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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

At last the sun has broken through and the "usual" Southern Oregon weather is at hand. And how everyone does enjoy it. But, like the perverse humans we are, we have a hunch it won't be long until we are all kicking about the heat, or drouth, or something.

Speaking of gardens, new lawns, etc. is starting and farmers are beginning their regular spring work. We even heard of one enterprising orchardist who has started irrigating. Which is a sign of something or other.

What a beautiful furor has been stirred up over the dumping of mining refuse into the Rogue. Comes now the old timer who remarks that when there was real mining going on in Southern Oregon that there were also more fish than ever since. The Grants Pass crowd say its none of their funeral, anyway. Gold Beach says the upper river bunch have been roaring for years to stop commercial fishing and telling them they would just as well off if they played for the tourist business instead of commercial fishing, and now they have succeeded in closing the river are allowing the lower river fishing to be spoiled with mud.

Both sides have plenty to say and good arguments in their own favor, but to a man up a tree it appears that the anti-muddy river advocates have a bit the best of it. For many, many years we have heard the cry that what all Southern Oregon needs is a bigger and better crop of transient fishermen, who will spend this country rich. Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been spent telling the world of the wonders of the Rogue and its tributaries as a fisherman's paradise. And from all reports we believe the sportsmen probably put as much money in general circulation as do the big dredge or hydraulic mining concerns, whose operations are causing all this fuss.

One dredge company claims we upper river folks should keep out of this controversy because the said mud fall below us and so don't affect us. They fail to take into consideration that all the fish in Rogue River are sea-run fish and what affects the mouth of the river also affects the entire stream. But like Bob Ruhl, we shall try to stay out of this fuss and let them fight it out among themselves. Our fishing days are past and done, anyway.

Moving days have come for the Alexander Hardware. The boys have started clearing out odds and ends of implements in the yard and warehouse, preparatory to the big move which will take place soon. And they are finding out that farm machinery and hardware stocks are mighty heavy stuff to move. Fred says he wouldn't care if it were all made with wheels.

Klamath Falls folks are all worked up because someone in Medford told a traveler that the road over Greensprings was impassable or at least unsafe, when such was not the case. Too bad! But then there are folks that would kick if they were going to be hanged.

What earthly harm can there be in telling the exact truth once in a while. This writer has driven that road at all hours and in all kinds of weather and has yet to see a time when it was fun. The road may not be classed as an "extra hazardous" one, but in winter there are plenty of places to give one the creeps. Better "try the train, next time."

If President Roosevelt is right about the "Nine Old Men" of the Supreme Court, what about the wisdom of the white-haired men of Athens—of Jerusalem—and what about Oliver Wendell Holmes who in his ninety-first year was as alert as a youth of 21? What about Uncle Joe Cannon and indeed some of the patriarchs of our educational institutions? If a man is in his prime in the fifties, is he over-ripe in his seventies? It doesn't make sense.

The bill allowing Supreme Court Justices, if they feel so inclined, to voluntarily retire on full pay for the rest of their life, after reaching a certain age and putting in a minimum number of years of service, is well and good. But to arbitrarily appoint a new member for

"THE TIN HERO" TO BE SHOWN HERE MARCH 2

Final plans have been completed for the presentation of "The Tin Hero" by the juniors on the evening of March 2. Nothing has been left undone to make the performance of this 3 act comedy one on a par with those of former years. The members of the cast have been busy for weeks in daily rehearsal under the direction of Mildred Ross, junior class advisor.

The public demands the latest "models"; the finest; the best. Recognizing this fact, the juniors have chosen "THE TIN HERO" as their annual play offering, for it is the very latest and best improvement in modern farce comedies.

In the olden days, audiences were content with mild amusement. Now audiences demand and get high-powered amusement; action and laughs; a well written story that will interest from curtain to curtain. "The Tin Hero" contains all these elements and more. It was written by the popular author, Charles George, who is ever alert to changing times and modes. He has penned one of the funniest plays in modern times. He believes in the adage, "Laugh and the world laughs with you."

There are twelve characters in this play and every one of them contribute his or her share to the fun making, so you will have the opportunity of seeing your favorite local actor or actress in a fine role on the night of March 2 at the high school auditorium.

The production, which is being rehearsed under the able direction of Mildred Ross will compare favorably with many professional productions.

