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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

This writer has been like a kid with a new toy this week. The other day we chanced on what looked like a big bargain to us in the way of a power grader for this city. We at once rushed home and told the city dads of our discovery and they all felt just as we did, that it was too good a chance to lose. So several members of the council and ourselves beat it over to the county shop to look the machine over.

We found it just as represented and the boys then and there closed the deal. So our city street commissioner and a crew of county men got busy and today Bert was proudly mounted on his new steed and scooting up and down the streets putting them in the best condition they have been in for many a moon.

And like a kid following a circus parade, the writer just had to follow along and cheer. For we could vision what a difference having such a machine always at hand would make in the appearance of our city and we thanked the Gods of luck, or what have you, for leading us onto such a chance. But we betide Bert if he doesn't fulfill our expectations.

We drove out through Sams Valley the other day and again marvelled at the fertility of the soil in that matchless region. Lying, as it does, almost hidden by the surrounding hills, Sams Valley contains what is perhaps the richest farming land in the State of Oregon.

And to judge by what we saw of the youth of that valley on our hurried visit to the Sams Valley high school and by the appearance of the young men and women whose faces we show in another column, not the least of the farm products of that region are the boys and girls they raise there. So today we offer our sincere congratulations to these young people on finishing the work of their school. We are proud of such young people and proud of their school.

You can do as much as you think you can. But you'll never accomplish more; if you are afraid of yourself, young man.

There's little for you in store. For failure comes from the inside first.

It's there if we only knew it. And you can win, though you face the worst.

If you feel that you're going to do it Success! It's found in the soul of you.

And not in the realm of luck! The world will furnish the work to do, But you must furnish the pluck. You can do whatever you think you can.

It's all in the way in view it. It's all in the start you make, young man. You must feel that you're going to do it.

And while we are saying all these things about our neighbors in this special edition, we must not forget our own young folks who will finish school next week also. We are proud of the work they have done the past year. We have had quite a few contacts with many of them in getting out the Central Pointer and the annual and have enjoyed working with them very much.

We have heard many times of "million dollar" rains in this valley, but the one this week came as near being just that as could be wished. There was very little hay down, for one thing, and this "regular soaker" did a world of good to gardens, orchards, grain fields and in fact to every kind of agriculture. Of course it made a few folks sort of angry who live on those newly graded streets. Cheer up, folks. Bert hopes to get those streets in better shape before the regular rainy season with the aid of his new grader.

Returns Home



Mrs. L. H. Smith, better known as "Mattie" Smith, 82, well known and beloved resident of the Central Point district, who returned recently from a four-months visit in California. Mrs. Smith is prominent in church and fraternal circles.

Students Present Retiring Principal With Honor Gift

Prof. and Mrs. E. W. Empey were pleasantly surprised Friday evening when every member of the high school student body, fortified by a large delegation of Alumni suddenly swooped down upon their home and took them to the Elks Picnic grounds for a party in their honor. A pleasant evening of games, skating and dancing was enjoyed. At a late hour refreshments were served after which Billy Crawford presented Mr. Empey with a beautiful leather brief case from the students and alumni in appreciation of his work with them the last three years. Mr. Empey leaves this year to accept the principalship of the Pleasant Hill high school near Eugene.

Civic Club Thanks Lodges for Aid

The Civic Club wishes to express their thanks to the Women's Relief Corps and the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges and all individuals who have so kindly donated funds to help purchase a building for a public library. They lack only a small sum for this purpose.

So what?--

Flattery is soft soap; and soft soap is 90 per cent lye.

Mr. Minnick riding down the street with a plow and tractor.

All the men in town following Constable Bert Hedgpeth driving the new city grader, like small boys at a circus. Suppose the City Dads ordered the rain on purpose for the benefit of the said machine.

John Hein and Ken McCoy proudly displaying the Medford mud on their shoes after attending the Circus.

Homer Meyers all same Chinese man when playing ball on the school grounds.

The hippopotamus at the Circus in Ashland got stuck in the mud and it took them until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning to get him out.

Little Gail Patricia cut her first tooth May 12th and it is hard to tell which got the biggest thrill—Grandpa Skyrman or Grandma Skyrman. At least Grandma was the first to discover that the little white ivory had appeared.

The Missionary society of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Lettie Gregory on Friday, May 21, at 2 p. m.

Success

Here's hoping it will come. To the Graduates Good Keen Thinking And hard work Bring Success.

