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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Thank goodness the backbone of the summer seems to have been broken. At least it is slightly cooling in these parts, which helps some.

Page Mr. Ripley: The writer had the unique experience the other day of lying back in the bow of a boat and riding waves a MILE HIGH! And we can prove it, too.

We heard a tale the other day which seems to show (at least in part) what is the matter with the country today. The story goes that some of the younger men who were recently called upon to fight forest fires in this county bragged that they "worked like hell" when the boss was around, but spent most of their time lying under a tree when he was out of sight. Is it to be wondered at that things seem sometimes to be going to the dogs when the young, storking men care so little for what the future hold for the community that they will shirk their duty in that fashion when the biggest asset the country has is in danger? We would have liked to have been their boss for a few minutes and have caught them lying down on their job in such fashion. We fear we wouldn't have been able to resist the temptation to send those slackers down the road with their coattails full of No. 10 shoes.

Now that the work of re-laying the water mains in the downtown district of the city is about completed we feel that the United Construction company, which has had the contract for the job are to be highly commended for the kind of work they have done in the face of difficulties. They have run into all kinds of things they couldn't foresee when they bid on the job and have cheerfully gone ahead doing the very best job they knew how to do in spite of the fact that they have not made as much money as they should on such a contract. We all hope this company will get the job of finishing the rest of the water main laying if and when it is done.

We understand that the application for the federal loan to complete the renewal of the old water system in this city has gone in and now all that can be done is to wait patiently to see whether the money is granted. It is said the project is divided into two parts—one to put in an entire new system of mains throughout the city at a cost of approximately \$52,000, and the other to put in the connecting main with the Medford system at a cost of \$32,000. While these figures sound mighty big, the fact is that if the loan is granted for both projects the city will be paying for the new city distributing system and getting the Medford water as a gift. That is, the 45% grant given by the PWA on such a loan amounts to practically the same as the engineer's estimate of the cost of the Medford water.

Last fall the writer did a lot of figuring as to the cost of securing the Medford water and has since been accused of juggling these figures to make out our case. So we are not going to go into a lot of estimates at this time. But just the same we believe the thing will work out and that the increased value of such a system will be worthwhile, even if it does cost something.

We have heard at times that there were lots of fish in Diamond Lake. Maybe so, but if they are there they probably will stay there until they die of old age, for no one seems to be catching any. We pulled a boat all over the darned place the other day and the expert fisherman who handled the line never had a strike. Someway, we'll take our fishing in the streams of the county and let those who like lake fishing have their fun.

The Poor Benighted Fisherman
The angler lies in wait with hook
And line and rod and reel,
And hap at night he brings the cook
A Bullhead or an eel.

The angler lies forever at
The mercy of the skeeters,
Of stinging fly and biting snat
And other blood depleters.

The angler lies, but we surmise
That this is idle chat,
We'll merely say, "The Angler Lies,"
And let it go at that.

MRS. HOBSON WEDS JOHN RICHARDSON TUESDAY AT NOON

At the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens Wednesday, July 27th, Mrs. Jennie Hobson of Hornbrook, California, became the bride of Mr. John Richardson of Hayward, California. The wedding took place at high-noon; Rev. Lewis officiating with the impressive ring ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a navy blue suit with white accessories, and a gardenia corsage. Her only attendant was Martha Stevens, sister of the groom. Joe Stevens, brother-in-law of the groom, acted as best man.

Luncheon was served by Mary Richardson and Harriet Williams. The couple then departed for their home in Hayward, California.

Those attending the wedding were Harriet Williams, daughter of Mrs. Richardson, Mary Richardson and Charlotte Louise Richardson, great-great niece of Mr. Richardson.

Mrs. Richardson at one time was a resident of Central Point, but has since made her home in Hornbrook, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have known each other for twenty years. The many friends of the happy couple wish them a long and prosperous married life.

Ladies' Aid Society Meets at Church

Ladies' Aid society of the Federated church met last Thursday in the basement of the church to further their plans for kalsomining and otherwise rejuvenating the class rooms, basement, auditorium and kitchen. A covered dish luncheon was served at 1:00 o'clock. Sixteen members were seated at the table, all of whom had earned one dollar toward defraying expenses. At the end of the meal beginning with President Mrs. Louise Ayers, each one read her own original little poem which was turned in accompanied by the dollar. The afternoon was spent in working on a quilt, which will probably be finished at the next meeting.

