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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

It's lonesome about the office of the Power octopus these days. One of the long-familiar faces which for many years has welcomed all-comers is gone.

A. S. Bliton, who has held a position in the credit department of Copco for nearly twenty years, has retired on a pension. Had he remained just a few months longer he would have completed his twentieth year of service. For many years prior to entering the service of the power company, Mr. Bliton was editor and publisher of the Medford Mail, which he later changed to a morning daily—the Morning Mail.

When this writer blew into town way back in 1908 he chanced to rent a room for his first night in town which was located right over the pressroom of the Morning Mail. Before retiring he happened to hear a press running so hasted down stairs and made himself known to the gang in the back shop. While talking, Mr. Bliton came in and we bummed him for a job—and landed it.

So the years have flown by and now "The Boss" has retired. Here's to you, Brother! May your shadow never grow less and may the coming years be free from care and full of happiness. "Come up and see us sometime." We little thought that night so long ago that the time would come when we would be the only one left in active service among that crew or that we would be struggling with the destinies of a weekly newspaper ourselves.

With good luck this week will mark the moving of our library into its new home. While not entirely finished the main room will be in shape for occupancy, due largely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. A. H. Webster, who took over the job of painting and paperhanging.

Altogether, it has been a sizeable job. Owing to the fact that so many are working at this time of year it has been rather hard to find men who could spare any time to help with the work of putting in new foundation and laying floor. However, some of the older men of the town stuck to it and finally got the place in shape for the finish work.

Next week we shall publish the list of those who have shown real public spirit in giving their time to this cause. The town has reason to be proud of such citizens. And the town is proud of its Civic club and of the work they have undertaken. Now let's all do our part to help the ladies pay the bill for the material used. So far the cost has been held under \$60.00, which is not bad, all things considered.

We dropped in on a school board meeting this week and it seemed just like old times. In fact it was hard not to butt in and take a hand in the proceedings. The new board member, Clem Finley, is taking hold like a veteran and will prove a careful, conscientious official.

This week comes the celebration of the birth of our nation. But with sit-down strikes, dynamiting, sabotage, and general hell-raising rampant in the land, one wonders just how long we shall continue such celebrations. Let us fervently pray that Lewis and his cut-throat gang may not enter this so far peaceful valley and upset the apple cart.

We note our farmers and fruitmen have already perfected an organization to combat such things. More power to them. We want none of this communistic hokey here. And we have a strong hunch F.D.R. is going to find himself in the position of the fellow who grabbed the bar by the tail and then hollered for Betsy to help him let go.

The namby-pamby methods of "Ma" Perkins and the rest of the administration in handling the labor situation they themselves fostered stink to high Heaven. Would that we had a leader like the elder Roosevelt, who would have shown these lawless men where to go, and aided their getting there with a swift kick about two feet below the back of their necks.

## FABER'S MARKET TO INSTALL NEW FRESH MEAT DEP'T

Faber's Grocery Store in Central Point again takes a step forward to better serve this community, as it has done in the past quarter of a Century. Mr. Marshall Simmons Don and Everett Faber, owners, take pleasure in being able to install a beautiful, sanitary and up-to-the-minute Meat Market for the City of Central Point.

Mr. Simmons and Don and Everett Faber spent several days in Portland more than six weeks ago selecting the equipment. It has been built in that time according to their specifications. These young men spent days looking over outstanding markets in the State of Oregon and then made their plans for the best Market for Central Point. Don and Everett Faber have lived nearly all their lives in Central Point and are showing their faith further in this community by making this investment to serve you. Mr. Simmons has lived here a year and in that time has won for himself and his family a warm place in the hearts of all that have had the pleasure of knowing him.

The Market equipment comes from the outstanding manufacturers of such merchandise on the Pacific Coast—F. Birkenwald and Co. of Portland. The refrigeration is being done by Frigidaire. Mr. Simmons, manager of the store, says: Every effort has been put forth to give Central Point the best that can be procured, and true to the code under which Faber's have operated here in the past the "Meat Market" will handle the best of meats at the most reasonable prices, all kinds and cuts of fresh, smoked and cured meats, lunch meats and many other delicacies. We are doing, as always, everything in our power to give Central Point the finest and most modern service at its own locally owned, completely independent store. Your money is used here and pays taxes to keep up your own schools and community activities. There are seven families living and working in Central Point that are connected with this store to serve you.

