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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"None knows the day that friends must part,
None knows how near is sorrow;
If there be laughter in your heart,
Don't hold it for tomorrow.
Smile all the smiles you can today;
Grief waits for all along the way."
—Edgar Guest.

Lord, how the years do slip by!
It seemed it must be just a few months ago that we too took our place in an army camp, as we sat up in the old grandstand the other day and watched those olive-drab figures hustling about setting up pup tents, field kitchens and the like. We almost saw ghosts too, among the fellows there. One tall young fellow had the identical way of wearing his campaign hat that Top Sergeant Ted Hill used to have. And we almost spoke to one lad who was the perfect picture of another of the old gang.

But as we watched and listened to the comments we heard from other civilians about us we thought of Kipling's "Tommy":

"We aren't no thin red 'eroes, nor nor we aren't no blakguards too. But single men in barracks, most remarkable like you;
An' if sometimes our conduct isn't all your fancy paints;
Why, single men in barracks don't grow to plaster saints;

While it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' 'Tommy fall behind.'
But it's 'Please to walk in front, sir,' when trouble's in the wind.
There's trouble in the wind, my boys, there's trouble in the wind
O it's 'Please to walk in front, sir' when there's trouble in the wind."
—Barrack-room Ballads.

It's little thought we give as we go about our little affairs of these stalwart young men who stand always ready to guard our land. And yet somehow we sleep a bit better nights because of them. But we didn't envy those lads a bit their ride in those open trucks yesterday morning with that raw wind blowing.

We hear the planing mill is being held up by a controversy over freight rates. We haven't yet got all the dope, but just at first blush it looks like the old S. P. could afford to be lenient to a new industry which will bring more business to them. Don't bite the hand that feeds you, brethren. The more business we can create in this valley the better off the railroad and all the rest of us will be.

But just now what this town needs more than anything else is someone to build more houses. Not a day passes but someone comes along and wants a place to rent. Can't some one think up a scheme to get capital interested in a building program?

Maybe after we get that new mill running we will be able to get such a program started. At least we will be able to get a board or two without a trip to Medford. We haven't consulted the owners, but we hope they will put in a retail department, at least a small one. Even that will help.

We were especially interested in the study of the program for the coming year of the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association. One of the most important of the several propositions to our mind was this: "To secure the active cooperation of all citizens and especially business people of Jackson county, who serve the traveling public, to make the traveler happy, comfortable and satisfied with his visit and render him USEFUL and ACCURATE local information."

For years the principal effort has been to tell the world of our wonderful valley, and no doubt this advertising has done much good. But now let's strive to make our visitors all feel so satisfied with their visit that as they go on about the country they will spread the news by word of mouth. That kind of advertising is the best of all.

A drive around "Pear Blossom Way" will well repay anyone at this time. At no time of year do the glories of the valley of the Rogue appear in more splendor than now. Just start out East Main street in Medford and follow the arrows.

GRANGE DINNER AND DANCE VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE

The Central Point Grange held its annual dinner and dance at their hall last Thursday evening with an attendance of about 250. A bountiful chicken dinner was served at 6:30.

The basement dining room was beautifully decorated in spring colors, the tables being set with spring flowers and the posts of the room holding imitation baskets of daffodils, narcissus and spirea, with a few almond blossoms.

The menu consisted of salad, stewed chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas and apple pie and was served by about thirty young ladies of the grange.

Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed until late hour. About \$116 was taken in through the sale of tickets.

Royal Neighbors Hold State Meet

Business sessions and committee reports featured Tuesday morning's session of the state convention of Royal Neighbors of America being held in Medford.

Election of new state officers was to be the principal event on Tuesday afternoon's program. A banquet was held at the First Methodist Episcopal church with Mrs. Katherine Benton as toastmistress and followed by a program which closed the two-day conclave.

Between 300 and 400 members and friends were present at the reception Tuesday night by Medford and Ashland camps for delegates.

The affair climaxed the opening day of the conclave. Heading the receiving line were Mrs. Nellie Redlinger, Portland, supreme outer sentinel, and Mrs. Katherine H. Benton, Portland, state supervisor.

Punch was served by Medford and Ashland camps. Mrs. Calla Geer and Mrs. Marie Gantenbein acted as hostesses.