Breakfast Causes Auto Traffic Jam

ROCK MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, Colo., July 27 (Sp.)—Breakfast on the highway in Horseshoe Park disrupted traffic one morning this week when a recently born Rocky Mountain Bighorn lamb was receiving his morning meal from his mother who paused in the middle of the highway to feed her newborn.

The approach of automobiles did not frighten the ewe which seemed to challenge the right of cars on the highway. With the arrival of more automobiles, the ewe only made itself more at home on the pavement, and it was only when Park Ranger Bert Faser arrived that a traffic jam was averted.

He directed cars around the mother and lamb to avoid interrupting their feeding time, which was the subject for numerous camera pictures by park visitors, most of whom had never seen Rocky Mountain Bighorn before.

Lodge Installation Visited by Many

On Monday evening July 25th about fifty members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the Medford lodge visited the lodges in Central Point and installed the new officers here. Mr. Howard of Medford, District Deputy Grand Master and Miss Besse Fredenburg, District Deputy President presided.

After the installation the local lodges served ice cream and cookies. About ninety members and friends were present. The meeting was held in the new Woodman hall.

Mr. Floyd Ross is leaving for Prineville where he will spend the week end. Mrs. Ross and boys will return with him. Mrs. Ross has been attending summer school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton of Grants Pass last Friday a son Theron Arden. Mrs. Middleton was the former Dorothy Jones of this city.

Ice Cream Social Is Huge Success

The ice cream social given by the ladies of the Civic club on the high school ground last Thursday evening was a very successful affair. The evening was ideal for such an affair and a large number of people took advantage of the opportunity of enjoying a cool lunch and a pleasant visit with neighbors.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Elks band of Medford, under direction of W. A. Botts, well-known former musical director of the local school band and orchestra. A number of prominent Medford people were also present, including Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thorndike, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, County Engineer Paul Rynning and others.

Receipts from the affair amounted to about \$32.00, which will go toward building the new woodshed in the rear of the library. This shed is being built by volunteer labor, as have all the projects undertaken by the Civic club. Up to date the work has been done by Mr. Frank Lawrence and R. H. Moore. Others have promised to lend a hand later.

Kenneth E. Milhoan Dies at Hospital

Kenneth Eugene Milhoan, 29, passed away at a local hospital Saturday at 8:30 p.m., of appendicitis after a week's illness. He was born at Keyser, Colorado, April 17, 1909, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Milhoan of Central Point, Ore. He came to Medford with his parents in 1927. They had resided in Colorado previous to that time.

Mr. Milhoan was married to Naomi L. Boyer at Yreka, Calif., August 19, 1931. At an early age he was united with the church.

He was employed by the Rogue River Orchards Co. since coming to the valley. He leaves his wife, his parents, and several uncles and aunts in the valley.

Funeral services were held at the Perl Funeral Home Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., Dr. Sherman L. Devine officiating. Interment Mt. View cemetery at Ashland.

He was a fine young man and respected by a host of friends who will grieve by his passing.

Dan Subaric is pasturing 500 heads of sheep which he recently purchased at Roseburg on the Benson place. Mr. Subaric is boarding at Flaharty's.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bengston and children returned recently from a two weeks visit spent with friends and relatives in Kelsoe and Cottage Grove.

Irrigation boots at The Men's Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jolley of Lake Creek are visiting in Central Point today.

Mrs. Gay Tex returned home Sunday from a 5 week stay at Portland where she underwent a serious operation. She is improving though still confined to her home.

The ice cream social held by the Civic club was very well attended. About \$33.00 was cleared.

WARNING!

Owing to necessary repairs on the water tank and the final hook-up with the new mains, the

City Water Will Be Shut Off Tomorrow (Friday) at 7:00 O'clock A.M.

All citizens are urged to draw sufficient water for household use before 7 o'clock. All fires should be allowed to go out and especial pains taken to avoid starting fires.

The work will be rushed as rapidly as possible and we ask your cooperation.

