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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Several years ago we published a little poem by that prince of all present-day writers, Edgar Guest, which tonight we feel should be repeated. It seems to fit perfectly the feeling we have today and we want to adopt it for our own:

### MY CREED

To live as gently as I can;  
To be, no matter where, a man;  
To take what comes of good or ill  
And cling to faith and honor still;  
To do my best, and let that stand  
The record of my brain and hand;  
And then, should failure come to me,  
Still work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein  
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;  
To be the same when I am alone  
As when my every deed is known;  
To live undaunted, unafraid  
Of any step that I have made;  
To be without pretense or sham  
Exactly what men think I am.

To leave some simple mark behind  
To keep my having lived in mind;  
If enmity to aught I show,  
To be an honest, generous foe;  
To play my little part, nor whine  
That greater honors are not mine.  
This, I believe, is all I need  
For my philosophy and creed.

Now doesn't that just hit the spot?  
Isn't that just what a feller ought to be, as he "trudges along on his tired feet," as the feller said, doing his daily tasks and what little he may for his community?

Thank goodness, another storm on the ocean of life has been weathered. We have felt for several days as if we were sitting on a volcano that might erupt any moment. But common sense has prevailed and once more the skies are serene and our little town can again go on in the even tenor of its way. The dove of peace is once more roosting on the city hall; the hatchet has been buried and everyone can get to work again. Good work, fellows!

Last week we had a bit to say about several of the candidates seeking the elusive voter in his den. But somehow we failed to mention that W. W. (Bill) Allen of Medford was seeking nomination on the republican ticket for the office of county commissioner. Bill has had many years' experience in business and if elected would no doubt make a very good commissioner. The worst thing in his way is the fact that he lives in (or at least, almost in) Medford. A lot of the country folks seem to have the idea that like Nazareth of old, it's hard to find good things in that man's town.

### FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wednesday, April 6, 1938.  
There are only 20 children here. Twelve are out. We are sorry. They have the chicken pox.

The sun is shining. We hear many birds singing. The sky is beautiful. It is blue with white clouds sailing around.

Robert's house has been painted over.

Patricia has a pretty new dress. Raymond brought us some candy chickens. Thank you, Raymond.

## So what? -

A certain business man developing a new hobby—he is starting a gall stone necklace—anyone having any stones to sell, call 611 and produce a doctor's certificate that they are genuine and receive 25 cents a piece.

Sunday morning a pastor telling the ladies that he didn't know as there was anything wrong with their hats except that they made the ladies look silly.

Three hornets attending the W.R.C. convention, none of them gave the password. One met sudden death when Mrs. M. C. Merritt stepped on it.

The five ton roller and two yard dump truck filling up holes in the Pendleton and Patterson Service Station, slid into the hole and came very near being permanent fillings at least they begin to think so before they succeeded in getting out.

Johnny Bohnert speeding home in a down pour of rain on his little red streamlined tractor Monday afternoon.

## CIVIC CLUB MAKES GIFT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION

The Ladies' Civic club of this city held its regular meeting at the library Wednesday afternoon of this week. At this time Mr. E. C. Faber addressed the ladies on the subject of civic improvement.

Mr. Faber called attention to many ways in which the ladies could be of assistance to their home town and called upon them to use their influence in the present campaign to build up larger payrolls in the state by the buying of home-manufactured products.

Following Mr. Faber's talk, Mrs. Loris Minnick, president of the club, called upon Mr. A. E. Powell to come forward, saying that they had a bone to pick with him. When he presented himself at the desk, the president stated that she had delegated the task of laying down the law to him to Mrs. Bithers, who, in a brief but touching address, spoke of the many things Mr. Powell had done to assist the club to carry their plans to a successful completion, and of the hours of hard work he had so cheerfully given without compensation. She then presented Mr. Powell with a beautiful gold-mounted fountain pen as a token of the club's appreciation.

Mr. Powell, to whom the whole thing came as a complete surprise, thanked the ladies for the gift as soon as he could recover his composure, and stated that he had thoroughly enjoyed the work he had given and felt that the little he had been able to do was no more than should be expected from any honest citizen who loved his home town. He also made a report of the completion of the street sign project which the ladies had asked him to manage.

At the close of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Minnick. The next meeting of the club will be held on the first Wednesday in May, at which time Mr. Roy Jones will be invited to address the club.

## Sunday School Class Give Shower Party

On Thursday evening March 31 the members of Mrs. L. C. Grimes' Sunday School class held a shower for Ruby Brood at the home of Mrs. Everette Faber. The evening was spent playing games appropriate to the occasion. Several of the Ladies of the Federated Church assisted Mrs. Grimes in making the arrangements.

