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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

County politics are beginning to warm up and soon the valley will be full of hot air. Only a few days remain for the filing of candidacies and then the fun begins.

Just now we are interested in the race for the nomination for sheriff on the democratic ticket. We admit we were sorry to hear that Gordon Schermerhorn had filed for that position. We fear he will be in for an awful eye-opener. We have a hunch that any man who had the least connection with the turmoil of '32 and '33 will never get to first base again in any political campaign in this county, and while we have been sorry for Mr. Schermerhorn in the past, we feel that he is making a sad mistake to once more enter politics.

Then he will find that he has a mighty hard man to beat in Syd Brown, who has made good in the office and who deserves to be given another chance at the polls this fall. On the other side of the fence comes Rudy Singler and A. E. Brockway running for the Republican nomination. Too early to make any prediction, but just now our money is on Brockway, who is a prominent Granger and a more experienced man.

Frank Rector, president of the Medford Typographical union, is out after Bill Coleman's job as justice of the peace. This writer saw plenty of Mr. Rector when employed on the Medford papers and in fact left the union principally on account of the way the printers allowed themselves to be bossed by Mr. Rector and Walter Rowley, neither of whom had up to that time ever held a steady situation in the city. So we are throwing in with Friend Bill in this race.

For county commissioner we have Otto Caster, incumbent, who wants another whack at the job, and who is going to have an opponent in the democratic round-up who is running on the platform of going back to the bounty system of predatory animal control. For the republicans we have Perry of Eagle Point, who has had a number of years experience in road construction and who is a life-long resident of the county. As a good republican we shall stick to our party, of course. (Couldn't help ourselves, anyway).

And while we won't change our registration for any man, we hope to see Governor Martin nominated. How we do love a man who has the courage of his convictions! And the dear old general has proved he isn't scared even of "Ma" Perkins. And for the rest of the labor racketeers he, (like the most of us), has the utmost contempt. And may the Lord have mercy on 'em if he ever turns Ralph Moody on their trail.

We are mighty glad to see Rufus Holman in the race for senator. He will make a grand mate for our Charlie, for he is of the same kind of stuff—quiet, unassuming, but when he does talk, his clear-headed logic is mighty hard to answer.

We had a lot of fun the other day putting up the new street signs. At several corners people came out of their houses to look at the new sign and said they were glad to know what street they lived on. We have a hunch that half of the folks in town never knew their own street by name before. And at one place we had just finished placing the sign and preparing to move on to the next when a big California car came along, with the driver looking anxiously from side to side as if lost. Suddenly he noticed the sign and with a relieved look on his face turned the corner and departed. He seemed to have known the street he was looking for but not where to find it.

Now if our folks will just screw up their civic pride another notch and put numbers on their houses, it will help still more. Just drop in to the city hall and have Guy give you the right number from the city plat, then procure the proper numbers and nail them up in a conspicuous place. Then some of these days we will try to get out a city

WILLIAM L. LEWIS DIES SUDDENLY IN MEDFORD HOSPITAL

The many Central Point friends of Mr. William Leon ("Bill") Lewis were shocked and saddened to hear of his death after a major operation when he was on the table for four hours Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. He had been critically ill since last Thursday.

He spent most of his boyhood in Central Point and attended Central Point schools. His mother lives on a ranch near here. Mrs. Snavely, sister of Mr. Clem Finley, stays with her for company. Mr. Lewis and brother Robert had a large band of sheep which gives employment to a large number of men. They also owned Lewis Super Service station in Medford. The county will feel his loss deeply.

Mr. Lewis was born in the Applegate district March 4, 1895, and spent his entire life in Jackson county.

He is survived by his wife, Veda G. Lewis; his mother, Mrs. W. H. Lewis of Central Point; a daughter, Francis, and a step-daughter Barbara Doris, both of whom resided with him and his wife at 727 West Jackson boulevard. Also two brothers, R. W. and L. L. Lewis, both of Medford.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl funeral home Friday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

Ashland Lady to Attend P.T.A. Meet

Jackson County is honored by having Mrs. Edna Forsythe of Ashland elected to represent the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers at the National Convention which will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 15-20.

Oregon like all other states will send its president and three other state officers or their alternates to this Convention.

Formal opening of the Convention in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, Monday at 10 a.m., will feature a ceremony in which National Board members will take part, and an address by the National President, presenting the Convention theme, "Changing Patterns for Group Living". Delegates and visitors are invited to remain in the Tabernacle for the concert by the Tabernacle Choir.

Mrs. Edna Forsythe is the state vice-president for the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers. The two other delegates are Mrs. Bert Chappel, recording secretary, and Mrs. Arthur Churchill, State Parent Education chairman, both of Portland.