A program presented during the evening included music and dance numbers by pupils of the Ruth Luy studio; ballet number by students of Eve Benson; address of welcome by Dr. J. F. Moffatt in place of Mayor George Porter; response by Mrs. Mabel Ragsdale, state oracle.

Other features included a stunt drill by Marshfield camp in honor of Mrs. Ada Lemon, district deputy of Coos county; address of welcome in behalf of camps of the state by Mrs. Ethel Latham, Medford oracle; response by Mrs. Myrtle Begner, recorder of Chemawa camp; solo by Mrs. Lola Maney of Portland; reading by Mrs. Lavella Long, Talent.

Also, vocal solo by Mrs. Katherine Benton, Portland; song by Medford group, led by Miss LaMurie Beck; stunt by Ashland camp; goodnight song, Ashland trio.

Mrs. Leonora Broth, district deputy, was chairman of the program. Those attended from here were: Mesdames Lillie Gregory, Calla Geer, Marie Gantenbein and Mrs. Victor Bursell.

Dinner Party Given In Honor Birthdays

A dinner party in honor of the birthday of Mr. James Gregg, Mr. Joe Cook of Medford and Mr. Roundtree was held at the Gregg home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook and daughter June and son, Don of Medford were present, Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree and Mr. and Mrs. James Gregg and mother and other relatives and friends, in all fifteen, were seated at the heavily laden dinner table. It was a very jolly occasion.

Band Concert Is Well Attended

Nearly everyone in Central Point took in the band concert given by the 39th Infantry band in the Medford city park Tuesday evening. The 75-piece played from a specially built platform, beautifully decorated with pear blossoms in honor of Pear Blossom week. It is estimated that over 5000 people were present.

The Medford Senior High school band will play on the same platform tonight under the direction of F. Wilson Walte.

Senior Play to Be Given Friday Evening at School

Everything is in readiness for the showing of the senior play, "The Charm School," on Friday evening of this week, according to Mrs. Feischer who is coaching the play. For eight weeks the seniors have been hard at work in rehearsal and they feel confident, in bringing this play, that they are going to give an evening of real, worthwhile, entertainment.

"The Charm School" is a comedy, given by permission of Samuel French of New York. The cast is large, including 16 characters every one of whom has been chosen to carry a part for which he is especially adapted.

The story relates the adventures of a handsome young automobile salesman who, on inheriting a girls' boarding school, insists on running it according to his own ideas. He believes that the dominant feature in the education of the young girls of today should be CHARM. The situations are teeming with humor—clean, wholesome humor.

But if any one of these young ladies falls in love with the owner, the mortgage on the school will be foreclosed. Just what do you think would happen, when the young man, handsome as a Greek god, begins to work out his ideas?

The cast of characters is as follows:
Austin Bevans.....Richard Jewett
An automobile sales man with IDEAS, which
David MacKenzie.....Bill Grimes
A law student, considers impractical, though
George Boyd.....Donald Smith
An expert accountant, is willing to cooperate, and also

Phoenix Defeated By Central Point

The Central Point High baseball team, led by Meyer's brilliant defensive work, blasted out an 8 to 3 victory over the Phoenix High aggregation, Tuesday afternoon on the home field.

The Pointers broke the ice in the first inning when Dow scored on Atkins' single, and in the second inning when Webster scored on an error.

In the fourth inning Copinger blew up, walked three men, allowed three hits, to the tune of 3 runs, the only time Phoenix really threatened.

The Pointers big inning was their half of the fourth when 4 runs crossed the plate. Lawrence, Pointer first sacker, slammed a home run into deep right field with the bases empty.

From then on the game was on ice, with the Pointers adding another run in the sixth. Lees did some nice relief hurling for the Pointers.—Central Point Pointer.

Mrs. Elona Saunders To Assist in Hatfield's

Mrs. Elona Saunders and daughter Marian arrived from Portland this week and will make their home with Mrs. Saunders' cousin, Mr. L. Hatfield. Mrs. Saunders will help in the store having had much experience in ladies' wear, her father having a large mercantile business.

This will give Mr. Hatfield opportunity to get away from business occasionally and visit relatives and friends elsewhere. Mrs. Saunders and daughter recently spent eighteen months in Alaska.

