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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Comes now the time for the annual good resolutions. Wonder how many of them will be remembered six months from now? Anyway, suppose we, too, should make our share of the darned things, whether we keep them or not. So here goes—

First, we hope to be able to do more for the good of our town in the next twelve months than we have been able to accomplish in the past. We are resolved to do our darndest, anyway. This resolution is to boost, boost, boost, in season and out that our little city may grow and prosper.

Second, we are resolved to so restrain our tendency toward biting humor and sarcasm that no one may be offended or their feelings hurt at anything we may say. We know there have been times when we might have accomplished the same result without any hard feelings had we been more careful in the language used. This does not mean that we are going to give up our constitutional right to criticize whenever or wherever we think criticism is due, but we shall try to do this as kindly as possible and leave out the personalities.

Third, we hope to be able to do our part in the campaign to secure a better water system in such a manner that no personal illwill nor animosities may be engendered and that no community strife may be started. This writer has no personal axe to grind in this matter. We are taking the side of the Medford water for the simple reason of a sincere belief that such a move would be for the ultimate good of the community. However, we are coming more and more to realize the seriousness of the problem and that there are many things to be considered of which we thought little when we first began the campaign. This writer has no more desire to swamp the city by adding an unbearable burden of taxation than any other thoughtful citizen has. It has been our hope from the start that some workable plan might be devised so that we might have this water on a basis we can handle. But we can readily see that it is going to take a lot of figuring to bring the desired result.

Finally, brethren, we are hereby resolving to stand by our city dads whenever in our opinion they are doing their best for the welfare of the city. We know they have grave problems to handle and it is our honest belief that every one of these men want to do what is best for the future interest of their home town. We have not always agreed with them in what they have done and probably will not always agree with their ideas in the future. But we hereby pledge these gentlemen that we will endeavor not to allow personal feelings to influence our expressions in this column or elsewhere regarding their work for the public. Bless their hearts, they have our sincere sympathies for being so unfortunate as to be saddled with the job of trying to bring our city through such a time with flying colors.

Now we have another matter we want to bring to our readers. We feel that with the present condition existing throughout the world that the question of peace is a very important one. And this writer is in hearty accord with the idea contained in the Capper resolution now before Congress asking for an amendment to the Constitution taking away the power of Congress to declare war without first referring the question to the people by a referendum election. This limitation to apply in all cases except when an actual attack is made upon this nation by any foreign power.

We wish all our readers who agree with this idea would sit down right now and write to Senators McNary and Steiwer and to Congressman Mott and let them know your wishes in the matter. If enough people write these letters and show that they want this amendment adopted it will bring the desired result. Write today.

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## REPORT SHOWS MARKETS HURT BY OUTSIDERS

At a time when increased farm purchasing power is sorely needed to restore prosperity and keep the nation from slipping into another depression the American farmer is forced to compete in his own market with farmers of a score of foreign nations.

While vast areas of farm land are being taken out of production and other forms of restriction considered to avoid surpluses and hold up prices, hundreds of millions of dollars worth of these same products from other parts of the globe are being dumped into this country to demoralize the American farmer's market and take good American dollars out of the United States by the carload.

It doesn't make sense, does it?

During the fiscal year of 1937 the farmers of foreign nations sold us more of their products, of the same kind grown here, than we shipped out. For the first time in our history the value of farm imports into the United States exceeded our exports. Of these "competitive" farm products \$868,000,000 worth were shipped in during the past fiscal year and \$733,000,000 worth were shipped out. That is approximately 18 per cent more of imports than exports.

All imports of farm products, competitive and non-competitive, in the fiscal year of 1937 totaled \$2,894,000,000, or nearly four times the value of all our farm exports during the same year.

