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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"Prithce, Nuncle, keep a school-master that can teach thy Fool to lie. I would fain learn to lie."

But under the circumstances guess we will have to tell the truth about the Shakespearean Festival at Ashland. The play was good; the actors better and everything should have been lovely—but we, like a damned old fool, forgot just how cold it can get up in Ashland so nearly froze to death. Nothing but the interest Shakespeare always arouses when properly portrayed kept us from dancing an Indian war dance up and down the aisle.

But we fear our old ears are going bad or else one actor forgot his lines for a moment, for we thought we heard him ejaculate "O Boy" in one scene and somehow we thought that slang was of somewhat later vintage than Shakespeare's day. Any way, it fitted the occasion.

We hear the school board have caught the contagion and are considering making an application for a PWA loan for the purpose of building a new gym. For a long time we heard the ladies of the Parent Teachers association talk building a play shed for the kids up at the school. But we like this idea a lot better. The old gym never was planned well and has long been too small for the growing school. But it would make a dandy play shed for the youngsters. So we heartily approve of the idea of building a new gym, with room enough so the public can sit in comfort and watch the games and use the old structure for a play shed.

But we want to emphasize the necessity of making a new building plenty large while they are at it. Get a competent architect to draw the plans and a competent contractor to build it and above all, a competent inspector for the job and let's have a structure we can be proud of. Build it with the idea that the town may grow and more students be registered at the high school and more people willing to pay for the privilege of watching the Central Point lads lick the stuffing out of other teams on the basketball floor.

We are told that such a building can be erected for about \$15,000 or perhaps less. That would mean that if the board gets busy right now and get some of the federal money being offered, the district would only have to repay through a bond issue about \$8,000. Go to it fellers, we're with you. You'll never get a better chance.

Had a brief visit from the next governor of Oregon. At least, we hope so. Mr. Sprague was making a few "homeside chats" in this part of the state the other day and getting acquainted with as many voters as possible. That's it Charlie, get right out among 'em and let the common folk have a look at you. You know, there's lots more votes in the hinterland than on "Main Street." And it is our belief that the man who wants to be elected to any office will stand a much better show if he gets out among the common folks and shows them he is just as ashamed to mingle with them just as he finds them in their daily life. They're the salt of the earth, old man, so don't be afraid to soil your hands when meeting a son of toil on the job.

Even the local political pot is beginning to show signs of simmering. County candidates are beginning to stir from their lethargy and soon the air will be full of smoke screens again. And if they will take our advice they will do just as Carlisle Sprague is doing and plan to get out among the folks in the country and smaller communities where the thinking voters live. Remember how Fehl won out by going all over the county with his tale of woe? You can do it too. But don't let it get you as it did him.

We understand the head of the WPA for Oregon was in Medford yesterday and handed out the advice to communities applying for federal funds to call their elections on the projects right away and not wait until the application had been sent in. He said it would have quite a bit of influence with the department in granting the loans. So we again urge the city council to get

## ODD FELLOWS TO DEDICATE NEW PICNIC SITE SUN.

The Odd Fellows lodge of this city will have a picnic at their new picnic grounds on Rogue River near the mouth of Big Butte Creek Sunday, August 14. The picnic is in the nature of a dedication of the new grounds and is open to all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and friends.

The lodge recently purchased a two-acre tract on the west side of Big Butte Creek across the river from what was formerly known as Lacey's camp. The grounds lie in a beautiful grove and is ideal for a picnic ground. It is reached by crossing the river on the steel bridge at McLeod then following the main road to the first bridge across Big Butte creek, then turn to the right down the creek.

A basket picnic dinner will be served at 1 o'clock. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the lodge. Following the dinner a short program will be given, including a talk by John Anderson, who recently returned from a visit to his old home in Sweden. Mr. Anderson will talk of his trip and of economic conditions he found in the old country. During the day there will be several races and other contests for the younger folks. Horseshoe pitching will be enjoyed and other amusements will be arranged for.

All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of the valley are invited and a good time is assured.

## 38 States Regulate Highway Advertising

Regulation of highway advertising, especially along recognized points of hazard, is now in effect in 38 states, according to a report entitled, "Program for Protection of Oregon Roadways," issued recently by the state planning board. In 25 of the states advertising signs of any type are prohibited near intersections and railroad crossings, while six states prohibit advertising signs that resemble highway or railway signs, the report says.

