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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, guess we'll have to just grin and bear the sort of Sunny Italian weather dished out. But we note that the august M-T has dug up a lot of statistics showing it's not so darned "unusual", at that. Beats all how short one's memory gets to be when it comes to what sort of weather we used to have.

We see that our former associate in the weekly publishing business, R. E. (Dick) Blankenburg and his wife have demonstrated that "once a printer, always a printer." Having recently sold their chain of newspapers, the Gold Hill News, Jacksonville Post and Glendale Log, they just couldn't be content until they hunted up another paper to play with. Now they have bought the Grants Pass Bulletin. Good boy, Dick, and here's luck. "Come up and see us, sometime."

The other day we noticed that Bro. Iverson, new editor of the Gold Hill News, came through with a very well written squib disclosing his idea of a "successful Chamber of Commerce". He says it "consists of a large bunch of good fellows who like to get together around the table and talk, and two or three hard working, overworked individuals, who shoulder every proposition put up for the good of the community, and go out and work their heads off for it."

Isn't that sort of thing true of most every kind of civic endeavor, Wally? But we want to take exception to one part of your statement. We cannot agree that a "successful" Chamber is so conducted. And in proof we want to cite you to our own Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, which is probably as "successful" as most. There you will find committees on most every kind of human endeavor under the sun. And we have found by personal observation that when a committee chairman calls for a meeting of his bunch, more than "two or three" always show up.

To anyone not acquainted with the activities of such a body, it is an eye-opener just to look over that bulletin board at the C. of C. building and note how many committees are meeting each week. And when they have studied their current problem up goes the report to the board of directors for action. The whole thing works like a well-greased machine.

Again Jackson county went "over the top" in the drive for aid for the flood-stricken folks back east. This county has so much to be thankful for in the matter of floods, tornadoes, etcetera, that our people feel especially pity for others not so blessed. But the fight isn't over yet, so it won't do a bit of harm to drop a few more nickels in the pot. Some sort of catastrophe might hit us and we need a bit of help ourselves.

Gosh, what a mess our street has become this winter. Wish the boys had let well enough alone and not dug that trench. All that loose dirt sure makes an awful mess. And the steady procession of trucks and cars flocking about the corner up town don't help any.

Judging from the number of trucks backing up to the back door of the new store they must be preparing a monstrous display of eatables up there. Anyway, they have brought about some big changes in the appearance of the old building. And what are we going to do for a spot to get under cover now that they have changed the old doorway? Such is progress.

The old R.R. valley came mighty near being cut off from all outside communication this week. Highways in every direction were blocked and even the A.P. machine in the Mail Tribune out of commission. Just a taste of old times, folks. How about such winters as '80 back on the plains of western Minnesota, where no trains got through from November to May? Mail was brought in by men on snowshoes who kept from being lost by holding on to the telegraph wires, such was the depth of the drifts. Fuel was brought 48 miles from the nearest timber by hand sledges. What coal the railroad company had in the

## FINAL PLANS ARE MADE FOR DAD AND SONS FEED

Mr. E. P. Stone attended a committee meeting last night in Medford to make final arrangements for the annual Dad & Son dinner which will be served Monday February 8 at the Junior High school in Medford. This celebrates the 27th anniversary of scouting in America and also is the thirteenth annual Dad's banquet.

This will be a strictly scout night and all scouts and scouters will certainly miss a treat if they do not attend. There will be band music and a scout singing under the leadership of Captain Durham of the Salvation Army. No long speeches and a big turkey dinner.

## High School Team Now Leads in Conference Games

The high school basketball team further increased conference lead last night when it defeated Phoenix, 20 to 19, in a thrilling contest. It was the fourth straight conference victory for the Pointers.

The game was fast and hard fought throughout with the lead changing hands twice in the final quarter.

Phoenix led at half-time, 10 to 7, but the Pointer hoopsters came back strong in the third quarter and early in the final stanza were out in front, 17 to 13.

Outstanding features of the encounter were the brilliant playing of Blue O'Connor and the ability of the Pointers to cage their foul shots. O'Connor led the locals in scoring with 9 points.

A superior Central Point second team won from the Phoenix second, 1 to 6, in the preliminary.

Lineups:  
Central Point Phoenix  
Grimes, 3 F Olson, 6  
Meyers, 3 F Newlin, 6  
P. O'Connor, 6 C Jacobs, 1  
B. O'Connor, 9 G Devine, 4  
Lawrence, 2 G Furry  
Subs.: Central Point, Webster; Phoenix, Hensler, 2.

## Townies to Play SONS Frosh Friday

The H. S. gym will be the scene of two good basketball games when the Townies tangle with Ashland Normal Freshmen team and the new American Five, managed by Kenneth Powell, will tangle with Phoenix Townies.

