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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Speaking of the pioneer times—which we weren't—we ran into something rather funny the other day. In our remodeling of the old home we purchased several years ago we had cause to tear off the casing of an upstairs door. Lying on top of the door frame was an old stencil with the name "H. AMY". Our memory at once turned to what our old friend "Con" Leever had told us of the history of the old house, which he called the "Kincaid" house. He told us that the house was built in the early days of the city by Jim Kincaid, whose wife was a daughter of Haskell Amy, who owned the beautiful mansion across the road.

Since the discovery of the old stencil we have been trying to get more of the history of the Amy and Kincaid families, but have run into all kinds of stories—in fact, every old-timer we have talked to has given us a different version of these old pioneers. All we can be sure of is that Haskell Amy owned a lot of land west of this city and built the big Colonial house now occupied by the Theodore Glass family. We also have evidence that our house was at one time owned by the Kincaids.

But it has been many a year since we have seen just the particular kind of brass stencil we found and the sight of it brings many pictures to our mind. We seem to see someone on a rainy winter day carrying a bunch of grain sacks upstairs and spreading them out on the floor to mark them. After using the stencil for some time the party was called to dinner, or something, and not wishing to leave the stencil where it might be stepped on or damaged in some other way, he laid it up on the door frame out of the way. Maybe it was some hired man who later left the country. Anyway, the old tool seems to have been forgotten and when later the hallway was ceiled and the finished put on the stencil was not noticed and was boxed in. Just how many years it has lain there, no one knows.

But our talk with the old-timers brought another thing to our mind. We wish they could be persuaded to write down their memories of the early days. Think what a heritage it would be if some day their grandchildren could have the story of what their ancestors had seen and experienced in the settlement of this country, written in "Grandpa's" own hand! How they would cherish it—and also, how it would clear up many a mystery.

The Indians had the right idea when they passed their traditions down from generation to generation for ages. Also the old Arabs, who burned on ivory tablets, strung on rings, the history of their tribe and the genealogy of their wonderful horses. Wouldn't it be a good scheme if all the old timers would write down their experiences for the benefit of the generation to come?

At last the darned storm has broken—at least a few minutes. The weather man has our consent to let the sun shine again or a while at least. Rain is all right—even snow is necessary to give us plenty of water or next summer's use. But we do like to see old Sol at least occasionally.

It does beat all how many folks drop into this office to ask how the Medford water is coming on. Our latest information is that just at this time Medford has more water than she knows what to do with, but it is coming in from the Griffin Creek district instead of from Big Butte Springs.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Monday February 14, 1938 There are 28 children here. Five are out this morning. This is a very wet day. The water is high again. Happy birthday Anne! She has a pretty new dress. This is Valentine Day. Saint Valentine live a long time ago. He sent letters to his friends. Nancy sent valentines to us. Nell's mother sent us 33 valentine cookies. My but they were good. Say "thank you" for us Nell.

3 SCHOOL PLAYS WELL RECEIVED TUESDAY EVENING

The inter-school program of one act plays presenting casts from the Jacksonville, Phoenix, and Central Point High Schools Tuesday evening was well attended, and judging from the gales of laughter and the hearty applause was greatly enjoyed.

Jacksonville was first on the program in the play "The Red Lamp." Appearing in this play, which proved to be a real thriller, were Hazel Kendall, Joe Beach, Marcella Mitchell, Gail Lusk, Harold White and Wilma Jones. The play was under the direction of Muriel Albert, dramatic coach.

From Phoenix Jane Campbell of the high school faculty presented "Not Quite Such a Goose", a play representing a typical American family. In the cast were Jeanette McAbee, Lewis Newby, Frances Glover, Douglas Hust and Carmen Houston. Central Point's play, "Orville's Big Date" has a rollicking farce which was greeted with roars of laughter and applause in the same way as given to the other plays. The cast was Morris Dow, Nelda Ayers, Lois Glass, and Viola Penland.

