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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We heard a man from California (and occasionally they do say something "unusual") make a statement the other night which hit the nail squarely on the head. He was speaking at the annual dinner of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and was referring to that sort of body, but what he said applies perfectly to almost every human relation. He said: "You get out of it just what you put in!"

Just bring that statement down to your home town or your own neighborhood, folks, and see how well it fits. How often we hear people complain about conditions in their town. They say we ought to have better streets, better water, better lights and a thousand and one other "better" things. Then let some public-spirited person start a move to get some of those things. Do all the howlers jump right in and help with their might? We fear not.

Ever since the writer came to town we have heard complaints about how hard it was to direct strangers how to find any certain family. So the ladies of the Civic club got on the job and erected street signs along the principal streets and offered to furnish more signs to anyone desiring to put them up themselves. They went in debt for materials and expected the people to patronize their food sales and dinners to raise the money to pay the bills. When they announced they would furnish free signs there was a rush to get them. But when it came to digging up a few cents at a cooked food sale or helping eat an oyster supper, only a handful of the faithful appeared.

We hear folks say "what has the chamber of commerce ever done for me?" Well, just who or what is a chamber of commerce? Isn't it just a bunch of public spirited citizens who are willing to give of their time and money to help advertise the community? Can we expect them to put themselves out for folks who won't do their part? Think it over. If you want the chamber to be of help to your town, get into the game yourselves. The whole county should join any organization which is laboring to bring more people and more money into the valley.

Don't forget that the ancient law still holds good—"Whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap." If we sow backbiting and fault finding, can we expect to reap lovingkindness and neighborliness? Let's all forget the past and look only to the future. Let's get our shoulders to the wheel and PUSH. And whatever you do, don't drag your feet!

One hears a lot of comment these days on the president's pump-priming scheme. It seems to us that this kind of thing has been pretty well exploded in the past few years. If spending billions in boondoggling schemes would bring the country out of its misery, why the "Recession"? The fool notion didn't work the first time—and it won't work now. When Uncle Sam decides to keep hands off and let business get down to work without fear of bureaucratic interference there may be a chance for our people to get back to normal.

The local political pot is still simmering and no doubt will boil some day. There doesn't seem to be much interest in any of the candidates. In some cases there is no opposition and in others the candidates don't seem to care much who wins. Anyway, we don't see many of the said candidates wandering about the country seeking the elusive voter. Maybe they figure the voters have made up their minds already and calling on them won't do a bit of good.

For the last time we urge the city council to arrange to have both the question of replacing the old water mains only and the proposition of getting the Medford water placed on the ballot at the special election this spring. Way last fall the people asked for a special election to settle this question and the council has so far failed to comply with this request. But now that they have decided to hold an election anyway we think it no more than fair that the people be given a chance to show by their votes whether they still want the Medford water. We can't see for the life of us where any harm could come from giving the people a chance to decide which proposition they favored.

This writer feels confident that the people of this city realize that the old mains MUST be replaced right away, whether we get Medford water or not. We have no doubt that the people will authorize a bond issue for such a purpose. But we think that in all fairness they should have the opportunity to say whether they want the old mains replaced and let it go at that, or whether they want to add to that the additional expense of making a connection with the Medford system. And the voting to authorize such an expenditure at this time will in no wise jeopardize the securing of federal aid for the project if ever such federal aid becomes possible.

JOHN ANDERSON TO LEAVE SUNDAY TO VISIT SWEDEN

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson are leaving on a three-months' vacation trip to their old home in Sweden. They are making a leisurely trip across the continent, stopping at various places to visit friends and relatives, and will arrive in New York just in time to board their ship, which sails May 28 directly for a Swedish port.

Their first stop will be at Garrison, South Dakota, where Mr. Anderson first lived when coming to America 46 years ago. After a few days spent in looking up old friends there the Andersons will go on to Minneapolis, then on to Chicago and on up to Marquette, Michigan, to visit relatives. From there they will go direct to New York.