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CALIFORNIA TRIP IS MUCH ENJOYED BY LOCAL LADY

Mrs. L. H. Smith, 82, who lives on her farm west of town, returned recently from a four months visit with her son in Los Angeles and with friends and relatives in Southern California.

Mrs. Smith was born in Zanesville Ohio, March 4, 1855. She was married in Ames, Iowa and moved with her husband to Hood River, Oregon in 1909. There they purchased a small farm which was one of the show places of the country. In 1910 they sold their home in Hood River and came to Central Point, where they purchased their present home. Mr. Smith died several years ago and Mrs. Smith is now making her home with her son and family on the old home place one-half mile west of Central Point.

Believing her many friends in this vicinity would be interested in her recent visit in Southern California, The American persuaded Mrs. Smith to write a brief sketch of her trip, which we print below:

By Mrs. L. H. Smith

Leaving for a vacation in the south during the mid-January wintry weather, found Southern California quite different from previous visits. Citrus growers were smudging to save their crops—and with success (Continued on Page Two)

Rex Lampman Wins Honor as Editor

Word was received this week that Rex H. Lampman, son of Mrs. Viola Lampman of this city, and a well-known newspaper man had won state-wide recognition as a member of the editorial staff of the Needles (Calif.) Nugget. An editorial written by Mr. Lampman was selected by California Feature Service as April's "Best Editorial of the Month."

The editorial was a tribute to the old-time prospector, who still follows his quest for gold, unchanged by the sweep of the years.

His many friends here will be glad to know that since writing this prize-winning editorial, Mr. Lampman has accepted a position in Washington, D. C. as an editor and (Continued on Page Two)

Baccalaureate Service Sunday Eve.

The annual baccalaureate services for the senior class of the local high school will be held in the Federated church next Sunday evening. Rev. Robert Charles Lewis will deliver the address and both churches will unite in the service.

Members of the graduating class who will attend this service in a body include:

Everett Atkins, Clarabelle Brood, Robert Conger, George Curtright, Bill Grimes, Libby Hamilton, Norma Holland, Kenneth Hood, Richard Jewett.

Yvonne Landers, Roger Lawrence Millie McCord, Gertrude Moore, James Nealon, Don Niedermeyer, Robert Pankey, Don Smith, Elden Stevens, Erma Thompson, Maryann Tucker, and Roberta Wertz.

Health Unit to Hold Rummage Sale

The Health Unit will hold their annual rummage sale Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22. The sale will be held some place on Main street.

Anyone having clothing or other useful articles to donate please 12x3 and some one will call for them. The Unit always has a very good selection at these sales at very low prices.

COUPON

This coupon good for 50c on one year's subscription to The American. Good to anyone living outside City of Central Point now getting the paper. Regular price \$1.50 per year. All home print. Our aim: "To make each paper better than the last."

Graduate Tonight



SAM'S VALLEY H.S. CLASS of 1937



—Photos by Corley.

Nine students are to be graduated from the Sams Valley High School on Thursday evening, May 20. Top row, left to right—Mary Davis, Helen Burreson, Norman Crawford; Middle row—Robert Clark, Elva Davis, Keane Thomas; Bottom row—Ruth Smith, Ray Smith, Leona Schulz. Prof. L. Messenger of the Ashland Normal School will deliver the address. Helen Burreson represents the class as valedictorian and Elva Davis as Salutatorian.

May Day Program Is Much Enjoyed By Valley Schools

The third annual May Day celebration at the Sams Valley high school was held last Friday, May 14. Approximately two hundred and fifty persons from Antioch, Meadows, Sams Valley and Table Rock were in attendance.

The program began at 10 in the morning with the coronation of Princess Ruthe (Ruth Smith) and lasted until about four in the afternoon. Following the crowning of Queen Ruthe I a short program, consisting of the May Pole dance, music and folk dances, was presented in the courtyard in her honor. The program was preceded by the following proclamation by Queen Ruthe I:

Proclamation

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! The proclamation of Queen Ruthe I, ruler of the vast realms of Antioch, Meadows, Table Rock, Sams Valley and Stub McDonough! This day of May 14, in the year of Our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and thirty-seven the Queen does hereby command all her subjects to make merry. Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow ye may have to weed onions. To all my subjects I do command that ye shall listen the next few minutes to a program presented in this courtyard especially for my enjoyment. Immediately following his yourself hither to the ball diamond where the mighty grade school bat-wielders shall engage in a mighty tournament of baseball for the glory of their Queen and country.

