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Musings By an Innocent Bystander

Well, folks, the past is gone and we can do nothing about it. The record is written. Whatever this paper may have accomplished in the six years we have just completed for good or bad cannot be changed now but as we start upon a new six years (or whatever) we hope we can profit by the mistakes of the past. One thing is sure, we cannot stand still—either we go ahead or backwards. And this is as true of our town as it is for this newspaper.

The record shows that our town has progressed in these six years. But we have come to crisis in our affairs which we must meet as best we may or that backward movement will start as sure as 2 plus 2 equals 4. Unless this town secures a more plentiful water supply right away we are going to find that we have missed an opportunity which may never return. Hardly a day passes but inquiries come from people desiring to come here to live, many of whom want to buy homes here. But when they are told of the shortage of water now existing they throw up their hands in horror and move on.

If our merchants want more trade; if our property owners want to see the vacant lots scattered about the city sold and new homes built thereon, thereby adding to the tax rolls and bringing in more money to help carry the burden, we must wake up. Our officials are now busily engaged in negotiating with the city of Medford for the purchase of water from their system. But they can do nothing without the support of the people of the town. Petitions are out asking for an election to vote on the proposition of getting water from Medford. If you have not already done so, get your name down on one of these petitions at once. See E. C. Faber or Pearl Bonney or drop into this office and sign up NOW.

By the way, in all the seemingly endless stories we have written this week about our town and the changes six years have brought, you will note that we have said nothing about the public library. This was done with malice aforethought. It seems to us that we have said enough on that matter so that if there is anyone in the country who does not know we have a new library building and how it was acquired, such a person is not apt to read what we might say now. Of course we are proud of the fact that since we came to this city we have had the opportunity to do our part in the securing of the building and improving of same. And as this is written we are so darned full from eating one of those justly famous dinners which are helping pay for that library we can hardly wobble.

Mrs. Ralph Sears and lady friend of Walker station near Cottage Grove have a cabin at the Hotel Valandra and will visit friends in the valley for several days. They are friends of Mrs. Al Maple and she will accompany them on trips. They are planning a trip to the caves and lakes and various other scenic drives.

SAMS VALLEY NOTES

The Ladies' Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Alletta Bigham Thursday. The last meeting was held at Mrs. Dick Strauss and everyone reported a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strauss have purchased the J. B. Fisher place.

The high school gave their play "Love in a Fog" Friday evening at the school auditorium. It was reported a real success and the Student Body needed the door receipts very badly. They wish to thank all of those who attended for their help.

Word was received last week from Ruth Smith and Wesley McDonough, who have been visiting in California, that they are married. Friends wish them "Many Happy Returns." Ruth Smith was a graduate from this high school last spring. The young couple is expected to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Hueston and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hueston spent the week end visiting relatives in this valley. Lindsay and Louis are both employed in mill work at Lakeview.

The school has started work on their Carnival which they intended to have on November 5th.

C. P. SCHOOLS GAIN MUCH DURING SIX YEARS, 1931-1937

The past six years in the Central Point Schools have marked a period of steady growth. In spite of the fact that these have been depression years a high standard of work has been maintained. Through the efforts of an interested school board, loyal teachers, careful administration, and splendid cooperation of parents, it has been possible to keep the standard of work at a high level and the pupils have not been deprived of the usual educational advantages.

In harmony with the very definite trend toward a well organized health course very rapid strides have been made in the past three years. The most significant move has been the employment of a nurse for part time work. A survey of the school two years ago showed that only about 20 per cent of the children had been vaccinated for small pox prevention. Following a short educational campaign free vaccination was offered with the result that now nearly 98 per cent of the children are vaccinated. Following this, the test for tuberculosis was offered free of charge to high school students. The great interest in their own physical welfare was shown when almost 100% of the students took advantage of the test. Diphtheria immunization was offered several years ago and is now available at almost any time to parents wishing it for their children. Though the skilled attention of the trained nurse spread of contagious diseases has been kept at a minimum. Several times epidemics have been prevented through prompt action. Physical examinations for all entering athletic contest is required and has been made possible through the help of the county health association. Furthermore the Parent-Teacher organization has been actively helpful through providing part of the mid-morning lunch for the first grade children, and through taking entire responsibility for the serving of hot lunch during the winter months.

The Central Point Schools were among the first in the county to recognize the superiority of results gained through the use of the Rice system of penmanship and adopted this method of teaching three years ago. So interested were the teachers in seeing their work successful that they spent eight weeks in night meetings with a writing expert to learn the new method. This system adopted by our local schools three years ago has now been adopted by the state for all schools.

Recognizing the value and worth of music as a developing and educational factor the school has provided for some time a music supervisor and an orchestra director. Operettas, glee clubs, chorus work, and band and orchestra are all available for the development of talent.

The most recent progressive step taken by the school is the addition of shop work for the boys. That this is meeting a felt demand is evidenced by the enrollment of twenty-six in the class. Other subjects of the vocational type all show heavy enrollment this year. There are sixty enrolled in the typewriting classes, twenty-four in the short-hand classes, and forty-one in the home economic classes.