By order of **L. HATFIELD,**
Mayor.

Mott Tells of West Point Exam.

Congressman James W. Mott has announced that the First Congressional District of Oregon will have a vacancy in 1939 at both the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis and at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

To determine the eligible candidates residing in his District, Congressman Mott has requested the Civil Service Commission to hold a preliminary qualifying examination on Saturday, October 8, 1938.

Any young unmarried man, not less than sixteen years of age nor more than twenty years of age on April 1, 1939 may take the qualifying examination for the Annapolis appointment.

Candidates for the West Point appointment must be not under 17 nor over 22 years of age on July 1, 1939, and not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height.

In order to make the required arrangements it is necessary that the applicant notify Congressman Mott, 328 Oregon Building, Salem, Oregon, not later than September 1, 1938 of his desire to participate in the examination.

Endeavorers Enjoy Trip to Lake

Twenty-one Christian Endeavorers of the Federated Church journeyed to Lake o' the Woods Friday evening to enjoy a week-end at the S. D. Hill cabin. They were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ayers and Mrs. S. D. Hill, who was accompanied by her daughter Zoe.

Arriving at the lake, preparations were made for the night, with the girls occupying the cabin, and the boys sleeping in tents out side.

Saturday morning dawned finding most of the Endeavorers asleep, but at seven o'clock most of them had managed to arouse themselves enough to go for a dip in the lake before breakfast. After the swim, breakfast was served in two shifts, because of the number of the young people. All the following meals were served in the same fashion.

Between breakfast and lunch time was spent in various activities, such as swimming, hiking, boat-riding, etc. After lunch an hour of swimming was enjoyed, then a group was organized to hike to Four-Mile Lake. When this group returned in the evening a Weiner and marshmallow roast was held around the camp fire.

Sunday morning after breakfast, Sunday school was held at the lake front with Mr. Ayres leading in a very interesting lesson of the life and experiences of Gideon.

The Endeavorers returned home Sunday evening, having had a wonderful time of fellowship in their two day outing.

So what? -

Not by years but by disposition is wisdom acquired.—Plautus.

Neal Richardson of Modoc was given a small 19-day-old duck. Having no places to keep it except in a tub, they decided to take it to the river about a mile from their place and put it with other ducks, which they did. Believe it or not, next morning the duck was back home and it walked all the way being too small to fly.

Ross & Ross turtle was seen going down the street to Damon's.

Norma June heralding the news far and wide that she had a baby brother weighing 5 lbs. and 15 oz.

Mr. Shell and Dale Smith leaving from front of store and warning Mrs. Smith that they might never be back.

Verne Hanson and Frank Lawrence assisted by R. H. Moore have almost completed the woodshed build by the civic club for the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mayfield, N. S. Clark of Klamath Falls and O. E. Acord of Grants Pass visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clark July 22.

Mr. E. J. Tilden of Woodburn arrived Wednesday and is visiting at the Flaharty home.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips
Minister

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

Immediately following the Communion Service the whole church will go to A. M. Tyrrell's place on Evans Creek and will have a fellowship dinner. This will be followed by a "Song-Fest" and a great message by Evangelist W. E. Stram.

The Young People will hold C. E. Service on banks of Evans Creek at 5:00 P.M. We will go in body to Central Avenue Tabernacle for evening service. We invite the co-operation of all members and friends of the Church for this unusual program. Come and sing, and hear, and enjoy this Christian Fellowship together.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Carl Hoover, Study Leader Mrs. Izetta Elde.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
REV. STANLEY PARRISH
(Supply Pastor)
Phone 51

Bible School 9:30 A.M. Mr. Wm. Kamberg, Supt.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Rev. Laugh of Pasadena will bring the message.

Junior and Senior League 7:00 P.M.

Evening Services 8:00 P.M. Tuesday afternoon Bible class and Prayer services 2:30 P.M.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting for both young and old.

Thursday afternoon in basement of the church the ladies' Aid meets to quilt.

Miss Ilmae and Ruby Higinbotham invited the ladies of the church to their home for a shower honoring Margaret Higinbotham. Thirty ladies were present. Many clever games were enjoyed and refreshments were served ice cream and cake.

UP-SE-DAISY!

