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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"I do not think that all the poor are good. That riches are the uniform of shame; The beggar might have conquered if he would, And that he begs, the world is not to blame. Misfortune is not all that comes to mar; Most men, themselves, have shaped the things they are."

—EDGAR GUEST.

We chanced to pick up a little book of verse tonight given us for Christmas by our daughter several years ago. The little book is written by one of the greatest thinkers of our time; a man whose facile pen can bring the philosophy of kindness and love for one's neighbor into magic relief, Edgar Guest. And we have found so much to take to our secret heart in his wonderful work, we are going to head this conglomeration of thoughts with just a bit of his wisdom each week.

In these hectic days of deals and dealings, politics and poll-tickles, wars (both between the men who provide jobs and the sitters-down-on thereof and between Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum in Europe) airplane crashes, auto smashups and yea, this darned rain, which had the audacity to come along just when we all thought we were going fishing, one hardly finds time or energy to think much of such things as neighborliness or such.

We just read a letter in a popular magazine from a lady in Illinois who in spite of a goodly number of handicaps has so far been able to keep about one jump ahead of Br'er Wolf. She gives a fearfully graphic picture of her own neighborhood and the effect of our so-called "relief" system. And as we read we wondered if Mr. Roosevelt or any other president can ever bring us back into the ways of right thinking and right living again. Has it really come to pass in our country that such a percentage of our fellow citizens have lost the will to "hit the ball" for themselves and have come to depend on some other fellow to do it for them?

That shrewd Scot, Mr. Eccles, of the Federal Reserve Board seems not to be in perfect accord with some of the rest of the New Dealers. He advocates first the balancing of the federal budget but he would accomplish this much-to-be wished for result not by sharp decreases in federal spending, but by increased taxation. And in order the people may have something to pay taxes with, he advocates increased production, saying that are the factors necessary to it—idle men, natural resources and an abundance of money—are all present. Better watch out, old socks, or Henry will be in your wool.

We have done a good deal of blowing off steam regarding the action of the city council in the library matter. So we had a hunch perhaps we had better just cast an eye on the records over in the city vault. And we found we had been a bit hasty in accepting a statement of just part of the budget committee. We found a record which had been part of the exhibits placed before them at their meeting last fall, which showed that the item of expected income from the rental of the old city hall was among others listed, but perhaps overlooked by our informant.

At least two members of that committee saw the item and considered it worth leaving there. So perhaps the city dads weren't so hasty in grabbing for any old excuse to get rid of that pesky library problem after all. Maybe we'd better give 'em the benefit of the doubt, anyway.

We hear that logs are beginning to arrive at both sawmills at end of town—in one case to be used for posts and timbers for the new building, and in the other, to be sawed into lumber. That listens good, eh? Now if the "blasted Eenglish drizzle" would let up a bit and let them really get to work, it would help a lot.

We have done so darned much hollering about the fearful and dinned brand of weather handed out by some New Deal Weather man that we hate to even mention the

CONTRACTS GIVEN TO ALL TEACHERS FOR COMING YEAR

Contract have been renewed with both the grammar and high school teachers for the next year. The following is a list of the grammar school teachers followed by the high school.

Grammar School
Mr. D. F. Amick, principal, Mrs. Mae Richardson, first grade; Miss Marjorie Gregory, second grade; Miss Arlene Estes, third grade; Mrs. Mabel Hansen, fourth grade; Miss Laura Pastorina, fifth grade; Miss Melba Putman, sixth grade; Mr. Robert Webb, seventh grade.

High School
H. P. Jewett, principal; Kenneth Hulbert, coach; Mrs. Mildred Ross, Miss Florence DuRette, Miss Ethel Fleischer, Miss Norma Zinser, R. A. Botts, orchestra and George March, janitor.

Attends Dinner for Insurance Agents

Mr. E. C. Faber attended the gathering of 32 Jackson county insurance agents and company representatives from Portland and San Francisco in Medford Monday evening. They met at the Valentine Cafe for dinner and a program. Following the dinner, papers dealing with important phases of fire and casualty were read.

Mr. Faber reports there were so many big ideas that it gave him a headache trying to take them all in.

Mr. and Mrs. Overbeck Learn Mother's Death

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Overbeck received the sad news of the sudden death by cerebral hemorrhage of Mr. Overbeck's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Overbeck at Canton, Ohio. They left Sunday night for Canton and expect to be gone about a month. Mr. and Mrs. Lance are at the Overbeck home during their absence. Mrs. Lance is caring for the three children and Mr. Lance is looking after the farm.

Potters Enjoy Visit From Friends Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Potter enjoyed a visit from the following relatives and friends Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Applegate and daughter Dorothy of Ashland, Mrs. Lottie Wolgamont of Medford were dinner guests. Marie Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tourj of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Godnard of Jacksonville and Mr. Fernland, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkin, daughter Georgia of Central Point were guests during the afternoon.