John Anderson is too well known to need any introduction to the people of the Rogue River valley, where he has lived and taken an active part in Grange and civic matters since 1906. He left Sweden for America in 1892 at the age of twenty-one and settled near Sioux Falls, S. D. There he engaged in farming and dairying for 14 years, moving to Medford 32 years ago. He became manager of the Westerlund Orchards east of Medford in 1909 and continued in that position until 1916, when he decided to go into business for himself.

He moved to Minnesota that year, where he leased a large farm, operating it for two years. Having had a taste of the wonders of the Oregon country, Mr. Anderson returned to this valley in 1918, where he signed the papers for the purchase of a farm in the Toito district on the same day General Foch signed the papers calling an Armistice in World War, November 11, 1918. Mr. Anderson still smiles at the recollection of the joyous celebration held that day and says he doesn't know yet which signing they were celebrating.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson continued to live on this farm which lies just east of the overheard railroad crossing near Toito, where he engaged in fruit growing, dairying and general farming, until about two years ago when he leased the home place and accepted a position as manager of the country home of State Treasurer Rufus Holman on the Silverton road, near Salem. After remaining there about a year, he returned to the old farm. Recently he sold the livestock and farm equipment and has leased the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson feel that after spending long years in hard labor they are entitled to a vacation, so they are returning to visit the scenes of their childhood in the old country. They will sail from New York May 28 and are booked to return on a later trip of the same steamer on July 12, which will bring them home about August 1st.

Grade Operetta Meets Approval

Last Friday the high school stage was the scene of a medieval romance when Prince Halver rescued Princess Eleanor from the clutches of the old witch hag because he was wearing "The Blue Belt." The audience commented on the good performance of Beverly Watkins as the Princess, and Ronald James as the Prince.

Woodrow Phillips gave a fine portrayal of the king's soothsayer, Muskylore and Eugene Holt as King Grumple.

The prince first appeared as a beggar boy and after learning from Timballin, the fairy queen, played by Ruth Keizer, that Eleanor was sleeping in the cave he wakes her with a song of love.

The witch, Zoe Hill, gets the blue belt and then is able to make the Prince become a bear. The luna moths retrieve the belt and the Prince is once more in his own form.

After performing three tasks designated by the King, the Prince is given the hand of the Princess in marriage.

Many fairies, gnomes, moths, guards, pages, maids, and raindrops helped to make "The Blue Belt" a success and according to reports they succeeded.

Much credit is due Miss Zinker who directed the operetta, and the grade teachers who assisted her.

Many Installing Sanitary Toilets

Many are taking advantage of the WPA Sanitation program by installing the new insect-proof toilets built and installed by WPA of Oregon without cost to purchaser except for material.

County Supervisor P. H. Jurgensen urges those wishing to install one of these privies to get in touch with the Economy Lumber Co., at once where a model is on display.

Music Week To Be Celebrated Locally

The week of May 1 to 7 has been set aside as National Music Week with the following slogan: "Foster local talent." The president has issued the following endorsement of the project:

"I believe the celebration of Music Week stimulates interest in music and that such a National endeavor should be supported."

President F. D. Roosevelt
Honorary National Chairman.
"Recognizing Music as a universal bond, I urge the people of Oregon to respond wholeheartedly in observing National Music Week, May 1 to 7."

Governor Chas. H. Martin
Honorary State Chairman

Medford Music Week Chairman
Lois C. Young and Effie H. Kurtz

"Music is the best recreation in the world. It is also the best bond of comradeship."—Dr. Frank Crane.

Sunday Program

11:00 A.M. Special recognition all Medford Churches in sermon and song.

2:00 P.M. Visitation to County Hospital.

4:00 P.M. Combined Chorus Concerts—City Park, Medford.

Owing to lack of space the program for Music Week will not be printed in full. A very attractive program has been prepared and it will be well worth while to attend as many of these programs as possible.

Music posters prepared by the art department of the Medford High school will be on display at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce all week. Students of Lois Cook Young will give a recital at Baldwin shop at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday. Junior Symphony concert with Esther Palmer, Day, harpist, and a mixed chorus of the Jackson Co. teachers' chorus and many other numbers will be at the Medford High auditorium 8:15 P.M. Wednesday. Hospital visitation, Thursday and Jail visitation, Friday.