A particularly enjoyable feature of the evening was the music furnished by the combined bands of Jacksonville, Phoenix, and Central Point under the direction of R. A. Botts.

It is hoped, to judge by the comments heard on the streets, that the high schools will make these inter-school plays an annual affair.

Former Arkansans Gather for Dinner

Last Wednesday evening a group of friends from Arkansas gathered at the Booth home for dinner, it being the birthday of Mrs. Martha Booth. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Booth arrived with a lovely birthday cake. Chester is Mrs. Booth's son. It was then suggested that the entire party go over to the Owers home who are also friends from Arkansas. The next day would be Mrs. Owers' birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilburn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Booth, Bert Boswell and the two honor guests and husbands Mr. and Mrs. Booth and children and Mr. and Mrs. Owers and children. A jolly time was reported.

Seilers Return From Long Trip

Mr. and Mrs. John Seiler and children are back from an extended trip through our southland. They were gone about two months.

They report a very interesting trip visiting many points of interest. They saw the Salton Sea in So. Cal., and the White Sands Monument in New Mexico. Also spent one night at Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico. Then they visited friends and relatives in Arizona, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. Visited the old town of Independence, Missouri.

They crossed the bay bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

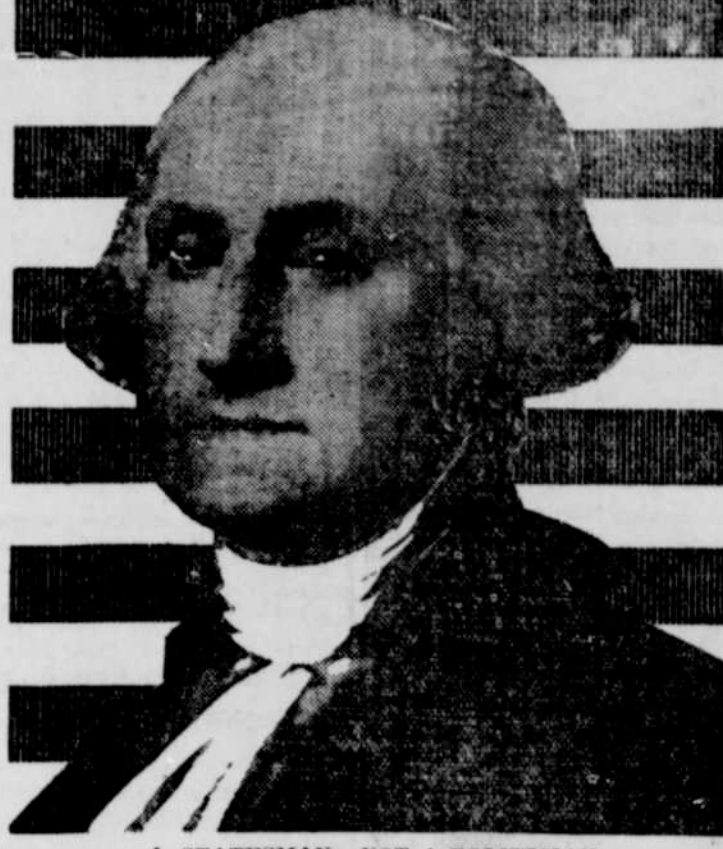
Altogether their trip extended through the following states California, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

Superintendent E. H. Hedrick of Medford schools was elected vice-president of the divisions of superintendents, Oregon State Teachers' association, at the conference held in Salem this last week.

An Error

In the last week issue of this paper we stated that the Brassfield Music Co. and the Medford Photo Shop had moved into the building formerly occupied by the Flynn Electric Co. This was a mistake. The fact is, The Brassfield Music Co. and The Medford Photo Shop, have moved into the building formerly occupied by Trowbridge and Flynn on west main st., in Medford. Trowbridge and Flynn have moved next door to Copco.

