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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, the primary has come and gone and we can again settle down and forget politics for a while. That is, we can at least pause for breath.

Now that the shouting and tumult has died the writer can admit a strong admiration for Governor Martin. In fact, we admire any person who has the fortitude to tell the New Dealers, especially Madam Perkins and the LRB where to head in. To tell the truth, the worst thing we can say of "Old Iron Pants" is that he changed his registration from republican to democrat because he thought he stood a better show of getting elected to Congress on that ticket.

But in Charley Sprague we still have a candidate whom we believe to be just as strong a lover of "law and order" and of fair play for all as the old army man ever was. He is a man under whose banner every true Oregonian, regardless of party, may enlist with a clear conscience. And unless we miss our guess, that is what will happen next fall. Hurrah for Sprague for governor.

We hear rumors that they are having trouble again up at the city well. One of the pumps has gone haywire and will have to be pulled for repairs. Too bad we haven't a gravity system and so get away from all such grief. Maybe we will have some day.

By the way, we have a hunch that Friend Rudy Singler knows more than he did (or at least, would admit to knowing) about the political game. For a young feller he made some race and is to be congratulated.

We have been waiting to hear that a re-count was going to be asked for in the Central Point South precinct on account of the tie between certain ladies for the important position of Precinct Committeewoman. But guess they have decided to toss a penny for the job.

### PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations? He comes into the world without his consent and goes out against his will, and the trip between is exceedingly rocky. The rule of contraries is one of the features of the trip:

—When he is little, the big girls kiss him; when he is big, the little girls kiss him.

—If he is poor, he is bad manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest.

—If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor.

—If he is in politics, it is for graft; if he is out of politics, he is no good to his country.

—If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it is for show.

—If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner.

—If he gives affection he is a soft specimen; if he cares for no one, he is cold blooded.

—If he dies young, there was a great future before him; if he lives to an old age, he missed his calling.

—If you save money, you're a groucher; if you spend it, you're a loafer; if you get it, you're a grafter; if you don't get it, you're a bum.

—SO WHAT THE HELL'S THE USE?

### Civic Club to Elect Officers

The Ladies' Civic Club will hold their regular meeting for June at the library next Wednesday afternoon, (June 1.) at which time the annual election of officers will be held.

A complete report of the year's activities will be given by the retiring officers and it is hoped that as many of the ladies of the city as possible will be present. Remember that every woman in town is eligible for membership in this organization, which has for its object the civic welfare and improvement of the city.

The Civic club has accomplished a number of worthwhile projects since its organization about two years ago and has many plans for more work for the coming year. Remember the time and place and come out and help.

### Grangers Sponsor Dance Wed. Eve

All young Grangers of Jackson County and their invited friends will meet and enjoy an evening of dancing on Wednesday, June 1st at the Central Point Grange hall.

This dance sponsored by the Young People's Auxiliary of the Central Point Grange is being held to make acquaintances among young Granger and encourage Young People's Grange clubs.

The announcement of this dance has been made at every Grange in Jackson county. It is hoped every Grange will be represented. A small charge will be made to cover expenses only.

## TWENTY SENIORS WILL GRADUATE FRIDAY EVENING

EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO MAKE THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL SENIOR WEEK, CULMINATING IN THE ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN THE GYMNASIUM FRIDAY EVENING MAY 27 AT 8 O'CLOCK.

John F. Casteel, the head of the Speech Department of University of Oregon, will give the address of the evening using as his subject "Can You Wait?"

The valedictory will be given by Lyle Seymour and the salutatory by Arthur Copinger.

The music will be furnished by the high school band under the direction of R. A. Boots. The Girls' Glee Club, accompanied by Miss Norma Zinsler, will sing the selection "The Bells of St. Mary's."

The diplomas will be presented by Mr. H. P. Jewett.

The exercises are being held in the gymnasium again this year to provide more room. Decorations will be arranged by the junior class under the direction of Mrs. Ross and Mr. Jewett.