Calyx Spray Time Near at Hand

The calyx spray on Bartlett, Comice and Bosc should be started as soon as most of the petals have fallen and should be completed within a week or ten days after petal fall, according to L. G. Gentner, entomologist of the So. Oregon Experiment Station and C. B. Cordy, assistant county agent.

The object of this spray is to fill the calyx cup with poison before it closes so that worms attempting to enter the calyx later in the season will be killed. As the Anjou and Nelly have open calyx cups throughout the summer, this calyx spray is not necessary on these varieties, unless green fruit, worm or saw fly larvae have been a problem. The Bosc calyx remains partially open so if worms were not a problem last year, this spray may be omitted on Bosc.

Use 3 pounds arsenate of lead and 1/4 to 1/2 pound of spreader per 100 gallons. Apply very carefully so as to fill the blossom ends of all fruits. If scab was a problem last year, add 6 pounds wettable sulfur per 100 gallons of mixture.

Rummage Sale To Be Held May 5th

The Central Point Health Unit will hold its annual Spring Rummage Sale Friday May 5th in the building next to the Love Barber Shop.

Anyone having things that they would care to donate for this Sale may call Mrs. C. L. Pierce, Mrs. Chas. Taylor or any member of the local health group.

The local health unit has been aiding the Health Program very materially in this community for many years. This past year several pairs of glasses have been purchased for local school children as well as paying for the removal of a number of tonsils. The proceeds of this Rummage Sale will go for Health work such as this in this community. Medford and other cities have their local health unit. Your support and cooperation in the activities of this group are earnestly solicited for the benefit of the underprivileged children of this community.

Roy Jones Invited To Address Club

The Civic club will hold their regular meeting at the library Wednesday afternoon April 4. Everyone interested in building up the town is urged to be present. The street signs alone have added much to the raising of the town in the surrounding communities. Let us have more enthusiasm at our meeting.

Roy Jones has been asked to speak. Every one come out and show that the efforts put forth to make this a good place to live are appreciated. The cooked food sale and bazaar was very well patronized and took in between \$14 and \$15. The ladies expressed their thanks for the support of the friends and patrons.

A number have taken advantage of the offer the club made to furnish signs and are having signs made. Many others are placing numbers on their houses.

Mr. R. C. Humphrey will return from the Sacramento Valley Saturday afternoon after his wife and son Wade, and granddaughter Versie. They will leave Sunday and make their home there. The community is sorry to see them leave.

Thorndike Will Lead Co. C. of C.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Eugene Thorndike, manager of the Medford Branch of the First National Bank of Portland, was elected president for the coming year in place of W. F. (Toggery Bill) Isaacs, who had been selected at the first annual meeting of the board.

Mr. Isaacs, in his letter of resignation, expressed his appreciation of the honor given him and his regret that his plans for the year called for much absence from the county and also that after many years as an active merchant he felt the need of more complete rest.

Mr. Thorndike, in accepting the office of president of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that one of the principal efforts of the chamber during the coming year would be to further the good will and cooperation between the various communities of the county and the chamber. A vigorous campaign will be made to bring these communities into closer association for the good of all.

"We are all in the same boat," said Mr. Thorndike, "and no one community, large or small, can or should prosper at the expense of the rest. Our hope is to bring about closer relationship between all the communities of the county in our endeavor to attract newcomers to our valley and added payrolls therein."

Mothers to Be Honored at U.O.

Mothers of University of Oregon students in Central Point and in other sections of the state, have been sent warm personal invitations by sons and daughters to be present for the annual Mothers' Day celebration scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 6, 7, and 8, on the university campus.

The celebration will be part of the traditional Junior Weekend and mothers will be honored guests at special events as the annual Junior P.M. dance, campus luncheon and other activities. In addition, special events have been planned for mothers themselves, including their regular business session, teas, meetings, tours of the campus and other events.