Put "The Tin Hero" on your list of modern American improvements that are essential to your existence. A good laugh is as necessary as all the vitamins and calories consumed in your food. Don't forget the date!

The following is the cast of characters:

Douglas Goodyear, a timid young man, Raymond Miller; Mrs. Blanche Goodyear, his mother, Edith Vincent; Grace Goodyear, his sister, Nelda Jean Ayers; Virginia Ferguson, his fiancée, Barbara Koehler; Baxter Warner, the President of "The Hero's Club"; Clayton Yost; Mrs. Baxter Warner, his wife, Adelaide Cassman; "Bunny" Wheeler, engaged to Grace, Morris Dow; Annette Coverdale, the only female member of "The Hero's Club"; Viola Penland; Adelaide Young, a friend of Grace's, Levon Keizer; Victoria Emond, a newspaper woman, Zada Cash; Mlle. Claudette Bordoni, a young French woman, Margaret Scott; "Spike" Ryder, a champion swimmer, James Grimes.

Langes Return from California Visit

Mr. Hugo Lange accompanied by his mother Mrs. Marie Lange, sister Hildegrade Lange and Marie Hildegrade, returned Saturday evening from Los Angeles. Mrs. Maude Snider and son John drove to San Francisco at the same time. Mrs. Snider joined the Lange party at Sonoma and continued on to Los Angeles and home with them, John remaining at San Francisco. They had a very enjoyable trip seeing many of the missions and some very wonderful pottery. Hugo bought his mother a big pottery piece containing sixteen different catene. The only unpleasant feature of the trip was the car sickness of baby Marie who suffered most of the trip. They went thru snow eight feet deep, were unable to return by the coast route on account of weather and road condition. Mr. Lange brought back a new trailer in which the party enjoyed all the comfort of home. They went thru the factory that makes these trailers at Hollywood. They were absent a week.

Every old one of 70 years of age is pure bunk.

Senator Fish has a mighty interesting challenge to the Republican party in last week's Liberty. We agree in the main with his premises and hope to see such a program carried out. Only thus can the party hope ever to again show life and strength.

"Old Stage Stop" On Beall Lane Is Artistic Place

One of the most beautiful and artistic spots in Southern Oregon is the new residence and neighborhood store recently completed by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cleveland at the junction of Beall Lane and the Old Stage Road.

The building, a rambling rustic structure, is built of native fir with battens, shake roof and immense stone chimney. The building nestles beautifully amid a natural setting of Madrone and pine trees on the left side of Beall Lane. A small brook runs through the property just below the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland started work on the building last June and did practically all the work themselves. They are still at work on the finishing touches and in grading and landscaping the yard. They plan to provide a free picnic ground under the trees below the house. Lunch goods, soft drinks, ice cream, etc., will be featured during the summer months. A lighted tennis court will be constructed for the pleasure of those who enjoy the game and now have to go to Ashland, where is located the only lighted public court. A small charge will be made for use of the court.

Inside, the building is finished in sage pine in the natural color. Beamed ceilings give a beautiful effect. All trim and beams are hand-finished with a rustic effect. In the living room the large stone fireplace with a hearth of water-worn rocks of various colors, set in dark cement, together with the paneled ceiling and walls, form a combination worth seeing. All hardware is handmade. There is an old-fashioned knocker on the front door, made of

Walt Abbey Adds Farm Equipment

A complete line of motorized agricultural equipment has been added to the stock of the Walter W. Abbey, Inc., company, dealer in Nash and LaFayette cars, according to announcement by Abbey this week. The new machinery which Abbey will sell includes the Allis-Chalmers tractors and implements. Hardie sprayers, and White-Indiana trucks. Abbey's district on these agricultural implements include Jackson and Josephine counties, and Northern California.

Several new members have been added to the Abbey sale staff. Abbey announced. Dan Howard has joined the staff, and will be sales manager of the new tractor and spray machinery department. W. B. Barnum will devote his time to pushing farm equipment sales.

Edward Carrans of Portland will come to Medford to assist in pushing sales for the Allis-Chalmers company, according to Howard.

L. O. Coggins, well-known Medford man, has been named sales manager for the Nash and LaFayette cars. Coggins has lived here most of his life, and has been in the automobile business many years. Coggins has, in the past, had charge of used car sales for Abbey.

Ed Kelly, Jim Scott, R. D. Hines and Lowell Zandell are assisting Coggins.