Following this I do command that you engage in a track meet that shall be worthy of your athletic ability and pleasing to the eye. Then having done as commanded, think of your stomach, fill it to overflowing with good things prepared by the noted cooks of this kingdom. When you have eaten until you groan for want of more room, come to the theatre where my subjects will entertain you with something to laugh at, thereby settling your digestive organisms. After many chuckles hie yourself hither to the ball diamond where the stalwart baseballers will again perform in a final baseball

game to determine the best baseball team of Jackson county. You with something to laugh at, thereby settling your digestive organisms. After many chuckles hie yourself hither to the ball diamond where the stalwart baseballers will again perform in a final baseball game to determine the best baseball team of Jackson county.

And furthermore I do individually command:

1. That Leona Schulz pay more attention to school bells from now on instead of thinking of wedding bells.
2. That Robert Clark not send his "Messenger" to the "Munn" (or moon, I mean.)
3. That Lucile Brennesholtz not holler Hey! Hey! when she means Straus! Straus!
4. That Dick Rush forget he is an executive and really do some work.
5. That Helen Burreson forget her argument that a Graham is better than a Ford V-8.
6. That Ethel Ashley eat more Spinach.

With these few commands I do to this document as

QUEEN RUTHE I.

Immediately after the program a baseball tournament was begun, Antioch defeating Table Rock by one run in one game and Sams Valley turning the tables on Meadows in the other.

A track meet in which the contestants were divided into three groups was held next. Such events as dashes, broad jumping and high jumping were included.

By this time everyone was ready for the big pot-luck picnic dinner. Loads of food was consumed by the many hungry picnickers. The three-act comedy, "Huckleberry Finn", was presented next for the enjoyment of all the visitors. A final baseball game between Antioch and Sams Valley, in which Sams Valley won the championship, was played after the play to complete the day's events. Everyone, both old and young, reported a grand time.

RICHARD PAINTER DIES IN BT. FALLS LOGGING ACCIDENT

Central Point and vicinity was shocked and grieved to hear of the instant death of Richard L. Painter Monday about 4 miles east of Butte Falls. Mr. Painter was born and raised in Central Point and has a host of friends here. Funeral Services were held this afternoon at Conger funeral Parlor, a Medford Pastor in charge. A large number of friends attended and many beautiful flowers were given in token of the love and esteem of his friends. The camp where Mr. Painter was employed closed during the services.

Crushed between three huge logs Richard L. Painter, 26 of Central Point met instant death yesterday at 2 p. m. while helping load a Medford Corporation logging car about four miles east of Butte Falls.

Painter, married and the father of one child, was killed when the stake chain on one side of the flat car broke, releasing two heavy logs, eyewitnesses told the coroner's office. Painter, according to R. R. Coffman, Medford loader, and Frank Smith, locomotive conductor on the logging train, was standing between the brow log and the loaded car. The chain broke and one log rolled off, pinning Painter to the brow log. A moment later another log slipped off the car and crushed his head.

The brow log was described by an official of the Medford Corporation as being the bumper log placed on the ground alongside the car to facilitate logs being hoisted onto the car.

Painter was employed by the Medford Corporation as a loader, and with his wife and daughter lived in Butte Falls during the logging seasons. He had worked for the local lumber concern for the past 12 years according to the coroner's office.

Exact scene of the accident was about one-half mile from the Medford Corporation's newly established camp on the Rancheria road. Immediately following the mishap the coroner's office was notified and he was brought to Medford by Perli's wagon.

Extreme weight and pressure on the chain was given as the reason for it breaking. It parted at a link (Continued on Page Six)

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor

Please note, that our Bible School opens promptly at 9:45 and that our Communion Service will be held at 10:45 and at 11:00 a. m. We will go in body to the Federated Church to co-operate with them in the Memorial Service. No preaching service in the Church of Christ either morning or evening.

Junior, Senior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor 7:00 p. m. and at 7:45 we will again go to The Federated Church to co-operate in the Baccalaureate Service.

The class in Soul-saving and Preaching will meet on Tues. 7:45 p. m.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 p. m. Winefred Morris, Devotional Leader and Mrs. Houston will review the Book of Acts.

Remember the Memorial and Baccalaureate Services!

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.