light pole off breaking the reflector.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton and Mr. Kelton of Graeagle enjoyed dinner at the Jack Lees home Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin and Norma of Graeagle who are house guests at the Lees home were also present. Mr. and Mrs. Why Liquebeck will be New Years guests at the Lees home. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Norma Jean will leave for their home Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Jones and daughters Geraldine and Vivian and Junior Ayers spent Christmas with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Purkeypile at Sheridan.

Mrs. Mary Richardson visited her son and family Sunday.

Ernest Lathrop Wins 4-H Reward

Ernest Lathrop, 4-H club member of Central Point, was recently chosen as the county winner of the Thomas E. Wilson Meat Animal Award, a national contest. According to J. E. Albaugh, County Club Agent, the winning of this award climaxes Lathrop's tenth year of club work, during which time he made exhibits at County and State Fairs and the Pacific International in Portland.

Lathrop is now attending State College at Corvallis, with profits from his club projects paying a large share of his current expenses.

Something

"You may travel, no matter how fast or how far;

You can not escape it, wherever you are.

Some duty awaits you, some good you should do—

There is something the world is expecting of you."

You are expected to take care of yourself by habits of economy and prudence.

We cooperate.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK

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New Craterian Theatre Opens; Is Marvel of Beauty

By V. E. P.
My husband's idea of solid comfort after a good supper is an easy chair before a glowing fireplace, house slippers and a book by a favorite author—ice, snow and cold outside.

Granted all these, one night this week the better half appeared with a couple of tickets and suggested we take in the New Craterian in Medford. So donning street clothes, top coats, etc., we sallied forth into the cold, dreary world and piling into the family jitney rushed away for town. Arriving early, we found ourselves ushered into what seemed almost a fairy land. Soft carpet, giant mirrors, shaded lights and beautiful colors combined to make the scene one of enhancing beauty.

Entering the main auditorium one was at once struck by the wondrous beauty and restfulness of the new color scheme. The great ceiling was finished in long shaded stripes in delicate colors and blended wonderfully with the plain colors of the side walls. There was none of the usual glaring gliding and "gingerbread" which so long have marked our theatres all over the land. Instead there were straight lines, with deep-shaded walls blending beautifully into more delicate shaded upper walls and ceilings, all separated into panels by silvered moldings, the whole brought into harmony by the soft light from four immense indirect lighting fixtures.

New upholstered seats comfortably placed with plenty of leg-room provided clear vision of the stage for over 1000 patrons. The air-conditioning was perfect and the temperature just right. In fact, if the show had not been so absorbing we could have dozed as comfortably here as in our own easy chairs before our own fireside.

An added touch of interest is the fact that the B. F. Shearer Co. which has just completed the re-decorating of the Craterian, is the same firm which did the original work on the place when it was first built several years ago.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Ed Vincent wishes to express his appreciation for the many Christmas remembrances and cards he received and also for all the kind acts during the past year and the cooperation the patrons on his route have shown him.

Stanley Jones received a lovely new bicycle as a Christmas present from his parents.

Mr. Roy Jones is visiting at the following cities in California during the holidays Stockton, Oakland, Santa Rosa and Red Bluff.

Mrs. Mollie Wright is very sick. Mrs. Patterson is caring for her.

The young people of the grange enjoyed a very pleasant party at the Grange hall Wednesday evening.

A baby daughter weighing 8 lbs. and 14 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Skyrman at the Sacred Heart Hospital this morning at 8 o'clock. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Mr. Villa of Sonoma Valley is here looking after the Central Point branch of the Sonoma Valley cheese factory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert and family enjoyed Christmas with Mrs. Bohnert's mother Mrs. Tracy.

Start the new year right—subscribe for the American.

The Central Point streets are very busy now with Damon's new building being all remodeled and redecorated; the new hall for the Woodmen almost finished being remodeled and work starting on the building for the Alexander Implement Company.

Four new parties have started the new year right by subscribing for The American. Get in line and read your own home paper.

Postmaster Tom Pankey was unable to be at the office Monday. A doctor was called and pronounced he had the flu and ordered him to bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert and Delores left Saturday for Portland. They will visit friends and expect to be gone a month. During their absence Mr. Bohnert will have an operation on his ear which has been causing him much trouble. Mrs. Barnes is caring for their place during their absence.