The Central Point Townies have had a good start on winning nine straight victories and bid fair to win all the rest of the season as the team continues to improve in every game they play.

The American team is rounding up into shape and seems to be a good team so far. In a practice game they beat the Townies' second team by score of 20 to 16 last Monday night. The American Five is seeking to arrange more games with any team who have their own floor as the Americans possibly cannot get the floor here at all. Any teams seeking games with the American may do so by telephoning 601 or see Kenneth Powell at The American Shop.

## Surprise Birthday Party Is Enjoyed

A surprise birthday party was given Jimmy Vincent Tuesday evening at his home. About sixteen of his friends were present. Various games were played and everyone had a jolly time. Refreshments were served, a beautiful birthday cake having the place of honor. The guest received many nice gifts.

roundhouse sheds was portioned out a bushel at a time.

Yet we softer folk bewail the stopping of traffic for 48 hours! What's the matter with us, anyway? Has the modern civilization taken away all our intestinal fortitude? Maybe we just don't plan our lives and prepare for such event as our forefathers did. We have become too much accustomed to just running up to town when we need a dime's worth of anything, or worse calling up by phone and demanding it to be delivered.

## BLOCKING THE ROAD



## Why Local Telephone System Excels in Low Cost and Efficiency

The question is often asked "Why is it that the service over the lines of the Central Point Mutual Telephone company is so much better than is usual over the average country line?" This question is easily answered.

In the first place, every patron on these lines is a stockholder in the company and realizes that unless each phone and branch line is kept in first class condition, the value of his investment will be reduced. Thus each phone owner strives at all times to keep his part of the system in the best possible condition.

Each farm line is a separate unit of the system and each is governed and controlled by the owners of phones thereon. Repairs and renewals are made when needed by those most interested. As each phone owner naturally wishes his own phone to be always in good order, he, as a matter of personal interest, watches the line in his neighborhood and sees that everything is in good shape.

Then, too, members of this com-

pany realize that nowhere else could they obtain such valuable service at so low a cost. Only another company in the United States offers comparable service at any where near the low cost. Phones on the lines of the Central Point Mutual Telephone company cost the owners less than fifty cents a month, which is about one-fifth of the average cost in other companies.

Although operating as a strictly mutual company and not controlled by the public utility's regulations, this company's lines are connected with the Bell System and thus is a part of the great nation-wide network. Long distance calls may be made from any phone on the lines of this company to any part of the world. Telegraphic service is also made over the lines of the Postal and Pacific companies.

Anyone living within the district served by the Central Point Mutual Telephone company will do well to look carefully into the advantages and low cost of their service. Just call at the local exchange for information.

## Mrs. R. C. Humphrey Is Honored at Dinner

Mrs. R. L. Humphrey was very happily surprised Sunday when she and Mr. Humphrey got home from church to find the children all there and a bountiful birthday dinner served in honor of her birthday with a large angel food cake decorated with candles and she received many lovely gifts and also a very enjoyable day.

## Minnesota Couple Visit Gleason Home

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Lenox of Stearns County, Minnesota arrived Wednesday of last week for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason and family. Mrs. Edward Jones and Mrs. C. Elde's parents were friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Lenox in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Jones entertained with a dinner in their honor Saturday. Leaving for California Saturday on their way home, they plan to stop at various places and expect to return to their home about March 20 after an absence of 3 months.

## Business Directory Is New Feature

This month the American is printing a Central Point Business Directory. Every business in town should be listed.

Every reader living in the Central Point district should look through this directory when in need of Groceries, Household Supplies, Repair work of any kind, Farm Implements, etc., before buying elsewhere.

We believe many of one's needs can be taken care of at home. Don't fail to glance through the directory on page 2 and see if what you need cannot be obtained here.

## Miss Alberta Bonney And B. Biles Wed

Miss Alberta Bonney and Mr. Blaine Biles were married at Grants Pass January 25. Mrs. Biles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Bonney and attended school here. They have been visiting at the Bonney home since the wedding but planned to leave today for Long Beach, California. The day before the wedding was the bride's 21st birthday and Mrs. Bonney made a lovely birthday cake with 21 candles for her. The American joins their friends in best wishes.

## Surprise Party Is Given Lorne Webster

Last Saturday evening, January 30th, Lorne Webster was guest of honor to a surprised birthday party at his home.

The entire evening was spent playing the popular game of "Monopoly". Winners were Marie Dole and Lorne Webster.

## Grange Play Draws Fair Sized Crowd

The play "The Tiger Claw" put on by the Central Point Grange under the direction of Mrs. Edith Bohner Monday night met with much applause and was very much enjoyed. Owing to the bad weather and the fact that the play with two other plays will be given in Medford tonight, the attendance was not large. Dancing was enjoyed for a couple of hours, music being furnished by the Silver's orchestra.