Baseball Practice Will Begin Soon

As soon as the field dries enough to permit, baseball practice will begin. Coach Hulbert has most of last year's team returning, but needs a few good hitters. Three returning pitchers expected to see much service are Clyde Lees, Art Copinger, and Pink O'Connor.

A league scheduled has been drawn up including Central Point, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Talent, Saint Mary's, and Eagle Point. Each team will play the other five once, making five league games.

Plans are also being made for the coming track season. Events will be run in "A" and "B" divisions. Anyone under 15 years of age or weighing less than 135 pounds may compete in the "B" division. All above this must enter the "A" class. A meet will be held in Medford one week before the district meet, also to be in Medford, and the first two in each event will enter the district meet. A few changes will be made in events. The 50 yard dash will be cut out and the 440 and the mile added. The hurdles will be broken into the 120 yard high hurdles and the 220 yard low hurdles instead of just the 120 low hurdles as last year.

directory giving everyone's address, and the old town will be going places. Eh, what?

New Street Signs Now Installed on Principal Corners

The new street signs promised sometime ago by the Civic club were this week put in place and are creating much favorable comment. This spring the club proposed to the city council to provide street name signs for the principal streets, with iron poles for the same, if the council would set the poles in cement in locations decided upon by the street committee. This the council promised to do and the ladies went ahead with the plan.

The signs are patterned after those in use in Medford and are of a raised letter pattern with a dark blue background and aluminum face. The letters are cut from a half-inch pine board and nailed on, and are 3 inches high. The signs are easily read at a distance of half a block or more.

The new signs have been placed at all intersecting streets along the highway, or Front street from the Nip & Sip service station to the cheese factory. Pine street (or Main street as it is commonly known) has signs from the highway intersection to 8th street and 4th street is marked from the high school corner, (Bush street) for its entire length to Hazel street in the north end of town. Thus each street in town has a marker at some point.

The big thing now is for the people to become accustomed to the use of the proper names of the streets. When the signs were being erected several people said they had lived in town for years and never before knew the name of the street they lived on.

The club has made arrangements to furnish additional signs to anyone wishing to place them at corners not

now marked. All that is necessary is to make application to the club and a standard sign will be prepared for the particular corner desired and painted to match the rest. The club will not furnish the pole, however, nor set the sign.

56 sign boards were made. Mr. Lewis Swartz cut and nailed the sign boards together and the letters were cut out by Mr. Ernest Scott. The metal brackets were made in the local blacksmith shop and the paint was purchased at a local store. In fact, the only thing purchased out of town was the iron pipe for the poles. The lumber for the signs came from the local planning mill. The lumber for the letters was furnished by Mr. A. O. Myers. The Civic club wishes to thank Mr. Jack Lees for the use of his paint gun which was of great help in painting around the letters. The labor of assembling the signs and erecting them fell to the lot of Ye Editor, (who claims he is the only man in town who knows the real names of the streets and where they are to be found.)

It is hoped that the people of the town will get busy and put up house numbers as soon as possible. Now that the streets are marked it will be a simple matter to find out the right number. City Recorder Tex will be glad to give such information at any time. According to the system in use in larger cities, the numbers run one hundred to the block with odd numbers on the left and even on the right side of the street. It will be a simple matter to figure out the proper number for any house in town and the use of house numbers will be a big help to everyone.

Mrs. Grimes, 77, Is Honored at Party

Missionary society of the Federated church met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Ayres with 28 members present. With the president, Miss Helen Carlton in the chair letters and book reviews on Japan were read and discussed.

This being the time for election of officers it was decided to make no change in the group.

At the close of the meeting a birthday surprise party was given in honor of Mrs. W. P. Grimes, who reaches her 77th milestone March 27. Mrs. Grimes was showered with congratulations and numerous gifts from loving friends. An original poem was read by Mrs. Alvin Williams. Refreshments, including a lovely decorated cake, were served by the hostess and committee.

Irving P. Beesley to Speak to P.T.A.

Mr. Irving P. Beesley will speak to members and friends of P.T.A. at their regular meeting on Friday April 1 at 3 P.M. Local scouts will be presented in a number.

The following candidates have accepted nomination for elective offices in the Central Point unit for the coming year: Mrs. W. M. Holt—President; Mrs. H. C. Williamson—Vice Pres.; Mrs. Verne Hansen—Sec. Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Ted Furry—Secretary; Mrs. Walter Gebhard—Treasurer; Mrs. C. L. Pierce—Historian. A cordial standing invitation is extended to all who are interested in Parent-Teacher work to attend any or all meetings.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Thursday, March 31, 1938. There are 30 children here. Jane got back. She has been out two weeks. She had chicken pox. Delores has it now.

This is the last day of March. It is a fine morning. Maybe March will go out like a lamb. It will not go out until midnight tonight. Then we should be asleep.

