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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We want to commend the work being done by the membership committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Up to date nearly a hundred new members have been added to the organization. Quite a number have voluntarily come forward and signed up. Good work, fellows!

There can be no question of the value to the community of this group. They have no private axes to grind, but instead spend much thought and energy in planning for the greater development of Jackson county. We wish that those who still think this "gang" thinks only of Medford and how to bring prosperity to her, regardless of the rest of the county, could just "listen-in" at the regular (or even at special) meetings of the board of directors. We wot they would mighty soon change their tune.

We confess there was a time in the dim, dark past we, too, had little use for the Chamber. We had an idea it was all a "hot-air" concern. But the more we have come in contact with these earnest workers and the more closely we have scanned results obtained, the prouder we are to be privileged to take even so insignificant a part as ours necessarily is in this movement. Come on in, fellows, the water's fine!

Well, school is out and the united sigh of relief given by the teachers could be heard for miles. Now the poor parents can shoulder the responsibility for the youth of the land.

We forgot to mention above in speaking of the C. of C. that a wall has been heard from the ancient mining town of Gold Hill that "Medford has again snubbed Gold Hill, this time through the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce." Well, can these fellows be expected to forever and forever take up the cudgels for communities which do not reciprocate? The constitution of the present Chamber provides that every city or village in the county, (including Gold Hill, of course) has the right to elect a delegate to the Chamber of Commerce, who shall ex-officio be a member of the board of directors. Has Gold Hill condescended to do so.

This writer has been a member of that board since the first of the year and has seen no such delegate. If these people refuse to take advantage of their privileges, how then can the organization be blamed? And as for the booklet in question, the writer can recall no action by the board authorizing its publication. We believe it was published by private interests and was not "sponsored" by the chamber.

But in any case, we are sorry this has happened. Gold Hill is entitled to just as prominent a place in the limelight as the rest of our cities in the county. And we hope to see their man with us on the board of directors soon. Then he can watch out that his community gets its share of any publicity going.

We note that Rogue River has organized a chamber of commerce of its own. Fine. That's a good start. Now send us up a good man to help solve the problems of the county work and rest assured you won't be "snubbed" when you come, either. We all want to see Southern Oregon prosper and we should be willing to do our part.

We were sorry to note that Crater Lake had claimed another victim. We are told that at this time of year the stone walls about the rim are buried in snow and it would be very easy for a person to slip over the edge. We would suggest that during the time the snow covers the usual barrier that the park authorities erect a temporary fence, (just a line of poles stuck in the snow, with a rope or wire stretched thereon, if nothing else), and a number of warning signs stuck up along the danger line. Such a thing wouldn't cost much and might save a life.

This town has become a regular nest of motorcycles lately. They pop, and roar about our streets at all hours, and their racket is becoming almost unbearable. We suggest that the council check up on their ordinances and see if better mufflers cannot be insisted upon.

E. C. FABER SEES SIGHTS AT OPENING BIG S. F. BRIDGE

Mr. E. C. Faber who attended the opening of the bridge at San Francisco met his brother Arnel from Ohio. They first visited the Marine station and watched the Navy ships, cruisers, battleships that carried the airplanes and equipment. They saw at least 75 ships here. It looked only a short distance from there to the bridge, so they decided to walk and found out later that it was two and a half miles. They then crossed the bridge and found a man with a two-gallon tin bucket and every one crossing the bridge must deposit a nickel. When you returned you had to leave another nickel before you could get off. The first day it cost a quarter each way. This money is to be used to help pay the cost of building the bridge.

Saturday evening they stationed themselves in a good position to see the electric parade. Mr. Faber says that he didn't suppose there were so many horses in existence. Police, soldiers, cowboys and rough riders formed a big group on beautiful horses. There were floats of all kinds and from various places, although he saw none from Oregon and very few Oregon cars.

One outstanding float was from Salt Lake City advertising Salt Lake as a salt center. The one that drew the most attention was from Reno, and was an electric broncho and rider that could not be thrown. All the capers of a real wild bronco could not dislodge him. Reno was presented as the "biggest little city in the world."

The parade was preceded by a beautiful display of fire works. The traffic was so heavy that many people could not get away before morning. Anchored near the route of the parade were at least 500 beautiful yachts, launches and various types of pleasure craft.

