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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary—words to that effect—we suppose this darned old column must be filled. Just who cares a whoop whether it is or not is another question, but the blamed paper must go to bed some way and it would hardly do to just let the first column on page one go blank. Someway, finding things to write about which will not offend gets harder as the years go by. Even Odd McIntyre says he is beginning to tire of the things which interested him in the old days.

We have written of so many things in the past few years—politics, local and national, sights from our office window, the doings of this person or that, leaves from memory's book, and the like, that it seems our bucket of scup is about empty. But we have had so much fun with the writing we feel we must try again to find something for you all to mull over.

Not having been gifted with a rich daddy we cannot do as our esteemed contemporary of the Trib does and journey to the southland to write of movie stars, football games, etc., but must be content with lesser things. Suppose we tell of a little trip up toward Dead Indian where we went to call on a young couple who had bought a place there. In case you are interested, you'll have a heck of a time finding the place, because it is well hidden from the road.

We presume all our readers are aware there seems to be a bit of fog in the air these days. Well, as we drove up the creek we seemed to be getting into thinner air. The sun even showed through once in a while. Sure enough, we suddenly entered into a new world, at least one we had not seen for some time. There was a bit of snow lying about in shady places and the ground was frozen in spots. The glorious sun was shining from a cloudless sky. Stopping at a farm house by the way we were told we had better get on chains as the road was a bit icy in spots from there on. Bit icy, was right. One hill was a solid glare for a hundred feet. Then we came to the turning off place and dropped down onto a meadow which looked smooth enough, but which proved to be as rough as any place we have ever driven over in all our experience. We bumped over this for a quarter of a mile or so and finally entered the timber. Then we saw smoke and suddenly the dogs heard us coming and rushed forth to welcome visitors.

There, nestled in the dense woods, we found a new cabin, or rather a re-built one, which was a credit to its builders. They had taken an old cabin they had found on the place and dragged the logs to the new location. This old cabin had been built by one of the old-time woodmen, a mountaineer from the Camberlands. He and his sons had cut huge cedar logs and hewed them flat on one side, peeling the bark from the rest of the log. The cabin had been built with the smooth side in and contained at least four rooms, with a passage between. One finds few such homes these days.

The new owners of the place had used these well seasoned logs for their building and had remodeled the house so that they had a two-room house. The shakes for the roof had been cut for some time and all had a weathered appearance which added to its beauty. With the exception of a few bright chips one might have thought the cabin had stood there in its setting of evergreen for forty years. Someway, these log houses have a way of fitting into the landscape in a way impossible with sawn lumber construction.

Inside the house the young housewife had (as only the hand of a woman can do) made a cheerful atmosphere by the use of a bit of color—a calendar or two, a few pictures, a bit of bright curtain and a few rugs. The whole place radiated cheerfulness and homely comfort. Bless thy hearts, who says America is going to the dogs? These are the folks who can sing (and mean it, thank God)

"I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills.

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD IN BIG WAY AS DRUGLESS DR.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 10—(Special to The American)—Dr. Joseph B. Holmes, formerly well known Central Point resident, has been placed in charge of the general clinic division of the Los Angeles College of Drugless Physicians, Professor B. B. Crombie, college founder and dean, announced this week. Dr. Holmes, who has been semi-officially connected with the institution for the past eight years, was given this signal honor in recognition of his high ability and success in this field of endeavor.

General information reveals that a drugless physician is defined as a professional man entitled to practice all drugless methods of healing, including physiotherapy, diet, hydrotherapy, manipulative and mechanical therapy, gynecology, obstetrics, etc. Such physician is not to be confused with chiropractors limited in practice to the manipulation of the spine by hands. Dr. Holmes has been carrying on his own practice for sometime and is already becoming well known in the southern California area.

In the minds of the older Central Point residents, it does not seem long since J. B., as he was known in southern Oregon, began his career as a Mail Tribune carrier boy, delivering papers at about the time A. E. Powell, The American editor, was pressman for the Tribune. J. B. peddled papers for two or three years and then in a small way became interested in telegraphy—an interest which later brought him employment with the Southern Pacific company in Central Point and Medford.

From this point his progress was rapid. He mastered the railroad telegraphy trade so well that he held positions in all the large cities of the United States and has worked in practically every state in the union. About ten years ago he began duties with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in Los Angeles. Despite long hours and strenuous duties, he became interested in the Drugless Physician field. He took up night school work, displaying a rare proficiency in his studies.