We are pleased to welcome them to our community.

Junior Ayres to Wear Cast 6 Weeks

Mr. Roy Jones visited Junior Ayres at the Community Hospital at Ashland Wednesday afternoon. Junior will be put in a plaster cast Sunday and kept at the hospital another week before being allowed to return home. He will then wear the cast for five more weeks. A number of the vertebrae were chipped and one cracked and the cast will be a protection and will assure that his back will be straight.

Howard Vincent is now employed in Medford at the Hotel Medford barber shop.

Jim Simpkins.....Kenneth Hood and
Tim Simpkins.....Everett Atkins
Who toll not, and have never seriously considered spinning.
Homer Johns.....George Curtright is the guardian of
Else Benedotti.....Erma Thompson the president of the senior class at the school presided over by
Miss Hays.....Roberta Pankey who is loved and feared by all who know her, including the secretary,
Miss Curtis.....Roberta Wertz who is always trying to think well of the senior class, consisting of
Sally Boyd.....Janice Nealon
Muriel Doughty.....Libby Hamilton
Ethel Spelvin.....Millie McCord
Aliz Mercier.....Clarabelle Brood
Midge Kent.....Norma Holland and
Dotsie.....Gertrude Moore
Business managers—Roger Lawrence, Elden Stevens.
Stage managers—Donald Niedermeyer, Robert Conger.

Roger Lawrence, business manager, assisted by Elden Stevens, is putting on an extensive ticket selling campaign. The latest reports indicate tickets and reserved seats are having a ready sale.

Owing to the fact that the play is much longer than those usually given, the curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock. Everyone is requested to be on time.

Remember that on Friday, April 23, the members of the class of '37 will make their final bow in dramatics from the stage of the Central Point high school, and they are asking for your interest and support.

Local Lady Springs Surprise on Friends

The engagement of Mrs. Sarah Obenchain, whose ranch home is one mile west of Central Point, to Mr. E. O. Crosby of Port Orford, Oregon, was announced this week. The wedding is to come early this summer.

We are informed that the happy couple will reside for the present at Port Orford and the bride's ranch here will be rented.

The news of the engagement comes as a surprise to the friends of the prospective bride, who has a wide circle of friends in this locality who will wish her happiness in her new home.

Roy A. Weaver Gets New Job

Word was received here that Roy A. Weaver, a graduate of our high school year of 1925, who is a resident and tax payer of Dunsuir, Calif., was recently appointed for said city to succeed S. F. Atly who had been employed to look after the legal affairs heretofore. Mr. Weaver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weaver of Sams Valley and has many friends here who will be pleased to hear of his progress.

Dr. Elliott Farm Gets Duroc Boar

Elliott Farm on the Central Point-Jacksonville Road, this morning received a 7 months old registered Duroc boar from Oregon State College to head their herd of pure Duroc sows.

This is an exceptionally fine boar and is another step in Jackson County's advance toward better live stock.

Revival Meetings Continue Successful

The Tuesday night meeting at the Christian Church was a big success. No electric lights were used, lanterns and candles furnishing the light.

The men wore no neckties and the women were dressed in print dresses. Mr. McDowell sang "Amazing Grace". This song was first printed in 1799. About three hundred attended. A delegation from Medford was present.

At last Bear Creek has Cubs! Bear Creek Cub Den, No. 1 with Bobby Vincent as Den Chief.

Mrs. Alex Sparrow And Daughter to Visit in Europe

Among Medford residents planning vacations away from home this summer are Mrs. Alex Sparrow and her daughter, Miss Harriet Sparrow.

The two left last evening by train on the first part of a journey that will take them to Europe. They are to go first to New York City and will sail from there April 27.

Mrs. Sparrow and her daughter plan visits in England, Scotland and several countries on the continent. They will be away most of the summer, returning home in about three months' time.

Guests at the Sparrow home, Kirtland Farm, this week-end were Mr. and Mrs. James Firth and infant son of Crescent City. Mrs. Firth was formerly Miss Frances Sparrow, daughter of Mrs. Sparrow.

