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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, folks, the unexpected has happened. The city dads have risen on their hind legs and decided that they are going to have more money from the water users, especially those who had the temerity to advocate the bringing in of Medford water. They have decided to raise the minimum rate to \$1.50 instead of \$1.00 and to charge 20 cents per thousand gallons for all above the said minimum. Fine, that's going to help a lot during the approaching hard winter, eh?

Get out what you have left of that pencil you wore almost out some time ago figuring on the Medford water and let's get this down in black and white. First let's put down the old rate which has been in operation for years: The first 400 cubic feet or 3000 gallons cost \$1.00. In case you wanted more than this minimum amount the next 2000 gallons cost 25 cent per thousand, or 50 cents. Thus 5000 gallons cost \$1.50. Then the next 15,000 gallons came at 10 cents per thousand, or \$1.50. And all above that cost 25 cents per thousand. So you could get 20,000 gallons (if the city happened to have that much to sell when you wanted it) for \$3.00.

Consider now the new rate: The same minimum of 3000 gallons will cost under the proposed rate, \$1.50. And everything above that minimum will cost 20 cents per thousand. Thus if you wanted 5000 gallons you would pay \$1.50 minimum, plus 40 cents, or \$1.90. And 20,000 gallons would cost \$1.50 minimum, plus \$3.40 for 17,000 gallons, or \$4.90.

Now compare that with the price of Medford water: 5000 gallons minimum for \$2.50; 20,000 gallons, \$5.50. JUST SIXTY CENTS MORE IN EITHER CASE FOR PURE, SOFT WATER. We take off our hat to the opposition for giving us such a dandy argument for the Medford water plan. We have a sneaking hunch that when our folks have to pay any more than they have been paying for the kind of water they have received there is going to be one grand howl. And it's going to help a lot in bringing newcomers to the city, too. Just tell 'em what a grand town we have—plenty of water (in winter when it rains) more or less pure, at a price almost equal to that paid by Medford folks for pure, soft water, and who have an unlimited supply at the other end of the pipe line, while here no one knows when one turns on a faucet whether one is going to get enough for a drink or not—and just watch 'em rush in to fill up our vacant lots.

Nothing out of the grace of God saved this town from destruction by the fire demon last summer—we certainly had no water to fight with. Here's hoping we may continue under that protection for at least a while longer—we're apt to need it.

Now a word regarding our old distributing system. Just this week a leak was discovered in front of our residence. (This leak, by the way, had been reported some time ago). All indications showed that the leak had been going full blast for a long time. There was a hole in the main about three-quarters of an inch in diameter and the water had made a hole underground in which you could bury a team. Our guess is that this one leak alone accounted for quite a bit of the water shortage last summer. It probably cost the city 100 dollars for electricity to pump that much extra water, too. Which doesn't sound like very good business to us. Too much like some of the New Deal boondoggling—wheeling leaves, etc., pumping water by electricity out of a well at one end of town and pouring it out through a finger-sized hole into the ground at the other.

## Surprise Birthday Dinner Is Given

On Sunday December 5, Mrs. Mathina Hugger was given a surprise birthday dinner by her daughter Loraine and Miss Gates at their apartment in Medford. Those enjoying the day with Mrs. Hugger were her children, Mrs. Henrietta Hass, Loraine Hugger of Medford, Harold Hugger of San Francisco, Miss Ivy Hugger of Central Point and Miss Gates.

## JUNIORS APPEAR IN CLASS PLAY TOMORROW EVE

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORTS TICKET SALES LIVELY FOR PRODUCTION

Plans are now complete for the presentation by the juniors of their annual class play "Say It With Flowers," on Friday evening of this week.

If class spirit, enthusiasm, and hard work on the part of the juniors both in and out of the cast spell anything, the success of the production is already assured.

"Say It With Flowers," a 3-act farce, is presented with the permission of Frederick B. Ingram Publications, and plays for two and one-half hours. It has a modern American setting and presents a cast of eleven in many ludicrous situations. The play is full of laughs, and suspense is held well to the end.

It seems that things are none too happy in the Page household, with a five-thousand dollar note due at the bank on Monday. But Mr. Page has a plan to win the banker's sympathy.

