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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The "meloncolic" days have come, as the feller said. Here only a few days ago we were sweltering in the heat and sleeping in our birthday suits, and now we have been compelled to put up the old heater again in order not to freeze as we eat our breakfast. And also we are wondering if we hadn't better be thinking of the winter's supply of wood, or at least worrying where in heck it is going to come from.

Once again the fruit season is in full swing in the Rogue River valley. Once more we see truck after truck loaded to the skies with pears passing along our highways. And it does our souls good to see so many of them, too. Let us pray that the market will be good and the growers come out without too much red ink.

Talk about nerve! The other day as the devil in our shop was busy at work, a young rascal from the big town up the creek slipped up to our front door and sneaked off with said devil's bike. We wonder if that kid actually thought he could get away with such a stunt? In these days of police radios, telephones, high-speed cars and so forth, he stood about as much chance as a snowball in Tophet of getting far with as slow moving a vehicle as a bicycle.

But for once a crime has been committed in Southern Oregon which the Trib cannot lay on Central Point. You know, as a general thing if the person reporting infractions of the law doesn't know just where the person committing the act lives they say it was done by John Doe of the Central Point district, when we who live here never heard of such a person. This time we know these young thieves were from Medford.

To judge from remarks heard about the streets it would seem that some of our people are under the impression that the city council have been lying down on the job in the present water shortage. The truth is these men have been doing just as much worrying as anyone and have been and now are quietly investigating several possibilities to remedy the situation. Just have patience, folks, our city dads are working on plans which will give us plenty of water and these plans will be put in operation just as soon as is humanly possible.

Right now it would help some if those who are in arrears in their water rent would drop in and square up. We understand that about one-third of the water users of the town are behind. Let's do our part by keeping up to date in this matter. You know the city has to depend on the water rentals to pay the monthly bills.

A queer coincidence occurred the other day. It seems that on the very same night a certain former "duly elected and qualified" party who had long been a professed enemy of the Chamber of Commerce, arrived in Jackson county after an enforced absence of four years, the chamber building caught fire. Queer stuff, eh? Not casting any reflections, of course.

Just a little over two weeks and our schools will start their year's work again. We understand the opening has been set for September 13, just to make it unlucky for the kids. And we hear that there will probably be one of the largest enrollments in the history of the school. That's one thing our town can be proud of, anyway. We certainly have a good school and can point with pride to the achievements of many of its graduates. Which helps some.

It appears that Former President Hoover doesn't have much luck as a fisherman whenever he comes to Southern Oregon. Next time he comes he ought to get some of our local boys to go with him just to prove there are fish in this part of the country.

We do seem to have mighty poor luck with our hired help. First we made a printer out of our youngest son and as soon as he acquired the necessary skill he left for a better paying job. Then our baby daughter stepped in and learned the trade.

## COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW RULES FOR DELINQUENTS

The city council at a special meeting this week discussed the water situation and listened to some rather caustic remarks from Mayor Hatfield, who stated that he expected all city employees to enforce the laws of the city without partiality and without fear or favor.

After some discussion, a resolution was adopted making it the duty of the Recorder to place in the hands of the Water Superintendent a list of all water users who fail to pay their water rental by the date specified in the regular notice mailed each month.

Upon receipt of this list the Water Superintendent must give at least two days notice of intention to shut off the water from such delinquents. If the amount due is not paid before the time specified, the Superintendent shall shut off the water. The mayor advised Superintendent Cummings that he would be held responsible for failure to enforce these rules.

The council feels that it is unfair to those who pay their water bills promptly to allow others to back up and pay when they please. There is none too much water at best and the council feels that only those who pay promptly as the Ordinance requires should be allowed to use the water.

The full text of the resolution will be found on page two of this issue.

## Oregon Caves Offers Many Hiking Trips

Oregon Caves National Monument Ore., Aug. 25.—(Special)—Already recognized for its rare underground beauty, this monument is coming into its own as a "hiker's paradise," reports Ranger Max Carter here on summer assignment.

Nine miles of trails emanate from the Oregon Caves chateau area thru thick forests still carpeted with extravagant displays of wild flowers. On the summit of Mt. Elijah, four miles by easy trail from the chateau, a large snow drift still lingers, but at its edges spring flowers are throwing their beauty to the wind.

Not far from Mt. Elijah in an attractive small valley are the Bigelow Lakes, covered with Wocus or pond lilies, just now in the midst of early blooms. When in full bloom, the flowers transform the surface of the water into a solid mass of yellow with a slightly green background where broad flat leaves are visible behind the blossoms. Near the lakes are found tall larkspur, Indian paintbrush, Prince's pine, wild columbine, bleeding hearts, butterballs, phlox, star flowers and many others.

## Dr. Gilpin to Open Office in City

Dr. Burhl Gilpin, physician and surgeon has recently opened offices at 202 Medford Bldg. These rooms have been newly redecorated and have an entire front of glass brick.

