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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

"The cockroach sat on the Editor's desk with a thoughtful smile on his face; Paste and scizzors; scizzors and paste, Just think of the energy going to waste."

What with moving a competitor's press and other things, we have had no time or energy to write for our own great family journal. It has been nine years since we tore down and set up one of those darned Duplex presses and for all that time we have done our best to forget all we knew about them, and when Bro. Hamilton persuaded us to help him move to a new building we soon found we had about succeeded. But will be with you next week.

P. T. A.'s View on New Gym Issue

For years each administration board of the local P.T.A. unit has been asked, urged, with now and then a bit of coercion thrown in, to sponsor the building of a playshed on the school ground.

Every one knew it was very much needed especially during the rainy season for the lower grades. Some units do undertake and carry out similar projects but that is something for school districts to handle not a duty of the P.T.A. All right, now comes the vision of a new gymnasium and if it materializes the old one will be used as a playshed, a much better building than any one small group could hope to erect. For such a blessing we could gladly forego the glory of being the donors.

Mrs. P. A. Tracy
(Publicity of P.T.A.)

Civic Club to Meet Wednesday

The Civic club will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon. Every one interested in the welfare of the community are urged to be present. Work is being done on the new club room for the club. Many things of interest will come up at this time. Don't forget Wednesday afternoon at the Library.

MARTHA BERRY SURPRISED BY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Ida M. Berry entertained 12 girl friends of her daughter Martha in honor of her 12th birthday this afternoon. The table was beautiful in pink and white, little pink paper baskets of candy being the favors, the center piece was a large white birthday cake with pink trimmings. It was a complete surprise to Martha the honor guest, who received many lovely gifts and wishes for many happy returns of the day.

The invited guests were Rose-Zella, Donna and Joanna Chinn, Norma Lee Marlon, Maxine and Louise Hale, Eleanor Pfaff, Patty, Buddy and Aleene Berry, Carolyn Lees and the honor guest Martha.

CORRECTION

Somehow Lara Lynch's name in the August 18th ad for the Craterian Beauty Shop was spelled wrong, and that was one time, that we hoped no one would read this ad in this paper. How such a colossal mistake could be made we do not understand. We are sorry.

What might have been a disastrous fire at the Sugar Pine Mill occurred Saturday night when an electric light bulb got covered with saw dust and started the saw dust pile afire only for the quick action of Waldo Britton, it would have been a serious one. Mr. Britton is one of three engineers, who work on the night shift in the dry kiln work.

Word was received from Lloyd Smith, who works in the Finley Implement Co. that he and his mother would start home the first of this month. Harry Powell has been working in Mr. Smith's place during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Mr. Tupper of Klamath Falls were guests at the W. A. Sheel home Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Parrish had a house full when about sixty people came Friday evening to the Manse for a house warming and pound party. A very good time was enjoyed.

LOCAL SCHOOL FACULTY READY FOR OPENING DAY

With the selection of Clara H. Goldwin, formerly a teacher at Phoenix, to fill the fourth grade position recently left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Mable Hansen; and James H. Overturf, a University of Oregon graduate, for science and public speaking, the Central Point Faculty is now complete.

The opening date is September 12th. Parents of first grade children are reminded of the pre-school examination for all children who will not quite be six years old when school opens.

Supt. Jewett will be in his office most of the time from now until the opening of school and may be consulted any time with regard to registration and entrance problems. Students in non-high school territory will again receive transportation allowances the same as last year. Central Point High School is a standard school and offers a wide range of subjects. Its students are accepted at all Oregon colleges without question. Courses are offered in home economics, typing, shorthand, algebra, geometry, physics, biology, general science, Latin, public speaking, physical education, band orchestra, and glee clubs.

Textbooks are furnished free for all pupils in the elementary school. All high school books may be rented for a small fee.

Following is a list of teachers and subjects taught:

H. P. Jewett, Algebra, Geometry; Ethel Fleischer, English; Mildred Ross, Home Economics, Civics; Kenneth Hulbert, World History, American History, Shop, Physical Education; Martha Boshears, Typing, Shorthand, Bookkeeping, physical education; James Overturf, General Science, physics, biology, public speaking, Harry Meyers, Band, glee clubs, orchestra. R. H. Gandee, grade school principal and eight grade. Robert Webb, seventh grade; Melba Putman, sixth grade; Laura Pastorino, fifth grade; Clara Goldin, fourth grade; Arline Estes, third grade; Marjorie Gregory, second grade; Mae Richardson, first grade.

LOCALS

Mrs. Willy and daughter Geraldine went in to Medford this morning where Mrs. Willy will receive treatment for a broken jaw and nose received in a car accident when she was driving with her mother Mrs. Eldon Connors near Murphy. Geraldine was thrown thru the car window and landed on her feet suffering no injuries. Mrs. Connors was injured on the steering wheel but has been unable to have an X-ray yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and Mrs. Nelson of Ashland were guests at the W. A. Sheel home Sunday, other guests from Ashland visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shell Wednesday were Mrs. Bill Mitchell and twin daughters Misses Madge and Marie Mitchell.

Mr. Clinton Purkaypile from Corvallis is expected to arrive in a week or ten days and his sister Mrs. John Ross will accompany him on a trip to Canada where they will visit relatives and friends.

On account of Labor Day Monday there will be no council meeting Monday evening the regular meeting will be held September 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarrell arrived Sunday from Portland and are visiting Mrs. Tarrell's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Minnie. Mrs. Tarrell's son Jackie Ruff has been visiting at the Minnie home for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Davis, Martha Sue and Betty arrived home Wednesday evening at 11 o'clock. Mr. Davis left Sunday at 11 P.M. and spent two nights and one day and had traveled 1200 miles when he returned here Wednesday night. Mrs. Davis had been visiting her parents in southern California for a month and a half.

