

Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Thanks, folks, for your expressions of good will toward the better two-thirds and self. As we start our seventh year here we do so with renewed courage and a feeling of thankfulness for so many good neighbors and friends.

How we do enjoy these autumn days. Although we have a hunch it won't be long until the rains start and our disagreeable season chases us all to the nearest heating plant, still we are soaking in as much of the bright sunshine as we can and hope to store up enough energy to last through the winter.

We were talking to an old resident the other day and he told of the appearance of our business district when he came here twenty-five years ago. Then three blacksmith shops were always busy; there were several big packing houses in town; the flour mill was in full blast. The big store on the corner owned by Cranfill and Robnett, were doing a monstrous business with about a dozen clerks employed.

Then came the days of motor transportation and the era of tractors and paved highways. Slowly, but surely, the business of the town disappeared. More and more people acquired the habit of shopping in the big town to the south. Today it appears the only thing left for us is to be satisfied as a purely residential district. And even that is threatened by shortage of water, without an abundance of which no city can live.

We wish some or all the people who say the rate charged for Medford water is so high as to be prohibitive would take a drive about Berrydale and then out through the Oak Grove district west of Medford and see if they can find any empty houses or vacated property caused by the high water rent. For mind you, these folks pay exactly the same rates we will have to pay if we get the water.

And remember, these districts have grown from a few scattering houses to their present proportions with the Medford water rates in operation. If these rates were so terribly prohibitive it would seem these districts would long since gone back to desert, instead of building up as they have.

We hope that none of our readers is going to hold a grudge against us for the stand we are taking about Medford Water. As you all know by this time whatever we say in our editorial columns is an honest opinion of what we believe to be best for the community. We have no axe to grind in the matter, but we do believe the BEST answer to our water problem is to connect with the Medford system.

We all know SOMETHING must be done. And while we do not say getting Medford water is the ONLY solution, we do believe it is the BEST solution for all concerned. We are aware it would be possible to dig another well, (and thereby increase our already heavy cost of pumping) and so PERHAPS get along for a time. Nobody knows what kind of water we would get or (with the amount of irrigation water being turned on the valley about us) how pure it would be.

We find there are still people about town who believe any water which has no bad taste, must of necessity be pure. They do not realize there are many germs which have no flavor which are nevertheless injurious to human health.

However, so far as this writer is concerned, we are going to abide by the will of the people of Central Point as expressed at the polls. If they don't want the Medford water, no one can force it on them. However, the petitions asking for an election to settle the matter are being signed rapidly and will be presented to the city officials Monday.

Regular Meeting of Civic Club Wed.

The Civic Club will hold their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the library at 2:30. At this time plans will be made for a cooked food sale and bazaar. Everyone in the community is invited to be present. Let every one plan to bring some one who has not been out before. Refreshments will be served. This will be the last meeting before election of officers.

'16' PERSISTENT IN EARLY DAY LIFE OF PIONEER LADY

By Mrs. L. H. Smith
My advent into the Rogue River Valley with my late husband, was during the "boom days" of 1910, arriving in Medford, April 16 on train No. 16 and berth 16 A huge crowd was standing about the station and on inquiring for a hotel were told that the town was full to overflowing, when a gentleman stepped forward and remarked that he thought he could take care of us. This was Mr. Halley of the Palace Hotel where the last available room in town was No. 16, where we remained for two weeks.

This number "16" has persistently followed me all these intervening years but I attach no superstition to it as nothing important has yet occurred either good or bad. After securing rooms in the Whiteside Rooming house in Central Point, we had a living room with a folding bed and an unattached kitchen, where we had to go through an outside door and around the house, through a gate, to reach the kitchen but rain or shine most anything gets easy if practiced diligently and long.

At this time the entire valley was in the throes of excitement over the boom and nearly all rural property went into new ownership. There were two newspapers in Central Point at that time—"The Globe" with Lynn Purden as editor, and "The Herald" under Sam L. Pattison. The Globe soon went out of business and I do not remember how long the Herald remained. There have been many papers of short duration during these years. Among the various editors and managers were Bacon and Gleason, Roy Bebb, Sheley and Gainer and other I do not recall. Then came Ellis Gault from whom Editor A. E. Powell took over the paper under a burden of debt and with the persistent work and pluck of himself and family has given us a fine paper for 6 years, (much longer than any other during my residence here.)

I extend hearty congratulations to the Central Point American.