In the first outdoor record shooting this year, Shelby Tuttle scored high at the 50-yard and 100-yard targets at the rifle club range yesterday. Score made yesterday and next Sunday will determine the team to represent the club in the first of the summer series of matches in the Southern Oregon-Northern California Rifle league to be held on the Medford range April 25.

stuff. But if that Eastern Oregon lady likes this sort of weather, she will welcome it and we wish she would take it away with her.

We almost had palpitation of the heart the other day when we saw a man driving stakes and shoveling up rubbish on the land just north of the cheese factory. Looked as if another building was to be erected. We rushed out there and inquired, breathlessly, "What's going to be built here," only to be told the county was going to dump a lot of sand and crushed rock there. Bah! All our high hopes blasted forever.

We are wondering if they won't have to postpone that Pear Blossom Festival. If this cold continues there won't be enough pear blossoms out to decorate the C of B windows, let alone make pictures of. But at that, the idea of a celebration in honor of our most prominent product is a fine one and we hope it will be a thorough success.

SCOUTS TRAIN YOUNGER LADS



As part of the Cubbing program, Boy Scouts assist the younger boys in learning the work of Scouting. The picture shows a Boy Scout joining in the sports of a group of Cubs at their club house.

New Cub Pack Is Organized with Many Candidates

At the March meeting of the Parent Teacher Association it was voted to sponsor the organization of a Cub Pack in Central Point. A committee, consisting of Mrs. M. A. Adams, chairman; Mrs. F. A. Ross and Mrs. W. H. Holt, was appointed by the president to contact the parents and set a time and place for two organization meetings.

The first meeting was held at the high school Friday evening, April 9, with an attendance of 27 parents and 17 Cubs. Mr. Irving Beesley, District Scout Executive, was the speaker of the evening and explained the Cubbing program. He stated that Cubbing is for boys from 9 to 11 years of age who are not old enough to become Boy Scouts. The

program follows closely that of Scout work and trains the younger boys to later become Boy Scouts.

The second meeting was held Wednesday evening of this week, at which time the organization was completed, with the election of Mr. W. H. Williamson, Cub master, and Mr. W. H. Holt, assistant. A Cub Pack committee was appointed with G. P. Humphries as chairman, and F. A. Ross and R. B. Langston.

Den mothers appointed were Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, den mother and Robert Vincent, den chief No. 1; Mrs. R. B. Langston, den mother and Vernon Holland, den chief No. 2; Mrs. W. H. Holt, den mother and Hal Jewett, den chief No. 3.

The Central Point Cub Pack will be known as Pack No. 40.

Local Happenings

Russel Ayres on his way home from work on the Siskiyou highway Monday evening stopped to help a woman get her car out of the ditch. As he left the car he was struck by another car and dragged about 50 feet, it was reported. He was taken to the Community hospital at Ashland. He had no bones broken or internal injuries. His back was badly burned and vertebrae chipped and cut and bruised all over. It is thought that he is not seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Simmonds entertained the following guests at a dinner party last Sunday in honor of the 53rd birthday of Mrs. Simmonds' father, Mr. Oscar Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis and son Jerry, of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Davis of Ashland. A beautiful birthday cake held the place of honor at the table. The honor guest received many nice gifts.

Robert Virtue is employed about 37 miles from Myrtle Point on the Sixes River at a logging camp.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and

Leylan Wood of Klamath Falls visited here and in Medford Sunday. Mrs. Powell's brother Marion Hult of Gold Beach met them here and returned to Klamath Falls with them.

Mayor J. O. Isaacson this week received a letter from Governor Charles H. Martin requesting that he serve as chairman of the Caravan committee for this city in arranging for the participation of our citizens with those of other cities in the celebration of the Golden Gate bridge opening in May. Mayor Isaacson has accepted the appointment. Anyone planning to attend the celebration are asked to see him at once.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Shull Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Higgenbotham of Cottage Grove, George Taylor of Ashland, Lester Taylor, wife and son of Butte Falls, Fred Taylor and Mrs. Jenines of Footh Creek. The afternoon was spent in the search of orchid colored Lamb Tongues. Mrs. Higgenbotham had promised her friends that she would bring back the orchid colored Lamb Tongues, as many of them had never seen the kind grown here. The cream colored Lamb Tongues are all that grows around Cottage Grove. A great many Lamb Tongues were found and a wonderful time enjoyed by all.

Birthday Party For Phyllis Furry

The following guests were invited to help Phyllis Furry celebrate her 8th birthday, Charlotte Richardson, Elizabeth Zucala, Lorene Wright, Hazel Knadler, Merlene Gebhard, Ann Booth, Louise Lofland, Dorothy LaCasse, Jimmy Anders, Donald and Bernard Thumler, Billy Langston, Melvin Kelly and Leland Myers.

The first game was a peanut hunt, a little more up-to-date than most peanut hunts. Mrs. Carolita Furry, the honor guest's grandmother played the piano while the happy group gathered peanuts, when the music stopped the hunt ceased until the music started again. Many other games were played. Ice Cream, a beautiful birthday cake, cookies and lemonade were served. The honor guest received many lovely gifts and they all reported a jolly time.

