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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We admit we were somewhat disappointed at the failure of the city council to place the matter of securing the Medford water on the ballot at the proposed special election to be called in connection with the regular primary election to be held May 29. We had hoped they would agree to give the people a chance to vote whether they wanted the present worn-out water mains replaced only, or whether they wished to have the whole job done at this time. It would not have cost the city a penny more to have put both propositions on the ballot at this time.

In order to raise the money to do any work at all on the old mains this year it has been found necessary to call a special election to vote on the bonds. And so long as they are having an election anyway, why not put BOTH propositions on the ballot and let the people decide which one they want? Our idea would be to have the ballot carry two propositions something like this:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

To authorize the city council to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of laying new cast iron water mains to replace the eight-inch mains extending from the water tower to 4th street, thence along 4th street to Pine street and thence along Pine street to the Pacific highway. The council use what money is now on hand and issue only such bonds at this time as may be necessary to complete the job. The balance of the authorized bonds to be issued later to take care of the \$9,500 in water bonds coming due in August, 1939.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

To authorize the city council to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the purpose of laying new cast iron water mains to replace the eight-inch mains extending from the water tower to 4th street, thence along 4th street to Pine street and thence along Pine street to the Pacific highway. AND ALSO FOR THE PURPOSE OF LAYING A TEN-INCH CAST IRON MAIN FROM THE WATER TOWER IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT TO A POINT ON THE OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT OR NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE MIDWAY ROAD WITH SAID HIGHWAY TO CONNECT WITH THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MEDFORD. And further to empower the city council to make a contract with the said city of Medford for the sale of water to the city of Central Point.

Of course the above proposals are not presented with any idea that they are drawn in the proper legal language or form but merely to convey the idea of what we have in mind. Why not get the whole thing on the ballot and get it over with? Is not this a good time and way to get this thing settled? Surely the people should be given an opportunity to express their wishes in the matter. And by putting both propositions on the same ballot (with no additional cost to the city) our citizens would then have an opportunity to express themselves as to whether they desired the council to go ahead and replace the old mains which have proven to be past repairing and let it go at that, or whether they wanted them to go ahead and put in the Medford water at this time.

As we sat in the council chamber the other night and listened to the talk concerning the water situation we couldn't help but feel that our mayor and councilmen had been doing a lot of very serious thinking about this matter and the writer honestly believes that every man connected with our official body is doing what he personally believes to be the best thing for the city in this emergency. But while we honor these gentlemen for the work they are doing we still believe that there could be no possible harm in getting BOTH propositions on the ballot this spring. Let's get it off our chests and get settled down to business once more.

It has been said that perhaps it would be better to wait until we know just what Congress is going to do about providing funds to enable the RFC to make loans to cities for such improvements at a much lower rate of interest than we probably would have to pay on an ordinary bond issue. This sounds reasonable enough, but the writer fails to see what harm could possibly be done by having the AUTHORITY to issue such bonds settled at this time. The mere fact that such authority had been given would in no wise prevent the council from holding back on ISSUING the bonds until such a time as the question of securing federal funds had been settled.

Of course it is possible that if, when, or ever federal money could be obtained for so insignificant a sum so far away from the public trough as our little town is, we might then find that we would not be able to use these particular bonds. In that case all that would be necessary would be for the council to just forget they had ever been authorized to issue them, and they could then go ahead with whatever might be necessary to get Uncle Sam to help us out.

TENTH BIRTHDAY OF C. P. GRANGE IS CELEBRATED

Central Point Grange members celebrated the tenth birthday of the Central Point Grange April 20. A covered dish dinner was served at 7:30. The tables were beautifully decorated with spring blossoms. Daffodils, Narcissus and Apple blossoms were the flowers used.

About 140 persons were present at the dinner hour. Ice cream was served by the Grange, also a beautiful birthday cake with 10 candles on it decorated the officers' table. The cake was large enough to supply all present a serving.

After the dinner a fine program was enjoyed. The Past officers and the Charter members were honored and the Grange work was revealed in 10 chapters.

