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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

For several years we have done quite a lot of kicking about many of the features of the New Deal. But one thing we must admit we enjoy is the comfort of the forest camps built under the direction of the Forest Service by the brush marines, otherwise known as the 3-C's or the Civilian Conservation Corps.

These camps make trips to the hills safer and much more pleasant. For one thing, one has pure water always at hand; real, practical camp stoves; clean, well-made tables and to cap all, the individual camps are far enough apart so one is not annoyed by the neighbors' comments. That one thing alone is worth a lot to a person who enjoys camping but likes to do so with his own party and not crowded by Tom, Dick and Harry.

The other evening we drove up to Union Creek forest camp and spent the night. The next day we went on to Crater Lake. That is a wonderful drive in the early morning hours. And as for the lake, we gave up trying to describe the glory of that body of water, long ago. Mere human expressions and thoughts are far too limited for that.

But in spite of our usual feeling of sympathy for the writer of old who said: "When I consider the works of Thy hands... what is man, that Thou art mindful of him," we always enjoy the sight of that gorgeous gem of the Cascades. And this time we had the pleasure of talking with the Chief Naturalist at the Park who gave us much to add to our small store of knowledge concerning the lake. Hope we didn't make too much of a pest of ourselves with our eagerness for information.

Do you know, we sometimes pity those poor Park Rangers, anyway. Just think how many "fool" questions they have to answer daily. But we are told the most asinine is when some tourist hails the ranger with: "Say! Is there any other way out of this place than the one we came in on?" As if that ranger had clairvoyant powers and could tell by the questioner's looks how and where he had entered the park! The rangers say they get that one at least once a day during the season, too.

All of which takes us back to our boyhood and proves mankind hasn't changed a lot in the last half century or so. As an employee of the Columbia Rolling Chair Co. the writer served as a uniformed guide at the World's Fair in Chicago way back in '93. And we had our troubles with crazy questions also. For example the time an elderly lady poked us in the ribs with her umbrella and said: "Say, mister, can you tell me am I on THIS side of that building?" We gravely replied, "No, Madam, you are on the OTHER side," and took to our heels.

What with labor disturbances in this country; civil war—with both sides assisted by the neighbors—in Spain; and now War—with the capital W—in the Far East, things don't look any too darned good for the cause of peace in this old world of ours. Let us keep on hoping for the best—and prepared for the worst.

This week added another gray hair to the publisher's head. Newsprint paper took another jump of about a cent a pound. If this keeps on (and this is the third jump in the last few months) we are going to be compelled to jump the price of our paper, too.

We are trying to give our readers the best weekly paper we possibly can for the money. We would like to add to our equipment and also add many new features, but with prices of every darned thing that we use in publishing the paper hiking upward by leaps and bounds we are going to be lucky to just hang on.

Wish F.D.R. could be in our shoes just for a while, and then take turns with the rest of the Washington gang of New Dealers. They would certainly get a new slant on the woes of the small business man. Nor that we wish him or them too much bad luck, but you know—

"These be the torrid days," says Pa Trolman, "when the fillies go about in too thing skirts, but only one."

SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN AT ASHLAND NORMAL SCHOOL

SOUTHERN OREGON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, Ashland, July 23.—Scholarships to the Southern Oregon State Normal school for the academic year of 1937-38 have been granted to three former students—Laurence J. Kaiser of Applegate, Dorothy Marshall of Bend and Robert H. Napier of Klamath Falls, and six new students—William B. Westfall of Ashland, Helen E. Frey of Eagle Point, Jessie Grubb of Cottage Grove, Evelyn Johnson of Colton, Cleo Richman of Butte Falls and Freida L. Young of Gold Hill.

These applicants had the highest scholastic average among the candidates for the awards and were in all other respects considered worthy of the scholarships, which under the tuition and fee schedule adopted by the state board of higher education for 1937-38, will be valued at approximately one-half of the total student fees.

Alternates who will be eligible for the awards in case the original recipients are unable to use them include former students—Grace Clifford of Central Point, Lucille Lambert of Ashland, Eileen Pell of Glendale, and new students—Myron E. Vleck of Glide, Etna Blanche Davis of Sams Valley, Maxine Frye of Powers, Margaret Glines of Prospect, Irene Nye of Prospect and Florence Stewart of Willamina.