The program will be as follows: Processional ..... High School Band Invocation ..... Rev. Lewis Music ..... High School Band Salutation ..... Arthur Copinger Valedictory ..... Lyle Seymour Address ..... John F. Casteel "Bells of St. Mary's" ..... Girls' Glee Club

Presentation of Diplomas ..... H. P. Jewett Music ..... High School Band Benediction ..... Rev. Phillips —The Central Pointer

### New Award System Started This Year

To Edith Vincent and Blue O'Connor goes the honor this year of having their names inscribed on a bronze citizenship plaque which will hang in the hall of the high school.

This award, new this year, is granted by student vote to the senior boy and girl who, in their opinion, have best deserved the honor in showing outstanding qualities of citizenship during their senior year.

In casting this vote each student should take into consideration the following qualities of god citizenship:

1. A good citizen takes an interest in and is willing to help with, the activities of the group with which he is living.

2. Therefore a good school citizen serves efficiently in office when elected to a position; does committee work willingly and to the best of his ability, and accepts responsibility, and seeks to promote the welfare of the whole group instead of his own selfish interests.

3. A good citizen is friendly with those about him; therefore a good citizen is one well liked by the majority of his fellow students.

4. A good citizen is courteous, trustworthy and generous. When matters are not decided his way, he yields to the decision of the majority and is a "good sport" about it.

5. A good citizen respects the rights and property of others. He is not a constant borrower of the time or personal property of other students.—The Central Pointer

### Pinkham Defeats Lees In Presidential Race

Earnest Pinkham was elected to be president of the student body for the year 1938-1939 in a student body election. He defeated Clyde Lees by a close margin.

Bob Hoagland won the office of vice-president, with Lucile Brenneholtz running a close second.

Evelyn Stanley defeated Wanda Faye Cassman in the office of secretary, while Arlene Scott tallied more votes than Vernon Holland for the position of treasurer.

For the new office of custodian, Lorraine Davis, the only girl nominated, was elected.

Names were placed on the ballot as a result of a primary election held a week previously.—The Central Pointer

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Higinbotham of Talent have purchased Mrs. Wadell's place and are moving there this week.

## More Work on Pacific Highway Aim of Chambers

Representatives of chambers of commerce from Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg, together with the roads and highways committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and county officials, met for dinner at the Hotel Medford Wednesday evening at 6:30.

The meeting was called to order by Eugene Thorndike, president of the local chamber, who stated that the meeting had been called to discuss plans for increased allocation of monies to the Pacific Highway. He turned the meeting over to Mr. S. V. Carpenter, who announced that before proceeding further with any permanent organization, he wished to call on Mr. Glen Jackson, who had prepared some figures in regard to the number of out-of-state cars entering Oregon over this highway and showing its importance as one of the leading highways of the entire state.

Following Mr. Jackson's talk, Mr. Carpenter called for nominations for permanent chairman. Former State Senator A. C. Marsters of Roseburg was chosen unanimously. Neil Allen of Grants Pass was named vice

chairman and A. H. Banwell, secretary. It was decided to ask each chamber of commerce in all cities along the Pacific highway south of Eugene to name three men to act with this committee, besides one man to serve on a budget committee to devise ways and means to raise money to carry on an active campaign with the state highway commission.

Representatives from all the cities in southern Oregon were very enthusiastic regarding the project and it was decided to call the first meeting of the new committee within a short time when the state highway commission will be in Medford for consultation with local officials.

Among the interesting speakers at Wednesday's dinner was Professor Irving Vining of Ashland, former president of the state chamber of commerce, who called attention to some of the weak points in the present program of handling tourist travel. He also called attention to the many different problems confronting highway officials and urged the new committee to take up their work in a spirit of cooperation instead of antagonism with these much-burdened gentlemen.

### School Bids Farewell To Talented Teachers

It is with regret that we as a high school must say good-bye to two of our most talented teachers this year. And as it happens they are both from the music department.

R. A. Botts, who for seven years has directed the orchestra and band most efficiently here, has reorganized his work in high schools of the county in such a way that Central Point is not to be included.

Norma Zinsler, undoubtedly the most talented pianist it has ever been the fortune of the Central Point to have on its corps of teachers, has also made other plans for next year.

Miss Zinsler has been here for two years, teaching English, American History, and grade and high school music.

Central Point students and patrons will miss these two teachers greatly, and wish them every futher success in life.—The Central Pointer.

