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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Seems like we heard sometime that the people of this community wanted soft water in this town. Well, they're getting it, oodles of it, too. If there was just some way we could store up enough of this pure, soft water that is drenching our land, to last us through next summer, wouldn't that be juddy. Anyway, it may fill up the city well, at that.

A movement is being started which may bring great results. The young people of the churches have started a crusade to eliminate road signs and bill boards advertising tobacco, cigarettes, wines, beer, liquor, etc., from along our highways and streets. The movement has its merits. No one will deny that liquor never yet did anyone any good and has done incalculable harm in this world. One has only to look about his own community to see evidence of what the liquor habit can and does do to cause suffering and loss.

So why allow the men who are in the business solely for financial gain regardless of what may happen to the youth of the land, to emblazon our highways with sign after sign setting forth the alleged merits of this or that brand of beer or wine, or even hard liquors? Why not make a start in the right direction right here at home and pass an ordinance forbidding such signs within our city limits? Let's be fair to our youth and help instead of hinder their growth toward better citizenship.

Today is Thanksgiving Day. Once more the nation pauses for the annual check-up. Today, in spite of wars and rumors of war, of an apparent "Recession" in the business world, myriads of production curtailments, "planned economies" and suchlike nonsense, our country still leads the world in several ways. For one, we can think up more damphool notions in any given length of time than any nation since the fall of Rome.

As a nation we can today be thankful things are no worse than they are. As individuals, of course, each has SOMETHING to be thankful for. None of us but can find many things for which to thank the Giver of all good things. But at this time it might be well to look about us and see if we cannot see where we can improve our lives so that by the time next year's Thanksgiving day rolls round we will have more to be thankful for.

On this day of "general rejoicing", as the teller said, this writer is thankful for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." For friends, good neighbors, a fair measure of health, an opportunity and a will to work. The past year has brought its sorrows, as the years have a habit of doing, but all in all 1937 has been very good to us.

It's going to be mighty lonesome in this neck of the woods from now on. Our baby girl, whose cheery laughter and song has brought so much sunshine to this dinky old shop, is leaving the home nest tomorrow to begin married life in her own home in faraway Astoria. Thus it has always been—the babies of yesterday become the brides of today.

Geo. March Attends Janitors' Convention

That "there is nothing new under the sun" is disproved again, when we hear that a school janitors' convention was held in Medford last week.

George March, local school building custodian, was in attendance last Thursday along with others from both Jackson and Josephine counties.

These Janitor-Custodian training classes are being conducted by the State Board for Vocational Education. The purpose is to help the janitor give better service, to save labor and materials, and to get better wear from floors, etc.

L. O. Thompson, instructor, has had years of experience in maintaining school buildings and has conducted several courses in janitor training in western states, including Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington.

Miss Bohnert Hostess With Sunday Dinner

Norrene Bohnert entertained Sunday afternoon a group of her friends at a 6 o'clock dinner at her home in honor of her 12th birthday. The following guests were present: Franklin Gebhard, Eugene Holt, Marie Garrett, Darlene Gleaves, Jerry Sullivan and Don Bohnert. A beautiful cake with one candle was the center piece with a small cake with one candle at each place—making a very attractive table decoration.

Games were played during the afternoon causing much merriment. Norrene received many lovely gifts.

BANK PAYS CLAIMS IN FULL

GENERAL SORROW SHOWN IN DEATH VALLEY MERCHANT

William H. Lydiard, prominent Medford merchant, civic leader and charity worker, died in his home at 16 Geneva street at 8:30 Friday night after an illness of several weeks. He was 53 years old.

Mr. Lydiard went to Portland about nine weeks ago for a major operation. He returned home last Sunday to recuperate and seemed at the time to be well on the way to recovery. Early in the week, however, his health began to ebb and the end came peacefully Friday night.

The city mourned his death yesterday and many expressions of sympathy were voiced. Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, of which he was an active member, passed a resolution of condolence.

Mr. Lydiard was one of the founders of the First Federal Savings and Loan association and a pioneer in the food business in Medford. He operated a grocery store for a number of years on West Jackson street before entering business downtown.

He entered into a partnership with William A. Gates 17 years ago. The two operated the Groceria Super Food markets. They opened their first store in the Medford Center building in 1920. They moved to the present Groceria at Central avenue and Sixth street in 1923 and opened the west side store at Sixth and Grape streets in 1929.

Mr. Lydiard was born at Long Lake, Minn., on May 28, 1884. He came to Medford in 1909. He was united in marriage to Jane McQuat on May 1, 1923, at Grants Pass.