Prospect Man Weds Klamath Falls Girl

PROSPECT, Oct. 27.—A lovely wedding took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter of Pacific Terrace, Klamath Falls, Oregon Friday evening, October 23. The bride, Miss Alice Kos became the wife of Mr. Waldo Nye at a pretty ring ceremony performed by the Christian Church minister of Klamath Falls. The bride is well known there, and is at present a teacher at Cristal Oregon. The groom is the son of Nelson and Clarice Nye, pioneers of Jackson County, and well known here as well as Klamath County where he was teacher for 2 years, he is now employed by the Jantzer mill as contractor in the timber.

The bride's maid was Miss Marjorie Kos, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Livermore, of Klamath Falls was best man. The bride was lovely in white silk tulle over satin and carried a bouquet of pink rose buds. Many lovely gifts were presented the bride and groom.

About 20 guests were present including close friends and relatives. The house was decorated with autumn flowers and foliage. Refreshments of ice cream and the brides cake were served by the hostess. The bride and groom left for a honeymoon after which they will make their home near Prospect. The many friends wish them much happiness.

Mrs. Ayres received word from Delbert that he likes it in Albany very much. He is attending Albany college.

Mr. Landon who is at the Community Hospital is improving and hopes to be able to return home soon.

Requirements of Proposed Contract For Medford Water

What the City Will Pay:
\$1.00 per month for each water user, for which the city is allowed 5000 gallons of water for each user.
For all water used above 5000 gallons as above, the city will pay 15c per thousand gallons.

What the Consumer Will Pay:
The City of Central Point agrees under the contract to never charge its individual water users less than the regular Medford rates for outside users of water. At present this rate is \$2.50 per month minimum, with 5000 gallon allowance, and 20c per thousand gallons for all additional water used. (Any amount.)

What the City Will Save:
As the new system is a gravity system, there will be no cost of operating a pump which now amounts to about \$1,300 per year. Thus the entire income of the city from water rentals can be used for such operating costs as reading meters, repair and replacement of meters and turning on and off water from residences and bond retirement.

What the City Will Receive:
The city's share of the \$2.50 per month minimum from each user will be \$1.50 plus 5c per thousand

gallons on all water used above the minimum. Figured on the basis of the present number of water users in the city, this will amount to \$4,338 per year. Of this amount the operating and maintenance cost should not exceed \$1,338, leaving \$3,000 per year to be used to pay interest on the bonds required to build the new system and also retire the bonds themselves. This amount should retire these new bonds in fifteen years or less.

Will the New System Require Additional Taxation
With an annual income of more than \$4000 from water rentals, the necessary bond issue to pay for installing the new system should automatically be taken care of and no new or increased taxes be added to the present rate. The new system will be absolutely self-liquidating.

Amount Necessary To Build System
The engineer's estimate of the entire cost of installing the new system is \$25,000. This does not include the cost of laying such new mains as may be necessary within the city. These mains will have to be replaced soon in any case—whether or not Medford Water is obtained.

Evangelist Alley To Hold Revival

James Matthew Alley will open the Evangelistic Campaign for the local Church of Christ on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p. m. Evangelistic Alley has had no vacation during the summer months but has continued his work every night even in the hot summer. We are very fortunate to have him return to us for this Fall Campaign. Don't fail to hear him, every night except Monday, 7:30 p. m. Glorious music at every service, and hear these Soul Stirring Sermons.
Come! Bring Your Friends!
CLIFTON A. PHILLIPS, pastor

5 Local Ladies Attend P.T.A. School

The P.T.A. Oregon Congress school of instruction met in Medford Friday, October 21st. Mrs. Wall, president of the Oregon State Conference gave a very instructive talk on the subject "To Know If You Grow". Those attending from here were Mrs. B. Adams, who was delegate, Mrs. Pierce, president of the local organization and also membership chairman; Mrs. E. C. Faber, chairman of Publicity; Mrs. Donald Burns and Mrs. J. W. Gebhard, Secretary of the County Council.

Legion Auxiliary To Broadcast

Mrs. John Enders, radio chairman for Medford Unit No. 15 of the American Legion Auxiliary, has announced that a radio broadcast will be given over station KMED on Wednesday afternoon, November 3rd at 2:15. A special membership program has been arranged and a talk will be made by Mrs. Edna Overmyer, president of the Auxiliary. The broadcast will immediately precede the membership drive, which starts November 4th and will close on Armistice night. Mrs. Nettie Eilenburg is membership chairman for Medford unit and she will be assisted by a large committee of Auxiliary workers.