Old Time Friends Visit Tucker Home

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hawkins spent several days at the Tucker home. They were on their way from San Pedro to Bremerton. Mr. Hawkins and Ed Tucker are friends and shipmates on the Tennessee. They are both first class firemen and are taking the test for water tender which is what we would call engineer. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Tucker are in hopes that Ed will be able to visit home while at Bremerton.

SIMS BROTHERS BUY IDEAL BIKE SHOP

Sims Bros. of Medford have bought the Ideal bicycle shop on East Main and will carry the same line of bicycles with large stock to select from, featuring Columbia and Colson bicycles same as the Ideal carried. Same high standard of service will continue.

an old horseshoe with hand hammered frame. Old fashioned latches grace the doors and add to the attractiveness to the rooms.

Lumber for the building was furnished by the Big Pine Lumber Co., who specialize in high grade building materials. The hand-made hardware and trim was made by Gould & McBee of Medford. The plumbing was furnished by A. L. Vroman. Wm. Hammett put in the heating system, while the fireplace was built by Mr. Warner, who is an expert fireplace builder living on Lozier Lane.

Mr. H. S. Cleveland is an artist and sign painter in Medford, who makes a specialty of artistic designing and is working with the Marshall, Smith, Leonard printing company on South Grape street. He designed and drew the plans for the new house, including the new sign on the front.

This new idea in neighborhood stores is well worth a visit. The effect, as one enters the front door, is such as to almost take one's breath away. Such quiet charm, such gorgeous colors, such restful lines are seldom to be found outside some millionaire's residence. It is common for the awestruck visitor, even though a prospective customer in search of groceries, to timidly knock before entering. However, once inside, the charm of the surroundings and the pleasant courtesy of the gracious hostess, Mrs. Cleveland, soon dispels the feeling of strangeness and one feels at home at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland extend a hearty invitation to everyone in the valley to inspect their new home and store. Remember the location, the intersection of Beall Lane and the Old Stage Road.

Shaves 62 Years With Same Razor

Eugene, Feb. 23—A. A. Campbell of the Cloverdale area believes he has established some sort of a record.

For 47 years he has shaved with the same razor, an old straight-edge blade of German manufacture. He is proud of his implement and will "have no truck" with any of the modern razor ideas.—Oregon Journal.

We can bet that Mr. Fry has a razor he bought 62 years ago in Kansas City, Mo., that he has used ever since till very recent years when he let his beard grow. He has sharpened it himself except two times when he took it to a barber. He says it is in fine condition now. Mr. Fry and wife will celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary in April.

W.R.C. Enjoys Interesting Program

The W.R.C. met Saturday afternoon. After a short business meeting a program prepared by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Minnie was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Dora Jones served dainty refreshment of sandwiches and cake decorated with red cherries and green leaves. Mrs. Farra was out the first time for a number of months.

Past Matrons Meet

The Past Matron club of Nevita Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Mollie Neal for a covered dish luncheon Wednesday. In the afternoon election of officers was held. The following officers were elected: Mable Bennett, president; Lella Paxson, vice-president; Gay Husband, secretary and treasurer. Della Tex was initiated into the club this being her first appearance. Those present were Mesdames Pankey, Ferguson, Norcross, Head, Beebe, Kyle, Freeman, Bishop, E. C. Faber, Faber Sr., Loefer, Cook, Scott, Bursell, Paxson, Husband, Bennett, Tex, Miss Hanley and the hostess Mrs. Neal. They report a very enjoyable afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the Pankey home March 17.

Mr. Chet Elde is carrying the rural mail for Mr. Vincent. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent are making a trip north and expect to be gone about a week.

Red Cross Makes Final Payment to Flood Sufferers

The Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross this week made a final remittance of \$295.41 to the Red Cross headquarters for the flood relief fund. The total raised in this county amounts to \$3721.47.

The officers and workers throughout the county have expressed much appreciation to the public for the splendid cooperation which has made possible the raising of more than the quota assigned to this chapter.

They offer special thanks to the many organizations which contributed so liberally, and this includes the children's organizations and clubs. Also special mention is made of the cooperation of the press, the chamber of commerce, the local radio station and all banks of the county.

Many Farmers Are Expected to Join Conservation Program

Every farmer in Jackson county is entitled to participate in the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program. About eight hundred farmers were entered in this program for 1936 and this year should note a large increase in the number of those participating.

