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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

The fates seem to be against this family in the fixing up of an apartment in the family residence. We'll admit we were too darned slow getting at the job last summer when the weather was good—and now we can't do a darned thing with it. We have been waiting for a long time for this "blasted Henshish drizzle" to stop so we can cut a hole in the roof over our kitchen, but guess it's going to be no use. Maybe we can persuade Paul Bunyon to hold an umbrella over the outfit while we cut that hole and build up a dormer. One day'll do the trick—if we are lucky.

To judge by the expressions heard on the streets after the Junior play the other night, our devil must have cut quite a dash on the stage that night. A few more years in a print shop and he'll act up with the best of 'em.

We have been asked lately why we have given up the idea of securing Medford water for this city. Anybody that thinks we have given up have another guess coming. Like Lord Nelson, "We have just begun to fight." We have waited to see if the city council and His Honor were really going to do anything about that petition we presented some time ago. Mayor Hatfield told the city council "WE" are still investigating the matter of actual costs, etc.

Now that the council has raised the rates for the present water, it is our hunch there is going to be a lot of kicking when the time comes for the new rates to go into effect. If the rate had been put at \$1.50 twenty years ago and the money used wisely, the city would have been out of debt by now. But now that our folks know there is a chance to get much better water for just a little more than the new rate asked for the present unsatisfactory water, they are not going to take the new rate with very good grace.

Of course, when the present water system was put in the folks thought it was wonderful. They had never known any better. No one dreamed of going into the mountains and bringing a mountain spring right to their doors. And we fear there are some people still living in this town who do not believe that the matter of purity, hardness or softness, or quantity available in time of needs, means anything to the modern housewife. But we know the present generation realizes the importance of these things. The old "horse and buggy" days are gone forever.

We heard a good one the other day. A lady was visiting in the city from over on the coast last Sunday, which as you all know was about the only really nice day we have had for a long time, and she went to the most glorious climate we had in this neck of the woods and said she had always heard the Rogue River valley had about the finest climate on earth, but had thought it must be an exaggeration. Her hostess carefully refrained from telling her that Sunday was one of those "unusual" days we sometimes hear of in California.

By the way, let's you and I both send in that check for those Christmas seals we have been planning to send in for several weeks. And while we are about it, let's not forget to drop in at least a two-bit piece in that Christmas kettle. We all know the good the Salvation Army does about this time of year and we won't hurt ourselves one bit by helping as much as we can.

Graders Appear in Holiday Program

The Yuletide season will be ushered into Central Point next Wednesday at 1 o'clock when the grade school children present a combined program in the high school auditorium.

The program, which is scheduled to last but an hour, is open to the public. Parents and friends are invited and are urged to attend.

The first four grades will appear in a playlet "The Spirit of Christmas." There will be fairies, brownies, wise men, shepherds, the star of Bethlehem, Christmas colors and Christmas candles.

The fifth and sixth grades will present "Christmas in Other Lands." The seventh and eighth grades will sing Christmas carols.

Grange Elects Officers for Year

The Central Point Grange elected the following officers recently: Grange Master L. J. Freeman; Overseer, Arnold Bohmert; Secretary Gertrude Furry; Treasurer C. E. Smith; Gate Keeper, Cleo Young; Steward, Elmer Olsen; Assistant Steward, Demale Smith; Chaplain, Hague; Lecturer, Arden Tyrell; Ceres, Freda Young; Pomona, Susie Maus; Flora, Mae Richardson; Lady Assistant, Faye Ritzinger; Executive Committee, J. E. Vincent, William Foley, and Warren Patterson.

CHRISTMAS TO BE HONORED WITH CHILDREN'S FETE

A Christmas program will be given at the Church of Christ next Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. The first half-hour's program will be presented by the children—an old-fashioned Christmas program.

Song "Joy to the World" by the congregation.
Prayer: Ed Vincent.
Scripture reading: Mrs. Bursell.
Song "Away in a Manger": Primary grades.

Recitation "Why do Bells for Christmas Ring?": Jacqueline Palmer.

Christmas Acrostic: Mrs. Scott's class.

Recitation "The Bethlehem Way": Helen Gerber.

Song "The First Noel": Mrs. Cornutt's class with Carolyn Lees as soloist.

Christmas Skit by the classes of Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Hansen.

Recitation "In Bethlehem": Marvin Darby.

Christmas Blessings by Mrs. Lacy's class.

This will be followed by a play sponsored by the Young People's church and the music will be under the direction of the Young Married People's class.