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C. H. Howell Dies From Heart Attack

C. H. Howell, well known resident of the Berrydale district for many years, passed away suddenly yesterday morning from a heart attack. He lived with his sister, Mrs. Margaret H. Seyler, on Berrydale avenue.

Mr. Howell was well known here, as he had served as deputy county assessor in this district for a number of years and was well liked by all who knew him. Funeral arrangements under the Perl Funeral Home will be announced later.

Hot Lunches May Be P.T.A. Project

By Mrs. P. A. Tracy
Hot lunches were discussed at a P.T.A. executive board meeting held Thursday, Oct. 21st at the home of Mrs. Walter Gebhard. If it meets with the approval of the membership this will be the major project of the year.

The much hoped for playshed has been shelved for the time being. The regular meeting of the P.T.A. has been postponed until Nov. 12 on account of the football game to be played at 2:30 Nov. 5 on the local field between Central Point and Glendale.

To date the membership enrollment is 103 the largest for a number of years.

Cousin Local Lady Dies in Auto Smash

Prof. and Mrs. Ezra Potter of Ames, Iowa, while recently on their way to Chicago to visit their son met with an accident which cost both their lives—a blowout threw the car into a ditch killing Mr. Potter instantly and his wife soon died in a hospital near Clinton, Ia. Mrs. Potter was a double cousin of Mrs. L. H. Smith.

Stores To Close

Grocery stores and many other business houses will be closed between 2:30 and 4:30 Friday, November 5th for the big football game between the Pointers and Glendale.

Thanks!

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who contributed in any way to make the anniversary number of this paper published last week merit whatever success it deserved. Mr. H. P. Jewett for his very able article on the progress the Central Point Schools have made in the past six years; Mr. E. P. Stone for his interesting story on the boy scout troop and its work for better citizenship; Mrs. P. A. Tracy for the P.T.A. story and the many worthwhile projects it has accomplished; Mr. A. H. Banwell for his kindly letter as well as the pat on the back by a bashful business man who requested that his name not be printed; and to all who have helped in the past six years as well as with this special number, with helpful suggestions, words of encouragement, news items, printing or advertisement—We thank you.

Marjorie Jones and Roger Yost Married

O Thursday morning, October 28 Miss Marjorie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones was married to Roger C. Yost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yost, at the Knotts' home in Medford. Rev. Jos. Knotts performed the ceremony in the presence of their immediate families; Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones and son Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yost and son Clayton and daughter Lois.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the 1936 class of C. P. High and Mr. Yost attended Washington State at Pullman, Wash., last year.

They will make their home at the Purkeypile Apts.

The American joins their many friends in best wishes.

Birthday Party At McCoy Home

On Thursday afternoon, October 21st a birthday party was given at the home of Peggy Louise McCoy to celebrate her sixth birthday.

Those present were Jeanette Brown, Patty Lou Hamilton, Patsy Faber, Alice Parker, Lila Holt, Vernie Scott, Anne Marie Bohnert, Shirlee Holland, Raymond Nitzsche, Jimmie Gleason, Teddy McCoy, Robert and Richard Dunn, Mrs. Harry Dunn, Mrs. Chas. McCoy, and Mrs. Verne Pendleton and Mrs. Kenneth McCoy.

Games were played and refreshments of jello and cake served. Everyone had a good time, especially Peggy who received many lovely birthday gifts.

Christmas Seal Sale To Start

The Christmas Seal will be on sale soon. Let us all help as much as possible in this worth while effort to fight the white plague—Tuberculosis. The proceeds from the sale of the seals are used in any way necessary—to furnish warm clothing or nourishing food to those afflicted with this dread disease, to build one room cottages so patients who are waiting to go to the hospitals may be comfortable at home and not be in danger of spreading this trouble to their family.

This year the school children will not sell the seals so do not wait for them to call on you. Seals will be sent out to various people and it is hoped for a generous response.

Oldest Resident Passes; Aged 101

Philander McEntyre, 101 years old, passed away at a Medford hospital early last Saturday Mr. McEntyre was active and in good health almost to the end.

Mr. McEntyre had lived in Medford for the past 37 years and was the Jackson County's first old age pensioner. While he had no relatives he left a host of friends to miss him and grieve at his passing.

Funeral services were held in the Perl Funeral home Tuesday afternoon.