Miss Erma Richardson will graduate from the Medford high school at commencement exercises Friday evening.

Mrs. John L. Roberts of Dunsuir is visiting her mother, Mrs. Saunders, and cousin Mr. L. Hatfield.

Mr. John Townsend arrived last Friday night for a brief visit with his wife's parents. His wife who had been visiting relatives and friends returned home with him Saturday noon.

Mr. Tom Buck, who has been at the Veteran's Hospital at Portland for medical treatment the past two months, returned home Tuesday April 17.

### Arthur Copinger Wins Honor Cup

Arthur Copinger is the member of this year's graduating class to receive the honor cup, the highest award given by the school.

The ones eligible this year because of scholastic records were Arthur Copinger, James Grimes, Adlene Cassman, Alan Jewett and Edith Vincent.

Only those who have maintained a high scholarship throughout four years and who have attended the Central Point high school for at least three years, are eligible.

The scoring is made on the following points: Taking part in student activities, a possible 50 points; faculty vote, a possible 30 points, and student vote, a possible 20 points.

Copinger scored far ahead of any other aspirant in his activity points, having the full fifty. He also received the student body vote, Edith Vincent received the faculty vote and the second highest student vote, and was far behind Copinger in activity points.

The cup has been presented annually for the past 16 years, it having been originally given to the school by E. H. Hedrick, who was principal of the Central Point school.—The Central Pointer

Mr. Mervyn Gleason arrived home from a selling trip Saturday and left Wednesday noon for Dunsuir.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard is attending the meeting of the D.U.V. at the Holland Hotel this evening.

Henry Maury and sister Miss Mary Maury accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Farra went to the cemetery Saturday afternoon.

### Former Local Girl Attacked by Burglar

Mrs. Guy Tex received a letter from the former Miss Geneva Brown, former well known local girl, from San Jose, California, telling of the experience of her sister, Eulalia, with a burglar at her home in San Jose. Following is an excerpt from the letter:

"I started to write to you once before about the burglar that broke into Sister's house and when she screamed, beat her with a baseball bat. Her husband was working in Coloma, in northern California; Jerry and Jean was in one bedroom and Sister was sleeping alone. She woke up and thought she heard someone in the house. She asked who was there, and he said, 'Shut up, or I'll kill you.' She thought he had a gun but thought he couldn't hit her the first time, so started screaming. Then he hit her with a baseball bat and broke her right arm and left finger.

"Jean came running in from her bedroom and ran into him. He grabbed for her throat and they both fell down. I guess he got scared when Jean ran in and dropped the bat to go after her. Sister hit him over the head once, but her arms were broken and she didn't have much power. He ran out of the back door so fast that he knocked a hole in the screen door, which was unlatched. They have found no trace of him and Sister's arms are almost well. Jean was not hurt, except a scratch on the neck, but they have moved from that house.

"Jean has gone to the city to be with Dwight and his wife and Sister has moved to Coloma with her family, all except Jerry, who is staying with us until school is out."

### Eighth Graders To Graduate On Friday Morning

Twenty-five students of the Central Point Grade School will complete their first eight years of school work at graduation ceremonies to be held at the Junior High Gym in Ashland at 10:00 A.M., Friday, May 27.

The Ashland graduation, under supervision of County Superintendent of schools C. R. Bowman, is held annually for the county elementary schools, en masse. The speaker for the occasion is Mr. John L. Casteel, who will also give the main address at the Central Point High school graduation exercises.

Music will be furnished by the combined high school bands under direction of Mr. R. A. Botts.

The following is a list of the Central Point graduates: Lawrence Cassman, Loren Cassman, Ardis Hansen, Wilmer Higinbotham, Coral Hilky, Luvene Hilky, Maxine Hale, Alice Jones, Muriel Kilburn, Junior Kilburn, George Lees, Gwen Marine, Iris Millard, Nadine Musty, Bill Merritt, Elizabeth Nicholson, Ernest Parker, Woodrow Phillips, John Pinkham, Edgar Ross, Bob Tucker, Albert Thompson, Martha Wright, Charles Wright, and Lois Yost.

Several boys are trying out for the baseball team in Medford, Pink O'Connor, Cleo Babb, Hadley and Marshall Simmonds.