The new program covers considerably more territory than the one for 1936 and practically all farmers can do something to earn some money under the new program. The time for signing up is short and after the final day for receiving applications it will be impossible to file. The closing date has not been set but is not more than three weeks away and all farmers who did not participate in the 1936 program should go at once to the county agents' office in Medford prepared to give their 1936 crop acreages and file for the benefits to be derived under this program.

Farmers who filed in 1936 will not need to file again, as their base acreages are established.

Sign-up meetings on the 1937 Soil Conservation Program will be held in the following communities:

Monday, March 1, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Rogue River City Hall, Rogue River.

Monday, March 1, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Eagle Point Irrigation District Office.

Tuesday, March 2, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Ashland.

Tuesday, March 2, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Applegate Grange Hall, Applegate.

Wednesday, March 3, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sams Valley Schoolhouse, Sams Valley.

It is important that as many people as possible sign up at these meetings as the time is short in which to take applications. Any farmer is eligible to get benefit payments on farming practices under this program by sowing new alfalfa or pasture acreages and for not exceeding his 1936 grain crop acreage.

Farmers who filed a work sheet in 1936 will not have to refile for 1937. Applicants can make out their papers any time at the county agent's office, Medford.

Parent Teachers To Meet Friday

The P.T.A. will hold its regular meeting next Friday afternoon March 5 at three o'clock in the High School auditorium. At this meeting the Grandmothers will be honored and it is hoped that all Grandmothers of the community will be present to enjoy the program which will be given by the second grade under the direction of their teacher Miss Gregory. Pieces, songs and many other things to entertain will be presented.

The speaker will be Rev. Daws of the Baptist Church who will speak on "The Connection between the church and the school."

Refreshments will be served and everyone interested is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Married at Medford Tuesday, Mr. Emmett Gott and Maxine Jackson both of Butte Falls. They left for San Francisco for a week. Mr. Gott is employed in Faber Market at Butte Falls.

Mrs. Lella Paxson of Medford was looking up old friends and visiting here recently.

Pruning saws at Central Point Hardware.

LARRY SCHADE TO HEAD BOY SCOUT COUNCIL FOR YEAR

The annual meeting of the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held Sunday afternoon at the Lithia Hotel in Ashland, with the executive conference again honoring Larry Schade, by re-electing him president, and by presenting him with the "Silver Beaver" award in recognition of his past services to scouting in southern Oregon and northern California.

The meeting was well attended, Boy Scouts, Scouters and their ladies assembling from the entire district extending from Dunsuir to Grants Pass and comprising the Crater Lake council. Close to one hundred were present at the annual banquet which was given for all attending.

Highlight of the business sessions was an inspiring talk by Regional Scout Executive Edward L. Curtis who presented the "Walter Head" award to the Crater Lake council, president, Larry Schade, as a memorial to the fine work in recruiting new scouts.

The executive session unanimously re-elected the 1936 officers and the following will hold office for another term: Larry Schade, president; Dr. Walter Redford, vice-president; G. H. Grover, vice-president; George Luttrell, vice-president; L. N. Lorenson, vice-president; Eugene Thorndike, treasurer; R. E. McElhose, commissioner; Larry Schade, national council representative and Irving P. Beasley, council secretary and Scout executive.

Every phase of scouting was considered in the individual committee meetings and plans for cubbing, a jamboree, camp activities, etc., thoroughly checked over. There were many interesting exhibits in the lobby of the hotel which attracted special attention from the scouters and their ladies.

Good brooms made in Grants Pass at Central Point Hardware Store.

Helen Long is unable to attend school this week being sick with the flu.

The Missionary Circle met at the home of Mrs. E. E. Scott Friday with about 20 present. After the regular meeting Mrs. Scott served refreshment of sandwiches, cakes, coffee and tea.

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.
8:20 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. Alm. 115 on time. We invite you to be one and bring one. Mrs. Cornutt's Class will bring a chorus at 10:50.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "Why Do We Meet On Sunday To Worship?" Solo, Mrs. Phillips.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Leader, Stanley Jones.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Subj. "Why Did Jesus Go To Jerusalem To Be Crucified?"

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Mrs. E. E. Scott. We will continue the study of Zechariah: The Prophecy yet to be fulfilled. Come study with us.