Those on the Program were: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bohner, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Morse Haley, Mrs. Edythe Bohner, Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Arden Tyrrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson, Mrs. Fred Sanders, Mrs. V. Ritzinger, Mrs. J. S. Lydard, Freda Young, Mr. O. C. Purkeypile, Lola Blackford, Donald Smith, Velma McCredie, Delmer Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley, O. C. Maust, Ed Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Neal, Roberta Pankey, Mrs. H. P. Jewett and small daughter.

The program consisted of speeches, skits and music and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Wm. Foley, Mrs. Arnold Bohner and Ed Vincent planned the program, and new members marveled at the many accomplishments of the Grange since its organization.

Grade Schools to Present Operetta Tomorrow Evening

The Central Point Grade School is presenting the operetta, "The Blue Bell", April 22 at the High School auditorium, at 8 o'clock.

The operetta tells the story of how brave Prince Halvor rescues lovely Princess Ellanore from the clutches of Witch Hag. The main characters are: King Gorumus, ruler of Norway—Eugene Holt; Princess Ellanore, his daughter—Beverly Watson; Halvor, the beggar-boy who became Prince—Ronald James; Thimbelina, Queen of the Flower Fairies—Ruth Kizer; Hag, the witch—Zoe Hill; Mustylore, the King's soothsayer—Woodrow Phillips; Slywit, the King's Jester—John Ross. The cast also includes fairies, gnomes, courtiers, guardsmen, and other members of the King's Court.

Stationery Store In New Location

Medford Stationery Store now located at their new location at 210 East Main street, Medford, Oregon, is one of the oldest stationery stores in Southern Oregon, established by a Mr. Whitman in about 1900, later purchased by Geo. F. King and Brother and in 1909 by Davis and Miller and was known as the Medford Book Store and located at 209 East Main until they moved to the location 34 North Central where it remained until they moved to their present location at 210 East Main. The stationery business was purchased from The Koke Chapman Company by Z. N. Agee, the present owner, July 1st, 1934. Mr. Agee has been in the stationery and paper business since 1909, retail and wholesale.

In their new location they will add new lines. A new line of desks, office cabinets and new filing devices will be an improved feature, and also a better grade of office and social stationery.

The Post Office Substation No. 1 is located in the store. They will try to give you a better service that will serve you better.

P. T. A. NOTES

Mrs. C. L. Pierce will be accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Faber, Mrs. W. H. Holt, Mrs. H. C. Williamson and Mrs. Ted Ferry to Klamath Falls on Monday, April 25, where they will attend the school of instruction conducted by Mrs. Charles E. Roe, National Field Secretary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Your Founders Day contribution helps to bring Mrs. Roe to Southern Oregon.

But if Congress, by any good fortune, should happen to continue to back at the idea of any more "pump priming", we would have taken the first step toward getting at a job our people wanted done, and much precious time would thereby be saved.

All of which above is based, of course, on the idea that a majority of the people of this city vote for Proposition No. 2 if they should be given a chance.

Council Moves to Call Election on Bonds for Repair

The city council ran into a snag Monday night in their plan to get going in the immediate future on the project of laying new water mains in the business district of Central Point. They had been depending on an apparent right granted the council by the charter to issue bonds not exceeding \$5000 without a special vote of the people for the purpose of extending or improving the water system. An investigation by Recorder Tex, however, disclosed the fact that this right had already been exercised several years ago and the city attorney ruled that it could not be done again. Thus it became apparent that the only way the money could be secured to complete the desired project was by calling an election to vote on a bond issue for this purpose.

The council spent several hours in discussing the matter and several propositions were considered. Finally Councilman Myers moved that a special election be called at the same time as the regular primary election (May 29) for the purpose of voting on the question of authorizing the council to issue bonds in a sum not to exceed \$15,000, to be issued as needed, for the purpose of laying new mains from the water tower to 4th street, thence to Pine street and on to the highway. The motion was carried and the city attorney instructed to prepare the necessary formal resolution calling such an election. This resolution will be acted upon at the regular meeting to be held May 2.