Mrs. Earl Terry sent two beautiful bouquets of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Stevens' garden away for decoration day. One went to Two Buttes, Colorado and one to Kansas.

Mrs. Milton and daughter Ethel of Rogue River are visiting Mrs. Milton's daughter, Mrs. Owing, and family and son Albert and family.

### So what? -

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.—Anon.

We hear Al Bendickson, butcher at Faber's Market wondering if it would be cheaper to get a Frigidaire or a divorce.

Mr. Homer planing to buy a new car—took old car to the Pendleton & Patterson Service station and had it revamped—it came out so fine he couldn't part with it.

Wanted—A skilled machinist able to make a pen that is guaranteed to hold a two year old boy—guess who?

### Beauty Weeks

Our Editorial Muser (A.E.P.) says that much water runs under the bridges from time to time.

Well, much water ran out of the old water mains through leakage. With the new mains conserving water, the Civic Club will probably have regular Beauty Weeks.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Deposits Invited)

## COUNCIL OPENS BIDS FOR LAYING WATER MAINS

The city council met in adjourned session Tuesday night for the purpose of canvassing vote in the recent city election and to open bids for the laying of new water mains in this city. All members were present, as well as City Attorney Stryman and Engineer Paul Rynning. A number of representatives of contracting firms and dealers in pipe and fittings were also present.

The official canvass of the result of the election showed that a total of 214 votes were cast. In North Central Point precinct the vote was 83 Yes to 30 No. In the South Central Point precinct the result was 80 Yes, 21 No. For the entire city the vote was 183 for the bond to 51 against, or a majority of 112 for.

Following the announcement, Recorder Tex announced that he received five bids for the contract for laying the new mains and that a careful check showed that all bidders were properly qualified. On motion, the council order the recorder to proceed to open the bids. Following is a list of the bidders, together with the amount of their bid:

F. C. Dillard, 39 Summit Avenue, Medford, \$14,052.50.

Edward F. Webber, 59 Ross Court, Medford, \$12,825.00.

Bade & Den Herder, Lebanon, Ore., \$12,094.75.

R. L. Stuart & Sons, 521 N. Fir St., Medford, \$13,745.00.

United Contracting Co., 311 Stock Exchange Building, Portland, \$11,991.50.

Upon motion, it was decided to refer the bids to the City Engineer for recommendation, the report to be made within ten days. As soon as this report is received a special meeting will be called and the contract let. It is expected that work will start on the project early in June.

An application was read from George Ford asking for the appointment as inspector on the new work. Mr. Ford has had much experience in such work and will be a good man to watch after the city's interest. However, the council felt that it would be best to wait until after the contract had been awarded to arrange for an inspector, so the matter was laid on the table for the present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

### Visitor Will Return Home on Saturday

Mr. Richardson who has been visiting his sister Mrs. Stevens and husband for the past month will return to his home near Oakland Saturday. While here they have visited many friends in southern Oregon at Gold Hill, Ashland, Talent, Jacksonville, Medford and many country homes. Sunday they visited a friend in Hornbrook who had been a friend for 45 years. Mrs. Mary Richardson has accompanied them on all trips since she has returned home and been able to travel with crutches.

## The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor

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

Union Memorial Service 11:00 A.M. The Federated Church and Church of Christ will unite in receiving the members of the D.A.R. and Relief Corps. Mrs. I. C. Spencer will give a reading "Address To The Flag". Sermon Subject "We Cannot Pay."

Christian Endeavor 8:00 P. M. Subject "God's Judgments". Dramatic Scripture Reading. Mrs. I. C. Spencer. Church of Christ Choir will have charge of singing.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Mary Lou Gerber. Study Leader Carl Hover.

Don't forget The Cotton Blossom Singers on Monday. 8:00 P. M. Negro Spiritual and Plantation Songs.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

No preaching Sunday morning. We join the Christian Church for Memorial Day services.

Junior and Senior League at 7:00 P.M.

Evening Services 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday Evening 8:00 P. M.

Thursday Ladies Aid meets in basement of the church.

Mrs. Nichols has invited the ladies to her home Friday for an all day quilting party.

