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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

So we are going to hold a city election after all. But alas! And Alack! The darned old question of the Medford city water is not going to be on the ballot. And after all the chewing the rag, stalling and bickering the question is just as far from being answered as it was last summer. For it appears the people are not to be given a chance to say whether they want such a project, at least, not yet.

But anyway the big preliminary work of getting our distributing system in order so it will carry the Medford water if ever we do get it is going to be finished this spring. And that's the sumpin, as the feller said. As this writer has repeatedly stated, our old water mains were going to have to be replaced before it would be good business to turn metered water, every gallon of which cost the city a certain amount of money, into them. And in the meantime, getting the leaks stopped will make a big difference in the electric bill while we are using the old system.

As we understand it, the position of the council is that it will be best to wait until we know whether or not it is going to be possible to get a federal loan for the Medford project before voting a bond issue for that purpose. If you will remember, Congress passed a bill a few weeks ago granting the RFC power to make loans to cities for such improvements. These are fifty-year loans, carrying no interest and payable at the rate of 2% annually. The trouble is that the RFC has no funds to make such loans and are waiting for Congress to pass an appropriation bill to provide them.

The city officials feel that it will be better to wait to see if Congress does pass such a bill and if so just what procedure is necessary to secure such a loan. They fear that any Charter amendment passed at this time providing for a bond issue for the purpose of building the connection with the Medford system might not comply with the terms of such an RFC loan and that the whole matter would necessarily have to be voted on again.

There seems to be at least a grain of common sense in that view, although the writer still feels that time would be saved by voting the authorization for such a bond issue now, but hold up the issuing of the bonds until Congress has acted. Then, if it was seen that a federal loan was impossible, the way would be clear to get busy sooner completing the project. If the bonds were not issued and a new election was necessary, no harm would have been done.

One thing is sure, the people of this city are not going to be satisfied until they have a chance to vote Yes or No on the Medford water proposition. And any person or faction who stands in the way of such a settlement of the question is going to find the going hard as time goes by.

However, so far as this writer is concerned, we are going to accept the verdict in regard to what is going to be on the ballot in the belief that the city officials are acting in good faith as they see the matter. But we warn these gentlemen right now that if it appears that they are endeavoring to just stall the matter off in the hope that the people will forget the Medford water idea entirely, we are going to do everything possible to arouse the people who desire that water and to force the question on the ballot next fall. It is still possible to invoke the initiative law should that be found necessary.

We commend the action of the mayor in declaring the week of May 9th to 14th as "Clean-up Week." Lord knows it won't do the city any harm to have a bit of house cleaning. Last year Bert hauled away 22 truck loads of rubbish from about the back yards and alleys. And we hope everyone will get busy and get your stuff sacked up and ready.

The Civic club at their regular meeting yesterday started another project for the betterment of the community. They will undertake the project of repairing the old drinking fountain which now stands near the old city hall. This fountain is equipped with coils for ice so that the drinking water will be cool. The ladies will start a campaign to raise the necessary funds to provide the ice for the summer. This is another very worthy project. The ladies have done some wonderful work in the erection of the new street signs and in fact everything so far inaugurated has been much appreciated. We hope to see this group continue to carry on their work. Let's all resolve to do our part in supporting everything they undertake.

We welcome another new business to our city. This week Mr. Milton, of the Central Point Wood Yard, is unloading a stock of lumber which he will store in the new shed recently erected at his home. He will handle all kinds and grades of lumber and at prices you can afford to pay. When in need of anything in that line call at his place before going out of town.

MAYOR FIXES MAY 9 TO 14 AS 'CLEAN-UP' WEEK HERE

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL POINT, OREGON:

In the interest of the health and welfare of the Citizens within the corporate limits of the City of Central Point, as Mayor of the City, I hereby proclaim and designate as "Clean-up week" from Monday, May 9th, to Saturday, May 14th inclusive, for the City of Central Point, and request the co-operation of our Citizens, with the City Marshal and Water Superintendent in such preparations for the removal of tin cans, and all other trash and refuse, which is a menace to the health, and safety of our citizens.