Characters in the play are as follows:

Mr. Allen—Norman Hansen
Mrs. Allen—Maxine Tyrell
Jack, Jr.—Bobby Vincent

Alfred—Woodrow Phillips
Jean—Jeanette Brown
Nell—Vernice Humphrey

Directing Angel—A. M. Tyrell
Leading Angel—Laurabelle Caldwell

Guardian Angels—Mary Lou Gerber and Leona Darby

Wise Men—Raymond Darby, Eugene Humphrey and J. N. Cornutt.

Three Ragged Children—Cecil Hansen, James Phillips and Peggy McCoy.

Martin Commends P.T.A. for Plan to Honor McLoughlin

Commendation for the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers in its program to raise funds for the purchase of a bronze bust of Dr. John McLoughlin, often called the Father of the Oregon Country, by penny contributions from the school children of the state is expressed by Governor Charles H. Martin.

"Tying the school children of the state directly into our glorious past is one of the finest ways of teaching history and the importance of the traditions that have grown from our pioneer period into our day by day life," Governor Martin said.

"Dr. John McLoughlin was one of the outstanding figures of the early days in Oregon when the great movement of farmers started to replace the more transitory settlements of those who came principally to benefit from the fur trade. Hence, Dr. John McLoughlin provided an important transition in the activities and political history of the state.

"Although a British citizen, Dr. McLoughlin rendered such aid to the American pioneers as to enable them to make their settlements permanent through the assistance he gave them while he was Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company at Vancouver. Dr. McLoughlin is recognized as the first Governor of Oregon having served from 1823 to 1824 as Chief Factor at Vancouver. With the Reverend Jason Lee, Dr. McLoughlin served from 1834 to 1841 at which time the provisional government was established.

"After his resignation from the Hudson's Bay Company, Dr. McLoughlin settled at Oregon City and became its first citizen. The house in which he took up his residence has been preserved as a shrine of importance not only in Oregon but in United States history by the McLoughlin Memorial Association. The purpose of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers is to acquire the bronze bust, sculptured by Adrien Voisin, and have it placed in the south garden of the state. In this way school children of the state will have an active part not only in paying tribute to one of the great men of our history but symbolically connecting the present with the past."

Ladies Hold "Pal" Party Friday P.M.

At the home of Mrs. Edward Jones the ladies of the Golden Link Bible class gathered on Friday afternoon for their "Pal" party, which is an annual event. Business session was conducted by President Mrs. John Lacey. Roll call was answered by Lacey versus the Christmas theme was followed throughout the session. Contest games, led by Mrs. Bursell kept every one on the alert. Following this, exchange gifts, by which each member finds her "pal" which hovered a beautiful Christmas tree.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and committee. Thirty-six guests were present.

The January meeting will be with Mrs. Leticia Gregory.

Domestic Laundry Opens New Plant Following Big Fire

Last Monday evening witnessed the opening of the new building of the Medford Domestic Laundry and Zoric Cleaners with an "open-house" reception. As one entered the pleasant front office one was met by Mrs. Glen Fabrick, Senior, whose husband founded the business many years ago, and who presented each lady with a beautiful flower in honor of the occasion. After registering we were asked to enter the great workroom in the rear. Here the entire force was busily at work with the regular routine of a modern laundry.

Most people do not realize what an interesting place a modern Laundry is nor the vast amount of detail work necessary to the handling of the vast quantities of clothing passing through the building daily. To the writer the wonder has always been that more mistakes do not occur.

As one entered the big work room the first thing noticeably was the cheerfulness of the place and the lack of odors normally associated with "wash-day" at home. The new building is equipped with the most modern "saw-tooth" roof with skylights facing north, so that there is no glare at any time of day. Each skylight is provided with ventilators which keep the air pure at all times.

Not the least interesting was the department in the rear of the big room where the drivers bring in the bags of soiled clothing. Here each bundle is checked separately and the different kinds of materials marked and placed in separate net bags, each with a number. A list is made of all the articles and each patron's wash is given a number. Each net bag is pinned with a big safety pin carrying that number. The pins are kept when not in use attached to a numbered metal card and when the bundles are being checked for delivery all pins carrying that number must be in their place. In case one is missing the girl knows that some article belongs to that pa-

tron is still somewhere about the building and the bundle is held until the missing article is found. All the machinery is new and of the latest design. One could stand for hours and watch the different expert operators as they handle the different machines, but to most people the shirt ironer is perhaps the most interesting. It is no wonder that shirts coming from such a modern plant having a different appearance than the average housewife can give them at home. In fact, many of the operations could not possibly be duplicated in a home laundry. Take, for instance, the washing of fine wollen blankets and such articles as bath towels. No home laundry could possibly turn out such things with the same softness and delicacy as is done by this modern laundry.