Mr. Al Bendickson, formerly with Safeway in this city, will manage the Market. Mr. Simmons says further: "We are assured and satisfied that Mr. Bendickson is an outstanding Butcher and a man of sterling qualities that would be an asset to any community." Mr. Bendickson is a brother to Mr. Emil Bendickson, owner and operator of "Emil's Market" in the Liberty Building at Medford. "Al" was trained in his father's Markets as a boy, so there is no question but that he knows his meats!

Faber's will open their Market in their Grocery store for the first time Saturday July 3rd, and they will be very happy to have you visit it the Opening Day.

## Faber's Enjoy Trip To Central Oregon

Mr. E. C. Faber's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Faber and brother who is a guest at the Faber home enjoyed their trip to Redmond. They stopped at Crater Lake and while it was cloudy they had a beautiful view of the lake. There was three or four feet of snow on the ground and it was rather chilly. After reaching Redmond they visited the Sisters and Suttle Lake and the Larsen resort which had lately come into the possession of a rich New Yorker. Ten new cottages are being constructed. Mr. Faber's party was invited to go through the resort. All inside finish is in knotty pine lumber and varnished. There is a building for entertaining the guests and ultra modern conveniences in all the cabins. They noticed a Jap chef in charge. This was one of the finest resorts they had ever seen and thought that perhaps that some of our local resorts might get some good ideas from this resort.

They returned by Diamond Lake and enjoyed the fine roads to and from the Lake. They drove for miles and miles of straight gradually rising roads to the summit. While they appreciated the good roads, thoughts of the vast sums of money spent on such a road made them wonder if more money should not be spent on roads more in use in the valley.

## Local Couple Build Own Home

TREES FELLED, LUMBER SAWED AND PLANED IN MILL OF OWN CONSTRUCTION

Ivan Skyrman, 29, Central Point farmer, has built a completely modern home, from shower to Venetian blinds, and not only did he build it himself, but he felled the trees, sawed them in a sawmill of his own construction, planed the lumber in a planer he built and put them all into a two-story house designed by himself and his wife.

And the only thing he ever built before, according to his father, C. T. Skyrman, also of Central Point, was a henhouse.

Skyrman's house, now practically completed except for the fireplace and living room, has cost him only about \$700 in actual cash, most of which was for gasoline, plumbing, electrical fixtures and the oak flooring.

"I didn't saw my own oak flooring, because it takes about three years for it to cure here so it won't warp. I didn't want to wait that long," he said.

Skyrman selected the best of the fir and sugar pine on his father's place up Trail creek, 20 miles from Medford. He felled it, bucked it into logs of the right length and hauled it down to his father's ranch one mile north of this city.

There, after spending weeks in wrecking yards, junk yards, in the mountains inspecting old portable sawmills, and in just plain work, Skyrman devised a crude sawmill. Crude, but exceptionally efficient.

With what he believed to be enough lumber sawed and piled in his father's barn, Skyrman was then faced with the necessity of having it planed down so it would be suitable for inside finishing. He found an old planer, a small portable one, and borrowed it. Using his same motor he rigged up the planing mill and planed all his lumber perfectly, even to the paperlike strips used for Venetian blinds.

The shingle mill, too, was made by Skyrman out of odd pieces picked up here and there. Not only did he make his own shingles, but he made a lot he sold.

The foundation and front entrance are made of large stones. The fireplace, when it is completed, will be of the same stones.

Downstairs in the house there are five rooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bath. There is also a large back porch on the east side, and a stor-

