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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

What in heck has become of our once-boasted "sunny Italian climate"? Yesterday was sunny enough, but colder than "Greenlandic mountains." Darn these Easterners! Can't they leave their blasted cold weather behind when they flock to this land of promise?

Many years ago we used to get a big kick out of J. Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans." And it used to set us wondering how we would feel if we were in that chief's place. But today it isn't so funny. Too many of our friends of yesterday are falling by the wayside. Soon we'll be "treading some banquet hall, deserted; whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead, and all but he departed."

In our own town we note a man who must perform by getting mighty lonesome. Of that splendid "Grand Army of the Republic" whose members once covered this country from coast to coast, only a pitiful handful remain. And as we watch with almost reverence that tall, soldierly figure "trudging along on tired feet," we feel an almost overwhelming impulse to bare our head and stand at "attention" as he passes. May the God who watched over him in war, be with our beloved "Col" J. C. Woods and his faithful wife. Bless his heart, although one of less than a half dozen Civil War veterans in the whole country, we look forward to many more comradely chats by the fireside.

Bro. Hall in his Ashland Miner says perhaps our mayor hadn't noticed this column when he ordered us to clean up. Well, speaking of clean-ups, Leonard, wish you would send us a few more copies of the Miner, we're out of catalogs.

We note the new editor of the Gold Hill News has stolen our thunder, (or rather that of the better half) by calling his column of comment on the first page "So What." All right, Wallie, it wasn't copyrighted.

At last the secret is out! Now we see why Bro. Hamilton didn't want to go back to the legislature this winter. He wanted to be home to welcome that new baby daughter. Congratulations, Moore. Here's long life and happiness to her.

Rumors are thick as flies in cider making time these days. There are all sorts of yarns going the rounds about this store selling out and that one about to. By dint of colossal nerve we managed to run one story down and learned that E. C. Faber has really sold his grocery store to his sons, Everett and Don and Mr. Marshall Simmonds, who has been working there for some time. Mr. Faber says he's not ready to quit entirely, but will hang on to the men's clothing department for a while at least.

Another rumor has it that George Marine is in the verge of selling out to a chain store. This has not been substantiated as yet and may be all bunk. But the rumor is heard, just the same. What with Mr. Alexander moving into the Rostel building; Damon's moving into the old Merritt building and O. D. Tucker into the former dance hall; Israel Lewis now occupying the old Copel building so long vacant, our town is sure changing its appearance.

Even "Sandy" and "Lois" are preparing to get out of the telephone office where their familiar faces and voices have so long been at home. Guess we'll have to get into the swim and take a sneak ourselves. Would, too, if Santa would come along and make us a few Xmas presents.

While on the subject of "Sandy" and "Lois" we want to add our mite in regard to the loss of those cheerful souls from anent our sanctuary. For five long years we have pestered them night and day. We have asked all manner of favors and to date have never been turned down, nor have we even seen a sign of annoyance. Bless their friendly hearts! May their shadows never grow less!

CARD OF THANKS

To all the Central Point friends who so kindly did all they could in help and sympathy at my time of great bereavement I extend my heart-felt thanks.

JENNIE H. WHITE

PHONE COMPANY SELECTS ANOTHER MANAGER FOR 1937

At an adjourned session of the regular annual meeting of the Delegate Board of the Central Point Mutual Telephone Co. Tuesday evening the report of a special committee, appointed to look into the qualifications of several applicants for the position of manager and switchboard operator, was heard. The report showed that four of the five applicants were sufficiently experienced for the job.

After some discussion, in which it was shown that there was a difference between the highest bidder and the lowest of \$300 a year, the board decided to accept the bid of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson, at a monthly salary of \$115.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson, who have conducted the local exchange for the past six years, will move into their own residence on Manzanita street between E. C. Faber and Wiley homes. The board voted to extend the hearty thanks of the entire company for the courteous and efficient manner in which the exchange has been operated by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

The annual reports of the company showed that the past year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the company. At the present time there are about 170 phones connected with the local exchange. There are 12 country lines extending to all parts of the district, besides about 30 extending about the city.

The Central Point Mutual Telephone company is just what its name implies, a strictly mutual concern. Its stockholders own their own phones and pay a base rate for service of \$5.00 per year, payable semi-annually in advance. Toll charges to Medford and other points outside the territory covered by the local company are paid in addition to this base rate.

Cost of stock shares, one of which must be purchased with each instrument installed, varies on the different country lines, depending on the length of the line. The present value of one share of stock in the Central Point Branch, which includes the city itself, is \$10.00.

Thus a person living within the city may secure telephone services for the following cost: One share of stock, \$10.00; telephone instrument, (which may usually be purchased second-hand) from \$5.00 up; and six months' installment of the base rate, or \$2.50; making a total first cost of \$17.50, up.

At first thought this may seem high, but when one considers that the stock is readily salable through the company in case the service is discontinued, and the instrument also can easily be sold, it is seen that the actual cost is extremely low. Less than 50 cents a month, plus toll charges. Only one other company in the United States furnishes similar service as so low a cost.