During the discussion prior to the voting on this motion Councilman Milton made a statement urging that the matter of securing the Medford water be placed on the same ballot and the amount of the bonds to be voted on be increased to cover that project as well as the re-laying of the old mains. He stated that he felt that the people should be allowed to choose whether they desire to merely have the old system repaired or to

have in addition to this repair job, the new system. However, it seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the other three councilmen present that it would be better to take up the matter of re-laying the local water mains at this time and to postpone the voting on the Medford proposition to a latter date. The opinion was expressed that it might be possible to obtain federal aid for the larger project if and when Congress votes to grant the necessary money to enable the RFC to make such loans, and that it might be better to wait on that account.

Owing to the fact that Engineer Rydning had been instructed to prepare the plans and specifications in detail preparatory to issuing a call for bids on the project as soon as possible, and the further fact that he had promised to have these specifications ready for presentation at the May meeting, it was felt that the best thing to do under the circumstances was called the special election to vote on the bond issue as soon as possible. There was some discussion relative to the amount of bonds to be asked for. Attention was called to the fact that there would be \$9,500 in water bonds coming due August 1, 1939 and that money would have to be provided to pay them. The present plan of the council is to use the \$7000 now on hand, which was being saved to pay off these bonds, and in addition issue as many of the new bonds to be voted on as necessary to complete the laying of the new mains in the city. The balance of this bond issue would be held in reserve to pay the 1939 bonds.

The new mains to be laid consist of 3100 feet of eight-inch cast iron pipe and 100 feet of six-inch. A separate estimate is being made to ascertain the cost of re-laying the main on East Pine street, which had not been included in the original figures. It is thought that it may be found necessary to replace this main also.

Patricia Carlon, 22, Dies After Crash

Patricia Levan Carlon, 22-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Carlon of Kings highway, died in Ashland Community hospital at 2:05 a.m. Sunday of injuries received when the car in which she was a passenger, driven by Jerome H. Trill of 521 West Second street, upset on the Pacific highway a short distance south of Talent less than two hours earlier.

At an inquest held Tuesday morning the coroner's found no one guilty. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Carlon on the tragic death of their daughter.

GRANGE NOTES

The Young People's Club will present their play "Taking Father's Place", in Medford April 30 at the Medford Senior Hi school.

The Jackson County Recreation club is sponsoring the program April 30 and all money raised will be used to help equip a recreation camp in Jackson county.

Mrs. O. C. Maust has tickets for sale and Central Point persons attending should purchase tickets off her so Central Point will get credit for all tickets purchased in this district.

New Fish Hatcheries Soon To Be Built

Prospects for establishment of a number of Federal fish hatcheries on the Columbia River and its tributaries, including the Willamette, became definite today when Chairman Bland of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries announced that his Committee, within the next week, will hold an executive session on the bill, H. R. 6797, introduced by Congressman James W. Mott authorizing an appropriation of \$500,000 for construction of these hatcheries. It is expected the bill will be reported to the House immediately upon conclusion of the executive session.

The plea for the building of hatcheries by the Federal government is based upon the ground that the Bonneville Dam, a government project, has impaired the salmon run on the Columbia and that it is the duty of the government to make up for this impairment by increasing the facilities for artificial propagation.

Public hearings before the Committee on the Mott Bill and on a similar Senate Bill were concluded last week. Appearing with Congressman Mott in behalf of the bill were Senator Reames, Congressman Pierce and James L. Hope of Astoria.

Beth, Peg, Pat and Dorothy Herford of Portland spent the Easter vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Warner. The girls spend the Easter vacation here every year but have to return to take part in the programs by Friday.

Cooked Food Sale And Bazaar To Be Held Saturday

The Civic club will hold a cooked food sale and bazaar Saturday all day at the library. It is hoped that all the ladies in Central Point will help in some way either with cooked foods or articles for the bazaar. A lunch of sandwiches, potato salad, home made cookies, and coffee will be served at noon. Don't forget the date, Saturday, April 23.