The list of farm products shipped into this country during the past year is a long and varied one. Even those which compete directly with the output of American farms make quite a respectable showing. The following are the chief items in this classification with the year's importation of each:

Live cattle, 420,000 head.  
Meats, 150,000,000 pounds, including 62,000,000 pounds of pork and 85,000,000 pounds of beef.  
Butter, 15,000,000 pounds.  
Cheese, 64,000,000 pounds.  
Dried and frozen eggs, 10,500,000 pounds.  
Wool, 181,000,000 pounds.  
Barley, 17,000,000 pounds.  
Corn, 78,000,000 bushels.  
Wheat, 48,000,000 bushels (12,000,000 milled in bond for export).  
Flaxseed, 26,000,000 bushels.  
Unmanufactured tobacco, 73,822,000 pounds.  
Barley malt, 434,000,000 pounds.  
Molasses used in manufacture of alcohol, 312,000,000 gallons.  
Edible molasses, 19,000,000 gallons.  
Sugar, 6,600,000,000 pounds.  
Potato starch, 14,000,000 pounds.  
Coconut oil used in making butter substitutes, 319,000,000 pounds.  
Copra from which coconut oil is extracted, 519,534,000 pounds.  
Palm oil used in the manufacture of soap, 369,000,000 pounds.  
Cottonseed oil (butter and lard substitutes), 291,000,000 pounds.  
Tung oil used in the manufacture of paint, 147,000,000 pounds.  
Soybeans and soybean oil, 119,000,000 pounds.  
Peanut oil, 45,000,000 pounds.  
Forage crop seeds, 48,000,000 pounds.  
Garden and field seeds, 41,000,000 pounds.  
Vegetables, 551,000,000 pounds, including 59,000,000 pounds of dried beans, the latter accounting in a large degree for the present low price of beans.

## County Council of P.T.A. to Meet

The regular meeting of the Jackson County Council of Parents and Teachers will be held at the Oak Grove school Wednesday, January 13.

The membership contest between the P.T.A. units has closed—the Blues won. The losing side—the Golds—will entertain with a dinner at this meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. James K. Hoey, Council President, will preside. Every unit in the county is urged to have as many members as possible attend the meeting.

## Council Listens To Estimates on New Water Plan

The city council met for the first meeting of the new year Monday night. The meeting was an important one, as there were many things to consider connected with plans for the year's work. All councilmen were present, with the exception of Councilman Ross.

Following the reading of the minutes of the December meeting, Mayor Hatfield stated that he wished to make several recommendations for the new year. His first recommendation was to the effect that the present representative of the city in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce be relieved from his duties and that hereafter such representative be a member of the council. Also that the retiring representative should be given a vote of thanks for his service during the past year. On motion of Councilman Myers this recommendation was adopted.

Mayor Hatfield further recommended that the positions of City Water Superintendent and City Marshal should be entirely separated and set forth the specific duties of each officer. This recommendation was also adopted.

After the routine business of the evening was complete, Mayor Hatfield stated that he had requested City Attorney Harry Skyrman to attend the meeting for the purpose of answering any questions regarding the matter of bond elections, etc., and that councilmen were free to ask him any questions they pleased. Several councilmen took advantage of the opportunity to secure information relating to this subject. When asked what were the qualifications of voters in bond elections, Mr. Skyrman stated that under the present law any registered voter residing within the city limits was qualified to vote on any question at any city election, regardless of property ownership. Mr. Skyrman examined the petitions presented to the council some time ago asking for an election on the subject of securing Medford water for this city and stated that in the case of such a petition the council could use its own discretion in the matter and were not compelled by law to comply with the terms of the petition.

The mayor then introduced Mr. Gilbert Stuart, member of the firm of R. I. Stuart & Son, general contractors, of Medford, who presented an estimate as to the cost of laying a 10-inch cast iron main from the intersection of the Medford water system at the Midway Road to connect with the Central Point mains, and also to lay two 6-inch mains in the alleys each side of Pine street from the Faber corner to the highway. The estimate was given in de-

## P. N. G. Club Meets At Buckles Home

The Past Noble Grand club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Minnie Buckles and elected the following officers for the new year: Mrs. Buckles, president; Etta Purkeypile, vice-president; Ida Henderson, chaplain; Catherine Merritt, secretary and Betta Pankey, conductress. Mrs. Buckles served delicious refreshments.

## Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tharp wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the many kind acts and for the forbearance shown them while they were making acquaintance with the routine of their new work during the past year. They thank the board for their encouraging letter and promise to spare no effort to improve their service in every way possible.