The local exchange is directly connected with the Bell company's exchange in Medford and all long distance calls can thus be handled in your own home. Telegraphic service is also available over the Pacific and Postal system.

On country lines the cost of stock is slightly greater, due to longer distances between phones and thus increased cost of construction per phone, but the same facts as to the cashing in on stock and instrument when discontinuing the service, remain the same. Thus the actual cost per year is equal.

Due to the fact that this is a strictly mutual concern, the company is not allowed to rent phones. Only stockholders may enjoy the privilege of this service which in the past has proven very satisfactory to everyone.

One question which is often asked is "when does the company pay dividends". The only dividend paid by the company is the privilege of low cost telephone service for its stockholders.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Brood are preparing to leave for the north as soon as they can dispose of their household goods. Mr. Brood has bought an interest in a shingle and shake mill a few miles west of Junction City and will move his family there at once.

Helen Gerber is among those on the sick list.

Telephone Managers Retire



Sanford J. "Sandy" Richardson and wife, Mrs. Lois McCall Richardson and their charming daughter Miss Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are retiring February 1 after serving as manager and operators of the local telephone exchange for the past six years.

Popular Couple To Leave Phone Company Office

Sanford J. Richardson and his wife and daughter are preparing to move into their own home, due to the fact that a new manager has been employed at the local telephone office. For six years they have held the position of manager and operator, and had it not been for the fact that they both desired a change from the confining work of the office, it is believed the company would not have made a change at this time.

"Nine years is a mighty long time to be tied to a switchboard," said Mrs. Richardson this week. "I put in three years in California and six years here and I want to rest. Then too, I am anxious to get into my own house again where I won't be disturbed at all hours as we are here. Can you blame me?"

"You can say for me," said Mr. Richardson, "that our connection with the telephone company has been a very happy one and I want to thank the officers and stockholders for their forbearance and helpfulness since we took over the office in 1931. While our relations with the company have always been pleasant, I feel that it will be best for us, and especially my wife and daughter, to change to some less confining job."

Townies vs Medford Merchants Fri. Night

The Central Point Townies basketball team is scheduled to meet the Medford Merchants on the local floor Friday evening. This much-looked-for game promises to be a very exciting one as both teams are to be in top form for the game.

The Merchants have lost only one game this season and the Townies playing a seven straight win series. Following this game the local high school team will play the alumni. While not a conference game, this promises to be a very lively encounter.

A small charge will be made for the games, the proceeds to go to the local high school team. A large attendance is hoped for.

TRACTOR SOLD HERE

TO EASTERN MAN
The Alexander Implement Co. sold a tractor to Mr. M. D. Drake from Claire Michigan. The tractor is to be delivered to Mr. Drake at Chicago and he will take it the 300 miles to his home in Claire in time for his spring work. Mr. Drake has been visiting in Medford and was a caller in Central Point several times. He left for California yesterday on his return trip home.

Sanford J. Richardson, or "Sandy" as he is better known, is a native son of Central Point, moving to Trail with his parents when a baby and living there until he was five years of age, when they returned to this city.

After graduating from the Central Point schools, he worked for some time in California, where he was married in Berkeley to Miss Lois McCall. Later they moved to Susanville where he was employed for sometime in the mills. Returning to this city, he worked for several years at the W. C. Loeber hardware store. He became manager of the central office of the local telephone company in April, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson own a beautiful home on Manzanita street and expect to move into it about February 1. Just what he will do beyond getting settled there has not been decided.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's daughter, Charlotte, 8, is very much excited over the prospect of living "at home" where she won't have to "keep quiet" all the time. She was too young to remember living anywhere but at the telephone building and is looking forward to lots of fun after the family moves.

Mrs. Pike Maury Dies at Coquille, Ore.

News of the death of Mrs. Pike Maury of Coquille has been received here by friends and relatives of the much beloved lady. Mrs. Maury passed away in a Coquille hospital Saturday evening after a short illness with pneumonia.

Ora K. March was married to L. Pike Maury April 22, 1882, at Eagle Point, Oregon. Leaving soon after for Coquille where she has since made her home. Mrs. Maury was the daughter of Mrs. Ann Thomas a pioneer of the Rogue River valley and a resident of Central Point for many years preceding her death. Mrs. Maury has visited here often and has many friends who will be grieved at her passing.

Her husband passed away in 1932. Mrs. Maury was a sister-in-law of H. C. and Miss Mary Maury of the West Side District.

Among those taking advantage of the cold weather and skating down at the slough were, Mr. Jack Lees and two sons, George Marine, Sidney Bristow, both Jr. and Sr., Donald Patterson and Charles Taylor and lady friends and Orville Caster.

