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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"When the cat's away, etc." Not that we want to make any "catty" remarks, but with the "Boss" out of town and the mercury at above the boiling point, we don't seem to care a darn whether we get out the old rag this week or not.

We managed to persuade the better two-thirds of this organization to take advantage of an opportunity to get away from it all for a few days and visit a daughter in the south. So if you find the paper not up to its usual standard you will understand. We never were any good gossiping, anyway.

Last week a very distinguished personage sent word that he would be in this section on a certain day and would like to meet some of the representative Republicans. Although this paper has the reputation of being the only die-hard republican sheet in the county, we failed to come up to the standard required for inclusion in that secret meeting. But we did get hold of the list of those present and if that was a representative section of the members of the GOP in southern Oregon we'll eat our hat. It looked more like a gathering of the special friends of a certain party with aspirations for high judicial honors. But maybe they thought we didn't know what "off the record" meant.

This writer has been following the fortunes of the republican party in this section of the state for nearly thirty years and we thought we knew who were the "war-horses" of the party here. We have been attending meetings and watching the trend of affairs for all these years. But with very few exceptions we failed to recognize the names of those who have carried the ball in many a hot campaign among those who had the honor (?) of being present at that gathering. But we have a hunch these same parties will be coming around looking for plenty of free publicity before the campaign closes.

The closing of all logging operations in the forests of Oregon on account of the forest fire situation is a serious blow to the local saw mill, which was getting logs from the Union Creek district. It seems a pity that such a situation had to arise just at this time when the mill was just getting started and into the best of the timber they were cutting. But of course no one has any control of the weather conditions.

Work is coming along slowly on the water main laying. On account of the dampness of the soil around the old pipe there has been some trouble with cave-ins and much hand work. But the contractors are taking the resulting delay and loss in good spirit and doing as good a job as possible under the circumstances. So far no one has been hurt and we hope no one will be.

The ladies of the Civic club sure picked a good time for their ice cream social. At least it is hot enough so ice cream will taste mighty good and we hope they will sell a goodly lot of it.

Say! It's too darned hot to write this junk and we are going to take to the woods for the rest of the day. So what?

Teaching Staff at High School Filled

With the selection of Mr. Aaron Funk for a place on the high school faculty the corps of teachers for the Central Point Schools is now completed. Mr. Funk is a recent graduate of the Oregon State College. He has specialized in science work and also in public speaking. He was a member of the debate team of Corvallis High School and also a member of the debate team of the college. He was a member of the Oregon State track team and will coach track here. He is a musician and has been active in the broadcasts from the college radio station KOAC. Mr. Funk served as guide at the Oregon Caves several summers and frequently had charge of the evening entertainment there. Mr. Funk will teach physics, general science, biology, and Spanish.

TEACHERS STUDY PLAN TO CHANGE OLD CURRICULUM

Supt. H. P. Jewett returned from attending an educational conference held at the state university at Eugene last week. He reports a most interesting conference largely attended by the school people of the state. The main subject of discussion was curriculum revision. Rapid changes in social, economic, and political conditions bring a sharp challenge to the schools. School leaders are recognizing that a 1910 model school will not fit a boy or girl for a 1938 or 1940 model world. The American school system is one potent agency of society whose function is to bring about social change through an evolutionary process and prevent a revolution. If the present generation can not solve satisfactorily the serious problems confronting it then it should make every possible effort to fit the next generation for solving them. This is the real challenge to the schools. No one realizes more fully than the school people how far short the schools are falling in some respects, nor is there any one more desirous than they are of improving their methods and of making school more meaningful to the child.

Keeping a close contact between parents and schools is one of the chief problems in a forward movement. Parents are sometimes reluctant to accept radical changes in school methods. While recognizing that conditions have changed vastly from the time they attended school, parents question sometimes when schools are not conducted just as they were twenty years ago. While ready to accept a 1938 model in almost anything else they feel that a radical change from past methods in schools must surely be wrong. This attitude is largely due to a misunderstanding of the purposes and plans and changes when schools and parents become closely associated.

Speakers were present from several eastern states and also from California where the "progressive education movement" is being a rather careful tryout.

Enlistment Open For Hawaiian Service

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19—Major H. D. Bagnall, the Army Recruiting Officer, 323 Main Post Office Building, Portland, announced today that he has just received a new quota for Hawaiian service, authorizing him to enlist five men for infantry, and ten men for the Corps of Engineers, to sail from San Francisco early in August, aboard an Army transport bound for Honolulu.