The Music Co. and Photo Shop are now located two doors east from the Copco office. We hope this will clear up the confusion caused by the error in last week's paper.



A STATESMAN—NOT A POLITICIAN

Odd Fellows Buy Fine Tract Along Big Butte Creek

The Odd Fellows lodge of Central Point have purchased a ten-acre tract of land lying along Big Butte Creek near its intersection with Rogue River for a picnic ground. The lodge has been looking for such land for several years and only recently were fortunate in locating this tract. The land was purchased from Mrs. Millie Glass at a very reasonable price. All members of the local lodge feel very jubilant in securing such a recreation and picnic ground.

The land fronts along Big Butte Creek for about a quarter of a mile and extends to the mouth of the creek, at which point there is a beautiful grove. Plans are being made to improve the grounds with the addition of swimming pools, fish ponds, picnic tables, etc., and also for landscaping much of the land.

One of the attractions of the tract is the fact that it is secluded from public contact, lying as it does, across the river from Crater Lake highway. To reach it one must cross the river at the McCloud bridge; follow Big Butte creek to the first bridge, then turn back down the creek toward the river. The new picnic ground is just above and across the river from the well-known Casey's Camp, and is about 31 miles from town.

The lodge is to be congratulated upon the securing of such desirable picnic grounds where members may go for camping and fishing trips. Such fine grounds are becoming scarce along the river with the coming of auto camps, etc., and the Odd Fellows believe they have found one of the best.

Radio Forum Brings Greetings to P. T. A. From President

From Chicago on February 16 over the Blue Network of N.B.C. Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, National president of P.T.A. wished the more than 2,000,000 members of 26,000 units "Happy birthday".

A dramatization of "Through the years" reminiscence of beginning and growth of the organization was presented during the Radio Forum.

Co-operating with our national P.T.A. are 12 other nations besides U. S. territories, making a vast international peace army breaking down barriers of ignorance and prejudice and promoting the welfare of children and youth always. Through the reading and study of articles found in the Parent-Teacher magazine we may have an enlightened membership.

Six Years Ago This Week

L. M. Sweet of Beagle filed for county commissioner.

Mervyn Gleason led the scoring at the Medford Rifle Club shoot with a score of 396 out of a possible 400. Francis Martin was the first candidate to file for constable.

George Carter was the only candidate so far who had filed for County Clerk.

D. B. C. Wilson to have office in rear of Stone's Drug Store.

The girls' basketball team beat Gold Hill 31-29. The boys' team lost 17-16. Wilbur Eicher and Delbert Ayers were unable to play because of illness.

Ernestine Tracy assisted by her sister Arlene Immann was hostess at a Valentine party Saturday night to the Misses Maxine and Louise Hale, Donna and Joana Chin, Ardis Hanson, Darlene Gleaves and Carolyn Loos.

Symphony Concert Is Worthwhile Affair

Something worth while in this sad old world of troubles. That is the way we feel about the Junior Symphony Orchestra as conducted by Mr. John R. Knight. The last concert was presented last Thursday night at the high school in Medford. These concerts are made possible through the efforts of the Medford Club of the Zonta International.

The music presented by these young people in this concert we could not help but contrast the things and conditions of the world in general. Why, oh why, can we not do more of the things worth while in this world? Why is the world training their children in crime and war when we have so many more worthwhile things we can do?

The guest artists were exceptional in their presentation. We are sure that Miss Smithson was an inspiration to the orchestra. Her tone was perfect and her phrasing and execution of the difficult passages is something never to be forgotten. Mr. McPeeters should favor us with a concert. His playing was nothing less than wonderful.

Altogether, as we said in the first place, something worthwhile in this sad old world of troubles, WE want to see every seat sold for the next concert on May 3.