While undertaking his studies, he also continued to display progress in telegraph activities, extremely complex in such a highly involved

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Last Matrons Meet At Leever Home

The Past Matron club of Nevita Chapter met with Mrs. Elizabeth Leever Wednesday for a dessert luncheon, the honor guest being Mrs. Norcross who will celebrate her golden wedding January 22. About 23 members and guests were present. Mrs. Norcross's daughter Mrs. Helen Hedrick of Medford was present. The members presented Mrs. Norcross with a beautiful gold mesh bag.

U. S. Marine Corps Announces Vacancies

Enlistments in the U. S. Marine Corps are open to a limited number of young men, according to information received by Postmaster Tom Pankey from Captain James B. Hardie, Marine Corps Recruiting Officer at Portland, Oregon.

These men will serve as replacements to the Battleships, Cruisers, Aircraft Carriers of the United States Fleet, and to the Marine Corps Forces now stationed in the Orient, Philippines, Guam and Hawaii. Applications for enlistment are invited from desirable young men who are interested in the opportunities for travel, adventure, and education with the Marines.

Applicants for enlistment must be unmarried United States Citizens without dependents; between the ages of 18 and 25 years and good moral character. Physical standards require a minimum height of sixty four inches and that the applicant be in sound physical condition.

Descriptive literature and application blanks may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, 208 U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon.

O. E. S. Honors 50th Anniversary Norcross Family

One of the most unusual meetings of Nevita Chapter Order of the Eastern Star ever held was that on Tuesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norcross were honored at a Special Ceremony celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The Chapter meeting opened in Regular form then the Worthy Patron, Ed Vincent, declared a recess permitting visitors to enter the Chapter Room. The Worthy Matron, Mrs. Minnie Clark, announced that Nevita Chapter was honoring two of its Charter Members who on January 22 would be married fifty years and due to the fact that they were leaving this week for California they were to be honored at this time. The Conductress, Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman, and the Associate Conductress, Mrs. Beulah Faber, were instructed to escort the honor guests to the East. The organists, Mrs. Sadie Koehler, played the old tune "When You and I were Young Maggie." They were given a very hearty welcome by all present and the following greeting by Mrs. Minnie Clark:

May happiness meet you
Every hope greet you
As your Golden Wedding Day rolls round.

May Friends bring you pleasure
Good health be your measure
And life's richest blessings abound!

Then little Lola Hedrick, escorted by her brother Billy, presented her grandmother a huge bouquet of Golden Rosebuds tied with gold ribbon and Billy gave his grandfather a Golden Boutonniere. Mrs. Esther Sanderson sang in her very pleasing manner, "Tell Me". This song was particularly beautiful and appropriate and every one present appreciated it to the utmost. Eva Eileen Hedrick carried a Golden Package to the East which was presented to the honor guests by Ed Vincent with the best wishes of Nevita Chapter for many more happy anniversaries.

Mr. Howard Jewett told a few of the interesting events of their life disclosing that the blushing bride—Lola Hull was married to William Norcross at Logan, Iowa on January 22, 1888. They left immediately for the West on their honeymoon. And which, as Mr. Jewett stated, they are still enjoying, having resided in the West since that time. Mrs. Norcross has enjoyed but two visits to her home state in the 50 years. Mr. Jewett paid tribute to the keen intelligence, understanding and interest in life that this couple display every day, and even though they have come to the Golden Milestone one feels their future living will be even more bright and happy than the past has been.

Mr. and Mrs. Norcross have three children living—Mrs. Helen Hedrick of Medford, Paul J. and Walter H., both of Los Angeles, California.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Davison's Tuesday afternoon Bible class will read their Synopsis of the Book of Job on Tuesday January 18. Everyone welcome. We meet in the study and it is warm for your feet and good for your soul.

Edward and Arlene Immann, son and daughter of Mrs. P. A. Tracy, have returned from Oakland, Calif., after a month's visit with their father's sister Mrs. Earl G. Hoyt and other relatives. They saw many wonderful and interesting sights, but seemed most thrilled over the massive bridges, underground and water tunnels and tubes.

Woodrow Reisch of Oak Grove with Mrs. Reisch nee Peggy Lawrence spent the Christmas holidays in San Francisco. Their little daughter Diana remained here with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence.

Mr. Guy Tex has been laid up with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simmonds of Medford were guests at the home of their son Marshall and family Sunday.