Leonard Freeman Installs Milk Cooler

This week the W. E. Alexander & Implement Company is installing a new six-can submerging type McCormick-Deering milk cooler at the Leonard Freeman dairy of Central Point. Mr. Freeman has just recently built a new modern milk house, making his dairy one of the most modern in the valley.

Visitors are very welcome to call at the Freeman dairy to see this new type McCormick-Deering milk cooler in operation.

This type McCormick-Deering milk cooler that Mr. Freeman is installing is also being used by the dairy department of Oregon State College in Corvallis, Oregon.

Former Local Girl Weds Medford Man

Miss Maxine M. Clemons, daughter of Mrs. L. M. Clemons of Medford and formerly of this city and Alvin H. Peterson, also of Medford, were united in marriage Saturday morning in Grants Pass.

Rev. H. P. Sconce read the ring ceremony at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist church parsonage.

Miss Nina Pepper and Ivan Penland attended the couple. Also present for the service were Mrs. C. L. Pepper, Mrs. Vira Lewis and Viola Penland.

Bride and groom will honeymoon on the coast before returning to make their home in Medford.

Another True Snake Story Is Related

This incident happened a number of years ago. Mrs. L. H. Smith upon going to the barn to gather the eggs discovered a black snake had crawled through into the manger where the hens had made their nests and had swallowed an egg. It then proceeded to look for more eggs and spying some in a nest in the manger through a knot hole further down he crawled thru the same hole and swallowed another egg and there he was held a prisoner in a knot hole with an egg on either side.

Mrs. Smith also relates that her father looking after the turkeys on their farm noticed the tail of a black snake hanging down from a nest in the top of a stump where a turkey had made its nest. He grabbed it by the tail and gave it a flap. A baby turk fell out of its mouth.

Mr. Al Bendickson bought a Farm tractor from Mr. Alexander. Mr. Bendickson plans to spend most of his spare hours on his machine and to take most of his vacations in the same manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and family have moved to Dunsmuir to make their home.

Safety Leaders Introduce Pledge For Careful Drive

"I will drive carefully at all times keeping hands on wheel, eyes on road, mind on driving. I will learn, respect and obey the safety rules."

Striving to stem the flux of traffic disaster scourging Oregon, thus will every motorist in the state be given an opportunity to ally himself with Oregon's crusade against death.

The motorist's "White Cross Safety Pledge" bearing the signature of the car's operator, is contained on a small red, white and blue sticker to be attached in the lower right-hand corner of the windshield. It will signify the driver's sincere intention to drive safely.

The pledge is sponsored by the Oregon State Motor association and other safety leaders as a part of the traffic safety program of education, engineering and enforcement. Motorists will be asked to sign

the pledge only with the understanding that they will accept as pledge outlines, their clear-cut duty to conserve life and prevent suffering and injury with every means in their power, the safety leaders aver.

Three out of five fatal vehicular accidents are caused by some negligence of the man behind the wheel, the motor association points out. To motorists desiring to lend their support in the battle against this needless toll, the pledge will be available throughout the state at offices of the motor club. Here it can be obtained at the office of this newspaper.

The support of every owner registering his car with the Secretary of State will be requested. Through the cooperation of James H. Cassell, president of the Oregon Automobile Dealers, purchasers of new or used cars will be given a chance to take the pledge of safe driving.

Lange Is Reported Resting Easily

Charles Emil Lange, manager of Southern Oregon Motors, was reported resting comfortably in Community hospital today following an accident yesterday afternoon in which he received a compound fracture of the right leg. The attending physician stated that it was a severe break, both bones being shattered. No other injuries had been discovered, the physician said.

Lange received the injury late Tuesday afternoon when an automobile he was helping load in a boxcar on the Southern Pacific loading platform just south of Main street, slipped off the automatic loader and crushed his leg.

Lange was rushed to Community hospital immediately following the accident. The attending physician said today that he would be confined in the hospital for at least three weeks. Mr. Lange is a son of Mrs. Marie Lange of this city and we express regrets at this accident.

The Passing Of The Old Dance Hall

Walking along main street noticed the old Watt building was being torn down. Known to those who used to trip the light fantastic as Walker's Hall.

What pleasant memories it brought back as my thought went back to the many evenings spent there in real enjoyment.