Young People Enjoy Regular Class Party

The young people of the Christian Church held their class party last Friday evening at the Arden Tyrell home. The following guests were present: Mary Lou Gerber, Leona Darby, Laura Belle Caldwell, Margaret, Maxine and Mabel Tyrell, Naomi Gleaves, Loyce and Lester Wright, Daren Muse, Helena and Norman Hansen, Raymond Darby, Gene McCurley, Lauraine Wright, Wade and Bernice Humphrey, Alvin and Cecil McQuigg, Carl and Ruth Homer, Harold Kilburn and Walter Niedermeyer and Dick Fraley.

After a delightful evening of games, refreshments were served, everyone reporting a lovely time.

So what? -

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Lincoln.

The cat at Faber's Feed Store disappeared about 10 days ago. Yesterday morning John Luber was walking in Medford and recognized the cat which he brought home. How it came to be in Medford is a mystery. Maybe it just wanted to see the world. If it could talk, it might be a story worth listening to. Al, the butcher, Everett Faber and Mr. Wiley are all glad the cat is safe back home again.

Friends of Al, the butcher, were at a loss the other day to know whether he was breaking a horse or trying to fish.

Howard Vincent walking with a blonde the other day.

Dorcas Society Meets At Earl Heft Home

The Dorcas Society of the Medford Full Gospel church met on Thursday for an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Heft.

Those present were Mesdames Agnes Porter, Dorcas Graham, Lola Thompson, Amanda Cherry, Effie Weston, Georgia Wilson, Erma Clutter, Wilma Grisham, Minna Hannah, Elizabeth Cobb, Helen Anderson, Hazel Landgraf, Eva Jacobs, Carolyn Bendickson, Mary Berkhelmer, Zena Grisham, Bertha Morgan and hostess Estella Heft. Other guests at dinner were Rev. Leonard Weston, Alfred Bendickson and Earl Heft.

Miss Arlene Immann left Monday for a month's visit with her sister Mrs. Mel Williams and family in Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett and daughters Margery and Lollie report a very pleasant trip to Salem and that they found Richard looking fine.

Dick orchestra to furnish the music. Every effort is being put forth to make the entire evening a success. Those in charge planned the varied program so some part would be sure to please everyone.

Keep the date in mind February 24th.

CLUB PLANS BIG FEED TO GET CASH FOR STREET SIGNS

The Civic Club plans to give a dinner February 25, if they are able to have the grange 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, gingerbread and whipped cream and 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.

Carnation Club Gives Valentine Party

Members of the Carnation Club gave a St. Valentine's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ferland. The Valentine idea was carried out very tastefully for decorations and games. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gleaves, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Root, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith of Eagle Point and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith from Colorado, Mary Langston and the host and hostess. After a very lively evening of games, a lovely lunch of sandwiches, cakes, ice cream and coffee was served.

Bible Class Meets At Grimes Home

The ladies' Berean Bible class met at the home of Mrs. Louise Grimes with 34 adults and several children present. After the business and devotionals, readings were given by Mrs. Pearl Nichols and Lorlie Minnick. Games followed with the price of flower plants going to Mrs. Francis Wyatt and Mrs. Emma Hilkey. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and committee. A lovely time enjoyed by all.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor

Pastor

Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "A Midnight Prayer Meeting." Special chorus by the Choir.

Senior, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P.M. Carl Hoyer, director.

Evangelistic Service, 6:30 P.M. Subject "What Jesus Christ's Parables Mean to Me."

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, J. N. Cornutt. Wm. Davis will lead the Study Period.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.

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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.

The Missionary Circle will meet with Mrs. C. A. Duncan next Thursday afternoon. Meet at the church and will leave the church promptly at 2:14 p.m.

MAIN ST. METHODIST CHURCH

The Gray Brick Church Medford, Oregon

Jonett P. Bray, Pastor

Church School at 9:45 A.M. R. J. Bills, Supt. This is a good school.

Preaching at 11:00 A.M.

Young Peoples and Fellowship Club meets at 6:30 P.M.

Preaching at 7:30 P.M. Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.

The church and pastor extends you a cordial invitation to attend.