Dr. Gilpin is a graduate of the Nebraska University Medical college and later post graduate work as an interne at the Immanuel Hospital, Omaha.

Dr. Gilpin was associated with the U. S. Health work and also with the U. S. Army. His work will be general practice and surgery.

Dr. Gilpin will take over Dr. Wilson's practice here and will have his headquarters at Stone's Drug store. He expects to be here two evenings every week.

## McBee Buys Out Gould Interest

Mr. Earl McBee of the Metal Craft Shop has purchased the interest of Mr. Harry Gould in the business and is now the owner and manager of the shop. Mr. McBee is well known in the valley.

The slogan of "If Mac can't fix it, throw it away" is always connected with his name.

Now she, too, has taken another job. Which makes the old man hump to get the old rag out.

## Secretary of State Urges Motorists to Use Slower Speed

SALEM, Aug. 25.—Earl Snell, secretary of state, experimenting with a governor which restrains the speed of his car within a maximum of 50 miles an hour, has called upon all motorists of the state to try a speed limit experiment in the interest of safer highways.

"It is an easy matter for each individual motorist to adopt a self-imposed maximum speed without going to the expense of installing a governor," said the secretary of state. "Try driving at not to exceed 50 miles an hour on some scheduled trip and experience the pleasure and convenience as compared with high speed driving."

The gasoline saving and the absence of mental and physical strain at the end of a trip more than compensate for the few minutes lost by traveling at lower speeds, declared Mr. Snell. He requested motorists not only to try the experiment but also to convey their reactions in letters to his office where studies are being conducted on various phases of motor car operation, including traffic conditions, definite speed limits and controlled speed.

The whole program was launched

in an effort to curb the growing number of highway accidents which annually take a heavy toll of lives. The latest statistics show that Oregon is one of the 20 states in the nation contributing to the increase in fatalities for the first six months of 1937 over the first half of 1936. This state had a 19 per cent gain in traffic deaths during the period as compared with a national increase of 13 per cent.

While authorities differ over the solution of the problem of excessive speed, all agree that something should be done to stop killing on the highways. Some maintain that a return to fixed speed limits is the best solution. Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police, asserts that enforcement is difficult under the present motor vehicle law because the act sets no definite limit on speed.

Mr. Snell said that although enforcement is a vital factor, education and engineering should not be overlooked in any broad program to curb highway accidents. He is anxious to secure expressions on the subject from motorists of the state, in the belief that no law is wholly effective without popular support.

## Scotts Enjoy Trip To Mountain Park

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott during their vacation at the home of their son in White Fish, Montana accompanied their son Lester and wife up the Sun highway to Logan pass into the National Park.

They were up on top of Mt. Clemens and saw many big glaciers. They saw elk, bear, deer and goats. Having three sets of field glasses with them they enjoyed every sight, near or far. While there they spent two days going up into Canada and stopping at the Prince of Wales hotel. They were within five miles of Iceberg lake.

## Civic Club to Meet Wednesday

The Civic Club will hold their regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon September 1st at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to be present that is all interested in civic affairs. The club considers every such party a member as there is no dues. All new people in the community are invited to come out and get acquainted. Light refreshments will be served.

The meeting will be held in the library. Don't forget to come and bring a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bohner spent Sunday at Diamond Lake.

The W. R. C. held their regular meeting Saturday afternoon. They voted to furnish a basket of groceries to a needy family in Central Point.

## Mrs. Florence Morgan Dies Under Auto

Mrs. Florence Morgan, 25, of 1211 West Tenth street, Medford was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when the car in which she was a passenger upset and rolled over two and a half times on the Pacific highway about 25 miles north of Medford.

Seriously injured in the Josephine General hospital at Grants Pass and not expected to live are Mrs. Pearl Harriet Johnson, 24, of 1208 West Tenth st. and Jack Thomas Woolfolk, 26, of 721 Alder street.

Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Woolfolk were in a very critical condition this afternoon. Mrs. Johnson had not received consciousness.

## Mrs. Stella Obenchain Wed in Medford

Married at the court house in Medford August 14th Mrs. Stella Obenchain of Central Point and Mr. E. O. Crosby of Port Orford. Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Crosby's sister, Mrs. Stewart the marriage was a very quiet affair.

Mrs. Crosby is well known here and has many friends who extend best wishes. She owns a lovely home west of town which she has made a spot of beauty for all who pass that way. Mr. Crosby is a planer foreman at Port Orford. Mrs. Crosby will continue to make her home here for the present.

Mrs. Milton and daughter of Rogue River have been visiting at the home of her son, Albert Milton and family and her daughter, Mrs. Owings.

## Will Hold Reunion Of Old Soldiers On Friday, Sept. 3

The forty-fifth annual Reunion of Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors Association will be held in the Armory at third and Bartlett Streets in Medford on Friday, September 3. Registration will be at 11:00 a.m. A picnic dinner will be held at noon in the armory.

The Woman's Relief corps of Central Point is asked to be present. A special invitation is extended to all Civil War veterans.

