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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We had the pleasure of attending the farewell banquet to Senator and Mrs. Reames at the Medford Hotel the other night. As is usual at such affairs when handled by the efficient secretary of our chamber of commerce, everything went as smooth as could be wished. The only fault we could find was that the new Senator was not used to speaking before a "mike" and so often turned his back to the darned thing, which naturally resulted in his voice dying away in the echoes of the big room. They ought to invent a microphone which could be hung around the neck of speakers so they cannot forget.

After the banquet the writer sneaked around the halls and corridors of the hotel buttonholing various citizens to learn just how they felt over the appointment. There were all classes present—dyed-in-the-wool Republicans, bred-in-the-bone Democrats and those of every other political faith, the editor of a very prominent newspaper of the district even classed himself as "mug-wumps"! But wherever we went we found they all seemed to feel that no better man could be found to represent this state these "democratic hard times."

We hear on good authority that the city council at its regular meeting the other night was in a very cooperative mood. They voted to help the ladies in putting up street signs; they raised the City Marshal's monthly stipend (which he fully deserved); they agreed to the putting up of several new street lights—but they never said a darned thing about the water business. Which is just exactly what we have been looking for. We have had a hunch that the council would do their best to allow the whole thing to drop. It's a habit they have had for a long time.

Now lest there be misunderstanding as to where we got our information, maybe we had better say right now that we got it from the better half, who attended the meeting in our stead, we being laid up that night. She attended as a private citizen, as was her right, and so far as we know had not been told to keep her mouth shut, as had happened to the writer.

From the appearance of things just at this time, there may be no water shortage this year, anyway. There's plenty right now, in any case, and it's SOFT water, too. It is our guess, however, that we shall need water next summer just as badly as we did last year. With the increased number of users we fear the old well will never again supply sufficient water for our needs.

This writer got quite a kick out of the story about the VFW boys who patrolled Bear Creek the other night in fear of a flood. No doubt their intentions were of the best, but they "ain't seen nothin' yet" when it comes to how it can rain in this valley when it wants to. We suggest that they talk to someone who remembers the spring of '27 when the water was a foot and a half deep on Riverside avenue just south of Main street; when the whole district at the end of South Oakdale was a huge lake; when West Main street carried water the full length from curb to curb. If they had seen Bear Creek come ragin' and roarin' across the East Side, tearing out trees and sliding houses off their foundations, they might well have offered their services as patrols.

Sat in at the Dad and Son feed given by the Scouts the other night, although it has been many a long year since our lads were of Scout age. And we couldn't help but notice the difference in the character of the eats offered from that served at the banquet for Senator Reames. It makes a lot of difference when the mothers prepare a home-cooked meal. We are putting our name in the pot for the next one, right now.

Hold to the Good

Beware of communism, Socialism, And all the Old World catch words Freedom and Liberty are good enough for America.

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DAD AND SON SCOUT BANQUET WELL ATTENDED

The Dad and Son banquet of the Boy Scouts at the high school Tuesday night was a very successful affair, with about sixty seated at the big tables in the sewing room. The affair was under the charge of Scoutmaster Dale Smith and the local Scout committee. The dinner was served by the Scout mothers.

After the Scouts and their guests had assembled in the dining room the ceremony of the Salute to the colors and the repeating of the Scout oath was given, following by the singing of America, led by H. L. Williamson.

Seated at the guest table at the head of the room were several special guests of the Scouts and when the dinner had been disposed of Scoutmaster Smith introduced Rev. R. C. Lewis as the special speaker of the evening. Rev. Lewis told several interesting tales of his own boyhood and of his father's advice when the two were in partnership in the glass manufacturing business. On one occasion the old gentleman told his son that they were not in business primarily to make money. The boy expressed surprise and said: "What's the use of being in business, then?" His father said, "My boy, our first job is to make the very best glass it is possible for us to make. The rest will take care of itself."

Following the dinner, a special Court of Honor was held in the auditorium in charge of E. P. Stone, chairman of the local Scout committee. Two Scout Cubs, Ronald M. James and Franklin H. Gebhard, having successfully passed their examinations, were given badges as Tenderfoot Scouts. The badges were pinned on the lads by Scoutmaster Smith, who told them he was pinning the badges on upside down and when they had performed their first "good deed" to report to him and he would reverse them.

Scouts Gene Holt and John Waters were then called to the platform, where they received their promotion as Second Class Scouts. Their badges were pinned on by the father of one of the boys, Hensley Holt, who expressed his gratification of having the honor of performing such an act for his son.