Mrs. E. O. Crosby has a cow that was born on November 20, 1936 and on November 5, 1937 she had brought Mrs. Crosby 6 heifer calves and she lacked 25 days of being 7 years old. Mrs. Crosby was formerly Stella Obenchain and she states that while she changed her name in the past year she didn't seem to change her luck.

tail but the total, which included engineering cost, legal services and administration cost, was \$36,274. He stated, however, that he was sure that actual construction cost would be less than this amount on account of competitive bidding by contractors.

At the request of the council, Mr. Stuart broke down his total figure to show the estimated cost of laying the Pine street mains alone. This work, he stated, would cost in the neighborhood of \$4,500.00, leaving the cost of laying the main to connect with the Medford system at approximately \$32,000. Some time was spent in asking questions, all of which Mr. Stuart answered in a very courteous and thorough manner, giving the council much needed information in their endeavor to arrive at a just estimate of the cost of the proposed new water system. He also gave them advice from his large experience in the matter of repairing the old distributing system and other problems now before the council.

Following a lengthy discussion of the whole water situation, the council proceeded, upon advice of the city attorney, to leave the final action in the petitions to a later date. Several other matters were then taken up, among which was the matter of several aged and unsightly buildings. It was voted to instruct the city recorder to notify the owners of these buildings to either put them in good repair or to tear them down.

An application from the General Petroleum Co. for a building permit to construct a part-frame building was read and after some discussion it was decided to allow the building to be built, although the same would be within the fire district. It was felt that the new building would be so isolated that there would be no danger of fire to other buildings.

A letter from the attorney of the League of Oregon cities in reference to the petition presented at the last meeting asking for an ordinance forbidding the display of advertising of cigarettes, tobacco, beer or liquors within the city was read. Owing to the fact that the petitioners had already read the letter and were satisfied to abide with its recommendations, the council voted to postpone action on the petition indefinitely.

Councilman Myers, chairman of the street committee, made a brief report of the work being done on the streets and stated that Marshal Hedgpath expected to continue the work whenever the weather permitted. The mayor asked if there were any other committee reports, but there were none and the council adjourned.

## Nathan Russell, 31, Called by Death

Friends will be saddened to hear of the death of Nathan Russell last Sunday afternoon at his home near Talent.

Nathan ("Buster") Everett Russell was born June 30, 1907 at Jacksonville, Ore., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Russell, long-time residents of this section. He attended school at Central Point and graduated from high school at Eagle Point, Ore.

He had been in ill health for the past six months as the result of an auto accident.

He leaves his parents; one sister, Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Talent; one brother, Glen Russell, at home; one brother, Lyle Russell, of Klamath Falls; his grandfather, W. P. Morgan also a host of friends.

Funeral services were held from the Perl Funeral home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. D. E. Millard, officiating. Interment was in the family plot in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Seely Hall, general superintendent of United Air Lines with headquarters in Chicago is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Court Hall in Medford and other friends and relatives in the valley. Mr. Hall is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman.

## Civic Club Plans Work for Year

The Civic club met at the library Wednesday afternoon for the first meeting of the new year and discussed plans for the coming year. The members wish to take up some project that will be a real benefit to the community. Some suggestions were carried over until the cost of the project could be looked into. The proposition of making gravelled paths to the school house and requiring the children to walk on them instead of the highway or other street was spoken of. At the next meeting, which is always held on the first Wednesday in every month, plans are expected to complete for the year's program.

It was decided to hold a cooked food sale all day Saturday, January 22. A light lunch is to be served at noon.

The club started the new year with \$10.30 in the treasury. At the last meeting it was voted to appoint a committee to purchase some dishes for the club. Mesdames Minniek, Hedgpath and Humphrey were appointed and purchased some very attractive dishes and a small amount of silver at a reasonable price. Mrs. Lawrence presented the club with a coffee pot and Mrs. Minniek gave them a creamer and sugar bowl. Other members gave dish towels. Mrs. Delph Cox and Mrs. Erna Hedgpath furnished refreshments of jello, cake and coffee.