He was a member of the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Commandary, Shrine, Medford Elks, chamber of Commerce and state mining board.

Mr. Lydiard is survived by his wife, a daughter, Patricia Ann, four sisters, Mrs. Eva Ringo of Minot, N. D., Mrs. Sue Marsh of Los Angeles, Mrs. Helen Barham of Phoenix and Miss Grace Lydiard of Table Rock and an aunt, Mrs. Minnie Dunlap of Central Point.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Perch chapel. The Rev. E. S. Bartlam, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church will officiate. A Masonic ritual was held in the chapel. The body was taken Monday evening to Portland for cremation.

Active pallbearers were Melvin Hall, Asa Boyd, Al Wilson, Allan McGee, Walter Steele and Vilas Pope, all Groceria employees.

Honorary pallbearers were Gilbert Stuart, William Hammett, Charles Butterfield, Glenn Jackson, Max Pierce and Fred Wahl.

Magic Shown at Young People's Party

The Senior Young People's Class of the Christian Church enjoyed a November party at the home of Miss Lysle Gregory. After a devotional meeting, Mr. Eide called the class together for a business meeting.

New officers were elected for the coming year: Ruth Hoyer as president, Willie Davis as vice president, and Marjorie Yost as secretary-treasurer.

During the evening Mr. Alley entertained with some interesting magic. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Officials Announce Final Payment in All Departments

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice by the State Superintendent of Banks of a 30 percent dividend payment to depositors in the Central Point State Bank which closed its doors on January 12, 1933.

This payment brings the total up to 100 percent. In other words, every depositor who had money in this bank at the time of closing who made proper claims for same with the banking officials, will have received his money back IN FULL.

Funeral Held for William Chambers

Funeral services for William Henry Chambers, 63, who was killed by a dynamite blast near Butte Falls Friday morning were held at the Perch funeral parlor Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. Sherman L. Divine officiating. Burial was in Jacksonville cemetery.

Mr. Chambers was born near Medford on August 30, 1874. He attended school at Central Point and Big Butte. He was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Obenchaina at Eagle Point July 8, 1894, and with his wife an only child, had lived at Butte Falls for the past 36 years.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Carl Jackson of Burns, Ore., Mrs. Robert Coffman and Mrs. Charles White of Butte Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Ida Tuttle of Texas, Mrs. Florence Spencer of Portland, Mrs. Eva McKeever of Seattle, and Mrs. Waite Turpin of 312 South Grape street, Medford; also one brother, John Chambers of Klamath Falls, and one grandchild.

He was a man of fine qualities, a devoted husband and father, and will be missed by many friends throughout the county.

Mr. Henry Maury and Miss Mary Maury were cousins of Mr. Chambers.

Party for Mrs. Hulbert At Jewett Home

Honoring Mrs. K. A. Hulbert a group of women of Central Point and Medford gathered at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jewett on Monday evening of this week.

The rooms were decorated with bouquets of chrysanthemums. Progressive games were played at tables, prizes going to Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Simmonds.

Refreshments were served at an early hour, the color scheme being pink and blue. Mrs. Jewett was assisted by Alice Webb and Laura Pasterni who were joint hostesses.

Others in attendance were Mesdames Grimes, Boone, Ross, Fleischner, Koshler, Faber, Richardson, and Misses Gregory, Putnam and Estes.

Pink O'Connor had her tonsils removed Wednesday morning at 7:30.

Ladies of Brick Church Enjoy Meet

Mrs. E. C. Faber and committee were joint hostesses on Thursday, November 18 to the various groups of the Brick church and other guests.

The scripture lesson and the numbers on the Thanksgiving theme were in charge of Mrs. Earl Richmond who is president of the ladies aid society. A fine report of work accomplished by this group was given by Mrs. Lorlie Minnick.

Miss Helen Carlton, president of the Missionary group, briefly introduced the subject of her work, followed by Louise Grimes with reports from Central American Missions and Mrs. W. P. Grimes who keeps in touch with the Oronoco Missions of South America.

The Berean Bible class of which Mrs. Louise Ayers is president and Mrs. A. Case teacher, and members had various parts in the fine program after which a stork show was given for Mrs. Floyd Lefler, during which time Mrs. Alvin Williams gave a beautiful reading from the poems of Mrs. Amy Phillips.

Dainty refreshments were served to the fifty four guests present.