According to the Major, he was unable to accomplish enlistments for Hawaiian service from February 7th to July 7th, and because of that fact, numerous applicants have been turned away daily. In view of the fact that the new quota is so limited, and is expected to be filled within the next few days, applicants who are desirous of securing enlistment in the United States Army, for service in the Hawaiian Islands, "The Paradise of the Pacific", are advised to call at the nearest Army Recruiting Office without delay.

Prineville Visitors At Burns Home

Visitors at the Ray Burns home east of town on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zevely of Prineville—Mr. Zevely is postmaster of that city; then during the day all were pleasantly surprised when two other visitors from Prineville came, namely Miss Nora Stearns, who is county clerk of Crook county, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stanton, who is county treasurer. All make their home in Prineville and are all old friends of Mrs. Burns, who made her home Prineville prior to coming to southern Oregon. Mrs. Lee Blevins of Grants Pass was also a visitor at the Burns home on Tuesday. She also formerly came from Prineville and is a sister of Mrs. Zevely.

Esther Lathrop will return on Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt from Corvallis. Esther has been at the Methodist Assembly in Eugene, Ore.

Intimate News from Washington

Now That The New Deal Is Buying Coats, Pants and Vests, and Giving Them Away, Why Not Wait?—One May Soon Get an Auto

What is this new "buy-and-give" campaign? Well, it is probably worth finding out, for we are likely to hear more and more about it in the months ahead. It is a typical New Deal idea, and where it will lead to, goodness knows. It consists of going into a community or an industry where there is a surplus of useful goods; buying up the surplus with Federal money, and then distributing the surplus to the needy and indigent, for nothing. That is all there is to it, except the little item of \$10,250,000 for the taxpayer to pay.

The results of such a policy if carried forward on a large scale would be planned economy and no mistake. Already there has been a broad evolution of the initial idea. From merely destroying goods it has evolved into buying goods and giving them away; and from dealing only with crops it has been carried now into men's and boys' clothing, and may shortly be broadened to include women's wear. If it is possible to buy suits and overcoats, then why not shoes, kitchenware, washing machines and automobiles? In fact, once the rule has been laid down, as it now has, there is nothing but financial stringency to stop it.

On the political side there are vast possibilities, too. Buying up a crop surplus makes one group of voters grateful, while distributing the surplus somewhere else satisfies another group. Of course, from the economic viewpoint, the buying and distributing is a delicate matter, for it is likely to upset the whole equilibrium of trade. Any way you look at it, the problem is immensely complex.

Purchases of surplus farm products were provided under the 1935 amendments to the AAA. It is only recently, however, that the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation attracted attention. It plans to use the bulk of a \$79,000,000 appropriation in buying price-depressing surpluses of fruits, vegetables, poultry and dairy products for distribution, free, to those in need. However one feels about the idea, it does seem strange that people should be suffering in one part of the country for lack of food, while farmers in another part of the country are suffering from over-production. It is obviously a break-down of the distributive system. For the time being, at any rate, the Government is experimentally stepping in. So the relief worker will get his Florida

New Retirement Plan for Employees Of Bank Announced

A cooperative retirement plan for employees of the United States National Bank is announced by Paul S. Dick, President.

According to the plan, which becomes effective August 1st, employees who have been with the bank one year or more in all of the Bank's 23 units will be eligible for compensation at certain ages of retirement. These specified as 60 years for women and 65 years for men.

Under arrangements made with the Prudential Insurance Company of America, employees will contribute a percentage of their earnings toward the retirement fund and the Bank assumes the remainder of the expense, thus making the plan cooperative.

As stated by Mr. Dick, the matter of retirement of the Bank's employees on compensation has been thoroughly surveyed with the view of perfecting a plan that would be both practical and workable. "For a period of years," said Dick, "our Bank has examined and studied the provisions of numerous retirement plans and only recently has decided upon the terms which seem most applicable to our particular organization. Under arrangement with the Prudential Insurance Company of America both executives and staff members will be assured of a reasonable income for life beyond the age of their retirement. The contract with the Insurance Company, which will act as underwriter, is modern in all respects and embodies all of the protective features to be found in any of the retirement plans adopted by banks and other large corporations during the past decade."

oranges and his fresh peaches. The law makes available to the Secretary of Agriculture an amount equal to 30 per cent of annual customs receipts for purposes which include encouraging domestic consumption, developing new markets, and new uses for surplus farm products.