This week is National Scout Week and is being celebrated throughout the land. It has been the custom in the past to hold a Court of Honor for the entire district at Medford, but the Scout movement has grown to such proportions that it has been decided to have each Troop hold its own Court of Honor at stated times. The affair Tuesday night was the first for the local troop. The local Scout committee feel very well satisfied with the success of their first Court of Honor and with the interest shown.

Seth Bullis, Larry Schade and Frank Hull, district executives of the boy scouts of Medford, visited the father and son banquet but were unable to stay for the eats. The P.T.A. assisted the scout mothers in preparing the food, of which there was an abundance of all kinds. Messdames Cassman, Jewett, Holt, Smith and James served the dinner.

—“Orville's Big Date”

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Enjoy Oyster Supper

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah held an oyster supper for their members and invited guests in the Woodmen hall last night. A good attendance turned out. After supper Sterling Richmond of Medford showed pictures of points of interest in Oregon and California. Local pictures of Crater Lake with a blanket of snow and in its summer dress were shown, also the catfish derby, air circus with the writing in the sky and many others. Mr. and Mrs. Norcross, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding, pictures were shown along with Mr. Richmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richmond and Mr. Richmond's wife's parents. Mr. and Mrs. William Musty. These pictures were all taken by Mr. Richmond with his own equipment, many of them in color.

American Christian Youth Crusade Gives Program

The American Christian Youth Crusade will have charge of the program at the Church of Christ on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 P.M. and the following program will be given: Prayer: A. M. Tyrrell. Chorus by Choir.

Explanation of Purpose of American Christian Youth Crusade by Carl Hover.

Scripture Reading: Cecil McQuigg. Bible School Work for a Better Nation by Roland Hover.

Facts About Present Conditions; Norman Hansen.

Summary: Clifton A. Phillips. Silver Offering will be taken for the Youth Crusade Work.

We need education on present conditions. Don't fail to hear this interesting and helpful program.

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C.P.H.S. Seniors, Phoenix, J'ville, Ready with Plays

Plans are now complete for an evening of dramatic entertainment Tuesday February 15 at which time a senior cast will present "Orville's Big Date."

Orville, as portrayed by Morris Dow, gets a date with a very desirable girl. His three sisters, who consider him the family pest, rise to the occasion to fix little brother for his "big date."

Hair waving, mancuiring, and a facial, and at last Orville is ready. Just how he lets his sisters down—well that would be telling. There will be plenty of laughs from beginning to end. The parts of the three sisters are taken by Neida Ayers, Viola Penland, and Lois Glass.

Appearing on the same program will be two one act plays presented by Jacksonville and Phoenix. The Jacksonville High School will present "The Red Lamp." This play is a genuine thriller guaranteed to divert an audience. Alvie Deering makes arrangements for her poor lawyer lover, of whom her spinster aunt doesn't approve, to come to her home, the signal to be a lighted red lamp.

Alice finds that both her brother and aunt plan to use the same signal. The tension is heightened moment by moment when the aunt insists on putting the red lamp in the window early in the evening. Not until the final curtain is the situation cleared up with a "Kick" that is too good to reveal here.

The Phoenix High School will present "Not Quite Such a Goose." The play is a wholesome, red-blooded fellow, pitches a mean out-curve, and thinks girls are silly. When sister's friend comes to visit, Albert does an about-face. He even puts a rose in his button-hole. There are five in the cast.

The receipts from the program in Central Point are to be used toward financing the senior annual. Tickets are on sale by all seniors for 25¢ and reserved seats may be obtained at Stone's Drug Store.

On February 17 the same program will be given in Jacksonville and on February 22, in Phoenix.

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Oyster Supper Is Postponed; to Give Dinner Instead

The oyster supper which was to be held by the Civic Club has been postponed until next month. The club will give a dinner instead Friday February 25, if they are able to have the granee hall. If the hall is already spoken for the date will be announced later. The following menu will be served: Meat loaf, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, perfection salad, rolls, butter, jelly, pickles, coffee and cocoa. The ladies will start serving at 11:30. Thirty cents a plate will be charged. Proceeds will be used to help pay for the new street signs.

Everyone is urged to come and bring a friend. No donations are asked for. The club hopes to stand on its own feet from now on.