In the elementary grades the enrollment this year is 249. The high school has an enrollment of 135 and of these thirty-two are students from the non-high school districts bordering Central Point.

The Central Point Community chest drive is already over the top and the district is not entirely covered. Faber Market and Safeway are 100%.

Special Anniversary Offer, Good Until November Tenth

We would like to go over the top on our subscriptions during this time, so we are offering a special price for renewals of 15 months for \$1.50. New subscriptions received before Nov. 10, one full year for \$1.00. Our regular price is \$1.50 per year. Yours for a community that is 100% for Central Point and the Rogue River Valley.

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The Devil . . and the Powells



Left to right—His Satanic Majesty, Stanley Jones; Dorothy, Kenneth and Harry Powell; The Boss, Virginia E. Powell, and the Old Boy (in person). Miss Dorothy and Harry are no longer on the force, having graduated as full-fledged printers and employed elsewhere.

City and Valley Show Big Growth

The city of Central Point shows many signs of having passed the worst of the dull years, especially in the last six years. While with the passing of several of our most prominent citizens, including W. C. (Con) Leever, Mrs. Hattie B. Hatfield and Andre Chomel, a gap has been made in our midst that will be hard to fill, still our little city is steadily going ahead. There has been an influx of new citizens, many of whom have bought homes here and so become permanent citizens. High rents and crowded conditions in the big city have caused many to seek homes in smaller communities. The drought and dust in the mid-west have brought many people to the Pacific Coast seeking new homes. Hardly a day passes but inquiries are made here by people seeking a place to live.

Included in the many improvements which have come to the city proper are many street improvements. Six years ago the city owned no equipment for hauling granite, etc., the city offices were located in the old wooden building on the corner of Third and Pine streets. One man handled both the work of City Marshal and water superintendent. Today the city has acquired the old bank building and uses it for the Recorder's office and Jail. Several years ago the city acquired a truck of its own and last spring bought a tractor-grader from the county. Two men handle the work of the water department and police for the city. As a result of the new machines, the streets of the city are in much better shape than ever before.

Now just a word regarding the growth and improvement in Jackson county. Six years ago this county was in the throes of political turmoil. L. A. Banks was in the height of his glory as a stirrer-up of class hatred and animosity toward all office holders. Earl H. Fehl was still publishing his scandal sheet and preparing for the campaign of 1931 in which he ran for the nomination as county judge. Today Banks is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for murder, Fehl has just returned from serving a four-year sentence for conspiracy to commit a felony and has started his usual round of law suits, even suing the governor for false imprisonment. The county has once more got on its feet financially after the trouble experienced during the Fehl regime as county judge.

So far as the fruit industry is concerned, there is little change, although there are fewer apples raised than formerly. However, tomatoes have come to be a major crop throughout the county. Also the raising of onions has come to be a big business in this vicinity. All the vacant store rooms in town are now in use for the storage of the immense golden beauties. There is a

much more friendly feeling among the communities of the valley, due to the activities of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce which was formed a few years ago by enlarging the old Medford Chamber to take in the entire county. The board of directors of this organization consists of delegates from each community in the county.

Grange Carnival Coming Oct. 29

The Central Point Grange will hold a carnival in their hall on the evening of Friday, October 29. There will be all kinds of games and other forms of amusement.

The Grange carnivals are always very enjoyable and this one is sure to be no exception. If you want an evening of fun be sure to drop in at the Grange hall October 29.

Veteran Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday

The following Medford friends gathered Wednesday afternoon at the J. C. Woods' home for a surprise birthday party in honor of Mr. Wood's 90th birthday. Elva L. Lough Nettle Grover, Anise Currier, Sarah Andrus, Nellie Bowles, Kirkpatrick and Hattie Elmpuff.

Their arms were full with beautiful flowers, gifts, cards also a big delicious birthday cake and sandwiches. The W. C. T. U. sent a lovely bouquet, and the daughters of Veterans a wool neck scarf.

Mrs. Woods served coffee. It was a very delightful affair. Mr. Wood is one of the few remaining Civil War Veterans and Central Point is proud that he makes his home here.

Well Known Florist Dies in Medford

Thomas Judge, well known here for the past 15 years and owner of the Medford Greenhouse, died suddenly of a heart attack at 10:30 Tuesday in his home at 1005 East Main street, Medford. He was 64 years old.

Apparently in good health, Mr. Judge suddenly collapsed. His daughter, Mrs. Cora Boyd, was with him at the time and she immediately summoned a doctor. He was dead, however, upon the doctor's arrival.

Funeral arrangements are not completed when this paper goes to press. Per's funeral parlor will have charge.

Charles Taylor Weds Medford Girl Sun.

Miss Mary Arnsperger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Arnsperger, and Mr. Charles Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor, were married at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Thayer of Medford, Dr. T. H. Temple, of the Talent Methodist Episcopal church read the services at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. Raymond Driver entertained with a shower for Miss Arnsperger Friday evening at her home inviting guests for six tables of bridge. Among those attending from Central Point were Miss Ariene Estes, Madeline Everett, Faber, Love, Truchins and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Taylor.