True there were a few who came who "shouldn't have," as Harry Lauder says, but that just happens in the best of regulated families.

For me, I consider dancing one of the best and most wholesome amusements there is. To those who are crippled and cannot dance they have my sincerest sympathy. But to those who can and just sit back on the side lines and condemn and criticize I think it is pretty small potatoes. Dancing can be abused I admit but there are many other greater sins—People can eat too much, drink too much and a great many talk too much. "Who steals my purse, steals trash—was something, nothing; Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slaves to thousands. But he who filches from me my good name, Robs me of that which does not enrich him, And makes me poor indeed."

Our young men and women are going to Medford to find amusement. Why not find some way to amuse them in the home town? Keep them here if we can.

Yours for the good C. P.
A CITIZEN

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bendickson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bendickson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson enjoyed a weiner roast and swimming party at Bybee bridge Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Smith received the sad news of the death of her brother Frank who died at a hospital in Portland Saturday. Mrs. Smith had returned home a few days before from Portland where she had been called by the death of another brother's wife.

C. P. Girls Lose Softball Game

Medford girls' softball team defeated Central Point female aggregation Tuesday at the Medford high school field, 15-5. Central Point, holding the lead until the beginning of the 5th inning were trampled by the Medfornites in the last three innings.

Those playing for Central Point were: Dorothea Hedgpeth, catcher; Esther Lathrop, pitcher; Frances Faber, first base; Leatha Hesselgrave, second base; Dorothy Powell, third base; Jerry Weidman, right short; Libby Hamilton, left short; Janice Nealon, right field; Helen Murphy, center field; Geneva Millard, left field and sub—Vera Ayers, right short.

Lineup for the Medford girls was G. Handy, P. Curry, E. Brockway, M. Sherwood, D. Gill, J. Sakratda, H. Smedley, K. Tison, E. Knips, and C. D'Albini.

Joint Installation I.O.O.F. and Rebekahs

Joint installation of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges was held Monday evening. The installing team being from Ashland.

The officers installed were Noble Grand, Ernest Humphrey; Vice Grand, Bert Hedgpeth; Secretary, J. E. Vincent; Treasurer, William Musty. The Rebekah officers installed were Noble Grand, Clara Vincent; Vice Grand, Mrs. D. F. Amick; Secretary, Minnie Buckles; Treasurer, Bessie Fredinberg.

Members were present from Ashland, Medford, and Jacksonville, besides friends of the orders. Sixty seven were present and report a very enjoyable evening. Ice cream and cake were served.

CLIMAX NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Jones and son Floyd of Medford were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst. Mr. Harry Hornish and friend of Portland has been visiting Mrs. Viola Comstock the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wertz Sr. of Anderson, California arrived at the Wertz home Monday for a prolonged visit, but were called back on business and were compelled to leave immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Aiguierer of Portland have been visiting Mrs. Viola Comstock here. Mrs. Aiguierer is Mrs. Comstock's daughter.

Phil Wertz was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst Thursday evening. Frank Hurst cut hay on the Gold Ranch Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. L. H. Wertz was a caller in Medford Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

An intense heat wave has enveloped this community for the past few days. Although the mercury registered only 21 it is considered to be extraordinary for this region.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ferguson and niece Beth Haury of Berkeley have a cottage at the Hotel Valandra. Mr. Ferguson has placed the Laurman place on the market.

Earl McAllister joined the CCC Tuesday.

"No Snakes" Says "Horror"-fied Lady

In last week's issue of this paper a story was printed concerning a strange snake and bird incident. Now it appears that the whole thing was wrong.

In the first place, the bird in question belonged to Mrs. Viola Lampman and not to Mrs. M. Davis. (Somebody's foot slipped when they told the story to our reporter.)

In the second place, the said snake was found in the "cage" and not the "cake". (Blame the linotype machine, or the operator thereof, for this one. Also the alleged proofreading.)

When ye editor saw that story after the paper was all in the mails he look at it with holy "horror," well knowing we would hear from it. But our proneness to error has been proven long ago so all we can do is to apologize to both ladies and hope not to have such slips again.

Ladies Thank All Who Helped Dinner

The Civic Club ladies wish to thank all who helped out with their chicken dinner in any way. It is all appreciated very much. Owing to the warm weather and various other attractions not as many as expected were out. After all expenses are paid the ladies will clear only about \$25. Owing to this fact and that the Club must have money to finish paying for the cost of the repairs on the new library the Ladies will hold a cooked food sale at the Library Saturday.