Early Sunday morning they went to the Cliff House, which was being rebuilt. They then visited the Aquarium and later the Fleischacker Zoo. Here they saw hundreds of people tanned a deep golden brown taking sun baths, while others shivered in heavy top coats and sought sheltered spots.

Mr. Faber states that they were very fortunate in having Fred Farra as a guide as he was well acquainted with the city. They were able to see many interesting sights they would otherwise have missed. Mr. Farra sent greetings to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farra and friends and word that he will visit them some time this month. Mr. Faber and his brother also visited in San Jose.

In regard to the hotel strike he states that all the big hotels were closed, but he did not see that its effect was very pronounced. All the smaller hotels were open and running. From what he saw the strikers were justified. They were only receiving \$1.50 a day, which in these times is not a living wage.

Mr. Faber's brother returned with him and will be a visitor at the Faber home for a short time.

Mrs. Snider and Langes Enjoy Trip

Mrs. Maud Snider of Medford accompanied by Mrs. Marie Lange, Mrs. Hildegard Pierce and little daughter Marie Hildegard and Mr. Hugo Lange of Medford motored to the coast Sunday and enjoyed the beautiful to gloves, rhododendrons, Azallas. They spent Sunday evening at Gold Beach. They visited Bandon and spent some time seeing the new temporary buildings being built. One Bandon resident told them it was impossible to realize the fire unless you were there. It was a solid sheet of flame, three feet high, moving like a flood over the land. Mr. Lange bought an air compressor while there which he will use in connection with the one he now has.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Milton and little granddaughter spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday at the home of their daughter Mrs. Hale who lives in Klamath Falls.

Anybody that is DF enough may ride the darned things for all we care, but we claim other people's ears are entitled to consideration.

Shall C. P. Have Live Tennis Club?

Are you interested in tennis? If so, why not form a good, live, active tennis club? It can be done and will be done if you will all turn out Monday evening at a meeting to be held in this office at seven o'clock.

If you want to join whether you are a good or bad player, young or old, big or little, you are all invited to come as plans will be made to hold several tennis tournaments for the different classes of players, officers will be elected, and plans for out of town tournaments will be discussed. Central Point has two tennis courts which are going to pieces rapidly and unless something can be done about them they will soon be valueless as tennis courts.

If it is impossible for you to come Monday evening please leave your name at this office before that time.

Woodmen Enjoy Evening of Fun in New Lodge Rooms

About thirty members and guests gathered at the Modern Woodmen hall Tuesday evening for the regular meeting. Following the business session the evening was spent with games and dancing. The guests were shown about the spacious halls which include the main lodge room, ante-rooms, etc., billiard room, dining room and kitchen.

A dainty luncheon of strawberry shortcake and coffee was served at the long table in the dining room. Following the luncheon several of the guests were called on for remarks and all expressed pleasure at being present and congratulating the Woodmen on their new lodge home.

The new hall is one of the finest lodge rooms in Southern Oregon. With its indirect lighting and soft colors it makes a very attractive picture. The lounge and club rooms while not completely finished, will make a very comfortable place for the members to spend their odd moments. The dining room is capable of seating about 50 guests, while the kitchen is very complete, with range, hot and cold water, cupboards, etc.

The Central Point lodge of Modern Woodmen purchased the entire upper floor of the old Rostel block last winter and have remodeled the whole place, giving them a very fine lodge home. The organization is growing of late years and expects to have a strong and prosperous lodge.

FINLEYS SPEND HOLIDAY IN EASTERN OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Finley and daughter Margaret accompanied by Mrs. Finley's mother and grandmother, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Jenkins, spent the holiday at Redmond visiting cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams. They report a very pleasant trip and that crops are about one month behind ours here. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell and little daughter stayed at the Finley home during their absence.

MISS ELSIE KINGSLEY IN WED TO C. H. RAWSTERN

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kingsley have announced the marriage of their daughter, Elsie Freda, to Clair H. Rawstern. The ceremony was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents on Midway road.

An informal out-of-door reception followed the ceremony. About 40 relatives and close friends were present.

The couple will make their home in the Table Rock district.

FRIDAY FINAL DAY OF HANSEN CANNING SCHOOL

Only one day left to take in the cooking and canning demonstration given at the Hansen Hardware in Medford. All who have attended are very enthusiastic. See the ad in this issue giving prices on these time and money savers—The National cookers, can sealers and canners.