The honor guest was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. Those attending included: Mesdames R. J. Brood, Bert Hickman, Arlie Walker, Stanley Parrish, Ted Hill, Ray Wyatt, A. W. Ayers and E. C. Faber, and the Misses Nelda Jean Ayers, Geraldine Wiedman, Francis Homer, Gladys Vincent and Iris Hill.

## Young People's Club To Present Play

The third and last play to be presented by the Central Point Grange members is to be given Saturday night April 9 at 8 p. m.

The play will be preceded by several specialty numbers and the public is promised a very entertaining evening. The play was selected, cast and directed by members of the young people's club assisted by Mrs. Gene Blackford. Persons taking part in the play are: Delmar Smith, Harold Smith, Donald Smith, Ralph Van Zyl, Everett Gebhard, Freds Youngs, Gertrude Hammond and Dorothea Hedgpath.

The play is one that will please those desiring to laugh as many unusual and comic situations arise in the fast moving twenty five minute production.

Dancing will follow the entertainment with the Dicky Orchestra furnishing the music.

The public is invited to attend, a small door charge is to be made.

Mr. Fred Pankey of Chiloquin spent Sunday at the Gifford home. Mr. Pankey taught the West Side School a number of years ago and is now attending the university.

John Powell of Klamath Falls visited his parents Sunday.

## City Council Adds to Minimum Water Allowance in City

Much interest was shown in the regular meeting of the city council Monday night on account of the fact that a petition bearing a large number of names of citizens was to be presented at that time. Quite a large delegation of interested citizens attended the meeting. The petition urged the council to rescind its action at the March meeting accepting the resignation of Bert Hedgpath, city marshal, and to grant him the increase of \$15 per month in salary.

After quite an extended discussion, which at times grew somewhat acrimonious, the council decided by a unanimous vote, to retain Mr. Hedgpath and to pay him \$75 per month from the police fund, as provided in the budget, and an additional sum of \$15 per month from the street fund for his work as street commissioner. The decision was heartily applauded by the citizens present.

Another delegation representing the local telephone company appeared before the council and asked that the franchise as voted at the last meeting be changed in some details. On suggestion of Mayor Hatfield, the matter was referred to a committee to confer with the executive committee of the telephone company and report at a later meeting.

Superintendent H. P. Jewett addressed the council and asked how they felt about the proposition of closing Fourth street (old highway) from the schoolhouse to Pine street for a short period each noon to automobile traffic while the children are going to their homes to lunch. He said the school would furnish student traffic officers and the necessary signs so there would be no cost to the city. Mr. Jewett further stressed the fact that so many children were forced to use this street in order to get home, he felt it would be an added safety factor in preventing accidents.

Mayor Hatfield stated that he saw no objection to such a move, provided it would work no hardship on business concerns who use the first block south of Pine street to get to and from their places of business. The matter was laid on the table until a later meeting to allow consultation with these business concerns to see how they felt about the matter. After all the visiting delegations had left, the council proceeded with the regular business of the evening. The first business taken up was the reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 218, passed some months ago, fixing the minimum rate for city water at \$1.50 per month, instead of \$1.00 as it had been for years. Following the passage of this ordinance, the council proceeded to consider the passage of another ordinance fixing the rate of \$1.50 per month again, but with an allowance of 5000 gallons per month minimum, instead of 3000 gallons, which had been the amount allowed under the old law. The rate for additional water used above the minimum (20c per 1000 gallons) was not changed. This new rate of \$1.50 per month minimum with an allowance of 5000 gallons, plus 20c per thousand for all additional water used, (unlimited) is to take effect April 25, 1938. This ordinance was passed by a unanimous vote.

## W.R.C. District Meet Held Sat.

The annual meeting of the Women's Relief Corps district number 5, was held at Central Point in the Grange hall, Saturday, April 2.

The meeting convened at 10 o'clock in the morning with Madge Doman, president, of Gold Hill president, of Gold Hill presiding.

Convention officers were seated by Grants Pass corps.

Mrs. Minnick gave the address of welcome with Mrs. Elva Lough of Medford responding. The following officers were elected for the coming year.