Everyone interested are requested to help in this project. Bring in any kind of cooked food and also help to dispose of the supply.

Urges Labor To Oust Racketeers

NEW YORK.—"Strikes" is the title of a new folder which has just been published by Maurice R. Franks, National Business Agent of the Railway Yardmasters of North America, one of the most respected of the Railroad Brotherhoods.

Referring to the material in the folder in his column, Boake Carter, noted columnist and radio commentator asserted that the folder contains "such plain horse sense for many a union man" that he was proceeding to reproduce the article.

"The biggest and best strike that the workers of the nation could 'pull' at this time," Carter quoted the article, "would be to strike at the labor 'racketeers' who are pulling strikes so promiscuously, and stay out on such a strike until those 'racketeers' are eliminated from the ranks of labor. Then everyone would respect labor as a whole."

WRESTLING NEWS

The Sammy Kohen-Frank Stojack wrestling and refereeing team last night won its second straight victory from the hated Black Dragon, the pay-off coming in as wild a climax as has been witnessed in the local arena in many moons.

Meeting in the main event at the open-air high school battle ground, Kohen and the Dragon battled through a tough 25 minutes before Referee Frankie Stojack decided to step in and help out his Jewish pal from New York city. His needed aid consisted of a dropkick blast to the Dragon's whiskers which ended the evening's proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree Sunday. A large group of relatives and friends were present at the Roundtree home and all had a jolly time.

Mrs. Fraizer is at the Sacred Heart Hospital in a very serious condition. Mrs. Fraizer lives in one of the Cochran houses.

Why Not?

We learn from A.E.P., the editor, that Central Point needs more water. Well, so does a certain other place. The only difference is, Central Point has good society and the other place hasn't. We favor Medford selling water to Central Point.

Why not start negotiations? FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

CHICKEN DINNER DRAWS SMALL CROWD TUESDAY

The ladies of the Civic Club were somewhat disappointed at the small attendance at the chicken dinner served by them at the local grange hall Tuesday evening. The circus and other attractions caused many to stay away who usually patronize such affairs. However, after all expenses were paid a balance of about \$25.00 was raised.

The Civic club has an obligation of about \$50.00 to meet by August 1st and hoped to raise this amount from the dinner. In order to aid as much as possible to their funds the ladies plan a cooked food and cold drink sale to be held at the Library Saturday, July 31.

All ladies of the community are urged to bring cooked foodstuffs to this sale and also to come prepared to buy for themselves. Remember the date, Saturday, July 31 at the Library.

Mrs. Clark Hostess To Friday Club

Mrs. John Clark entertained the Friday Club at her home last Friday. Prizes awarded during the afternoon went to Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. Roberta Gregory and Mrs. Lester Higinbotham.

Those present were Mesdames Oliver Obenchain, Lester Higinbotham, James Campbell, Otto Bohnert, Joe Cox, Roberta Gregory. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch was served.

Don Smith and Sidney Bristow visited Harold Doureshuk at Klamath Falls Sunday.

So what?--

I KNOW that we must trust and hope and neither doubt ourselves nor doubt the good in one another. —Dickens.

An argument taking place on main street the other day as to who had the most artistic beard—Ken or Si?

Guy Tex not daring to cross the street to the City hall because a group of women had taken possession of that corner while waiting for the stage.

Everyone interested in the Central Point Library help out by donating something for the cooked food sale to be held at the new library Saturday and then carrying some of those good looking and better tasting dishes home.

Si Baker going to Bandon, whiskers and all, over the week end. Wonder what kind of a reception the whiskers will get?

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. Subj. "Heaven" J. Ed Vincent will sing a solo.

Children's church 11:00 a. m. Mrs. Phillips, Minister.

Senior, Intermediate, and Junior C. E. 7:00 p. m.

Evangelistic Service 8:00 p. m. Subject "A Christian's Attitude Toward This Age. Solo, Mrs. Phillips Prayer and Bible Study, Wed. 7:45 P. M. Mary Lou Gerber, Devotional Leader; Mrs. Edward Jones, will review 2 Thess.

Board Meeting Tuesday, August 3 7:45 p. m.

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.