## Illinois Visitors Enjoy Valley Sights

A visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuehn and daughter, Virginia of Verdun, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Head, and Miss Nellie Head of Carlinville, Illinois, was a happy reunion at the Scott-Messenger home in Sams Valley. After a pleasant busy week of sight-seeing and visiting, they returned home by way of Washington, and Yellowstone Park. Also other points of interest. They expressed a great appreciation of Oregon, especially the quaint attractions of the old buildings and Museum at Jacksonville. They also enjoyed a trip to Crater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Deck and family of Portland were week-end guests of E. P. Stone. They are old friends of Stone's having formerly lived in Medford. Neal returned home with them and will visit in Portland, Salem and Dallas before returning home.

Mrs. Jewett, Alan and Lollie returned home from several days' visit with relatives in Salem Sunday. Marjorie remained for a couple of week's visit before returning home. Cecil Gantenbein returned home with them for a few days visit with friends.

Richard and Alan Jewett are among the local boys who are working in the fruit orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods are having new plumbing installed in their home.

Mr. Cap Miller and son Byron returned home from Idaho, where they made quite a long visit recently. They stopped on their way home in Portland for a visit.

busy and call a special election on the water issue as soon as possible. In case the application should be turned down, the city wouldn't be out enough to break it up in business, and if we could show the WPA that the people really wanted the project it might help a lot.

## Move Started to Secure PWA Loan For New Gym

Plans are being considered by the local school board to make immediate application to the Public Works Administration for funds to construct a new gymnasium on the local school grounds. The cost of the building will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000, although it is hoped to secure a suitable building for a smaller sum.

There has been considerable talk in recent years concerning the building of a play shed on the school grounds for use of the smaller children in wet weather. The new plan calls for the building of a new gym with a better basketball floor and better seating arrangements for the public and to use the old building as a play shed. It is believed this plan will prove more satisfactory in the long run as the old gym has been outgrown and the present-loving public demands a better building. Also there is need for a larger auditorium for use of the school when plays are given or at commencement time.

## Popular Mechanics And The American Offered at Bargain

A double-barreled bargain in good reading has been made available to present and future subscribers of this newspaper through an arrangement with the editors of Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Readers now can obtain a year's subscription to this nationally known magazine and a year's subscription to this newspaper at a special low price quoted elsewhere in this same issue.

Popular Mechanics, virtually a month-by-month record of human progress, needs no introduction to most readers, but some of the facts about its contents may be surprising even to those who read it regularly. For instance, it prints each year more than 6,000 interesting photographs and other illustrations, many of them in beautiful colors, and more than 3,000 articles, including about 150 big, full-length feature stories dealing with the latest achievements in science, mechanics, industry and a wide variety of other subjects.

There are hundreds of money-making and labor-saving ideas, farm aids and household hints. For the home craftsman there are tips about the care of tools and scores of stories telling how to build furniture, boats, radios, toys and models. In addition, the home mechanic will find practical suggestions for taking care of his car, his radio, his boat and his household and farm equipment.

Last, but not least, you'll find in this fascinating magazine photographs and explanations of hundreds of inventions, devices so new you have never seen them or anything like them, but so practical that you will be using many of them in the near future.

And every article, whether it describes an invention, a great scientific achievement or explains the construction of some simple piece of furniture is "written so you can understand it."

## Bernice Fernlund Honored at Party

Several little friends gathered at the home of Bernice Fernlund to help her celebrate her eighth birthday August 9th. She was the recipient of many very nice presents. Those present were:

Misses Betty Hawks, Jane Adamson, Melva Adamson, Shirley Holland, Irene Williams, Alta Pendleton, Janette Brown, Joan Groves, and the hostess, Bernice Fernlund.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream, lemonade and candy were served. After a pleasant afternoon spent playing games, the guests departed, wishing Bernice many happy birthdays.

Mr. Carl Johansen and family has moved into the new home built by Mr. Treibsch. This house is modern in every respect and both parties show their faith in Central Point. Mr. Johansen is the baker at Beck's.

The board meets tonight to make arrangements for making the application for the loan and to consider the calling of a special election on the matter. Bonds will have to be issued for 55% of the total amount, or about \$8,000, more or less, depending on the architect's estimate of the cost of the building. In case the election should be called and the bonds authorized, their issuance would depend upon the granting of the loan. If the bonds failed to carry the district would be out the cost of holding the special election only, which would be a very small amount.