President, Mrs. Helen Pitman, Ashland; senior vice-president; Dora Jones, Central Point; junior vice-president, Ella Patrick, Gold Hill; secretary-treasurer, Carrie Crapsey, Ashland; chaplain, Elva Lough, Medford; guard, Beattie Henderson, Gold Hill; conductor, Marjory Orme, Grants Pass; color bearers, Katherine Peterson, Medford, Millie Tucker, Medford, Hattie Moore, Ashland, Edna Kilburn, Central Point; patriotic instructor, Mary Ferns Grants Pass; musician, Mary Robbins, Grants Pass; press correspondent, Emma Gleason, Central Point; assistant guard, Irene Johnson, Central Point; conductor, Mary Hale, Grants Pass.

Gold Hill was selected as the next meeting place in 1939. Luncheon was served at noon by the Central Point corps. About 75 were seated around the table.

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The council discussed the matter of young men racing up and down the streets of the city at high rates of speed on noisy motorcycles and urged the city marshal to put a stop to such practice. He was also instructed to enforce the ordinance regarding the allowing of dogs to run loose during the months of April, May and June.

Councilman Myers addressed the council and stated that he had a proposition to make regarding the present worn-out water mains on Pine street and other parts of the city. He called attention to the fact that the city now has on hand about \$6000 in the water fund for which it has no use until 1939, at which time certain bonds are coming due. He suggested that the city employ a good engineer at once and use this money to get to work at once while the ground is in the best condition and also before the irrigating season begins, on the project of relaying the old mains.

He proposed to call a bond election at the same time, or at least as soon as practicable, to authorize the issuance of sufficient bonds to cover the entire cost of this work. Then, when the bonds are sold, to take out of the amount so raised the amount taken from the funds now lying idle in the bank and so be prepared to pay off the bonds coming due next year. (This plan, by the way, is almost identical with that proposed in an editorial published in this paper in the issue of January 27, this year.)

On account of the lateness of the hour, the council, after some discussion, decided to take this matter up at an adjourned meeting to be held tomorrow (Friday) night. It is reported that Mr. Paul Rynning, county engineer and chairman of the Medford water commission, has been asked to be present at this meeting and has consented to come and assist the council in making plans.

## Boys Hike Home After Car Trouble

Bob Scott and Pink O'Connor on their return trip from Portland got as far as Drain when their car refused to travel any farther so the boys left the car and hitch hiked home. Jim O'Connor and Pink O'Connor started to go to Drain after the car but the other side of Roseburg their car turned over up side down in a mud puddle. No one was hurt. Orville Caster and Orth Miller left Monday after the car that was left at Drain and returned home with it Tuesday evening. Jim O'Connor was able to drive his car home.

## EASTERN STAR OFFICIAL INSPIRATION FOR LUNCHEON

Mrs. Hallie Huntington of Eugene, Associated Grand Conductress, O. E. S. of Oregon, was the inspiration for a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Everett Faber, Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock.

The luncheon table was centered with daffodils and yellow tapers. Spring flowers were used about the rooms.

Following the luncheon the group went to the Masonic Hall for a school of instruction, conducted by Mrs. Huntington.

Those invited were: Mrs. Clara Vincent, Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman, Mrs. Sadie Kohler, Mrs. Gladys Jewett, Mrs. Lolita Massey, Mrs. Ethel Freeman, Mrs. Margaret Swain, and the honor guest, Mrs. Huntington, and the hostess Mrs. Beulah Faber.

## Young Oregonians Will Give Show At High School

A talented troupe of 35 members selected from and representing the Young Oregonians organization will invade Central Point Thursday, April 14 on their good will tour through central and southern Oregon. While they are here, the young vaudeville stars will present a big, free show at the school auditorium starting at 2:15 P.M.

Featured on the program of the Young Oregonians will be musical numbers by representatives of the accordion, banjo and guitar clubs. An unusual number is one combining piano, guitar and accordion music. Harmonica, trumpet, banjo and saxophone soloists add melody to the entertainment.

The high school is sponsoring the Young Oregonians and will play host to the troupe members while they are in town.

## Fire Razes Long's 2nd Hand Store

Fire, which started from a defective flue, gutted the building owned and occupied by Long's Second Hand Store this afternoon. When the fire first started Mr. Long and Gerald Morris attempted to put it out alone. Before those who had rushed after the fire truck had succeeded in getting it started, they were told the fire was out. A short time later the flames again burst out.

Part of the stock and furniture was saved but the building is practically a total loss.

## Beesley Speaks At P.T.A. Meet

At a regular meeting of Central Point P.T.A. on April 1 Scout Master Dale Smith with scouts Bob Vincent, Hal Jewett, Gene Holt and Franklin Gebhard opened the program with presentation and salute to the flag.