Missionary Circle Meets at Hanson's

The Missionary circle of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Vern Hanson with a very good attendance. After the business session the devotional period was opened with songs and prayer. Mrs. Elide gave a lesson on "Vanishing Death", and Mrs. Jones gave a very interesting review of the life and work of the missionary in Japan, whom the circle helps support. After the meeting the hostess, Helena served delicious refreshments. An excellent assortment of clothes were donated and the ladies plan to continue with the sewing at the next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Tethrow the fourth Friday in May.

26 YEARS AGO

Taken from the Central Point paper published in 1912.

Opening of local Y.M.C.A. Mr. H. Tuttle and Mr. E. Minuth had charge of the work for the coming year.

Mr. W. H. Sweet of Berkeley advises fruit growers that the only salvation for the fruit grower is in the saving of the imperfect fruit as by products.

The California Oregon Power Co. made a proposition to Grants Pass for a 40 year franchise.

Mrs. J. P. Hearst entertained 40 guests at her home.

22 Years Ago This Summer Roy Nichols and Pearl Grisham were married at the home of the bride's parents July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nealon visited with the J. A. Houston family at Long Branch July 5.

Anyone having old Central Point paper, we would be glad to have them at this office.

HONOR ROLL

SENIORS	
James Grimes	2A's, 2B's
Edith Vincent	2A's, 1B
Adalene Cassman	1A, 3B's
Lyle Seymour	1A, 3B's
JUNIORS	
Norma Jean Wertz	4A's
Maxine Brown	3A's, 1B
Lucille Brennessholtz	1A, 3B's
SOPHOMORES	
Lila Croucher	1A, 4B's
June Furry	1A, 4B's
FRESHMEN	
Millie Rains	4A's, 1B
Marjorie Pierce	3A's, 2B's
Bernice White	3A's, 2B's
Chester Grimes	1A, 4B's
Iris Hill	1A, 4B's
Dick Wyatt	1A, 4B's
Hal Jewett	4B's

Heads Chamber



Eugene Thorndike

"The Patsy" To Be Played Friday Eve.

An enthusiastic cast of nine hard working seniors are ready to present the annual class play on Friday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock.

This presentation is the culmination of six weeks of hard work on the part of the cast and of the play coach, Mrs. Fleischer.

The play is a comedy, but it has its dramatic moments of pathos and of tense feelings.

On the cast are to be seen several experienced players who have appeared before many a Central Point audience. Barbara Koehler, Nelda Ayers, Lois Glass, Viola Penland, Raymond Miller, and Jim Grimes are familiar figures in high school dramatics.

However, those who attend will see for the first time in a play Blue O'Connor and Art Copinger, well known names on the football field or basketball floor. New also is Lyle Seymour, who came here this year from a California high school.

The story concerns Patricia Harrington, a girl who "runs second" to her older sister. She is the patsy who is blamed when everything goes wrong, and is forced to remain in the background in order that her sister may be presented to advantage.

Her father, a traveling man, is on her side, and finally declares his independence by putting Ma in her place. This brings about Patsy's ultimate triumph, and, needless to say affords her happiness as the bride of the man she loves.

Characters in the play are as follows: Mrs. Harrington, Lois Glass; Mr. Harrington (Pop), Blue O'Connor; Grace Harrington, Barbara Koehler; Patricia Harrington, Nelda Ayers; Billy Caldwell, Raymond Miller; Tony Anderson, Lyle Seymour; Sadie Buchanan, Viola Penland; Mr. O'Flaherty, James Grimes; and Trip Rusty, Arthur Copinger.

Prompter are Wilda Morgan. Business managers are Adalene Cassman and Clayton Yost. Stage managers are Alan Jewett and Arthur Copinger.

So what?

What you can do, or dream you can, begin it: Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. —Goethe

Mr. W. A. Shell saying "I'm wild sometimes" as he carried a bottle down the street and ordered a pint of coal oil.

Mr. Mathes of the Central Point Mattress company locking the door before he went home to bed and leaving the key in the lock so it would be handy.