But if the idea is a good one for farm products, argue the New Dealers, why isn't it just as good, say, for clothing? It was the shrewd Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, who probably sold the plan to Harry L. Hopkins, WPA head. The latter had an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for direct relief under the 1938 act. Of this sum, \$10,250,000 has now gone into purchases of men's and boys' clothing, with the possibility that later on women's and children's clothing will be added.

The big surplus has been lifted from the shoulders of the clothing industry, and the coats, pants and vests which the Government has purchased will now be distributed, along with the peaches, the oranges, not to mention more substantial food, to the army of relief workers. There are humorous aspects to the position of Carrington Gill, Mr. Hopkins' deputy, in the long run the matter is far more serious than that.

There are possibilities opening out from this step—political, economic, social—in almost every direction. How is the hard-working neighbor of the relief worker going to feel, for example, when his friend, on relief, comes home wearing one of Mr. Gill's 1,000,000 suits? It's probably going to be a bit of a temptation to apply himself for Government aid!

But again, in more happy vein, isn't it going to help the self-respect and morale of a down-at-heels worker who has been slinking down back alleys in his thread-bare clothes, if he can face a prospective employer in a clean, decent suit? He may get the job! The human implications of such a development are too broad, ramified and conflicting for quick judgment.

One aspect might be mentioned though—Mr. Roosevelt is sometimes accused of stealing ideas from rivals. In this instance, a glance back at Governor Phillip F. La Follette's speech launching the third party movement at Madison, Wis., April 28, is interesting. Governor Phil seemed to have had the idea; President Franklin is carrying it out.—R. L. S., Christian Science Monitor.

English Religious Leader Visits Brother

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin of the Antelope Orchard are enjoying a visit from his brother Rev. A. M. Chirgwin, M.A. and his wife, who arrived from England on Tuesday.

Rev. Chirgwin is secretary of the world famous London Missionary Society and is on his way to the World's Missionary Conference in Madras, India. Last Sunday he occupied the pulpit at First Congregational Methodist Temple at San Francisco. At 11 A.M. Sunday, July 24th he will preach in the First Methodist Church at Medford.

About eight years ago Rev. Chirgwin visited the mission stations which come under the jurisdiction of the L. M. S. in Africa and Madagascar. Enroute to India he will visit Japan, China, and many of the mission stations in India.

Rev. Chirgwin is well known as a preacher and writer, and as one of the outstanding leaders of religious thought in England.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lathrop entertained Rev. A. M. Chirgwin and Mrs. Chirgwin, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin Helen and David to dinner. The Chirgwins and Mrs. Lathrop are first cousins, and they had not all been together since a few days before Mrs. Lathrop sailed for America in 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schmidt of Corvallis expect to visit Mrs. Schmidt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop, over the week end. They are coming down expressly to meet their cousins from England. Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Chirgwin.

Jerry Larson went back to Ventura, California with Ned and Lester, Cash.

Service Station Changes Name To "Green Lantern"

The Nip & Sip service station, which is located at the corner of Cedar streets and the Pacific highway recently changed hands and is now being operated by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thome, who have completely remodeled the place. Mr. and Mrs. Thome intend to change the name of the station and cafe, which will hereafter be known as the Green Lantern.

The station has been entirely redecorated, with new stools and tables for the lunch room. Meals and lunches will be served at all hours, as well as a full line of Richfield gas and oils. Mr. and Mrs. Thome are experienced in this line of business, having recently been connected with the Chateau, on the highway south of Medford.

Anyone desiring clean, well-cooked meals, or refreshing drinks should drop in at the new cafe and lunch room. You will be sure of prompt service, good food and a hearty welcome.

Janitor's Job No Life of Ease

"Those who think that a janitor's job is a life of ease, especially during the summer months, know not whereof they speak", is the story as it comes to your reporter. Two hundred seventy-five pounds of calamine have been spread and two calamine brushes completely worn out this summer by our genial janitor, George March. Much of this work has been done in hallways and stairways where special staging has had to be built to reach the difficult places. Following such a job comes the inevitable cleaning up and washing of many hundred square feet of woodwork, desks, etc. Several days have been spent in helping a carpenter in repair of creaky, squeaky stairways. All of this work has been in the grade school building where the school board is having much work done to improve the light conditions and general cleanliness.