VAUDEVILLE TO BE TREAT AT CARNIVAL GIVEN BY GRANGE

Just look at this folks. You'll get the biggest nickels worth you ever saw at the Vaudeville on Friday night, October 29. The place is the big carnival at the Central Point Grange hall and Vaudeville time is 10 o'clock.

The varied and entertaining program is being presented by Miss Jewel Deter, talented dancer and instructor at the Deter Dance Studio and includes the following numbers:

- "Italian Gypsy Dance"—Jewel Deter.
 - "Soft Shoe Tap"—Mary Lu Ryan.
 - "Acrobatic Stunts"—Helen and Paul Blumenstein.
 - "Russian Folk Dance"—Peppy Riddle.
 - "Buck Tap Solo"—Frances Cornany.
 - "The Merry-Go-Round—Broke Down"—Song and dance by Jewel Deter.
- There will be a 5 cent general admission charge at the door in exchange for a Vaudeville ticket which admits the holder to the big show from the stage at 10 o'clock. This will be a big night in the career of your little nickel and a big evening's entertainment for you. Don't miss it!

Mrs. Hubbard Enjoys Visit From Friends

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard received a phone message Tuesday morning that some of her friends would visit her later that day. About noon Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. McAllister from Medford arrived with loaded baskets—scalloped potatoes, meat, salads, a big apple pie and many other deliciousables. Mrs. Chomel had thoughtfully fixed up one of the vacant cabins and arranged beautiful flowers. This little group of old friends enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. When the visitors departed they presented Mrs. Hubbard with several quarts of fruit and glasses of jello.

Mr. and Mrs. Marine Enjoy Calif. Trip

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine and daughter Gwendolyn accompanied by their guests from Pennsylvania left Saturday for San Francisco to see the Golden Gate bridge and the other beautiful sights. They returned Wednesday. Mr. Felter and Mrs. Davis plan to leave today for their home. Mrs. Smalser will remain as she received a message from her son that he would be in Salt Lake on business and would continue on here and return with her.

Skating Carnival Coming Saturday

There will be a Carnival on skates at the skating rink at the Armory in Medford next Saturday evening. Everyone come so as to be sure and not miss the fun. This will be as much fun to watch as to take part in it next Saturday evening, October 30.

Mr. Humphrey reports that the turkeys have grown too big this year. Turkeys that were hatched at the same time as last year are much larger and the big demand is mostly for small birds.

A big piece of Jasper weighing 67½ pounds was uncovered in the Eagle Point district by Archie Parker and is on display at the Chamber of Commerce window.

Shorty Turrell is assistant sexton as well as carrying the mail to and from the Post office to the train.

Charming Children Win Awards In Photo Contest



Grand prize winners in the sixth annual most attractive child contest sponsored by the Kennell Ellis studio are: first, Sharon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Hogan, age 2 years (center); second, Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ward, Central Point, age 3 years (left); and third, Peppy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Gillespie of Central Point, age 6 months (right).
Among the Central Point babies, and Mrs. R. C. Benson, honorable mention; Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Root, honorable mention. In the twin group ages from 3 months to 6 years were Richard and

So what?—

What does anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow, brother, of its sorrow; but oh! it empties today of its strength.—Ian MacLaren.

Mrs. L. H. Smith coming into the office for another paper as the boys took her copy hunting with them before she had time to read it.

A prominent young matron answering the phone (ringing over the radio) and wondering why her party didn't answer.

Let's Stay at Home

And mind our own business. Let other nations fight their own battles. Argument proves little; Experiment proves more; Experience proves all. Haven't we had enough experience? The best army, The best navy, The best air fleet, And the fact that we are ready And will fight only IN SELF DEFENSE Will bring peace and prosperity. FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Member FDIC)

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 a. m. Robt. Hoover, Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 a. m. Subject "The Book of Acts" Special Music by Mrs. Virginia and Mrs. Edith Bohnert.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m. Subject "Three Evangelists but One Message" Special Music, by The Young Peoples Choir.
Senior, Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.
The Revival Campaign opens Wed. 7:30 p. m. James Alley will lead again and he requests the prayer of every Christian in this community. Remember the date, Wed. Nov. 3, 7:30 p. m. Come! Let us work and pray together. Glorious Music and Heart-Stirring Sermons.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.
Phone 51
The pastor of the "Little Red Brick Church will celebrate his 42nd Spiritual Anniversary next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. He will speak on "Changes I have seen in the Church and in the World since I became a follower of Christ forty-two years ago—1895."