Visitors are requested to bring their own silver, pies or salad. Other table service be furnished.

Their will be a program at 2:00 p. m.

## Ripening Rooms For Pears To Be Used This Year

Ripening rooms for pears from the three Pacific Coast states will be available in five cities this season, according to a report issued this week by the Pear Bureau. This is an addition of two new cities, these being Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Receivers in these two cities watched the results of ripening operations in New York very closely this past season, and as a result, have had ripening rooms established in their own cities so that "conditioned" pears could be sold on the fruit stands instead of the hard, green pears heretofore offered.

New York has had ripening rooms for several years and the use of them has increased each year. Chicago originally had ripening rooms which were dropped during the depression and were resumed again last year. Boston started ripening rooms last year and will continue this season.

Leaders in the pear industry believe that properly ripened pears will highly stimulate sales, and that pears will advance in popularity accordingly. They point out that years ago green bananas were sold and eventually ripening rooms had to be established for bananas, and state that the same conditioning is necessary for pears. In cities where no pear ripening rooms are established, the Pear Bureau suggests that banana or tomato ripening rooms could be utilized.

Professor Henry Hartman, horticulturist for the bureau, has done a great deal of scientific research on the proper ripening of pears, and this information has been widely publicized by the bureau.

## Los Angeles Folk At Parker Home

Yan Page and daughter Catherine arrived at the home of Archie Parker from Los Angeles Monday night at midnight. He is vacationing in the Rogue River valley. He is also looking for property in the valley as he would like to make his home here.

Mr. Page is a cousin of Archie Parker, and his wife Margaret has been with the Parkers for the past week.

Mr. Page reports that times are pretty good in the painting line in Los Angeles. He is a painting and interior decorating contractor. He is very much impressed with this valley and would like to remain here.

Mrs. L. Damon returned to her home from the Community hospital Friday and is doing as well as could be expected. She is able to be up part of the time.

## So what?--

VOLUNTARILY to follow what is good is the beginning of understanding it.—CLEMENT of ALEXANDRIA.

Husbands take notice! Mr. Minnick has a very satisfactory system worked out. He leaves the car home for his wife and keeps the key in his pocket.

During the absence of two of the popular teachers of Central Point, the husbands were seen exchanging visits at least every day to compare notes or to offer condolences.

It was rough going for at least one of the bicycles that was borrowed (to say the least) the other day. It had been ridden through thorns enough so that it required two new tires.

## MAYOR STATES VIEWS ON CITY ADMINISTRATION

As Mayor of the City of Central Point, I suggest that the Resolution declaring that it shall be the duty of the Water Supt. to cut off City Water at dwellings or places of business of "delinquents" in accordance with the terms of said Resolution, be strictly enforced. And that it will not be necessary for the Mayor, Councilmen, Recorder or Water Committee to instruct him further to do so.

I further suggest that there shall be no "Special Privileges" granted to any one on the part of City Employees; That we as employees of the City of Central Point shall be impartial and see that every citizen abides by the Constitution and Laws, Ordinances and Resolutions governing the City of Central Point, and all treated justly, without fear or favor.

I also suggest that the City Marshal co-operate with, and support the Water Superintendent in enforcing water regulations.

The City of Central Point is a Municipal Corporation and should be operated like any other business corporation. We must pay City bills promptly, and in order to do this with the least possible friction, we must see that those indebted to the City shall pay their bills promptly.

I believe that the Laws and Ordinances governing Traffic, Rowdiness, and other violations should be rigidly enforced, and fines imposed upon the violators thereof. (Signed) L. HATFIELD, Mayor.

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## "Glad" Association Covers Four States

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 23.—Permanent organization of a four-state association was completed here Saturday when the Northwest Gladiolus association elected officers, adopted a price schedule and voted to hold three meetings yearly, with at least one each year here.

L. E. Weeks of Salem was elected president; Frank H. Reum, Medford, vice-president; and R. M. Penin of Portland, secretary-treasurer.

The association includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. An invitation was extended the California association to join the group.

## Mr. and Mrs. Jones Have New Daughter

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Jones of Sams Valley at the home of Mrs. Jycox in Medford Saturday morning a baby daughter Lois Evelyn. Mother and daughter are doing nicely. This is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

## 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.

Children's Church, 11:00 a. m. Mrs. Phillips, pastor.

Senior, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M.

Evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m. Subject: "The Most Needed Thing in America." We will continue the study and lecture of last week and give the Gospel application. "Sonny" Hansen will sing.

Prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening 7:45. Devotional Leader, Norman Hansen. Mrs. Phillips will review 2nd Timothy.

**THE FEDERATED CHURCH**  
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.

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Mr. Kamburg, Supt. Sunday School

Bible School, 9:30 a. m.

Christian Endeavor (Junior and Senior groups) 7:00 p. m.

Evening Worship, 8:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Rev. Stanley Parrish will have charge of both morning and evening services Aug. 29.

Ladies Aid will meet in the basement of the church, on Thursday, at 2:00 o'clock.