His plan fails, due to the mischievousness of his daughter, Sylvia, but unexpected help comes in the form of a cash legacy from Aunt Min's worthless ex-husband, who died in Mexico.

For awhile the house overflows with money. Then it is revealed that the money is counterfeit. Disaster and embarrassment result. Anthony, the young artist, in love with Geraldine, is forced to announce that he is wealthy, and proceeds to redeem the money that Mr. Page has so gaily spent.

After this is amusingly accomplished, the tables are turned once more, and by means of a letter which the absent-minded Mr. Pillsbury had forgotten to deliver, it is learned that the money is real after all.

Ernest Pinkham is cast in the role of Mr. Page, a middle-aged business man, and the part of his wife, Edith Page, who is always sympathetic and optimistic, is taken by Maxine Brown.

Their two daughters, Geraldine and Sylvia, around whom much of the action revolves, are taken by Barbara Fleischer and Arlene Scott. Minerva Cooper, "Aunt Min", Mr. Page's widowed sister, hard of hearing, a bit crabbed, and possessed of a biting sense of humor, is taken by Letha Hesselgrave.

Anthony Wayne, a handsome, well-groomed, young artist in love with Geraldine is portrayed by David Putnam. Jack Merrill, a young insurance salesman, in love with Sylvia is taken by Clyde Lees.

Bob Hoagland will be seen in the part of Mr. Castle, the smooth mannered, over bearing, prosperous banker. Evelyn Stanley takes the part of Mrs. Castle, a flighty, talkative woman of 45.

Comedy in the play centers in the role of Oliver Pillsbury, a stranger from afar, a small thin, shy, washed out sort of individual, in the person of Stanley Jones; and in the role of Ethel, kitchen maid in the Page household, an anemic person of 30, happen to her at any time. This part is taken by Wanda Hood.

The work of the business manager, Marion Strayer, is deserving of special commendation. Miss Strayer, who has had charge of advertising the play and of selling tickets reports that tickets and reserved seats are enjoying a good advance sale.

Eugene Humphrey and Dale Higginbotham are in charge of stage furnishings and properties.

Mrs. Ross, junior class advisor, has coached the play and will be in charge of the "make-ups" on the night of the presentation of "Say It With Flowers."

## New Maytag Agent in Medford

Mr. D. C. Cowles and Mr. M. V. Younger have opened up a Maytag Company at 31 North Bartlett St., Medford. Mr. Younger is a local man and both parties have had many years of experience aloing these lines. They handle Maytag washers and Ironers, Monarch ranges, Sun Flame oil heaters and Electrolux Kerosene Refrigerators. They also have parts and service any make of washing machines.

## Council Raises Minimum Price For City Water

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday evening a number of important matters were considered. After the routine business was completed, a delegation, headed by Rev. Clifton A. Phillips, was received. Rev. Phillips addressed the council in the matter of outdoor advertising of liquor and cigarettes within the city limits. He stated that a nationwide movement was being formed to eliminate such advertising and introduced a petition signed by more than one hundred citizens asking that the city council pass an ordinance forbidding such advertising within the city.

Mayor Hatfield stated that he thought the matter should be taken under advisement and the legal aspects of the matter investigated. He said he was not sure whether the council had the authority to pass such a law. Mr. Phillips strongly urged the council to take definite action in the matter at once and not let the thing just slide along. Finally, on motion of Councilman Hesselgrave, the council went on record as favoring the proposition, but definite action will be taken at the next meeting, after a check of the legality of the proposed ordinance. This action satisfied the visiting delegation and a vote of thanks was given the council for their action.

During the evening Mayor Hatfield brought up the question as to whether the city was getting the worth of its money in maintaining its membership in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. After some discussion the matter was allowed to drop, owing to the fact that the city's membership was paid up to next July.