ALUMNI BANQUET FOR SENIORS IS HUGE SUCCESS

With seventy-five alumni and seniors present the Alumni-Senior Banquet held Monday evening in the Grange Hall was a huge success.

After a very delicious turkey dinner Donald Richardson, law student at the University of Oregon and graduate of the local high school in the class of '35, acting as toastmaster introduced his speakers of the evening.

Mr. Leonard Freeman, a member of the first class that ever graduated from the Central Point high school—way back in 1915—gave a very interesting description of the city at that time. Also he talked of the town when he first came here. Mr. Freeman started the first grade in Central Point. There were fifteen members in his graduating class of which only one besides himself still lives in this city. The other being Mrs. Sam Koehler.

Miss Libby Hamilton and Mr. Richard Jewett, both members of the present senior class represented their class. Miss Hamilton thanking the Alumni for the banquet and stating how much the seniors look forward to it. Mr. Jewett talked about the present organizations and activities of the school.

Mr. Harold Head and Mr. Bill Snyder both gave very interesting and much appreciated speeches.

Officers for the coming year were elected and the results were: Edwin Gebhard '36, president; Alvin Maple '28, vice-president; and Earle Beall, secretary-treasurer.

Music for dancing was furnished by a Medford Orchestra.

Donald Patterson, retiring president, wishes to thank the various committees; the Grange Women, the Orchestra and everyone who helped to make the banquet a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook and little son visited Mrs. Cook's sister, Mrs. Humphries and family during the holidays.

Little Johnny Deuel who has been confined to his home for the past five weeks is improving.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor. Pohen 51.
Mr. Kamberg, Supt. Sunday 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. Chapter Sum-
mary Class, Mrs. Davison,
teacher.

3:00 p. m. Bible Synthesis Class,
Mrs. Lewis, teacher.

6:00 p. m. Fishermen's Club,
6:30 p. m. Scofield Bible Class,
Mr. Ludwig, teacher.

7:30 p. m. Church Evidence Class
Rev. McFarland, teacher.

Wednesday 7:30 Family Gathering.
8:30 Bible Doctrine Class, Rev.
Lewis, teacher.

Thursday 2:00 Ladies Aid Society in
the church basement.

7:30 Personal Evangelism Class,
Rev. Lewis, teacher.

8:30 Sunday school methods class
Mr. Ayers, teacher.

All of these week day Bible Study
Classes are open and welcome to
anyone interested. At the home of
Mrs. Milton this afternoon a joint
meeting of Ladies Aid and Women's
Missionary Society is being held. A
watchnight service is being held at
the church this evening.

The Class Night program of the
week-day Bible Classes held last
Sunday evening proved to be a very
interesting and profitable meeting,
and many very comprehensive
reports were made of the work of the
classes so far this year.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland
Hover, Supt.

Communion and Preaching, 11:00
A. M. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will
sing a duet.

—Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.
Subject "The Son of Man."

Prayer and Bible Study Wednes-
day 7:30 p. m. Carl Hoyer will re-
view the Book of Joel.

Come! Bring your friends!

Lillian M. Fowler Called by Death

Lillian May Fowler, resident of central Point for several months, died Sunday morning in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Fowler, with whom she had been residing. She had been ill ten days.

Miss Fowler was born in Kansas on February 12, 1872, and was in her 65th year. She is survived by a brother, Lewis H. Fowler of Sand Point, Idaho.

Funeral services are to be held in Newport, Wash., with Perl funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Recipient Refuses To Accept Dolly

One young Central Point girl worked long and hard fashioning a negro doll for her first little niece—little black pitails all tied with bright ribbons. She stood by eagerly to see the small niece receive this wonderful work of art.

The small 2-year old niece gave one look and horror spread over her face—"take it away, I don't want it!" she said and up to date she has not wanted it.

Candy For All Is Santa's Promise

At the Christian Church Christmas party Santa made a miscount and they were short about 25 sacks of candy. So some of Santa's helpers hustled around and filled some more sacks so no one was forgotten.

Before it was over Santa promised that next year everyone, big or little young or old was to have a sack of candy at the Christmas entertainment, which will be fine for there is a glamor about a sack of candy, nuts and pop corn delivered at a Sunday school Christmas tree party that comes with no other candy of any kind or at any other place.