## Final Meeting of Eastern Star Is Enjoyed By Many

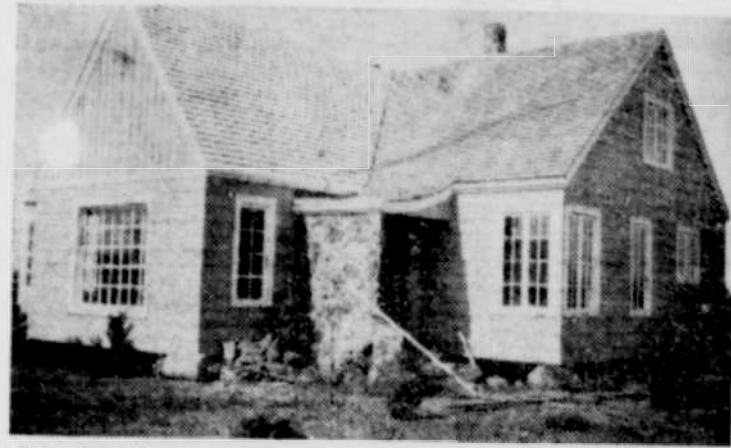
At the final meeting of Nexita preceding the summer vacation, the Bride met her unwilling Bridegroom under a bedraggled wedding bell which was carried on a ten-foot pole. The "Bell Carrier", altho beautifully attired in a creation of tan, had a decided masculine step. "She" proved to be an excellent "Bell Ringer." The preacher sang "Forgotten" preceding the ceremony because no one else would. And indeed the Bride though she was Forgotten. The Bride approached the center of activity in her best form—wearing a white Satin dress, mosquito veil held with Mock Orange Blossoms and carrying a shower bouquet of mustard. Being 6 foot tall her dress was a little shy of Floor Length. The Bridesmaid wearing pale blue with a picture hat appeared in her street shoes. The Little Ring Bearer was very demure and dainty in her ankle length dress.

After some moments of anxiety on the part of the Bride, the Groom minus his necktie and his garter dragging appeared at the point of a shotgun carried by the Brides father followed by the tearful mother. The Bride's mother wore a dark blue ensemble with hat to match. She carried plenty weeping equipment.

After considerable argument on the part of the preacher and the father the ceremony was begun. The preacher deemed it necessary to have a license and did not see how a shot gun resembled one in any way. However, the preacher's desire to live predominated—and the marriage was finally completed.

The cast of characters included Messrs. Harold Head, Everett Faber, Howard Jewett, Elmer Kyle, Elmer

## Hand-Built Home



This attractive home was entirely built by hand by Ivan Skyrman, Central Point. He sawed his own logs, planed them into lumber, did all the planning and construction, although he had no previous building experience.

age room, with sawdust walls, to keep fruits and vegetables cool in summer and warm in winter.

The upstairs will be made into a playroom, Mrs. Skyrman said, with a large skylight in the center. There is ample room upstairs for two extra bedrooms if needed.

Finished in knotty pine, the interior of the house has a rustic, yet entirely modern appearance, with corner windows.

Even the doors were made by Skyrman and would be a credit to any millworker, both in design and stability.

The water system, an automatic pumping system, is probably one of the least expensive on the entire Pacific coast. Skyrman found an old system that had been discarded, completely rebuilt it, and now has a completely modern plant pumping water from the well he dug himself. He put in all of his own plumbing as well as his own electric wiring.

The kitchen has plenty of light and has cupboard room galore. There is even a built in refrigerator. Most of the shrubbery, which completely surrounds the house, is native to southern Oregon and was transplanted by the Skyrmans.

The house will be finished completely by fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Skyrman, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hamilton of Table Rock, are both graduates of the local schools being classmates in high school. After graduating Mr. Skyrman attended the State University at Eugene, majoring in law, and Mrs. Skyrman put in two years in Normal and then finished in the University, where she majored in physical education.

Following her graduation Mrs.

Kyle, Jr., W. H. Holt, L. C. Scott, and Ed Vincent.

Carrying out the same motive the refreshment committee, Mrs. Gagnen and Mrs. Tex served a beautiful wedding cake, punch and cookies. The table was decorated with mock orange blossoms and yellow tapers.

The Chapter will be at rest until the second Tuesday in September when fall activities will be taken up.

## CANNED PEAR SALE IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Sale of one full carload of Fancy Medford canned Bartlett pears was sold by Safeway Stores in Medford in cooperation with National Pear Week, during Medford's first annual Blossom Time festival, held April 18 to 24. Three weeks (not consecutive) were devoted to disposing of the canned surplus in a nation-wide drive by chain stores. Last returns from final check-up are not yet available, but advices from all reliable sources infer that the drive was highly successful.

## Civic Club To Meet July 7

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Civic Club will be held at the new library building, Wednesday afternoon, July 7, at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. O. M. Minnick, president of the club, wishes to call attention to the fact that ladies who left pie pans at the Chicken dinner may get them at her home.

It is thought that it will be necessary to ask for one more monthly donation for librarian's salary as it was impossible to finish repairing the new building in time to move in before July, as was hoped.