Ann will play over the radio Saturday morning at 10:30.

Flash!!

Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News, today filed his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for State Senator. Mr. Hamilton is the first Democrat to seek his office. For several years George Dunn of Ashland has been unopposed at the polls.

Civic Club to Meet Wednesday

The Civic Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, April 6, at the city library. At this time reports will be made regarding the city signs which have been installed within the past week.

These signs have been erected by the club as part of their work in civic improvement in cooperation with the city administration.

Mr. E. C. Faber has been invited to address the club on matters of civic improvement and the ladies hope to have a large attendance to hear him. This is in line with the policy of the club which is to have some local business man address the club at each meeting.

All ladies of the community interested in civic improvement are invited to attend the meetings of the club, which are held at the library on the first Wednesday of each month.

Martins Report Snows in Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin and little daughter Penny arrived last Saturday on a surprise visit with relatives and friends. The Martins left home before 4 o'clock a.m. in order to drive out on top of the snow before it melted or it would have been impossible to have got out at all.

It was a beautiful sight driving thru huge snow banks sixteen feet high on both sides of the road and as far as you could see ahead of you. They have pictures of their house in Graeagle where you could walk up the snow banks on to the top of the house. In the December flood the house where Mr. and Mrs. Middleton lived was washed away with the flood and broken to pieces. A large cattle ranch, the Circle O, was snow bound and food was dropped from an airplane to some of her furniture and the roof of her wood shed before the snow plow could open the road and bring in a truck load of wood with a caterpillar. The snow has set a new record there as well as in Jackson Co. Little Penny loves to play out in the snow and they have many pictures of her in her snow clothes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Booth spent Sunday in the hills.

So what? -

If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if you have but moderate abilities, industry will supply their deficiency.—Samuel Smiles.

Alexander saying he wasn't going to do any business until he saw the ground hog—thought the ground hog was going to stay buried for six weeks but now he thought maybe the ground hog meant six months.

Happy news for everyone. The Coffee Pot is open again and have added Frozen Rogue to their many other fine eatables.

A pink silk blouse at the telephone threatening to break up a life-long friendship.

Kill two birds with one stone while spading your garden, save the worms for fishing.

Men complain about the difficulties of life, and then construct obstacles on the golf course to make the game more interesting.

Good!

Now we won't get lost. We can read the new Central Point street signs. And know where we are at. Hurrah for the Civic Club.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK Member FDIC

CHEESE FACTORY SHOWS GROWTH SINCE OPENING

The local branch of the Sonoma Valley Cheese Factory is showing consistent growth. Starting about two years ago with one small vat and receiving only about 500 pounds of milk daily, the factory has expanded until today three large vats are used and another is to be installed immediately. These vats have a capacity of about eight thousand pounds of milk each. The Pasteurizing equipment has a capacity of six thousand pounds per hour.

When the factory first opened under its present management, all milk received was delivered by the farmers themselves. Today the factory operates four large trucks to haul in the milk. These trucks cover a large part of Jackson and Josephine counties and bring in daily from 17,000 to 18,000 pounds of milk. One of the largest items of expense for the factory is the purchase of cans for handling this amount of milk. These cans cost about \$5.00 each at wholesale.

The factory employs seven men today, besides the office staff. An average of six tons of cheese is shipped weekly to San Francisco, besides the large local sales.

This factory is fast becoming one of the most important factors in the upbuilding of the Rogue River valley as an important dairy section. Thousands of dollars are distributed monthly to the farmers of this section and the business is still in its infancy.

Few people of this city realize what an important industry is growing up in our city. It would be of interest to our citizens to visit this plant and see for themselves what is being done.

Loose Dogs Not Allowed after April 1

City Recorder Tex calls attention to the fact that the ordinance relating to the allowing of dogs to run loose during the spring months becomes effective April 1st.

Under the terms of this ordinance no dogs will be allowed to run at large during the months of April, May and June, and must be kept strictly at home during these months. It is during the spring gardening time that loose dogs do much damage and it is hoped that all dog owners will comply with the provisions of the law in this matter.

Frank Amy took dinner with the Jos. Wright family Sunday. Mr. Amy said he did not know how soon he would move to his cabin on the river.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor

Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, supt. Help us build up to Easter when we expect 220 present. Be on time!

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "Men's Views and God's View of Jesus The Christ." Duet Mrs. Elde and Mrs. Hover.

Children's Church 11:00 A.M. Mrs. Phillips, Pastor.

Christian Endeavor for all ages 6:30 P.M. Carl Hover, Director.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Subject "Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of The Passion Week." Special Chorus by Choir.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Mrs. Izetta Elde. Mrs. Phillips will review the past work.

Easter Choir Rehearsal following study period.

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 3:30 P.M.