It is necessary for each family who has an accumulation of such rubbish, tin cans, and other refuse, to pick up and place same in sacks, boxes, or such containers as can be quickly handled and loaded onto the City Truck by the Marshal, who will haul such junk free of charge, to the City Dump Grounds, provided you have placed all such packages of junk at the side or end of lots along the Streets or Alleys, where the Truck can pick up same conveniently, and you have notified the Marshal that you have rubbish to be hauled away.

Hereafter, at certain times during the year, the Marshal will pick up such junk in containers as above, and haul to the City Dump Grounds, and make a small charge for such work to cover the expense of doing this kind of work, which charge is to be paid when hauled away, by the parties having such junk for the Dump Grounds.

Signed: L. H. HATFIELD, Mayor
May 3rd, 1938.

New DeSoto-Plymouth Agency Is Opened

Smartly styled 1938 model DeSoto and Plymouth cars are now on display at the showrooms of Medford's newest automobile agency at 132 South Riverside. This new firm, recently appointed DeSoto and Plymouth dealers for Medford and surrounding territory, has on display a complete line of both popular lines, including a smart, new DeSoto custom sedan, which is attracting widespread interest on the part of motorists.

Frank A. Briggs, formerly of Eugene and Frank W. Humphrey of Klamath Falls are the owners and managers of the new concern. Both men, with their families, have taken up residence in Medford.

Navy Boys' Mothers Are Entertained

Mrs. Jack Lees assisted by Mrs. Minnie Buckles entertained the Navy boys' mothers at the Lees home Monday afternoon. Bob Adams one of the boys who recently returned from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, gave them a very interesting talk. He was so disappointed in the country, as Mrs. Buckles says Ralph was, it is very bare and desolate. Ralph has been stationed at Mare Island for 3 months but will sail for San Diego soon. Jack and Jim Lees were in Frisco last week.

About 20 mothers were present. Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Lees and Mrs. Buckles attended from here, the other mothers from Medford. Refreshment of Jello, cup cakes, wafers and coffee were served. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Local Ladies Enjoy California Visit

Mrs. Mae MacKinna accompanied by Mrs. Chomel returned from an extended trip in California where they visited many friends and relatives. They visited for four days with Mrs. Chomel's niece Mrs. Martel and family at Los Angeles. Mrs. Martel has visited at the Hotel Valandra a number of times.

One of the most beautiful scenes of the trip was when they came down into the valley ridge road and to Bakersfield and saw the fields of blue lupin. They went as far as Los Angeles, and were gone over a week.

Mrs. MacKinna will visit here a short time before returning home. They also visited friends of Mrs. Chomel that she had known in Canada and later stayed with in France. Mr. and Mrs. Scarbott and their son and wife and three children. When they returned home the Scarbotts followed them in a very few days and are now living at the Hotel in a trailer house.

Notice

The Health Unit will hold a rummage sale tomorrow in the Pearl Bldg. Any help given will be appreciated. Anyone having articles to donate leave at the Sale. The proceeds go for the benefit of the underprivileged children. Come out and help a worthy cause.

M. C. Gleason made a business trip to Oakland, Calif., the first of the week.

Special Election Set with Primary To Vote on Bonds

The city council held its regular meeting for the month Monday night with Engineer Paul Rynning and City Attorney Harry Skyrman in attendance. After attending to several matters of routine business, Mr. Skyrman presented a resolution calling a special election to be held in connection with the primary nominating election to be held May 20. This special city election is called for the purpose of voting on the question of authorizing the city council to issue bonds amounting to \$15,000 for the purpose of laying new water mains along Pine street and up to the water tower.