The December party will be held at the home of Mrs. Ella Leonard on east Beall Lane.

Relief Corps Gives Birthday Party

The Wm. H. Harrison Woman's Relief Corps No. 27 met Saturday November 20 with a very good attendance. After the business routine and adjournment the quarterly birthday party was enjoyed with a lovely luncheon and visiting.

The five honor guests were Mrs. C. Hagger, Mrs. Louise Ayers, Mrs. Lorlie Minnick, Mrs. Ida Henderson, and Mrs. Wm. Musty, the latter two ladies having birthday anniversaries on the day of the party.

Members are requested to make a special effort to come out on December 4th. This will be election of officers and initiation and other interesting features.

Past Matron's Club Entertained in City

The Past Matron's club of Adarel chapter, Order of Eastern Star, entertained past matrons of Nevada chapter of Central Point for a 1 o'clock luncheon Thursday at the Girls' Community clubhouse. Fifteen ladies from Central Point were present.

Bridge followed the luncheon with Mrs. William J. Freeman winning high score and Mrs. Esther Sanderson the traveling prize.

Civic Club

The Central Point Civic Club will hold their regular meeting Wednesday December 1 at the Library. Everyone is invited. You will be sure of a hearty welcome so come out and have a good time. If a stranger in town come get acquainted. We are all pulling for a better town and community.

Election of officers will take place at this meeting. Refreshments will be served. Remember the time—two o'clock, Wednesday, December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Faber will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with their son Everett and family. They hope that Mr. and Mrs. Donald Faber of Albany and Miss Frances Faber, who is attending the Willamette University will be able to attend. Miss Arlene Estes is also an invited guest.

Bonneville Power Will Be Cheaper, States J. D. Ross

J. D. Ross, Bonneville's new administrator, disclosed his program will be "electricity for all within transmission distance," to be distributed through public or private systems, as the people wish.

Making his first appearance in Oregon under the auspices of the People's Power League, Ross last Friday reiterated President Roosevelt's policy of sending electric energy to the "hinterland" for the benefit of all the people. Dr. J. F. Hosch, chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities, presided at the state-wide welcoming meeting of more than a thousand persons in Portland.

In a friendly, almost conversational talk, Administrator Ross promised the lowest rates to all within reach of the project, but explained that generation and transmission was only a fraction of the cost to the ultimate consumer. "It's up to you to reduce the 7-8ths portion of that rate: distribution costs," he said.

With consideration emphasis Ross denied that there was no market for Bonneville's 600,000 horsepower. He pointed out that power consumption doubles every 5 1/2 years, and predicted that the sixteen counties in Washington which already have formed public districts, will soon use more than half Bonneville's entire ultimate output.

"The building of Bonneville is a humanitarian act," Ross said. "We must have the widest use of electricity to reach the greatest number of people; this loads the plant, makes it self-supporting, and rates will continually drop."

Ross struck out at the theory of "industry at tidewater" absorbing the major portion of Bonneville's current. He declared that industries such as aluminum use great amounts of electricity, but comparatively little labor, and would not uphold the Northwest. There will be ample power to meet commercial demands, he said, especially for industries that have a fair amount of employment. He emphasized the fact that the beauty of the Columbia Gorge should be preserved in every way.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor

We co-operate with the Federated Church for the Thanksgiving Service. We meet in their building at 10:00 a. m. and a well prepared program awaits you. Come, let us praise God together.

Evangelist Alley will give the address at Church of Christ on Thanksgiving evening 7:30 p. m. Subject "America's One Foundation."

Our Revival will close on Wednesday December 1st. We urge your prayers, we need your cooperation and invite your attendance. Subjects as follows:

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day "America's One Foundation".

Friday "Manhood for Christ."

Saturday 7:00 a. m. "???"

Sunday 7:30 p. m. "Broadway Bound".

Monday, 7:30 p. m. Question and answer night. Mr. Alley to answer any Bible question you will hand in between now and that time. Come and hear the answers.

Tuesday "Almost Persuaded"

Wednesday The closing night of the Revival "Central Point's Last Stand."

Our aim for Bible school is 120 on time for the count.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Come! Work! Pray!

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

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Bible School, 9:30.

Preaching, 11:00.

Two groups of Endeavors, 6:30.

Evening services, 7:30.

Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30.

Thursday, Nov. 18, a joint meeting of Ladies Aid, Missionary Meeting and Berean Class party will be held at the home of Mrs. E. C. Faber.

Today Is Turkey Day



Everyone talking and thinking turkey.