Local P.T.A. Hostesses To County Council

The Central Point P.T.A. were hostesses to the County P.T.A. Council at the grange hall Wednesday. The meeting opened at 10 a.m. Discussion of business and an election of new officers for the council was held before lunch. A very delicious lunch was served at noon. After luncheon the report of the various delegates to the state convention were given and the following new officers for the council installed. Mrs. Hoey of Medford, President; Mrs. Elhart of Ashland, vice president; Mrs. W. J. Gebhard, secretary and Mrs. Dunn of Bellview, treasurer. The Girls' Glee club of the high school sang "By the Bend of the River" and "Allah's Holiday", which was much appreciated. Over fifty members attended.

Central Point high school trackmen participated in a four way practice meet, which Medford high won with a score of 66 1/2 points, at Medford, Saturday.

The Pointers, showing lack of practice, ended up in fourth place with 6 points. Grants Pass and Phoenix, the other entrants scored 33 1/2 and 14 1/2 points, respectively.

The 100 yard dash was acclaimed as the most thrilling event of the day. Grimes of the Pointers and Ettinger of Medford battled neck to neck the whole distance with Ettinger barely ahead at the finish. Time of the event was 10.3.

Central Point's additional points were garnered in the 880 yard relay in which the local team of R. Jewett, P. O'Connor, Curtright and Grimes won second place.

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So what?--

You cannot clean the well by painting the pump—Shropshire saying.

Lola Richardson won the prize at the Ashland Radio convention last week being the only woman able to hit the target with a rolling pin. Wonder how Sandy looks after all that practice.

Mr. E. C. Faber with a blue plaid jumper on and carrying an arm full of boards.

Mrs. Susie Meyers running out of gas and packing a oil can full back to her car.

It feels like ice cream week this Tuesday morning.

Introductory Offer

Only one week left to take advantage of our April offer to people who are not reading The American. For the balance of April we will accept 50c for a six months' subscription. This offer is only good for new subscribers. The price of paper went up this week 25c per hundred.

ARNSPIGER HEADS C. OF C. DURING YEAR TO COME

At the first meeting of the new board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Medford Friday noon new officers for the year were elected. Olen Arnsperger, manager of the Medford and Talent irrigation districts, was unanimously re-elected president, with Alfred S. V. Carpenter, vice-president; Eugene Thorndike, treasurer, and A. H. Banwell, secretary-manager.

Mr. Arnsperger thanked the board and all members for the help given him during the past year and stated that only by such help would it be possible to make the organization a successful one. He especially thanked the chairmen of the various committees for the work accomplished.

Mr. George Frey, retiring treasurer, presented a very complete and comprehensive report of the financial condition of the chamber. While the report was not as favorable as could be wished, the year was shown to have been fairly successful. Mr. Frey was given a vote of thanks by the board for the labor he had given in presenting such a report and in getting the finances so well straightened out.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is planning a number of projects for the coming year which it is hoped will be of much benefit to the county as a whole.

AT THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST
James Matthew Alley
Evangelist
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor

The Revival continues until next Wednesday, April 28. You who have not heard Evangelist Alley must hear now. Friday evening set aside for a special message on "COMMUNISM". Mr. Alley has had experience as a labor leader and is in deep sympathy with labor but knows the fallacy of following Communism. Don't fail to hear him and to see the display of Communistic Literature that is poisoning America at this present time. You will have a better understanding of the strike situation in our country if you hear this lecture sermon. Friday 23, 7:45 P.M.

At one or all of the services on Sunday April 25, we expect not less than 500 present and are inviting you to be one of the 500. Our Bible School opens at 10:00 A.M. followed with communion and preaching 11:00 A.M. and Sunday evening will be the last Sunday Evening of the series. The subject is "The New Birth." Let us turn our feet toward The House of God. We have been going the other way long enough. Come!

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 Doctrines class.

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

Beginning Sunday morning, April 25, at 11 o'clock, the pastor will start a series of sermons on the book of Romans. Every young Christian should be interested in these sermons for Bible instruction. Bring your Bible and note book.

Preaching on The Parables

In the 7:30 evening service, the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the Parables, each parable paralleling an epoch in Church History.

This coming Sunday evening it will be "The Parable of the Sower." There will be special musical selections and lively songs and choruses for congregational singing. Everybody made welcome to the "Little Red Brick Church".