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A group of friends gathered at the John Bohnert home for a surprise birthday party on Mr. Bohnert Saturday evening.

Coach Hulbert and Professor Jewett attended the basketball game played in Jacksonville last night where Prospect won by a high score over Jacksonville.

Council Votes More Pay for City Marshal

At the city council meeting Monday night the principal business was the reading of the annual financial report of the City Recorder. This report shows all business of the city for the past year. The report will be audited by the finance committee in a special committee meeting in the near future.

Mrs. O. M. Minnick, president of the Civic Club, presented the plans of the club to erect street signs on certain streets and showed the style of sign they proposed to use. She stated that the ladies proposed to prepare the signs and furnish iron posts for same and asked if the council would set the posts in concrete when ready. The council voted to cooperate with the club to the fullest extent in this work and to authorize the street department to set the posts as requested.

A petition was presented by W. Dickson and others asking for a street light at the corner of Fourth and Alder streets. On motion, it was decided to take the matter up with the Power company and if the lights could be installed under the present contract with the company, to have them put in at once.

Councilman Ross brought up the matter of smoothing some of the granite streets, either by having scarifier teeth put on the city grader or hiring the county to do the work. The matter was referred to the street committee, which since the meeting have investigated and find that it will be cheaper to get the county to do the job.

The matter of flood waters in the south part of town was discussed and the street committee asked to investigate the proposition of turning part of this water down First street.

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Silas Ludwick Dies From Accident Tues.

The friends of Silas Ludwick of Medford were shocked and saddened Wednesday here of his sudden death Tuesday evening from the effect of an anesthetic used when it was found necessary to amputate two fingers as a result of an accident at the Medford Corporation Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Ludwick has many friends in Central Point and has been a member of the Federated church for the past two years and has been teaching a class of boys in the Bible school. Mr. Ludwick leaves a number of children to mourn his passing. His sister came from Nebraska at Christmas time to make her home with him. She did not know of the accident until they came to tell her of his death. She immediately sent for Rev. Lewis and Mr. E. C. Faber. Mr. Lewis was speaking at the boy scout meeting so Mr. Faber and Mr. Ayres went in and assisted in every way possible. Rev. and Mrs. Lewis went in and spent Wednesday with Mrs. Rice. Mr. Ludwick would have been 62 years old next week and was an ordained United Brethren minister and unusual christian character. Services will be held from the Federated church Friday at 2 P.M. Rev. Lewis preaching the funeral sermon. The Perl funeral home, having charge. Interment will be in the Siskiyous Memorial park.

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Increase Is Urged For Oregon Defense

Oregon is the forgotten state in the national defense program and the time has come for the state to press its demands in Congress for adequate defense, according to U. S. District Attorney Carl C. Donagan, president of the Columbia Defense League and now a candidate for the Democratic senate nomination. Since the war California and obtained \$330,000,000, Washington \$135,000,000 in army and navy establishments, while Oregon got only \$2,867,000. The government is spending \$250,000,000 on its two Columbia river dam projects and it is logical that stronger defense for the notoriously undefended Columbia region should be obtained now, Donagan continues. Donagan advocates immediate increase of defense facilities at Fort Stevens and Tongue Point.

Crowds Turn Out To Hear Famous Dr. F. E. Townsend

The people of this valley turned out in a big way to hear Dr. Townsend last night at the High School in Medford. 1500 men and women packed the auditorium and overflowed into the halls and gymnasium. Loud speakers were posted at difference places to enable every one to hear.

Dr. Townsend held the attention of the audience for a full hour as he told them of the organization of a new political party and his plan to reform the economic and social system of the world. His plan is no longer the old age pension plan, it is now a "general recovery" plan.

The Townsend party is already in the process of formation, Dr. Townsend said. Petitions are being circulated now in California to have the Townsend label on the next election ballot and will be circulated in Oregon for the same purpose.

Dr. Townsend painted to his audience the familiar picture of poverty in a land of plenty. He spoke of our country as supreme among the world's nations in natural resources, inventive genius and resourceful, man-power. In spite of these advantages, he asserted there are 17 million men and women out of work today. All this would be remedied and these people would go back to work under the proposed plan. This plan is the same 2% old age pension plan.

Also this plan, after it got under way, would abolish all other taxes and would be fair and equitable, borne by all alike in proportion to their productive capacity, he asserted.

Dr. Townsend left by plane at midnight for San Francisco.