Before acting on the resolution the resignation of Israel D. Lewis as a member of the city council was read and accepted. Mayor Hatfield then announced the appointment of Pearl Bonney as councilman to fill out the term of Mr. Lewis and he was at once sworn in by City Recorder Tex. The question of calling the special election was then taken up and the formal resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

The ballot title as the same will appear at the special election was approved and is as follows:

Ballot Title
"An act of municipal legislation amending the Charter of the City of Central Point by adding thereto a new Article to be known as Article XXVII thereof, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds for the purpose of making repairs, additions, betterments and extensions to the water system of said City; said bonds not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars, all as set forth in said proposed Article XXVII, and providing that the debt limitations prescribed by charter shall not apply to said bonds."

Special Cachet to Be Used Here

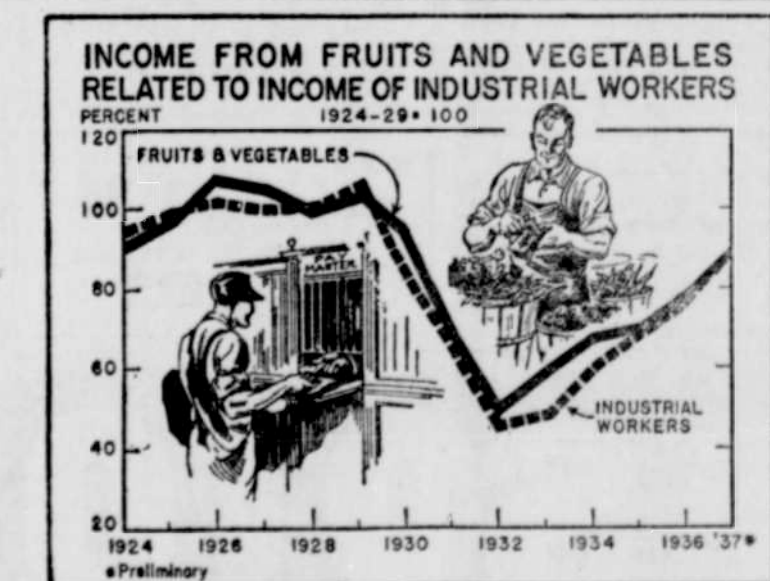
In cooperation with Postmaster Pankey the business men of this city have subscribed a fund to purchase a special airmail cachet to be used during National Airmail Week, May 15 to 21. The stamp is now being made in a Medford shop and will bear the slogan "Central Point, Oregon, the Center of the Famous Rogue River Valley." At the top is shown the airmail "wings" and at the bottom a picture of Crater Lake.

During airmail week this stamp will be placed on all airmail letters sent from the Central Point postoffice and all citizens are urged to send as many airmail letters as possible that week in order to advertise our city to the fullest extent.

Gleason to Take Barber Shop Again

Mr. E. R. Gleason will resume operation of the barber shop recently operated by Walter Love in the Gleason building opposite the fire hall, on May 10th.

Mr. Gleason, who owned and operated a shop in the same location for many years, is too well known to the people of this vicinity to need introduction. His many friends and former patrons will be glad to know that he is returning to business after several months rest.



Figures on total farm income in Oregon and industrial workers' income in the United States show remarkable similarity in trends over a period of years, according to data published by the O.S.C. extension service. The relationship is not so close in respect to farm income from some commodities as for others, however. Consumer demand and prices for certain items like meats, butter, and fruits and vegetables, tend to follow the fortunes of industrial workers in a greater degree than demand and price for some other commodities like wheat and potatoes for which demand is less "elastic" and prices react largely to the size of the supply, as well as being affected somewhat by the strength of demand.

Following the passing of the resolution calling the special election Engineer Rynning was called on and read the specifications he had prepared for the work replacing the old water mains. The plan calls for the laying of new 8-inch mains from the water tower to 4th street, down 4th street to Pine street, thence down Pine street to the Pacific highway. Also the laying of a new six-inch main from 4th street to 8th street on Pine street. When completed, all the old mains of larger size in the city will have been replaced with new cast iron pipe.