In an interview this week with Mr. Hockley, head of the WPA for Oregon, he stated that in such cases holding the election prior to receiving word of the granting of the loan would react to the benefit of the district in showing that the project had popular support. He also said that he thought such a project would be favorably received by the Government.

## William T. Clark Dies in Medford

William Thomas Clark was born January 17, 1873 at Cove, Union county, Oregon and passed away August 1st, 1938 at Medford, Oregon. When eleven years of age he moved with his parents to Richmond, Baker county, Oregon where he grew to manhood.

He was married to Lillie Gillette September 9th, 1899. To this union six children were born, all of whom are still living but one who passed away in infancy.

On February 29, 1911 he was passed away leaving him to care for a family of young children.

On October 9, 1919 he was married to Mrs. Arlene Menck at Hanford, Oregon. To this union three children were born. In October, 1922 he moved to Josephine county, Oregon where he had resided 56 years and vicinity until September 1, 1936 when he moved to Central Point, Oregon.

During his earlier years he was engaged in stock raising and farming in Baker county where he made many friends. Since coming to southern Oregon he had always had poor health which caused him to lead a reserved and quiet life. But even so, he never tired of doing his duty toward his family. For several seasons he had worked for the Swede Basin Lumber company of Grants Pass.

Since coming to Central Point he was engaged in farming.

For several weeks previous to his passing he had suffered much and on July 22nd he was taken to the Community hospital in Medford where he passed away on August 1.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his widow, Mrs. Arlene Clark and seven children, N. S. Clark of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Sylvia Dulaney of Hanford, Calif.; Marilyn A. Clark of Baker, Oregon; Ethel Graven of Baker, Oregon; Hildreth Mayfield of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Josephine Greene of Orland, Florida and Janice Clark of Central Point. Also two step children, Roger H. Mellick, Richland, Oregon and Ruth Acord of Grants Pass, Oregon. And eleven grandchildren. Also a sister, Mrs. A. F. Hill, Ontario, Oregon and a brother, Frank Clark, Baker, Oregon.

Mr. Clark united with the Baptist Church of Grants Pass eight years ago.

Rev. E. J. Dodson of Central Point conducted the funeral service at Hall's Funeral home in Grants Pass and he was laid to rest in Hillcrest Memorial park where many friends came to show love and respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and little son Richard Alan are moving into the Eastman house in the Wolverson tract. Mrs. Eastman and daughter have moved to Spokane to make their home.

Mrs. Ethel Fleischer and daughter Barbara, attended the showing of "Hamlet" and "Taming of the Shrew" at the Ashland Shakespearean festival this week.

## Medford Kiwanis Enjoy Dinner Here

Last week the Medford Kiwanis club made arrangements with the Civic club of this city to serve one of their famous chicken dinners to the club at the local Grange hall Monday noon. The occasion was the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the club. About thirty members of the club attended.

Harold Brown, president of the Medford Kiwanis, presided and introduced R. S. Wilfley, chairman of the entertainment committee, who voiced the thanks of the visitors to the ladies for the wonderful dinner served them. He then introduced A. E. Powell, who welcomed the visitors and stated that our city was always glad to welcome her neighbors. He also gave a brief outline of the activities of the local Civic club, hostesses at the dinner, of whom our city is so proud.

About a dozen local business men attended the dinner as guests of the Kiwanians.

## Andersons Enjoy European Trip

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, who returned recently from a visit to their old home in Sweden, state that the Rogue River valley looks mighty good to them, although they enjoyed every minute of their trip. They brought home many interesting souvenirs, including pictures of many of the towns visited. Mr. Anderson states that business conditions in Sweden seemed to be very good with very little unemployment.

It was Mr. Anderson's first visit to Sweden in 47 years and Mrs. Anderson's first in 36 years. While there, they visited two sisters and a brother of Mrs. Anderson whom she hadn't seen in that length of time.

They left here May 1, and before sailing from New York City May 28 on the Gressholm, they visited relatives in South Dakota, Minneapolis, Illinois and Michigan. They traveled across the continent by train.