## P.-T. Assn. Holds Pleasant Meeting

A very interesting executive meeting of P.T.A., with many good thoughts and plans brought out, was held Monday January 3 at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. C. Faber. Play sheds were again discussed and a committee of three, Mesdames Burns Williams and Myers, was appointed to cover the districts near and learn the types, and costs of playsheds. The date for Dad's Night was discussed and will be held in February. A covered dish supper will be served. As the hot lunches are self supporting, the P.T.A. will have as a project for remainder of year the buying of play ground equipment, to replace those worn out. It was reported that new cups, spoons and a few little articles are needed for the new kitchen.

As the state P.T.A. are helping with the memorial honoring Dr. John McLoughlin, ways and means are being sought by the local unit of P.T.A. so that we may do our part.

Mrs. Clifton Phillips will speak to the parents and teachers Friday about Dr. McLoughlin and the memorial.

## So what?—

To reach a port, we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

City Treasurer Edward Jones starting the New Year right by building a new cement walk and Mr. Don Stanley getting a right start also by assisting him.

This office force of the American being promised all kinds of things if they don't get the dates right on the Civic Club meetings. Soon we will be tempted to require everyone wishing announcements to bring them in written down like Gates' friendship hour does.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard received a beautiful apron as a Christmas gift that she is forced to keep locked up to prevent Mesdames Pendleton and McCoy from stealing.

Little Jackie Humphrey wishing her mother would hurry up and come home from the hospital.

Wonder what the ladies of the Civic Club are going to do with that big butcher knife.

Roy Jones running down main street like he was going to a fire or practicing for a basketball team Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amick spent the holidays at their summer home in the winter time.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard boasting that she received a gift that one of the Civic Club ladies never had and the ladies discovering that St. Baker was so elated when he returned thru here with his bride that he grabbed Mrs. Hubbard and kissed her.

## PHONE MANAGERS GET NEW CONTRACT WITH PAY INCREASE

The annual meeting of the Delegate board of the Central Point Mutual Telephone company was held in the telephone building Tuesday afternoon. Representatives from nearly all the branch lines of the company were present.

The financial report of the secretary-treasurer was read and showed that the company had had a fairly prosperous year during 1937. Ten new phones were added to the system, making a total at this time of 179 telephones connected to the local switchboard. The report also showed that there was a balance on hand of approximately \$700. Considering the fact that the rates for phones as charged by the company, (which rates are the lowest in the country) this is a very good showing.

Through an error last year no new telephone directories were ordered at the time the new Medford directory was issued, which caused considerable confusion and slowing of the service. The board passed a resolution instructing the manager to order a sufficient number of new directories when the next book is issued and to mail a copy to each subscriber. Subscribers will be asked to destroy their old books to avoid confusion after the new books are received.

Three applications were received for the position of operator-manager: One from Leo Obenchain; one from Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and one from the present managers, Mr. and Mrs. Tharp. By a unanimous vote the board decided to renew the present contract with Mr. and Mrs. Tharp at an increase of \$15 per month. It was believed that this policy was for the best interest of the company as the present managers had shown themselves to be very loyal to the company and it was thought they had earned the right to another year on the job. The increase in salary was allowed on account of the increased cost of living and as an added inducement to still further increase the efficiency of the service.

The assessment rate for 1938 was fixed at the same figure as for 1937, or \$5.00 per year. This is payable semi-annually.

The annual election of officers of the telephone company resulted in the unanimous re-election of the old officers, consisting of E. C. Faber, president; O. S. Blackford, vice-president and W. E. Alexander, secretary-treasurer.

Miss Joyce Young of Medford has work in the office of Dr. Jensen of Medford.

## 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. The mixed quartet will sing for this service. Subject: "Officers of the New Testament Church."  
Children's Church 11:00 a. m. Mrs. Phillips, pastor. Your child will enjoy and be helped by this service. We invite you to send your children.

Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m. Special chorus by the young people C. T. Springs will be the speaker. Don't fail to hear him.  
Prayer and Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Devotional leader, Mrs. Willie Davis. Mrs. Bertha Bursell will lead the older study group. The books for training are here. We are ready to begin in earnest on the Bible course.

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
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Junior and Senior League 6:30 P.M.  
Evening Services 7:30 P. M.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study 2:30 P.M.  
Thursday afternoon the Berean class party will be held at the home of Mrs. H. P. Jewell.