Mrs. Bodinstein and family accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Owings, Mrs. LaCasse and Dorothy visited Mrs. Owings' mother, Mrs. Milton at Rogue River Sunday.

Mr. Roy Johnson recently purchased the place next to the George March place. The deal was made thru Harry Hanson with the Yeo Agency in Medford.

Commencement Is Held at Gym, Draws Big Crowd

The thirty-first commencement of the Central Point high school was held last Friday evening at the school gym. Twenty-one young people received their diplomas from the hands of Arnold Bohnert, chairman of the school board, before an audience which taxed the capacity of the huge building.

Miss Janice Nealon of Table Rock was valedictorian for the class and Miss Libby Hamilton of the same district was salutatorian. An interesting sidelight was the fact that these two young ladies had been chums all through grade school and finished there with highest honors. And on coming to the Central Point high school they continued to lead in scholastic attainments and carried off the two most desired honors. Both were very popular among their classmates, Miss Janice serving as editor of the Central Pointer in her senior year and Miss Libby as Student Body president.

The principal address of the evening was given by Dr. U. G. Dubach, dean of men at O.S.C. The speeches

stressed the value of right thinking on the part of the young people of today. First, he urged respect for our country; then respect for your home; respect for yourself, and finally respect for God. Judging from the many comments by those present, Dr. Dubach's address was one of the best ever delivered here on such occasions.

Following the regular ceremonies, the graduating class received many hearty congratulations on having successfully completed the work of the high school.

This was the first time the graduating exercises have been held in the gymnasium. The room was especially decorated for the occasion with the class color of white and green. The large temporary stage was banked with evergreens and flowers. Seats on the main floor were reserved for friends and relatives of the class, while the regular bleachers and balcony were filled with townspeople. There were approximately five hundred people present.

Scout Committee Signs up For Year

The Boy Scout Committee met at Stone's Drug Store Wednesday evening. Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Alvin Williams and all the committeemen were present except one, and all signed up for another year. Also one new one, Dale Smith, signed up for the coming year. Arrangements were made for the annual Scout Dinner which will be served promptly at 6:29 p. m. on June 10, 1937.

This dinner will be held either in the Grange hall or the Christian church dining room. All boy and girl scouts and parents, committeemen and scout sponsoring bodies are eligible. The dinner will be a covered dish affair and everyone is requested to bring their own service, plate, cup, and silver. Last year this service was brought in a paper sack and when dinner was over replaced in the same sack, thus saving much confusion and work.

Another Civil War Veteran Located

After last week issue of The American a phone call from Medford informed us that our G.A.R. story was incomplete that there was another Civil War veteran in Medford on South Riverside. That we could get more information of a couple of different parties. After being sent hither and yon we located the right party at 414 South Riverside, Mr. Frank Mengold, 97 years old. But as Mr. Mengold was taking a slight stroll of about 5 or 6 blocks, all the information we could get was that Mr. Mengold was 97 years old and had lived at that location for the past three years. That he often walked down town. We tried to locate him down town but failed. He has never married and has been a minor many years. We hope to meet Mr. Mengold at an early date and learn about his civil war experience.

ENJOY PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. Chase and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Boothby and Wilson Torrence, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schell arrived from Klamath Falls Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Schell joined the party and they motored to Elk Creek and later to Prospect. They enjoyed fishing and a big picnic dinner.

Mr. John Myers will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boswell to Palto Alto for a visit with Mr. Boswell's brother this summer. They plan to leave as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Boswell return from a ten days visit in Portland. Mr. Myers was a former teacher here and is now at Keno.

Ice Cream Social

The Ladies' Civic club of Central Point will hold an ice cream social at the City Park on Friday evening, June 11, for the purpose of raising funds for the library building. Everyone invited.

Pink O'Connor is working for the Cheese Factory.

Mrs. Alice Marsh having to walk home for the first time, after accepting an invitation to go for a ride last Sunday.

Mr. George March forgetting "ladies first" and introducing his wife as Mrs. April.