Two friends sending for two reserve seats for the operetta so they would not need to go early and finding out too late the reserves were for the Senior Play.

Anyone wrapping up Troco for a customer or putting same in bag is breaking a law and could be fined.

Marshall Simmons proud of his baseball nine.

Good of All

The more people Central Point, Gold Hill, Rogue River, Jacksonville, Phoenix, Talent, Eagle Point, Grants Pass—and all other towns have in Rogue River Valley—providing they can support the population—the better we will be pleased.

Let us all put aside petty jealousy and make this the finest spot on earth.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Deposits Insured)

2 SURPRISES IN ONE DAY ENJOYED LOCAL MERCHANT

Mr. E. C. Faber was very pleasantly surprised twice in the same day this week. The first came when Mr. Melvin Thompson, who formerly lived with his mother, three brothers, William, Charles and Frank, and sisters Kathryn and Luella, all of whom are well known in Central Point, in the house now occupied by the Flaherty family. Mr. Thompson was on his way to a logging camp east of Diamond Lake. He states that the family are now located on a farm near Ukiah, Calif. Miss Luella was a saleslady in the dry goods department in the Faber store years ago. Mr. Faber and Mr. Thompson enjoyed a very pleasant visit talking over old times here.

Surprise No. 2
Later the same day a gentleman walked into the Faber store and stated that he was looking for "Old Man Faber." This rather upset the equilibrium of our vigorous merchant, who replied:

"I guess I must be the person you are looking for."

The stranger then introduced himself as Mr. Maurice Gardner of Portland, Ore., now in the grocery business in that city. The conversation brought out the fact that Mr. Gardner had been a pupil of Mr. Faber's some 40 years ago in Holly Springs, Iowa, where that gentleman was then teaching school at the age of 19.

An interesting sidelight appeared when it was brought out that there were about 75 pupils enrolled in that school and that several of them were now living in Portland. Happening to hear that a man by the name of E. C. Faber was a merchant in this city, Mr. Gardner, who was on his way to visit a brother in Oakland, Calif., decided to stop and investigate. He will stop again on his way home.

Election Board Chosen For City

Following are the election officials for the two Central Point precincts for the primary election to be held May 20. The first named person is the chairman, the second, the judge and the remaining three, the clerks:

Central Point North—1st board—Catherine L. Merritt, Theo. A. Glass, Lola M. Norcross, Emma Gleason, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott.

2nd board—Mrs. Lulu Ansell, Dorothy Root, Clarence F. Case, Dora Stanley Jones, Gladys Beebe.

Central Point South—1st board—Floyd Ross, R. H. Moore, Blanche Blumenstein, Stella B. Fox, Fannie E. Lawrence.

2nd board—Susie C. Maust, Edwin Stromer, Virginia E. Powell, Clifford E. Smith, Bertha Ann Bursel.

J. B. Holmes Brings Surprise to Mother

Mr. J. B. Holmes arrived Sunday on a surprise visit with his mother Mrs. Mollie Holmes and sisters Mrs. V. D. Brophy and Gladys and brother Hartzell. It was a surprise in more ways than one as Mr. Holmes brought a bride with him. Miss Dora Dewar and Mr. Holmes were married at Las Vegas, Mexico recently. While here Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Miss Gladys Holmes and Mrs. Brophy motored to Crater Lake and home by Klamath Falls. A lovely trip was reported. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes left this morning for their home in California.

Mr. Holmes is a local boy and has many friends here who wish the newly married couple all the good things of life.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips,

Pastor

Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Aim, in Bible School All Summer.

Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A.M. Subject "Left" Come see what it is?

Christian Endeavor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior 7:00 P.M. Carl Hoyer, Director.

Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Subject "The Tabernacle" Charts in colors. Solo Mrs. Phillips.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Program continued as planned last week. The choir will prepare for Mother's Day.

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.

Rev. James Johnston will have charge of both morning and evening services.

Tuesday afternoon Bible class at 2:30 P.M.

Ladies Aid Thursday afternoon in basement of church.