They have five grandchildren: Eva Eileen, Billy and Lola Hedrick; Gloria and Oneita, daughter of Paul and Warren, son of Walter.

When the Worthy Matron suggested that the bride should be kissed the meeting became very informal and Mr. and Mrs. Norcross received the congratulations of everyone. In the dining room following the Installation Ceremonies the "Bride" cut the Wedding Cake. The Past Matron's Club took charge of all arrangements in the dining room. Decorations throughout the Chapter rooms were in harmony with the occasion.

After the intermission the chapter meeting continued at which time Mrs. Minnie Clark, retiring Matron, was presented with a gift from the Officers and a Past Matron's Jewel from the Chapter. Mrs. Della Tex and Mr. Ed Vincent made the presentations. The Installation of Officers immediately followed the closing of Chapter.

Mrs. Esther Sanderson of Medford, Past Matron of Nevita Chapter and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, acted as the Worthy Installing Officer, assisted by Mrs. Leta Kyle, Installing Marshall; Mrs. Lola Norcross, Installing Chaplain and Mrs. Marjorie Pena, Installing Organist. Those installed were:

Mrs. Clara Vincent, Worthy Matron; Harold Head, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman, Associate Matron; Mr. L. C. Scott, Associate Patron; Mrs. Betta Pankey, Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Faber, Treasurer; Mrs. Beulah Faber, Conductress; Mrs. Margaret Swing, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Bertha Bursell, Chaplain; Mrs. Ethel Freeman, Marshall; Mrs. Sadie Koehler, Organist; Mrs. Lilly Holt, Ada; Mrs. Edith Stimson, Ruth; Mrs. Mabel Bennett, Esther; Mrs. Della Tex, Martha; Mrs. Bertha Bonney, Electa; Mrs. Edith Scott, Warder; and Mr. Hensley Holt, Sentinel.

During the ceremony Mrs. Esther Palmer Day delighted all with several harp solos and Marjorie Pena sang "Star of the East" accompanied by Sadie Koehler.

A large crowd of members and friends witnessed the ceremonies and many visitors from nearby chapters including Mrs. Nellie McGowan of Medford, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The Matron, Mrs. Clara Vincent, wore pale blue trimmed in peach, her only ornament being a triple strand of pearls about her neck. All the other officers wore white and carried nosegays of bright colored flowers with gay streamers adding a very pleasing note to the general effect.

Talks were given by the newly installed Matron and Patron and many other members and friends. Then Mr. and Mrs. Norcross led the Grand March to the Dining Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McKee and family returned home from Kansas thru California and over the Redwood Highway to their home in Perrydale, Oregon. They stopped here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stone.

Mr. Dick Neuman of Portland was a guest at the Kenneth McCoy home a couple of days.

Mr. Frank Holbrook of Medford and Mr. Cassman made two round trips to the Veteran's Hospital at Roseburg Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Harold James and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carrman attended the meeting of the D.A.V. and Auxiliary held at the Armory Tuesday evening.

Miss Lila Stout, formerly at the Central Point Beauty Salon is now with the Wineland Beauty Shop in the Jackson Hotel, Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shreve and little son Jackie from Portland visited Mrs. Shreve's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Davis in Medford and her aunt Mrs. D. C. Holland here recently.

Cooked Food Sale On January 22

The Civic Club will hold a cooked food sale all day Saturday January 22 at the Library. A hot lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is requested to help. All kind of cooked foods will be sold, any one having canned fruits, jellies, Jam, pickles or relishes they wish to contribute, the ladies of the club will be glad to have as well as cakes, cookies, doughnuts, pies, bread rolls, beans, salads, meat loaves etc. Any food good to eat will be welcome. Drop in and lay in a supply for your Sunday dinner.

Carnation Club Elects New Officers

The Carnation Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mary Langstrom. Election of officers for the coming year was held with Betty Potter elected president and Bessie Fernland vice-president. Lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Those present were: Bessie Fernland, Mabel Neil, Martha Smith, Donna Brenner, Alta Kelly, Dorothy Root and a guest Elsie Gleaves and the hostess Mary Langstrom.

Next meeting will be held January 19th at the home of Bessie Fernland with Mabel Neil assisting. Mabel Neil is a new member of the Club.