## COPPER THIEVES MAKE RAID ON LOCAL SAWMILL

Thieves entered the property of the new saw mill south of town and made way with a large quantity of copper parts from the new switch board equipment which was just delivered at the mill yesterday.

The thieves seemed familiar with the mill and its equipment and to be looking for copper only. Nothing else was taken or disturbed with the exception of a radiator from a large truck.

The starter switch for the main 120 horsepower motor was ruined and also several smaller articles. The main lead wires from the transformers to the mill were cut and about 50 feet cut from each. These are heavy copper wires and very expensive.

Altogether about \$350 worth of equipment was ruined, according to a statement today by Chauncey Florey, one of the owners of the mill. "We are going right ahead and will replace the ruined equipment at once. We expect to be running shortly after the Fourth," said Mr. Florey.

The robbery was discovered when the men went to work at the mill this morning and was reported at once to the sheriff's office and state police. So far no clues have been found to show which way the thieves went. It is thought they had been watching the mill for some time and knew just when the heavy copper equipment arrived.

## FRIDAY CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. HIGGINBOTHAM

The Friday Club spent the afternoon with Mrs. Lester Higginbotham last Friday. The afternoon was spent playing games. A short business meeting was held. The treasurer gave a very profitable report. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Those present were Mesdames Bohnert, Obenchain, Clark, Mills, Gregory and the hostess Mrs. Higginbotham.

Club will meet Friday July the 9th with Mrs. Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rouke of Richmond, Calif. stopped Sunday on their way to Portland for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farra. Mr. and Mrs. Rouke will return by the Redwood highway.

## 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. Subject "Christian Patriotism" Senior, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M.

We will present Lantern Slide Pictures of Life of Christ, 1939 Passion Play at 7:45 to 8:15 followed by Evening Sermon, Chart Sermon on The Tabernacle and The Church.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wed. 7:45 P. M. Devotional Leader Bernice Humphrey and Mrs. George Hayes will review Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor Phone 61  
Mr. Kamberg, Supt. Sunday school Bible school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior groups 7:00 p. m.

Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.  
Wednesday night, Family Gathering 8:00 p. m.

Thursday afternoon 2:00 p. m. Ladies Aid Society meets in the basement of the church.

The attention of the young people is called to the Daily Vacation Bible School being held every morning this week and next excepting Saturday at the school house.

We are looking forward to and planning now for the regular Summer Conference of Young People to be held in the church building the latter part of July. All young people who are interested in a deeper study of the truths of God's work under the leadership of the best Bible teachers available in the state, are urged to make their plans to attend this conference. Definite dates will be announced later.

## Builder



Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Skyrman, who this fall will move into their own home, planned and built entirely by themselves.

Photos Courtesy The Oregonian

Skyrman was instructor of physical education in the Central Point high school for three years, until her marriage in 1935. They have a baby daughter, Gail Patricia, aged 6 months, for whom the upstairs playroom is designed.

## FORMER RESIDENT VISITS IN CITY

Mrs. Broadbin of Long Beach who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hanby in Medford was visiting Central Point friends Wednesday. She was a dinner guest at the E. C. Faber home and an overnight guest at the Cochran home. Among the other friends she visited were Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Copinger.

Mrs. Broadbin was a former resident here. Her husband having been in the lumber business here twenty years ago.

## MR. & MRS. BEN FARRA GUESTS OF MISS MCCREDIE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farra of Pasadena are house guests of Miss Velma McCredie on the Old Stage road. They are former neighbors of Miss McCredie and are well known here in the valley.

They plan to make an extended visit in the valley.

## So what?--

The wealth of man is the number of things which he loves and blesses who he is loved and blessed by.—CARLYLE.

Roy Jones and Jim Cummings having a heated argument over who worked the hardest.

John Ross and nephew Jim having to wade into the river and drive out a salmon and then finding out it was a sick one. The river was so full of jumping ones that would not take the bait.

Mervyn and Jimmy Gleason watching with interest Mr. Cummings and Constable Hedgpeth repair the water main and figuring how they might get a finger in the pie.

Six caps have gone up in the suction fan this week at the Timber Products Co. in Medford. One party wondered how strong it was and held his brand new tap out and had it whisked away. A fellow watcher got a big laugh over it and a short time later came in too close contact and his cap followed the others.