In the high school building a general repair job of plaster has been made now that the new roof insures against further leaks. Of course following such a job comes several days of clean-up.

Not only is Mr. March a master at calamine but he is also a painter of ability. Right now he is working on a repaint job of the home economics laboratory or kitchen. This was finished in white at the time the high school building was built some twelve years ago. It is now being refinished in the same color with a special washable paint designed for kitchens.

Following this job will come re-coating all the floors with floor-seal, varnishing desks, painting backboards, replacing some worn window-shades, washing windows, rearranging equipment, and incidentally in between times of these numerous tasks attending the lawn and shrubbery in such a thorough way that it keeps an attractive appearance unequalled by any other school ground in the county.

A CORRECTION

Last week we stated that a Medford youth who was involved in the robbery of Stone's Drug store recently would be sent to the boy's training school at Woodburn. This is an error as the boy is now visiting his sister at Marshfield.

So what?—

The illustrious author of the learned discourse usually found under this heading has gone to the country and no one else dares to put such things in the paper. So you will have to wait until next week for your gossip. So what?

Nectar

A long pull
And a strong pull
And a pull all together
Will carry the election
To bring pure and
Sparkling water.
And then we will
All have a long pull
At a long lemonade
All together.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
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U. S. BUDGET SHOWS DEFICIT OF \$3,984,887,000

PRESIDENT BLAMES SLUMP IN NOTE ASSOMPANYING REVISED ESTIMATES

WASHINGTON, July 14—A deficit of \$3,984,887,000 for 1939 was indicated in a revised budget summary published yesterday by an explanation by President Roosevelt. The President blamed the huge deficit on the business slump. What over the cause, it is estimated here that it will bring the Government's debt to a new all-time high, probably over \$40,500,000,000.

The earlier estimate of the deficit was just under \$1,000,000,000; to be precise—\$950,000,000. The period covered is the 12 months ending June 30, 1939. The revised budget estimates, prepared before the President left last week on his transcontinental trip, were released by Daniel W. Bell, Acting Director of the Budget, with the President's explanation.

Put in briefest form the revised estimates for the 1939 fiscal year are:—

Expenses	\$8,985,157,000
Receipts	5,000,270,000
Deficit	3,984,887,000

This compares with the earlier estimates—

Expenses	\$6,869,000,000
Receipts	5,919,000,000
Deficit	950,000,000

Mr. Roosevelt blamed the changed fiscal prospect on business conditions. Pointing out that he had mentioned such a possibility in earlier forecasts he declared,

"Business conditions not only did not improve, but gradually got worse."

This made huge new relief expenditures necessary, he contended. Approximately \$1,912,000,000 of the \$2,116,157,000 increase of expenditures over the estimate of last January will be due to outlays for public works and other features of the relief program, he said.

He called attention to the following additional increases:—

- \$129,000,000 for Agricultural Adjustment program.
- \$45,000,000 for the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- \$45,000,000 for expansion of national defense.
- \$10,000,000 for tax funds.
- \$25,000,000 for supplemental items.

\$50,000,000 for a bookkeeping change in RFC accounts.

Mr. Roosevelt said the public debt would not be increased by the full amount of his new deficit estimate—\$3,984,887,000. The rise in the debt column, he said, would be only \$3,485,000,000 because in the financing of the year's deficit the working balance of the Treasury general fund would be reduced by about \$500,000,000.

Sunday morning surprise visitors at the Ed Farra home were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farnum of Los Angeles. They were on a vacation trip. It has been 26 years since they left Central Point. Mr. Farnum was a builder and contractor in this city during the boom days. He built the Brick Church, the Cowley building, the Cowley home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Elde, and the house belonging to Mrs. J. H. Territt.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
REV. STANLEY PARRISH
(Supply Pastor)

Phone 51
Bible School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Parrish will continue his discourse on the Wall of Jerusalem from the Book of Nehemiah.

Evening Services 8:00 P.M. "Long Day of Joshua."

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study and prayer services 2:30 P.M.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting for young and old.

Thursday afternoon the Missionary Meeting will be in the basement of the church. Mrs. Wyatt, hostess.

The Sunday School board met at Mr. E. C. Richmond's home Tuesday evening with very good attendance and interesting. Mrs. Bither's paper on the study of the Book of Mark was very, very fine.