After the regular business of the evening was completed, Mayor Hatfield made a statement to the council in which he recommended that the ordinance fixing the water rates for the city be amended. He stated that in his opinion the present minimum rate of \$1.00 for 3000 gallons of water was too low and in order to raise more money to help pay the cost of repairing and replacing worn-out mains the minimum rates should be raised. He also recommended that the rate for all water used in excess of the minimum should be fixed at 20 cent per thousand gallons. He also stated that he thought that in all cases where more than one family occupy one house, or more than one business occupy the same building, both should be charged the minimum rate for water. This would affect several business concerns who have water in their place of business, but who have paid no water rental direct to the city. It would also affect renters of apartments in private houses.

The council spent some time discussing the new proposal and its effect on such places as the Hotel Valandra and the cheese factory. Finally a resolution was adopted calling for the preparation of an ordinance covering the proposed rates and having the same introduced at an adjourned meeting to be held next Monday night, December 13. The new ordinance, if passed, is to take effect with the February meter reading.

## HIGHWAY AND SKYWAY PILOTS COMPARE THEIR NEWEST EQUIPMENT



"My, that's a great big ship to handle" says the amazed Greyhound driver. "That's no toy you pilot over the highways either," says the pilot of the Douglas Skyliner. Greyhound and TWA have recently entered into an agreement and through tickets are now available over both transportation systems, making it possible to reach all parts of the country with speed and comfort.

Regarding the matter of the petition presented at the November meeting of the council asking for an election to vote on the getting of Medford water for this city, Mayor Hatfield said the investigation as to the exact cost of the proposed system was still going on in order to find the amount of bonds necessary to be voted for. Also the matter of the apparent discrepancies in the meter readings for the month of October, at which time the council authorized a special check-up made, was referred to the water committee with instructions to report at the next regular meeting. Several councilmen expressed dissatisfaction with the proposition and said they could not understand how an honest reading could have shown so many errors.

## Xmas Seal Sale at Postoffice Saturday

Christmas seals will be sold at the Post Office Saturday. The ladies of the Health Unit will have a table in the lobby. Everyone should buy as many of these seals as possible. The proceeds are to be used to fight tuberculosis and the Oregon Tuberculosis society report that they are getting results. This year the school children are not selling seals in Central Point.

## Modern Woodmen Re-Elect Officers

The M. W. A. held their regular meeting Tuesday evening with election of officers. The old officers were elected for another term. After the business meeting guests had been invited and a jolly time was enjoyed. Mr. Crosby, manager of the Oriental Gardens, had charge and the Musical Mountaineers furnished the music to dance by.

A oyster supper was served. A good crowd was out all the tables being full.

## First Graders Write Newspaper

The pupils in the first grade in the Central Point school are writing news items each day as part of their regular school work. This week we received the following letter from the school which is self-explanatory:

Dear Mr. Powell:

We can read now. We make our paper every day. We would like to see our news in your big paper. Thanks you!

The First Grade.  
FIRST GRADE NEWS  
Wednesday, December 8.  
35 children are here.  
Not one is out.  
How happy we are, today.  
Allee came this mornning.  
Santa is coming soon.  
Christmas will come in 16 days.  
Look out, for Santa.  
The fog went away.

Mr. and Mrs. Dade Territt have sold their home in Medford. They will continue to live there for the present.

## "Hot" Fence for Bears Is Plan For Beekeepers

Bruin may be a tough customer himself, but he is easily shocked, G. H. Vansell, federal specialist in bee culture at the Davis experiment station, California, told members of the Oregon State Beekeepers' association which held its first meeting on the Oregon State college campus late in November. Vansell reported on experiments with the use of electric fences to keep bears away from mountain apiaries.

Such fences have been found entirely feasible, Vansell said, as a bear once shocked has never been known to return for another try. Instead of the one or two wires usually used for livestock, however, he recommends three or four wires, preferably barbed, and if the ground is dry it is well to lay a foot-wide strip of old chicken wire on the ground around the base of the fence.

Such fences usually are run by batteries, being in inaccessible places where other current is not available. Suitable outfits can be had for from \$15 to \$35, and cost about 3 cents a day to run.