Central Pointers Wed 51 Years

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Ross, pioneer residents of Central Point, celebrated the 51st anniversary of their marriage here January 6, when relatives and friends called to congratulate them. Mr. and Mrs. Ross was married in Jacksonville January 6, 1887, by the late Rev. W. M. Williams, who had previously officiated at the marriage of Mrs. Ross' parents. They have lived in Central Point all their married years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are the parents of Floyd and James Ross of Central Point, S. L. Ross of Grants Pass and Mrs. Clatous McCredie of Medford.

Holiness Ass'n. to Hold All-day Meet

Rogue River Valley Holiness association will hold their all-day meeting at The Christian Church in Central Point Friday January 14th. Services at 10:30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Basket Lunch at noon.

Speakers Rev. E. E. Wardsworth of Ashland and probably Captain Durham of Medford.

Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy these services.

DINNER PARTY HELD AT EARL HEFT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heft entertained the following guests with a dinner at their home Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bendickson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bendickson and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Thompson and daughter Lariene of Medford and Mr. Sorum of Montana.

So what?—

Do your work, be honest, keep your word, help when you can, be fair.—J. P. Morgan's Business Motto.

A weather conference being held at the Stone Drug store after deciding that the weather was unusual this winter by part of the group, Mrs. H. L. Koehler who recently came from Kansas saying that she would tell us of Kansas weather some day.

Al Bendickson says he would like to have been in San Francisco New Years Day but he couldn't make it.

Al Maple overheard asking for some Life Buoy bread.

Everyone rejoicing that the fog has left for a time at least.

Foregone Conclusions

Yeah, we have some fog. But anyway the dust is laid. And we are safe from violent storms.

Also your money will be safe with FARMERS & FRUITGROWERS BANK (Member FDIC)

P. T. A. ENJOYS INTERESTING TALK ON OREGON'S PAST

At a regular meeting of the Central Point P.T.A. on January 7 Mrs. Clifton Phillips in her own delightful way gave a most interesting and enlightening talk on the early history of Oregon and the prominent part played in its making by Dr. John McLoughlin.

Boys and girls have the privilege of contributing to a memorial fund which is being raised throughout the state for a bronze bust of Dr. McLoughlin to be placed in the garden of his old home at Oregon City. As the time limit is almost up, Central Point P.T.A. advanced the sum of \$7.50 and sent it to the proper persons.

Mr. H. C. Williamson, cub master announced a banquet to be given on February 8 for the cubs, scouts and their fathers.

Mrs. H. P. Jewett and Mrs. H. C. Williamson were appointed to meet with the scouts at their regular meeting and plan the menu and decide on the place to serve it.

Seven delegates responded to the call for volunteers to attend the Jackson County P.T.A. meeting to be held at Oak Grove school on January 17.

Mrs. Hazel Myers and Mrs. Bert Langston were appointed to buy cups and spoons for the hot lunch room.

The prize for the most mothers present was won by the 6th grade.

Who's who on the P.T.A. executive board?

Mrs. C. L. Pierce, president; Mrs. Bessie Williams, 1st vice president; Mrs. Walter Gebhard, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Ted Furry, secretary; Mrs. Dona Burns, treasurer; Mrs. John Holmer, program; Mrs. Verne Hanson, refreshment; Mrs. M. A. Adams, membership; Mrs. Harvey Cassman, finance; Mrs. E. C. Faber, publications; Mrs. P. A. Tracy, publicity; H. P. Jewett, ex-officio.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wednesday January, 12, 1938
There are 33 children here.
There are two children out.
The fog went away.
How happy we are.

Now we can play out of doors. It is not so cold. The sky is gray. So it may rain.

We like to see the sun. We did not see it for 12 days.

Some of the girls have big dolls here. Shirley has a little doll.
Good, good, the sun comes out.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor
Bible School 10:00 a. m. Roland Hover, supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "Inner Circle Christians."

Children's Church 11:00 A.M. Mrs. Phillips, Pastor. Helen Wright will tell the Bible Story.
Junior, Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Subject "The Church of 1938." The choir will bring the special chorus.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Mrs. Willie Davis. Mrs. Bursell will lead the Bible Study.

We urge all members of the church to attend the Yearly Meeting held Friday, 14th. Covered dish supper at 6:30 followed by election of officers for both the Bible School and The Church.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.
Phone 51
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

A.M.
Junior and Senior League 6:20 P.M.

Evening Services 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study 2:30 P.M.

Thursday the Ladies Aid meets to tie a quilt for people whose house burned.