Delegates Attend Play Leader School

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohnert, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Maust and Mr. Brainard were delegates from Central Point to the recreation leader training school held in Medford last week under the instruction of John Bradford, field representative of the National association.

The leaders represent 13 granges, 10 home extension units, 4-H Leaders' association, Girl Scouts, Southern Oregon Normal school, rural schools, churches, Rebekah lodge, and D.A.V. auxiliary.

Following this school, regular recreation leader training meetings will be continued each month under direction of the home demonstration agent. Next meeting will be Monday evening.

Several Enjoy Trip To Near Cave City

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson, Max Crowson and Byron Peffely, of Ashland accompanied Guy Good to about 20 miles above Cave City to the first checking station where they enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmons. They exchanged the Ashland Radio club transmitter with Mr. Simmons for a smaller one. They report a fine trip and an enjoyable visit with Mr. and Mrs. Simmons.

Henry Booth had the misfortune to cut his hand open while splitting kindling wood Friday evening. Dr. Kresse of Medford took 6 stitches. Henry was very weak from loss of blood.

So what?--

Mr. Clem Finley half across the street having to return to the store to take his cat (not a big farm cat but a little 4 legged animal) back so it could not follow him.

The big fish in front of Ross and Ross decided it was time to float and almost reached the side walk and drifted away in our recent big rain, before being discovered.

Mr. Alexander says he knows he hasn't got a drug store, there are a few things that aren't on his shelves but he isn't sure just what he will call his new store.

Dit Yost is the proud possessor of a new Packard.

The first lesson of life is to burn our own smoke; that is, not to inflict on outsiders our personal sorrows and petty morbidity, not to keep thinking of ourselves as exceptional cases.—James Russel Lowell.

E. P. Stone, who is doing carpenter work at home, coming to the store with his carpenter clothes on and being forced to walk backward and doing all sort of maneuvers to keep his face toward his customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Simmonds, John Helm, Ruby Webster, Carabelle Brood, Blue O'Connor and a salesman opening surprise packages at Faber Market Wednesday.

One of the councilmen getting so excited at the last regular meeting that he punched a hold thru the cork floor covering with the heel of his chair.

Mrs. Bonnie saying that the spot on her lip was just some of the W.R.C. merchant lunch that she was saving till later.

Little Jackie Potter's face lighting up when Irel Lewis appeared at the W.R.C. dinner like he expected Mr. Lewis to have a weiner in his pocket.

ANNUAL SENIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN SOON AT SCHOOL

"The Charm School", a 3-act comedy by the well known author, Alice Duer Miller, a play which has been a stage success both in London and New York, has been selected for the Annual Senior production this year in the Central Point high school.

Rehearsals have been going on now for six weeks, with the end in view of presenting the play on Friday, April 23.

The cast of 16 characters includes 6 boys and 10 girls. Special costuming is necessary since the story is about a girls' boarding school. The preparation of stage equipment is under the direction of Donald Niedermeyer, stage manager.

Attractive posters will be out the first of the week announcing the time and admission prices. Tickets will go on sale next week, the business management being under the direction of Roger Lawrence and Elden Stevens.

Remember to save the date April 23.

U. S. National Bank Deposits All time High

At the call of the United States Comptroller of Currency as of March 31, 1937, the United States National Bank which has a direct branch in this city, reports deposits at the all-time high of \$115,929,233.99, or a gain of over 16-million dollars since the spring call of 1936. Resources increased to \$125,696,580.85, a gain of over 17 1/2 million since the corresponding call of a year ago. Loans and discounts also showed a better than normal seasonal demand, increasing approximately six and one-half millions to a total of \$25,949,545.56.

"We are gratified by the increase in demand for sound loans to care for the seasonal activities of farming and business equally as much as by the gain in deposits," stated George T. Frey, manager of the Medford branch. "In short, money is turning over more rapidly. The fact that a greater amount of money is going into the bank and at the same time going out again in legitimate employment is the best indication of returning a steady increase in deposits in keeping with the United States National as a whole, and we also are just as anxious and willing to make sound loans in this community as they are at the head office bank in Portland. For example, we are ever ready to welcome applications for loans for crop and livestock purposes, the purchase of farm implements and other needs that our farmers have; also for employment in local business enterprises and even down to the recurring needs of the individual and family. As an example of this, we announced several weeks ago that our bank would continue to finance the modernization of homes and other buildings on exactly the same terms as provided by the now discontinued Title One of the Federal Housing Act.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
James Matthew Alley
Evangelist
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor
Roland Hover,
Supt. of Bible School
Arden Tyrell,
Chairman of Board

The revival increases in interest, power and enthusiasm.
Fearless and powerful Gospel messages at every service. 7:45 p.m.
Pre-prayer service at 7:30 p.m.
Aim for Bible School—"150 in time for count."
Sunday at 11:00 a.m. will be "Faithful Servant" service. All members who have been faithful to the work for at least ten years will be present and given the honor due faithfulness.
Come! Work! Pray!

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; 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.