Move Started To Advertise City

A movement is under way to secure a special stamp to be used at the postoffice during Airmail Week, May 15-21, to be placed on all airmail letters mailed here during that week. The stamp will bear the name of the city and an appropriate design advertising the city.

Authority to use such special rubber stamps advertising localities and cities was recently given by the postoffice department and the idea is being generally taken up by the wide-awake cities of the country. Each city is allowed to use any design they may desire.

It is thought that the use of this rubber stamp on the airmail letters which will leave this city during Airmail Week will be of great advertising value to our city in calling attention of every person who sees them that we have a progressive community here.

Easter Dinner Served At Carr Home

A delightful family gathering and Easter dinner was enjoyed last Sunday at the Dori-Coleman home. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carr and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carr and Junior, Miss Lola Carr, Mrs. Martha Hadley, all of Medford, Mrs. Louise Cash and Mr. and Mrs. Aetna Carr of Grants Pass, and Mr. Arthur Dalley and son were callers in the afternoon.

Daring Robbery Is Planned Near City

Wednesday morning Joe Collins was awakened by a confusion on the highway. Cars slowing up and many on highway at one time. On investigation he found that his gate had been taken off the hinges and wires cut both on his place and the John Anderson place. The cattle had got out on Highway and blocked traffic. A gun had been placed on the Paul Sherer place down near Bear Creek and everything pointed a plan to steal live bunch of pigs. It would pay farmers to be on guard until these parties are brought to justice.

Mrs. Buckman has been sick but is improving at this time.

Clean-up Day Is Urged Here

With the coming of Spring comes the time to clear away the winter's accumulation of rubbish. For several years it has been the custom to set a certain day for this purpose, at which time the city truck makes regular trips to haul this rubbish out to the city dump free of charge.

Request is hereby made that such a Clean-up day be set by the city council at their next meeting so the people of the city may prepare for same by placing all matter to be hauled away at convenient places to be picked up by the truck.

New Service Station of "General" Company Nearing Completion

The new General Petroleum service station at the corner of Pine and Front streets is now practically complete and is a fine addition to the business structures along our principal street. The new building, which replaced the old station operated for many years by Verne Pendleton, is constructed of wood, painted white with green trimming, which are the regular colors adopted by the General company.

In laying the plans for the new building the company decided to build the station farther back from the highway with the gas pumps and driveway in front. The building contains three rooms—an office room containing a stock of automobile accessories and specialties; a store room in the rear of the office and a grease room, with hoist and complete greasing facilities for all makes of cars. The pumps are arranged in front of the office and connected with it by a wide sloping roof and concrete platform. Outside the pumps is another concrete platform or apron.

The company has placed three new Tokheim computing pumps in the new station. These pumps are of the very latest design and show automatically the exact amount of each sale so the customer may see for himself just what the charge should be. The mechanism is so arranged that the figures must be set to zero each time any gas is pumped, thus eliminating mistakes.

The old station building has been torn down and a new driveway constructed so that now drivers approaching the intersection from the east have a clear view for a distance of two blocks or more toward Medford. The new grounds about the station have not been entirely completed on account of the wet condition of the new fill, especially on the south side of the new building which will be found new and modern rest rooms and air and water connections. A driveway extends entirely around the building for the convenience of patrons. New flood lights have been installed giving the new station a very attractive appearance at night.

The new station is under the personal supervision of Verne H. Pendleton and Donald Patterson, both of whom are too well known in this locality to need introduction. Both are native Oregonians, Mr. Pendleton having been raised in the Table Rock district and Mr. Patterson was born in Klamath county but has lived most of his life just north of this city. He is a son of Mr. Warren Patterson, secretary of the Federal Farm Loan association for this district and graduated from the local high school a few years ago. These gentlemen, by their careful, courteous service to the motoring public have built up a very good business for this station and have made many friends for themselves. The American extends hearty congratulations to them upon the completion of their new station, which we are told cost the company in the neighborhood of \$6000. The electric wiring alone (including fixtures) cost about \$750.

W. P. A. Sanitation Program Booming

County Supervisor P. H. Jurgensen reports that 29 new type insect-proof toilets were purchased in Jackson and Josephine Counties last week, these Privies are constructed and installed by the W.P.A. of Oregon at no cost to the purchaser, except for material.