Travel Lecture At Church of Christ Friday Evening

"Egypt As I Saw It" and "A Peep into King Tut's Tomb" with Fascinating and Beautifully Hand Colored Pictures by Lieut. C. Vincent Hall, World traveler, Retired Officer, U. S. A., Author, Minister, who was appointed Lecturer to the British Troops in Egypt and Palestine, by command of Field Marshal Viscount Alibey, K.C.B., G. C. M. G. Has traveled twice around the world, visiting many places off the beaten track. Come and hold in your hands curios that were in use thousands of years before Christ was born. You will see an alabaster vase used 4,000 B. C., a beaded necklace worn by a king 3,500 B. C. and other things of like interest.

This lecture is given without entrance charges at Church of Christ in Central Point Friday, October 22 opening at 7:30 P. M.

Don't let this opportunity pass. Come!

Easterners Taken for Ride About Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scott of Central Point, planned a most beautiful and enjoyable trip on October 11th for their company who are visiting here from Penn. They started early in the morning for Crater Lake and stopped at the most interesting places on the way.

After spending some time at the lake they returned by the way of Anna Springs and ate lunch. They then went by the Garden of the Gods' and down by Klamath Lake through the Indian Reservation and back by the way of Ashland Park.

Civic Club Dinner Very Successful

The dinner given by the Ladies' Civic club at the Grange hall Wednesday noon was a very successful affair. A check after the dinner showed that a total of 141 persons enjoyed the bounteous meal, getting the ladies about \$30.00 after all expenses were paid.

The ladies owed about \$47.00 on the new library roof and with what they already had in the treasury are now able to cut that down to about \$10.00.

Telephone Co. Adds Many New Customers

The Central Point Mutual Telephone company is another institution which has added much to their business in recent years. The company is entirely a mutual concern and all users are required to own stock in the company before they can secure service. No phones are rented.

During the past year 14 new phones have been added to the system, which has lines extending all over this section of the valley from Heall Lane to Table Rock.

Mr. Roy Jones visited his daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Palmer who are at Crater Lake for the winter. They have moved their camp to one of the recently vacated CCC camps and will be stationed there until the snow is heavy when they will be moved to Anna Spring Camp for the balance of the winter.

Little Louise Martel of Los Angeles who with her mother visited Mrs. Chomel and Mrs. Messner this summer was operated on for appendicitis and is very ill.

P.T. ASS'N SHOWS STEADY GROWTH IN CENTRAL PT.

Since the re-organization in 1929 of the local unit of the Parent Teacher Association the appreciation of the objectives has been steadily growing. The work here has been made more pleasant and easier to accomplish by the loyal cooperation of the teaching staff. The P.T.A. welcomes any avenue whereby they may help to make better men and women of boys and girls not only in the surrounding community but of all with whom they may come in contact.

While they are not a money-making group they are glad to and do help financially in many small ways.

Outstanding among their accomplishments have been milk and Graham crackers to first graders, sanitary venders for both grade and high school buildings, helped to complete the plumbing in gymnasium, build tennis court on grounds, sponsored 4-H and study clubs, boys and girls scout troops, also the cub packs. They own their service of linen silver, china and glassware for about one hundred people. These are kept in cupboards built for them in the high school kitchen.

They received the children's charter which was framed and hung in the superintendent's office in 1932 in the same year they donated to a revolving loan fund for local students. They became a standard unit in 1934 and at present have ninety enthusiastic members working harmoniously together for the betterment of home and school in every way to promote a four square education of the coming United States citizens.

Birthday Surprise Party Is Enjoyed

A birthday surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Swartz, October 15th in honor of Milan Felter who is visiting here from Pennsylvania.

Mr. Felter who was 75 years old October 15th is an uncle of Mrs. Swartz and Mrs. Tom Marine. Mr. Felter received many lovely gifts.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by everyone. A delicious supper was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lew Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marine, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scott, Mr. and Mrs. George Marine and daughter Gwen, Milan Felter and daughter Mrs. Frank A. Davis of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Minnie Smaltzer, niece of Mr. Felter from Pennsylvania and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 a. m. "Aim—20 More Plus" Roland Hoyer, Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11. a. m. Subject "What Are You Suffering For?"

Childrens Church 11:00 a. m. Mrs. Phillips, Minister.

Senior, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m. Subject "What Will The Resurrection Mean To Me?"

The Young Peoples Choir will sing: Come and encourage that fine group of young people who are helping with the evening service.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wed. 7:30 p. m. Margaret Tyrell, Devotional Leader and Mr. James McDowell will review 2 Peter.

On Friday 22 Lieut. C. Vincent Hall, World Traveler and Noted Lecturer will tell his experiences with General Alibey in Egypt and Palestine. See notice elsewhere in paper.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.
Phone 51

Mr. M. Kamburg superintendent of Bible School

Bible School 9:30 A. M.

Preaching services 11:00 A. M.

Junior and Senior Leagues 6:30 p. m.

Evening Services 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the church are called to Bible Study and prayer under Mrs. Davison at 2:00.

Wednesday evening young people and older peoples prayer meeting at 7:30.

Thursday Ladies Aid in basement of the church at 2:00.