About twenty-even people are employed by this concern the year round. Some of these have been with the company many years. Since the building formerly occupied by this concern was destroyed by fire some months ago, the company has continued to handle their business by working a night shift in the plant of the American Laundry while building their new plant. All the machinery was destroyed and has been replaced with new so that the plant is now conceded to be one of the most modern in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Fabrick and Mrs. Fabrick, Sr. are to be congratulated on their enterprise in re-establishing their business after such a disastrous fire. Mr. Fabrick has had many years experience in the laundry business, having been practically reared in the work. He assumed the active management of the business upon the untimely death of his father several years ago.

A visit to this modern laundry will convince the most skeptical of the advantages to be gained by sending your clothing to the laundry, where "everything is returned—but the dirt."

The Berean class of the Federated Church held their class party at the home of Mrs. Ellen Leonard on Beall Lane. The meeting was opened by a song led by Mrs. Louise Grimes and Mrs. Louise Ayres. The reports of Committees followed by the Christmas story from the 2nd chapter of Luke read by Mrs. A. W. Case. Mrs. Bessie Williams read the "Fourth Wise Man" in a very effective manner and it was much appreciated by all. A song "There's A Song In The Air" by Mrs. Grimes accompanied by Iris Hill on her guitar.

Then the high light of the afternoon was jolly old Santa Claus who appeared at the front door with the jingle of bells and a shout. The gifts were given out by Lollie Jewett and Irene Williams as Santa called the names. Each lady learned who their Berean Sister was.

Refreshments of hot biscuits and creamed chicken with coffee was served to twenty seven ladies by Mrs. Leonard and committee.

Poetess Thanked For Book Gift

On returning to this office the other day we found on our desk an Author's Copy of a book of poems by Amy Carson Phillips, with the author's signature and dedication on the fly leaf. Rush of work had prevented us from reading the entire book as yet but we hope to be able to do so soon.

We hereby express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Phillips for her gift and hope to find inspiration from the perusal of the book.

WHY, BOYS!
It used to be in days of old,
That Romeo was brave and bold;
At least that's what we've all been told.
But hearts were warm, those days
Did not cold.

They used to fight with swords and guns,
I guess from what we hear 'twas fun.
But when a man a girl did shun
She never got him on the run
But last week there was a fight,
And Romeo is in a plight,
His eye is black, the skin is tight,
And nearly shuts out all the light.

The above was handed in by a local poet after a spirited affair by two of the local school boys. It is said it Tucker hadn't lent his aid they might have been fighting to this day.

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Beauty Salon to Have New Manager

Velma Milkowski of Jacksonville has taken over the Central Point Beauty Salon. Miss Milkowski is an experienced operator in all lines of Beauty work. She is well known in the valley and recently was with the Craterian shop in Medford. She will be pleased to meet all her former patrons as well as new friends at the Salon. She offers some very good specials for the holidays.

Medford Center Market to Open

J. F. Haws of Medford returned Monday from a trip to Portland and Seattle where he was looking over various stores and also buying equipment for the new food market he will open on North Central Avenue, Medford some time in January. The new store will be known as the Medford Center Market and will handle a full line of groceries, meats and vegetables.

High School Holds Xmas Party

"Christmas Trimmings", a one act play, will be presented at the annual high school Christmas assembly on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Following the play there will be the regular exchange of Christmas gifts. The program is open to all students, alumni, and friends of the school.

Goose Ad Brings Many Inquiries

For Sale—Fat geese, 14 to 16 lbs. \$1.50. Inquire this office.

The above ad appeared in the American last week and for a while it looked as though we would have to hire extra help to direct people who were fond of geese to the advertiser. Even now as we prepare to go to press with the next paper readers are still dropping in to ask about those geese. Inquiries have come in from Medford and many parts of the valley. However, the demand was so great the geese were all sold in a very short time and the ad ordered taken out.

Donors of Yule Baskets Asked To Check List

Every organization or individual planning to give Christmas baskets to the needy have been requested to report the name of the family to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, through which all charitable enterprises are being cleared this year in an effort to avert duplication and include every home where assistance is needed.

A card index and master list of names are being prepared at the chamber of commerce and these will be utilized in the coordinated system evolved recently by charity, church, service and fraternal organizations planning to aid the poor at Christmas. By checking against this list, duplications can be avoided and new names added, it is explained.

The three principal groups distributing Christmas baskets, the Salvation Army, Elks and Eagles, are now compiling their lists for clearing through the central agency. Other groups and individuals who are to donate or distribute baskets are asked to do likewise by telephoning Miss Florence Scherrer at the chamber of commerce.

Forms will be provided for the filing of names of families. Those who know of needy families are asked to notify Miss Scherrer. If the families are not already on some list, they will be added, according to A. H. Barwell, manager of the chamber of commerce.