Mr. Rynning gave the cost of the project as approximately \$14,000. After some discussion the council decided to place a call for bids at once in the Portland Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper reaching practically all contracting firms in the Northwest. The bids will be opened May 24th, immediately following the election. In case the bond issue is defeated, all bids will be returned unopened.

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Monster Hen Eggs Laid in Valley

Mrs. Earl Croft, Route 1, Gold Hill, brought in some of the largest hen eggs ever seen in this section last week. They were of the Hollywood strain White Leghorns, and measured over four inches in diameter and eight inches in diameter lengthwise. A dozen of these eggs weighed about two pounds and seven ounces.

Mrs. Croft states she gets such eggs regularly from her hens and has hatching eggs of this breed on sale at her home near the House of Mystery on Sardine Creek.

Master Marty Williams spent Wednesday with his grandmother Mrs. P. A. Tracy while his mother Mrs. Dorothy Williams with Mrs. Dorothy Coffelt visited friends in Medford.

At the track meet in Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon our boys scored 58 points to win a triangular track and field meet. Phoenix was 2nd and Jacksonville 3rd. Blue O'Connor, Pointer took four firsts, winning the shotput, discus, javelin and high jump.

Mrs. Evelyn Wilkinson who lives at the Flaherty home received word that her brother Tony Combs of Cold Springs, Oklahoma, has passed away April 5th.

Out of Town Ladies Enjoys Calls on Sisters in City

At a recent meeting of the Missionary Circle of the Church of Christ the ladies decided to adopt a novel plan of calling on members. One week the ladies residing in the city called on those in the country. The next week the country ladies did the calling.

Following is a unique account written by one of the latter, of their experiences that day:

Five little Missionaries went out to work; they knew it was wrong their duty to shirk.

There was Mary the blond who is fat and sassy; and Frances, the chauffeur, who is very classy.

Then Ruth, the moabitess, who is calm and serene; she did her part like a dutiful queen.

There was Bertha with her lingering smile, she kept them happy all the while.

Then sweet Violet, sweeter than all the roses, while the others talk she just sits and poses.

They called on sister Wood. She seemed so glad, they would have stayed longer if the time they had, had.

Then to sister Jones who had finished her work, I think you all know her, she is Rawleighs head clerk. But she wasn't idle oh no, not that! She was playing nines maid to three beautiful cats.

They met Mrs. Smith who had just dropped in, and hope that they would meet her again.

Sister Swartz was next on whom they did call. God bless her and keep her where the wishes of all.

Sister Wiley was next in their calling line, they didn't stay long, but had a good time.

And sister McQuigg was so calm and so sweet, they all did love her from her head to her feet.

Sister Scott was a piker, she ran away, but they all love her altho she did stray.

Then they called on sister Booth, she stayed at home, she was feeling fine, with no desire to roam.

Sister Cash was away, they didn't know where, they hope she is happy and not burdened with care.

Happy were they to know sister Cochran is better and it is better to call than to send her a letter.

Sister Kelly was in but her husband was ill, they hope that now he is in best of health, for health is better than riches and wealth.

Sister Kilburn, not in, she had better report, and tell all about it, or they might take her to court.

Sister Hansen was home as was sister Moore, they greeted them with smiles as they came thru the door.

Sister Dixon was better and treated them fine, just like the Lord's children who are always kind.

Dear sister Culbertson was too ill to see friends, may the good Father bless her and keep her to the end.

They were very sorry to find sister Lampman out, and hope to call again and tell her what it was about.

Sister Hare was surprised but she didn't sigh. She would have been disappointed if the country girls had gone by.

Oh yes! they call on the Vincents and oh! what fright, they threw things in all directions before they came in sight.

Sister Maury was next with that heavenly smile she greeted them happily and talked all the while.

Sister Elide had dinner ready, but didn't ask them to ine, and they were so hungry but didn't once whine.