The trip across the Atlantic took 10 days and Mr. Anderson stated that neither he nor his wife was the least bit seasick. While in Sweden, Mr. Anderson took a trip 100 miles north of the Arctic circle for the purpose of witnessing the midnight sun. He also spent a few days in Finland. They left Sweden July 10 and landed in New York July 26. On their return home they visited in Washington, D. C., New Orleans, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Mrs. Tharp and children and John Tharp and Ed Garrett visited at the home of Mrs. Tharp's parents Mr. and Mrs. Muse Wednesday evening. It was a regular ice cream party and everyone had a fine time.

## So what? -

We must love our work and not always be looking over the edge of it, wanting our play to begin.—George Elliot.

Jack Lees having a story for this column but being afraid to have it printed.

Two small tots playing in the shed in back of Alexander's hardware all of a sudden one let out a blood curdling scream.

Ed Garrett rushing to the rescue found the pet dog nipping at his heels and the rescuer had to be rescued.

Pink O'Connor and Bob Scott started for Lake of the Woods and landed at San Francisco. They had borrowed Corrigan's compass and forgot to repair it.

Mr. Hamrick finishing his second dish of ice cream as we left Stone's. Don't know how many more followed the first.

Medford business and professional men are talking of Central Point. One professional man remarked today that he would like to see our city the metropolis of the valley. Central Pointers, hold up your heads and be proud of your town!

Stanley Parrish drawing the "kit" at the Kiwanis dinner last Monday and handing it over to the Civic club. If Judith was a couple of years older, he would be told things.

Vince Ritzinger so busy picking peaches at the Woodlawn Orchards he can't even go fishing.

## SHAKESPEREAN FESTIVAL TO END SATURDAY NIGHT

The Shakespearean Festival being held in Ashland this week has proven a grand success. Each night sees the attendance grow. The festival is being given in the old Chautauqua building, which has been remodeled after the lines of the old open-air theatres of Shakespeare's day.

Probably the most popular play is Hamlet, although "The Taming of the Shrew," "Twelfth Night" and "The Merchant of Venice" attracted large audiences. The festival will close Saturday night with the third presentation of Hamlet.

To attempt to pick out the most outstanding player would be an impossible task. Each one in the entire cast carried his or her part to perfection. Of course some parts stand out above the others. Angus Bowmer, director, made a very satisfactory Hamlet, while William Cottrell as Polonius was especially good. He also shone as Baptista in "The Taming of the Shrew." Dorothy Pruitt as Opelia will be long remembered. In fact all the players showed remarkable ability and training for non-professionals.

The Merchant of Venice will be repeated tonight and the Taming of the Shrew on Friday evening. Hamlet will bring the festival to a close Saturday night. The plays start promptly at 8:30 each evening.

## Peaches Now Ripe At Woodlawn Orchard

Picking of peaches will start this week at the Woodlawn Orchard, according to Harry Duquette, owner, while the crop is not as heavy as is sometimes the case, the quality is very good.

Mr. Duquette says he plans to pick the fruit this year to order so that housewives who desire fresh peaches right off the trees may leave their orders in the morning and the fruit will be picked as ordered the same day ready for delivery in the evening. Or if the customer has time to wait, the fruit will be picked and delivered at once. Thus those wanting the best peaches for canning may secure them in the best possible condition.

The Woodlawn Orchard is located east of town a short distance beyond the Bear Creek bridge. Anyone desiring the best peaches should get their orders in early.

Mura Mills who has been working at Ander's Studio, is now working in the fruit.

## The Churches

**THE FEDERATED CHURCH**  
REV. STANLEY PARRISH  
(Supply Pastor)  
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Bible School 9:30 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.  
Senior Endeavor 7:00 P. M.  
Evening Services 8:00 P. M.  
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study and prayer service 2:30.

Tuesday evening Sunday School board meeting at Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Davison's home at Table Rock store.

Wednesday evening prayer service for young and old 8:00 P. M.

Thursday afternoon ladies Aid meet in basement to sew at 2:30.  
The sermon next Sunday evening will be based on the subject that is attracting worldwide attention, "The Wandering Jew." The morning sermon will be on the question, "Why A Blood Atonement?"

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Clifton A. Phillips  
Minister

Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland Hoyer, Supt.  
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M. Subject "A Great Preacher With Two Converts."

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M.  
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P. M. Special number by Choir. "His Wondrous Love" Service. Subject "What the Holy Spirit Means to Me" Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 P. M. Devotional Leader Mrs. Milton Houston, Study Leader, Wm K. Davis.

Oh come, let us worship.