Because this program may be in effect for only a limited time, Mr. Jurgensen advises all wishing to install a sanitary toilet to place their orders at once.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Economy Lumber Co. in Medford where a model is on display.

So what?

Straight from the Mighty Bow this truth is driven: They fall, and they alone, who have not striven.—Clarence Urmy.

Mr. Cash thinking this town would be a good place to open up a tombstone factory, because there are so many chiselers here.

City Treasurer Jones building such a big fire in the Alley that the fire department was called out or if not should have been.

"Bureshot" Guy Tex thinking to dope up the city hall and start a shooting gallery.

SENIORS WORK ON CLASS PLAY TO BE APRIL 29

When a man wins honors in football, is an all-star basketball player, and then takes a leading role in the senior class play, in addition to playing baseball, taking part in track activities, and carrying his school work with credit, THAT'S NEWS.

Such a one is Blue O'Connor, known as "Pop" Harrington in the senior play, a 3-act comedy "The Patsy", to be staged Friday April 29.

This is O'Connor's first attempt at dramatics, and reports from the cast and coach are that he is putting the same "punch" and enthusiasm into it that he has always put into athletics.

Other well known and experienced stars who will appear are Barbara Koehler, Nelda Ayers, Lois Glass, Jim Grimes, Viola Penland, and Raymond Miller.

Art Copinger and Lyle Seymour likewise active in all high school sports, will make their first appearance before a Central Point audience.

"The Patsy" is a royalty play, given by permission of Samuel French. It is a story of a younger sister who is imposed upon in order to give her older sister social prestige.

But justice wins, the rights of Patricia, "The Patsy," are recognized, and "Ma" Harrington is put in her place by "Pop".

It is a comedy from beginning to end, sparkling with fun and humorous witty speeches.

Business manager, Adalene Cassman is conducting a ticket selling campaign. Reserved seats are on sale at Stone's Drug Store. The admission price to all is 25 cents.

Frys Honored on 61st Anniversary

61 wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fry when friends gathered at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Starkey last Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fry report a delightful time. They received many remembrances but Mrs. Fry says the best was the happy time of companionship. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. C. R. Sorenson assisted the hostess. An attractive feature of the dinner was the bride's cake decorated with a miniature bride and groom. Following the dinner, music was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry's youngest daughter Susie Long wanted them to come to Salem to celebrate but Mr. Fry stated they were not able to go. If it had been 20 years ago they would have gone. They also have an invitation to attend the wedding of granddaughter in Portland.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland Haver, Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "The Savior and the Judge". Special chorus by Choir.
Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M. All ages welcome!
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P. M. Subject "Mount Olivet".
Instrumental Duet. McQuigg Brothers.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Devotional Leader Mrs. Mary Coker. Study Leader, Mrs. Emma Houston.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.
Phone 51
Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
Worship 11:00 A. M.
Sunday Evening 8:00 P. M.
Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M.
Evangelistic Services each evening at 8:00 P. M.

Missionary meeting Thursday at 2 P. M. at the home of Mrs. E. C. Richmond. Cars will leave the church at 1:45 P. M.

The Sunday School board of the Federated church meet at the home of Mrs. Grimes Tuesday evening. The best way to help the twenty-five boys and girls who gave their hearts to the Lord Easter Morning in Sunday school was the main issue before us. Mr. Ayres gave his report of the meeting in Grants Pass last week. This board consists of the 13 teachers and officers of the S. S.

Rev. James Johnston of Ceres, California will open a two week's series of meetings Wednesday night in the Brick Church at 8:00. Every one invited to come study the word with us.

The Missionary Circle meets at the home of Mrs. Verne Hansen on Friday, April 22 at 2 o'clock. All ladies of the church are urged to attend and bring sewing equipment as well as outgrown clothing that can be made into something serviceable for our Store House at the church.

Any one who is unable to attend would be doing the Missionary Circle a great favor by leaving any such clothes at Mrs. Hansen's house.