All organizations will combine their resources also for one huge Christmas party for poor children. The party will be held in the Medford Armory following the Gates & Lydiard Christmas banquet at noon on December 23. There all organizations will act in unison in conducting the party and presenting the children with Christmas gifts.

Applications for Soil Payments Being Received

New applications for benefit payments under the 1938 Agricultural Soil Conservation Program are now being accepted. All farmers who have not been signed up in the past can now fill out a work sheet for payment in 1938 if practices are performed that will earn payment.

County Agent R. G. Fowler, who is secretary of the County Soil Conservation Association, states that 78 per cent of the crop-land of the county is already signed up, but excepting very small farms, there should be at least 12 per cent more, bringing the total up to 90 per cent.

The closing date for the acceptance of new work sheets will be December 31, so all farmers who are not in the program are urged to come in to the office and sign up.

Driving School To Be Held Soon

A safety driving school will be inaugurated under the sponsorship of the secretary of state's office, according to an announcement by Ward McReynolds, state examiner in charge of the southern Oregon district.

The first period of instruction will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the council chamber of the city hall in Medford. Three or four classes will be organized, each limited to 15. One lesson will be given each week for seven weeks.

Enrollment is open to anyone 15 years of age or older. Practice in traffic driving will be offered by school to students who have procured instruction permits or who already hold licenses. Drivers will furnish their own cars.

The school is designed to increase safety and reduce accidents. It was explained by Mr. McReynolds, who has charge of all classes. All the basic elements of driving will be taught, he said.

Local Couple Wed on Monday

Mr. Charley Coarley and Mrs. Lois Adanson were married at the cordi house in Medford Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. They left for a short honeymoon trip in Eugene and Cottage Grove. They will live in the Mary Richardson house when they return.

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COUNCIL PASSES NEW ORDINANCE ON WATER RATES

The city council met in adjourned session Monday night for the purpose of considering the proposed ordinance changing the water rates for this city. All the councilmen with the exception of Councilman Ross were present.

Upon request of Mayor Hatfield, Recorder Tex read the proposed Ordinance. Upon motion by Councilman Hesselgrave, seconded by Milton, the ordinance was given an official number (218) and considered as read the first time for passage. It was then read the second time by title only and then read in full the final time. It was moved by Lewis and seconded by Milton that the ordinance be passed. On roll call, all councilmen present voted aye, and Ordinance No. 218 was declared passed.

The new ordinance provides that on and after the 25th day of February, 1938, the minimum water rental shall be \$1.50 per month, with an allowance of 3000 gallons. For all water used in excess of the minimum of 3000 gallons the rate shall be 20 cents per thousand gallons, regardless of the amount used.

The new ordinance also provides that hereafter all homes, business places of all character and any other place using city water not under meter shall pay the minimum rate of \$1.50 per month. (This will include all apartments in private houses having only one meter for the building, business blocks occupied by more than one business with only one meter for the entire building, and the like.)

So what?—

It is good to battle, to suffer, to be thrown overboard and left to save ourselves. What we lose in comfort we gain in energy, and energy is the most precious of man's weapons.—Charles Wagner.

Everett Faber scratching his head over the social security act.

Chester Kamburg decorating Christmas windows at the Alexander Implement Co. and Christmas trees appearing in many of our stores.

Guy Tex starting a new volunteer fire department when the mattress in the city housegoog caught fire from a cigarette. The smoker had to lay on the floor to keep from suffocating and was nearly drowned when Tex doused him with water, carried in a two quart container.

Little Penny Martin on being told that her mother had gone to have a hair cut and finger wave said that mamma gone to have finger cut, and looked to see the cut when mother came back.

A certain party taking much pains to fix some lovely tulips in the cellar so they would grow good root for winter blooming—Brought them out of the cellar the other day and found that roots were all she had as mice had eaten all the totps.

Mr. Cash wanting us to have a Christmas tree in our paper or else he wouldn't have any.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor

Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "Memories of Bethlehem"

Children's Church 11:00 A.M. Subject "Real Christmas".
Senior Intermediate and Junior Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Subject "The Three Lives of Christ".
Our Christian Program will be given Thursday 23 at 7:30 P.M. The first 30 minutes the children will present an old fashioned Christmas PrProgram. This will be followed by a Christmas Play "Is Christmas Here Again?"

We invite you to attend and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.
Phone 51

Bible School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Junior and Senior Leagues 6:30 P.M.

Evening Services 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday Bible Study 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday evening we will have our annual White Christmas tree for the boys and girls and older people. Everyone is invited to "Come, Let Us Adore Him, Christ Our Lord". A fine program will be in store for everyone attending. You are welcome.

Missionary Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. C. Grimes December 30. This will be Mike box open- ing.