The largest number of beekeepers to attend such a meeting in recent years was present for the two-day educational short-course and business session, where a great variety of topics pertaining to the industry was discussed. A. J. Sanford, Aedmond was elected president; W. D. Haskell, Portland, vice-president, and H. A. Scullen, OSC, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. New department heads are J. O. Cain, Vernon, organization; W. L. Arant, Forest Grove, education; J. Skovbo, Hermiston, marketing; L. M. White, Portland, fairs and exhibits; George Nichols, Talent, inspection, and S. D. Williams, Portland, research.

## Richardsons Buy Table Rock Farm

Purchase was announced this week of the Clarence Case ranch in the Table Rock district by Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanford Richardson of Beall Lane. The farm, better known as the J. C. Pendleton property, comprises 65 acres on the Table Rock road just west of the Redskin orchard owned by E. W. Carlton. It was one of the first properties cultivated in the early days of the settlement. The Richardsons plan to move to their new property next fall, meantime continuing to reside on the Gus Newbury farm on Beall Lane.

## Chicken Dinner Served at Shack

The followings boys, being entertained by Mr. Roy Jones and Mr. Gordon Hare with a big chicken dinner Tuesday evening at the shack, were: Pink and Blue O'Connor, Alan Jewett, Roger Lawrence, Don Anderson, David Putnam, Art Copingers, Eldon Stevens, Loren Webster, Chester Kamburg, Jim Green, Bob Scott, Simon Papp, Cecil Gantenbein, Robert Virtue, Homer Myers and Leo Babbs. After the dinner they played games. The Shack is getting to be famous for its wonderful feeds and jolly parties.

## So what?—

A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue.—Renaissance.

A certain lady being locked out of the business room at the post office when someone thoughtfully closed a door he thought should not be open, being boosted through the stamp window by Mrs. Minnick. It was all the fault of these pesky combination locks—she having been called out to show someone how to work one of the things.

And another lady who could never—well, hardly ever—work the combination on her mail box, working it very successfully one day and finding she had opened someone else's box.

The American receiving a request for a sample copy to be sent to "Ho-Ho-Cus", New Jersey.

City Treasurer being glad he had put his socks on when he was toasting his feet before the fire and callers came.

Robert Ruhl, editor of the Mail Tribune, seems to have bagged through much agony with a cat-sick canine.

## WALTER FRANKS WEDDED AT HOME OF FRIENDS HERE

Mr. Walter Franks and Mrs. Mildred Bradley were married by Rev. R. C. Lewis, pastor of the Federated Church at the E. E. Scott home Wednesday evening at seven o'clock, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and small son, Dickie. Mrs. Scott served ice cream, cake and coffee to those present after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Franks left for their home immediately. About 9 o'clock 40 of their friends gathered at their home for a charivari. They were invited in and treated to candies and cigars.

The American joins their friends in best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

## American Legion To Hold Conference

Medford Post No. 15 of the American Legion is making extensive plans for the annual District Conference to be held in Medford next Monday, December 13. The conference will be held at the Hotel Medford at 2 P.M. and will be in charge of O. E. Palmateer, state commander, Carl Moser, state adjutant and other officials of the Oregon department who have just returned from a national conference of Legion officials in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the evening a banquet in honor of the visiting dignitaries will be held to be followed by dancing and entertainment in the "Freneh Dugout". Representatives of all posts and auxiliary units in Southern Oregon are expected to attend this annual conference. All local Legionnaires are urged to attend.

## Depression

I once knew a fellow named Joe, Who brought home a good bunch of dough, He had good things to eat, And shoes on his feet, But that was a long time ago.

## 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. Subject "Worshipping Together." Solo, J. Ed Vincent.  
Christian Endeavors 6:30 P.M. A work for every age.  
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Subject "A Spineless Giant." The Young People's Choir will sing a special chorus.  
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:15 P.M. Leona Darby, Devotional Leader. You are invited to join the Young People's Bible Study Class. Bible Work for older people also.  
Come! Work! Pray!

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.  
Phone 51  
Bible School 9:30 A.M.  
Preaching Services 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Services 7:30 P.M.  
Junior and Senior Leagues 6:30 P.M.  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  
Thursday December 16 the ladies will meet in the basement to make wreaths for the home dept. Every one welcome.

## Everybody Buys and uses Christmas Seals



14 Shopping Days Left