Mrs. Leo Field of K. Falls Passes

Mr. E. A. Wheeler reports the sad news of the death of his niece Mrs. Leo Field at the Klamath Falls hospital. She leaves her husband, two small sons beside many other relatives to mourn her passing. Funeral services will be held from the Conger funeral parlor this afternoon. Mrs. Field lived in the Berrydale district until very recently when she moved to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Wheeler will leave this afternoon after the funeral of his niece for Ashland and visit with his sister until Friday morning when he will leave for Hornbrook and visit his daughter for a while. He is undecided just what he will do or where he will locate. He disposed of his rabbits early this year and has put his property here on the market.

ATTENDS PARTY

Mrs. W. A. Schell attended a party at the home of an old friend, Mrs. William Barbour in Ashland Wednesday afternoon and met many old friends who had gathered at the Barbour home, some coming from as far away as Texas.

She reports a lovely time and Mrs. Barbour sent Mr. Schell a lovely bouquet of roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly and four children arrived Tuesday evening from Nebraska and are visiting at the Roy Kelly home. They looked all over Idaho, Washington and Southern Montana for a place to locate. They may make their home in the Rogue River valley.

So what?--

OUR grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Carlyle.

A fisherman not so old in years but old in fisherman lore, being so thrilled on catching a salmon weighing at least 25 lbs, that he cut off its head, then having to carry his blankets, fishing paraphernalia, etc, and find a place for the big fish under his arm for about a mile.

Mr. E. P. Stone took a motorcycle ride and had to have his machine hauled home.

Zoe Hill and Luvene Hilkey doing their daily good deed by cleaning and mowing the lawn at the J. C. Woods home. They informed this reporter that is she insisted on putting their names in the paper to be sure and spell them right.

Mrs. Alice Marsh having to walk home for the first time, after accepting an invitation to go for a ride last Sunday.

Mr. George March forgetting "ladies first" and introducing his wife as Mrs. April.

A party admiring the new caps, jerseys and kittenball for the Faber ball team, picking up the ball and expressing surprise that it wasn't a soft rubber ball.

GUY TEX RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR OF C. POINT SCHOOLS

The American is informed that Mr. Guy Tex has resigned as school director, the resignation to take effect at once. Mr. Tex has served two years of his three-year term. He gives as his reason the press of private business. Mr. Tex would have been chairman of the board this year had he remained.

Owing to the fact that only a little over two weeks remains before the annual school election, it is thought that no successor for Mr. Tex will be appointed. Instead, two directors will be elected at this election, which takes place the third Monday in June, or June 21. One of these will be elected to serve out Mr. Tex's term and the other for the full three years. A clerk to serve one year will also be elected.

The board this year has consisted of Arnold Bohnert, chairman; M. A. (Bud) Adams, and Guy Tex. Mr. Bohnert's term expires this year, and it is not known whether he will be a candidate for re-election or not. Harold Head has made a very efficient clerk and it is hoped he will consent to continue in office.

"There has been some dissatisfaction about my holding two elective offices, even though one pays no salary," stated Mr. Tex today. "and also I do not feel justified in taking so much of my time from city business. I have enjoyed the work with the schools and shall continue to have a strong interest in their success."

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Smith Visit Lake o' Woods

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith and Melody and Mr. Harry Wiedmeyer from Salem motored to Lake O' Woods last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. I. Beesley also made a trip to the Lake. The group was primarily interested in helping the work of opening up the Boy Scout Headquarters and also to try out the new sail boats purchased by the Crater Lake Council for the Boy Scouts from Mr. Jack Horner. Mr. Smith reports it a very good boat and also that the road to Lake of the Woods is in fine shape. Also that the new road around the lake is in excellent condition.

Mr. Roy Jones accompanied friends to Red Bluff where he visited relatives over the week end.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland Hoover, Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. "Abraham and His Family." Special Music under direction of Mrs. Carl Hoover.

Children's Church 11:00 A. M. Mrs. Izetta Elde, directing and special story by Miss Lyle Gregory.

Senior, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavors, 7:00 P. M. Evangelistic Service 8:00 P. M.

Mrs. Doris Nealon will give the special music and the sermon subject—"Jesus Christ, Does He Live in Oregon?"

Soulwinning and Preaching Tuesday 7:45 P. M.
Prayer and Bible Study Wed. 7:45 P. M. Frances Morris, Devotional Leader and Norman Hansen, leader.

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.