Irving P. Beesley, guest speaker, was amused, to say the least, at the many forms of salute to the flag, so having accepted a challenge from a lady of the American Legion auxiliary to always be ready to tell how it should be done he instructed and illustrated the proper salute for which all were grateful.

Mr. Beesley who is scout executive of Crater Lake Area Council said this district leads in scouting and cubbing in region 11 which comprises four northwestern states.

Scout troop number 40 is alive and active he said but cubbing in Central Point has been hindered by conflicting activities and lack of meeting places. He asked the P.T.A. as sponsors to appoint den mothers to replace those who have resigned as H. C. Williamson, cub master, in justice to cubs cannot carry on alone. Mr. Beesley stressed the need of cubbing and scouting to build up a nation of useful citizens, or else, from the trend of world affairs freedom and democracy in these United States is in danger. Also that the overflowing reform schools, industrial farms and prisons are stark monuments to neglected youth.

The absorption of Austria into Germany has lost one nation that has been foremost in scouting.

His concluding remarks were complimentary to the P.T.A. in the way they have stood back of their troops but said there was much more that could be done to encourage the boys and their leaders.

Mrs. Beesley Williams, vice president, presided at the business meeting. The report of the nominating committee was read, accepted and the following candidates elected: Mrs. W. M. Holt for president; Mrs. H. C. Williamson, vice president; Mrs. Verne Hansen, second vice president; Mrs. Ted Furry, secretary; Mrs. Walter Gebhard, treasurer and Mrs. C. L. Pierce, historian.

The fifth grade mothers won the prize for attendance. An executive meeting will be held April 4 at Mrs. Williamsons home, all members are urged to attend. Jackson County Council meeting will be held April 26 at Talent.

H. P. Jewett announced the dancing and music program by the "Young Oregonians" on April 14 at 2:15 in the high school auditorium. All they ask for two hours of entertaining is luncheon at noon. The home economics class will serve this. The public is invited.

## MISS RUBY BROOD, LOCAL GRADUATE, MARRIED SUNDAY

On Sunday April 3rd at 2:30 in the afternoon, Miss Ruby Brood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brood of South Dakota, became the bride of Mr. Jack Gillaspay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillaspay of Central Point, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Walker at the 401 Orchard. Mr. Walker is an uncle of the bride.

The Rev. Robert Charles Lewis, pastor of the Federated Church officiated, using the ring ceremony.

Miss Nelda Jean Ayers, attractively dressed in gold taffeta, was the bride's attendant. Mr. Guy Gillaspay acted as groomsman for his brother.

The bride was very lovely in a white satin street length dress made in somewhat tailored lines with silver buckle in front and silver buttons down the back. She carried a nosegay of violets and primroses tied with silver and gold streamers.

The wedding was solemnized before an improvised arch of bridal wreath and King Alfred daffodils, flanked on either side with large baskets of spring flowers. Little Harriett Fay Walker, niece of the bride, played the Wedding Marches. Following the Ceremony the Bridal Party and guests adjourned to the dining room. In the center of the table was a beautifully decorated wedding cake and on either side tall white tapers. The Bride cut the cake and Mrs. Walker assisted by Mrs. Bert Hickman served ice cream.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillaspay and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brood, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hickman and four children and Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Walker and family.

Mrs. Jack Gillaspay is a graduate of Central Point High School, having entered in her Senior year from South Dakota. Mr. Gillaspay also attended Central Point Schools and is employed by Mr. William Newhall. The couple will make their home in the Farra Apartments in Central Point.

Their many friends in this community are wishing them much joy and happiness.

## Evangelist Alley To Speak Here

Evangelist James M. Alley will speak at Church of Christ on Wednesday April 13 at 7:30 P.M. His subject is "Twelve Proofs of Christ Being Eternal God." Evangelist Alley needs no introduction in this community and we are assured of a large attendance.

Don't fail to hear him! Just one evening!

## The Churches

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor

Bible School 10:00 A. M. Come! Help us build up to not less than 220 for Easter Morning.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "Spring Time."

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

Christian Endeavor for all ages.

6:30 P.M. Carl Hoyer, Director.

Evangelistic Service, Subject "The Last Three Days of The Passion Week." Chart Sermon showing time and events and explaining Nison, the April of A.D. 30. Easter occurs just the same time in 1938 as in A.D. 30. April 17 is accurate. Come let us study this interesting subject together.

James M. Alley will be with us on Wednesday April 13 and will bring the subject "Twelve Proofs That Is Eternal God." See notice elsewhere in this issue of The American.

### 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.

The Berean Bible Class will meet at the Wyatt home next Friday afternoon.