Faber's Store to Change Management

Mr. E. C. Faber of the Faber's grocery has sold out to his sons Everett and Don Faber and Mr. Marshall Simmonds. We have it from a reliable source that Mr. Faber will retain the dry good department and may open up a separate business soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tharp To Be New Telephone Managers for Year

Mr. and Mrs. Tharp of Tolo are the new operators who will take charge of the local telephone office the 1st of February. Mrs. Tharp is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Muse of Tolo. Mrs. Tharp had her main training in the S. W. Bell Telephone Co. office in Kansas City and was transferred to the largest suburban office in Kansas City, where she worked for a number of years. The Tharp came here from Missouri three or four years ago.

A Prosperous Bank

The Medford locally owned Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank showed total resources of \$541,688.45 in its condition statement as of December 31 in comparison with \$380,588.73 at the end of the previous year, an increase of \$161,099.72 during 1936. Loans and discounts increased sharply during the year from \$166,861.14 to \$206,125.16, the increase reflecting improved business conditions. The bond and security portfolio increased from \$94,422.17 to \$165,948.56.

We are fortunate in having this old-time next door neighbor bank, whose officers understand the needs of this locality.

"Daddys' Night" Is Observed by P.T.A.

"Daddys' Night" was observed last Thursday evening at the High school auditorium by the members of the P.T.A.

The evening started with a program by the fourth grade which was very much enjoyed. Thirty small Indians gave a representation of "Hiawatha".

Rev. Weatherford was the speaker of the evening.

After a business meeting a social time was enjoyed and lunch was served by mothers of the fifth grade.

About thirty "Daddys" were present beside the mothers. And a very enjoyable evening was spent.

So what?--

The eighth grade pupils received autograph albums for Xmas and Mr. Amick has been kept busy engraving their names on the fly leaf and decorating it in a very artistic way. The largest number he has had at home at one time to engrave is five.

The most moving member on the program at the annual dinner at the Christian Church Tuesday evening was Norma Hansens.

A battle on, between little Gayle Patricia and her mother, as to when it's the proper time to serve dinner.

Guy Tex on his hands and knees scrubbing the floor in the recorder's office and polishing the furniture until he can see his face in it.

Mrs. Bertha Bursell having so much faith in humanity that after leaving her purse at a social gathering last week she was not surprised to have it returned to her intact.

Mr. Farra was cleared of all blame after Mr. Farra figured out that she was down town a certain day last week so she was the woman he was walking with.

Rumors and more rumors! The Central Point American seems to be the only business in town that hasn't been sold this last week to a chain store.

Mr. Alexander says it a wonder that there isn't more fires this cold weather. We say there's no wood left.

Central Point is waking up when a man came from Michigan to buy a tractor—we say we're good.

ANNUAL DINNER AT LOCAL CHURCH WELL ATTENDED

The annual dinner of the Christian church was held Tuesday evening at the church. About sixty were present. A very bounteous and delicious dinner was served.

Rev. Phillip introduced Mr. J. C. Woods as the guest of honor. Mr. Woods is one of three Union soldiers left in Jackson county. Mr. Woods is in his 89 years and his wife who accompanied him is now 79. They celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary in 1933. Their health permitting they plan to attend the reunion of Union and Confederate soldiers to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania in 1928. They received this invitation a number of weeks ago.

Mrs. Mae Richardson's class had charge of the program which was very much enjoyed. A trio by Mesdames Chet Eide, John Bohnert and Carl Hoover was the opening number. Mrs. Will Foley reading's "Two Kinds of People" and "Criticisms." Mr. and Mrs. Roberts' duet, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Phillip, instrumental number. At this time a short recess was called to give time for Norman Hansen to fill the heater. Mrs. Richardson's class repeated a New Year's prayer and all present joined the 23rd psalm.

A motion was made and accepted to have a get-together meeting every six weeks. The next one will be held the first of March.

Local P.T.A. Well Represented at Meet

The local P.T.A. was well represented at the county council held in Medford at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday. Twelve ladies from Central Point attended and report a fine meeting. Our unit won the prize for having the most representatives present.

Mrs. Hazel Meyer was named as the outstanding committee chairman of this organization being chairman of the Membership committee with a gain of more than fifty per cent over last year.

The Central Point unit has invited the council to meet here in April and the meeting is looked forward to with interest.

Those attending the meeting in Medford were the President Mrs. Williams, Mes. Faber, Gebhard, Ayers, Burns, Vincent, Cassman, Myers, Booth, Wyatt, Grimes and Hill.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor, Church 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.
Wednesday—7:30. Family gathering, prayer and Bible study.

The weekday Bible classes have resumed their regular schedule as follows:

Tuesday—2:00, Chapter Summary, 3:00, Synthesis, 6:00, Fisherman's club supper, 6:30 Scofield Bible class, 7:30, Church Evidence.
Wednesday—8:30, Bible Doctrine class.

Thursday—7:30, Personal Evangelism, 8:30, Sunday School Methods. Everyone is welcome to these classes.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet as usual on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

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

Communion and Preaching, 11:00 a.m. The mixed quartet will sing. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m. Leader, Josephine Clark; Director J. E. Vincent.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Subject: "The First and Second Call of Christ's Disciples."

Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Devotional leaders, Mrs. Hedgpath and Don Stanley will review the books of Nahum and Habakkuk.