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Father's Illness Take Hogans South; Arrive too Late

Mr. M. N. Hogan and brother H. A. Hogan and wife of Medford, receiving word of the serious illness of their father Mr. N. J. Hogan of Bancroft, Idaho, left last week for Chico where they picked up another brother, Merrill. They expected to go by Donner Lake but on account of the snow was forced to go to Nevada City. They then started for Auburn but couldn't get thru, were put in the ditch by a snow plow. They left their car at Auburn and continued on the train. They mailed a letter to Mrs. Hogan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox from Ogden Saturday morning, and it arrived here Tuesday evening. Mr. N. J. Hogan had passed away before they were able to reach him. They were met at Bancroft by sorrowing relatives who brought them the sad news. Mr. Hogan was county commissioner and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. He was sick only a few days before he passed away.

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So what?

Seth Bullis, Larry Schade and Frank Hull, district executives of the Boy Scouts showing they were not very much past the boy scout age when they sneaked into the kitchen at the high school Tuesday night after a piece of cake, being unable to stay for the big dinner.

Spring is here at 8:30 o'clock this morning—Sun was shining, birds singing, Mr. Shell, washing windows. 12 o'clock Spring is here, sun still shining, birds singing. 2 o'clock sun not shining, birds still singing, flowers blooming. 3 o'clock sun shining, birds still singing, flowers blooming. Mrs. Lindley rushing spring by working in the yard. 4 o'clock, sky over cast, cold wind.

Ask Mr. Minnick and Joe Cox how come that they didn't see the basketball game last week after paying admission and being present at the game.

Congratulations over K.M.E.D. were sent to the following group of Central Point people whose birthdays come on the same day Mr. Minnick, Zoe Hill, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Rose Hermonson. Mr. Minnick calls Mrs. Hill his big sister, Mrs. Hermonson his twin and Zoe his little sister. Lee Bishop, when he gave the congratulations, remarked that it was strange to find so many in one family that had birthdays on the same day.

2 FEATURES DRAW MANY PEOPLE TO P.T.A. MEETING

The double feature at the high school on February 4: 4 reels of motion pictures of the life of George Washington with speech by George H. Fields, educational director of C.C.C. shown especially for students, and, P.T.A. Founders' Day program drew a large and appreciative audience. Visitors from Medford were Mrs. James K. Hoey and Mrs. B. R. Finch. Mrs. Hoey spoke on Founders' Day and the Parent-Teacher magazine. Since the inauguration of P.T.A. work, many noble women, some men too, have followed in the footsteps of the founders Mrs. Alice Birney and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst without thought of any mercenary desires, they press on toward the goal set by the founders to promote the welfare of children and youth physically, mentally, spiritually and socially.

Altho the cast for the playlet "Reminiscence" was chosen on short notice, it was so well presented that they, Mrs. E. C. Faber—Mother Morgan, Mrs. Martha Booth—Mary Morgan, Mrs. Bessie Williams, P.T.A. president, her daughters Mildred and Argyle and Mrs. Arlie Thompson, program chairman, have been asked to present the play at Bellevue.

A very pretty and entertaining England folk dance was given by the girl scouts under the direction of Miss Laura Pastorino assisted by Miss Melba Putnam, teachers of the 5th and 6th grades.

The 5th grade won the attendance prize.

Mrs. Verne Hansen and able helpers of 4th grade mothers served refreshments. The tree with a tag of \$2.81 was sent to the state treasurer for state and national extension works.

A Founders' Day program, "Through the Years" will be presented on February 16, from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting company.

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FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wednesday, February 9, 1938
There are 32 children here. Just one boy is out.

Rain is falling again. The water may get high again.

All the snow has gone away. Nancy has gone away. She could not find a home here. We wish she could stay.

James is back now. He had to stay out. He had chicken-pox.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt. Aim: Everybody on Time!

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Special Music. Mixed Quartet. Sermon Subj. "Think Before You Leap." Ps. 119:59.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. All ages are invited. Carl Hover, Supt. Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Under the direction of the "American Christian Youth Crusade". Special features are talks by several representatives of the Crusade and others in the church. General theme: "Prohibition." Cornet and Trumpet Duet by Alvin and Cecil McQuigg and a Chorus by the Choir.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Milton Houston and Study period directed by Don Stanley.

Look elsewhere for program of A. C. Y. C. Don't fail to attend on Sunday Feb. 13, 7:30 P.M.

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 6:30 P.M.

Evening Services 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study 2:30 P.M.