## Safeway Manager



Kenneth McCoy, manager of the new Safeway store to be opened in this city tomorrow. Mr. McCoy was formerly connected with the Safeway Stores in Medford.

## C. Mills Visiting At Brother's Home

Mr. C. Mills of Iowa is visiting at the Mills home. He was called here by the death of his brother and plans to make a trip to the coast before returning home. Mr. Mills is a farmer and his work except for regular farm chores is at a standstill this time of year. We hope to have some real weather before Mr. Mills return home that might induce him to settle in Oregon.

## So what?--

Lady dressed in a fur coat entered a local grocery store Wednesday and asked for two packages of cigarette and inquired the price, was informed that the price has raised, so she said, "I'll only take one. Have you any of those small package of free matches?" She took a package of cigarette and free matches and drove away.

Mr. Alexander states that he is hibernating as he wants to disappear for six weeks just like an ordinary ground hog.

Weatherman: "No use trying to please these Rogue River valley folks. I'll just turn my weather loose and forget it for a while and see how they like it."

Mr. Settlemire velving all the work taking place on Main street, remarking Central Point may be a Chicago yet.

Master Bobby Jentzer being right when he told his mother that they were tearing out the cement floor in the Safeway's new location and she insisting it was not a cement floor to start with. The long entry way was cement.

A number of local girls fondling five round white balls of fur with bright black eyes which were five tiny white spitz puppies, when Dorothy Smith turned to the owner and said "They are dogs, aren't they?"

George Marine looking for eatables at the Jones' Grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Faber were very much concerned and puzzled at a telegram they received from Frances at Salem, 12 o'clock Monday night. "School closed. Send boat." Mrs. Faber worried and wondered all night. Tuesday morning she called the telephone operator and requested to have the telegram read again. The telegram read "School closed. Send boat."

Believe it or not. O. D. Tucker says that he's dumb but that he may surprise everybody even himself some of these days.

## AN ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S SO WHAT

What should the editor do?  
What can a poor "devil" do?  
Mrs. Jones suppressed the news that Mr. Jones was sick last week, while Mr. Jones was disappointed because he failed to tell the world why he had been neglecting his business.

## NEW SAFEWAY STORE TO OPEN ON SATURDAY

The new Safeway store in the Cowley building in this city will be open for business Saturday morning. The entire building has been rebuilt and new fixtures added. A new front has been put in with accordion doors after the same plan as the established Safeway store. All the work of remodeling has been done with local labor, with the exception of the foreman.

The new Safeway store will carry a complete line of fresh vegetables, fruits, groceries and the best fresh meats in the Rogue River Valley.

Kenneth McCoy, from Medford, will be the new manager of the Central Point store. He has been assistant to Mr. J. F. Haws, manager of the Medford stores for some time. Mr. McCoy moved his family to Central Point this week and has a cottage at the Valandra.

Mr. McCoy is wellknown to many people in this community and hopes to meet his many friends in the new store. He states that the opening of the new Safeway store in Central Point will enable the many patrons of that institution to buy food at the same low prices always featured in both Medford Safeway stores.

## MOODY CENTENARY AT THE "LITTLE RED BRICK CHURCH"

At both the 11 o'clock a.m. and the 7:30 p.m. services, Moody Centenary will be observed. D. L. Moody and Ira D. Sankay, the world's greatest evangelists of the Nineteenth Century are living in the lives of many Christian workers and Ministers who became Christians under their exangolistic ministry.

The same songs will be sung again and incidents of their campaigns related with which the pastor, Rev. Lewis is familiar, having labored in their meetings as a personal worker in the alter 90's. The Church has sent for a number of copies of the "Moody Centenary Song Book" which will be used in both services. Rev. Jas. Harwood who was pastor emeritus of the Los Angeles Church of which Rev. Lewis was pastor, was the founder and first pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago and who has given him many personal incidents and personal touches of the life of this much beloved Gospel Messenger.

Over two thousand churches in the United States are observing the Moody Centenary Memorial service.

These services will be something different. Inspiring special songs by the church choir and a solo will be sung by Mrs. Nelle Vieira of Sierra Madre, California. Everybody invited to both services.

## The Churches

### THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor, Phone 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, 5:00, Flaberman'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. Subject: "Gratitude". Duet, Mrs. Carl Hoyer and Mrs. Chai-worth Elde.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P.M. J. Ed. Vincent, director.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P.M. Subject: "The Christ of Power, or Does Jesus Christ still have miraculous power?"

Prayer and Bible study, Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Always welcome.