So the five little country girls learned much in the City, and they were so tired it was a pity.

But if you will keep it a secret and sure you won't tell, they are all happy, healthy and well.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Laura Hassler and Mr. John L. Davis on the death of their father Mr. Edward D. Davis in the Sterling creek district. Mr. Davis will be buried today in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Mrs. Welsh from Klamath Falls has been visiting her daughter, in Gold Hill for a week and will visit friends in Central Point before returning home.

What you dislike in another, take care to correct in yourself.—Sprat

E. C. Faber really believes that we are going to have some summer. He had Mr. Buckman putting up screens for him Wednesday.

A petition to change the name of Railroad Alley was presented to the council Monday night.

Jack Lees doesn't want any lilies or roses on his last resting place only bantams to eat the earwigs.

The radio got mixed up on the weather the other night and was playing Jingle bells.

Lewis Hedgpeth has gone on a cash basis, pays as he goes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Bonney saying "Tis, 'Tisn't all the way down town the other day—now which is it 'Tis or 'Tisn't."

If the party who took the lock from the Odd Fellows Hall will call they will give him the key as they have a new lock and do not need the old key.

CIVIC CLUB WILL HELP TO INSTALL DRINKING FOUNTAIN

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic club was held in the library Wednesday afternoon with about ten members present.

Following a custom inaugurated some time ago of having one of the local business men address each meeting to offer suggestions as to what they thought the club should undertake in the way of civic improvement, Mr. Roy Jones was present and made a short talk.

Mr. Jones offered as his suggestion the project of repairing and renovating the old drinking fountain which now stands near the old city hall and arranging for the servicing of the same with ice during the summer months. He suggested that if possible the fountain should be moved to a more shaded position.

The club received the suggestion as one well worth while and moved to appoint a committee to look into the matter at once.

A report was made regarding the street signs which showed that the club had furnished a total of 74 signs. Some few of these have not been completed, but will be finished soon. The ladies have a balance of about \$13.00 to be raised to complete the payment of this project. Plans were discussed as to what would be the best method of raising this money.

Following the business session a delicious luncheon was served by a committee.

New Lumber Yard To Be Opened Here

Believe It or Not!
Mr. A. J. Milton is unloading a large car of lumber this week end near the S.P. depot.

In connection with his wood yard he expects to carry a complete stock of lumber at prices you can afford to pay. At present there is no regular lumber yard in the city and our people have found it very inconvenient at times to be compelled to go to Medford for all such things.

When interviewed this morning, Mr. Milton stated that he believed the addition of lumber to his business would fill a long felt want and that he believed the town was going to grow (especially if we get the Medford water) and he is preparing to supply such building needs.

Medford Poultry Co. Under New Owners

Harry Fredette of Medford and C. J. Geer of Central Point have purchased the Medford Poultry & Egg Co. and took possession the first of the week. The business was purchased from Hugo Froehrich and is situated in the same building with the Farmers Exchange Cooperative on North Grape street.

Both men are well and favorably known in Jackson county. They will handle a complete line of live and dressed poultry, rabbits and eggs.

P.N.G. Club Meets At Pankey Home

The P.N.G. Club met at the home of Mrs. Tom Pankey Tuesday afternoon May 3.

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the members after the business session. Very dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

The June meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Allen Henderson.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor

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

Communion and Mother's Day Service 11:00 A.M. Special feature for Mother's Service. Chorus by High School class. Solo accompanied by guitar Scott Darby. Trio Mrs. Edyth Bohnert, Mrs. Virginia Bohnert and Mrs. Ruth Hoyer. Social by Choir. Sermon "4 in 1".

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M. Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Subject "Three Very Bad Diseases". Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Alvin McQuigg. Study Leader, Mrs. Milton Houston.

Come! Let Us Worship Together.

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.

Mother's Day will be observed with appropriate services at the Federated Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mother's songs, readings and a special message for Mothers by the pastor will be given. Starting this week the evening services will start at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30.