Walter Sethers left Friday night for Glendale where he visited his parents, returning Saturday night. Mr. Sethers works at the Sugar Pine company.

Local Man Tells Reasons for Favor of Medford Water

MR. EDITOR—

Almost daily I am asked to express my opinion in regard to the proposed bond issue for replacing the water mains and for Medford water. In order that the voters may be fully enlightened on this momentous question, will you bear with me while I present a few facts, facts, which our new voters and residents should know that they may vote intelligently. It is not my intention to argue the question, or to misrepresent—by coloring the picture so as to prejudice our citizens.

At the time when our water and sewer systems were installed, and our streets paved the city council, encouraged by a chamber of commerce, made these improvements to take care of an influx of new settlers coming to the Rogue River valley. Miles of sewer and water mains were laid that were never needed. An inspection of our city will show over 200 vacant lots that are city owned and yielding no revenue. Remember we planned and advertised extensively that we would have 5000 people by 1915.

Basing our calculations on 5000 people, and to encourage folks to come to Central Point, our council established a water rate of \$1.00 for 3000 gallons and additional water at 20¢ per 1000 gallons, as a result our renters paid only \$1.00 per month and our civic minded home owners who prided themselves on beautiful lawns and fine gardens paid not only \$1.00 but sometimes up to \$10.00 or \$20.00 per month during irrigation season.

If we had 5000 residents today the dollar rate would take care of administration and also would have paid all our indebtedness which is \$22,000 still outstanding in bonds. It has been generally known that our water system does not pay for itself by approximately \$1,800 a year, so this amount was put on our general city tax levy, and was paid by the taxpayers unknowingly and every taxpayer complained at the high tax levy.

If the water rate had been \$2.00 instead of \$1.00 the difference in 25 years would have been used in tax reduction and our bonds would have been paid years ago. It is true and self evident that the renters would have contributed a considerable sum and the entire amount so paid would have been deducted from the property tax.

Margaret Dow arrived from San Francisco this morning and will make her home with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Koehler while attending school.

See Mrs. Margaret Hubbard for some of those beautiful lavender sticks which make ideal Christmas gifts at a small cost.

Miss June Wald arrived from eastern Oregon to attend school. She will make her home with her grandmother Mrs. Minnie Able until her folks come back. They go to eastern Oregon every summer.

The proposed plan of \$2.50 per 5000 gallons of Medford water will pay all expenses and leave a surplus every month liquidating in 10 or 15 years any reasonable bond issue. Remember this new indebtedness for Medford water will not increase taxes but will lower them under the new set up.

Remember the high tax rate has been burdensome to me and it is inconceivable that I would KNOWINGLY add one cent to our tax burden.

If we acquire Medford water at \$1.00 for each water user, which seems reasonable and cheaper than we can pump the 5000 gallons, yet for additional water we should ask for a 5¢ or 10¢ per 1000 gallons instead of 15¢.

My idea is that with a gravity system, it costs no more to run 10,000 gallons through the pipe line than to run 1000 gallons.

By inspecting our city, we find a dozen or more pumping plants, supplying lawns and gardens, thereby subtracting revenue from our city. We can not blame these citizens for reducing their water expenses. But suppose every property owner would do the same thing, where would we get the revenue to carry on and pay our old obligations?

If we can obtain a lower rate for large quantities of water, I believe these private pumping plants would not be operated.

It seems reasonable to believe that instead of 250 water users we will have more than 300 as every resident, between here and the Air Port connection, who has been contacted by this writer, expressed a desire to connect with our system if and when it is obtained. People living on Beall lane to the west would put a pipe line to connect with the proposed Central Point-Medford line.

The great problem in Central Point is that we need 200 families to acquire our vacant lots, to build home there on and in so doing they will help us bear our tax burden which is not so staggering. In order to accomplish this end I believe it is but a matter of good business to offer them inducements in the way of attractive prices for the vacant lots and the added inducement of "A MOUNTAIN SPRING IN EVERY HOME."

E. C. FABER.

Local Girl Injured In Car Accident

Charity Hart, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Hart of Central Point, is confined in Community hospital seriously injured, the result of an automobile accident on the Pacific highway near Seven Onks last Tuesday night about 8:15 which occurred when a front tire of a car driven by Earl Coss of Gold Hill blew out, causing the machine to upset and roll over several times.

Mrs. Bettie Coss, 16, wife of the driver of the vehicle, suffered a fractured right shoulder and is also confined in the hospital. Mr. Coss sustained only a few minor cuts and bruises.

At the time this paper goes to press Miss Hart is slightly improved and resting easier. Mr. and Mrs. Hart live on what was formerly the Sanderson home.

Shower Party Held For Local Girl

Mrs. Webster and daughter Ruby entertained with a shower last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Ernestine Thompson whose marriage to Pete Charley will take place in the early fall. Sixteen were present, eight of the girls graduated with Miss Thompson were there. Miss Thompson and three girls present Ruby Webster, Dorothea Hedgkoth and Arlene Thompson started first grade together and graduated at the same time. Ruby furnished dish towels and the guests embroidered them.

Sandwiches, cookies and punch were served.

The young couple plan to make their home in Eagle Point. Mr. Charley and Miss Thompson both work in the local cheese factory.

Lawn Party Held For Melody Smith

Last Thursday Mrs. Dale Smith entertained in honor of her daughter Melody's ninth birthday with a lawn party at the home of Melody's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stone. The invited guests were Joyce Morgan, Mary Lu Williamson of Beall Lane, Charlotte Richardson, Mary Jane Mathews, Helen Bloomstein, Donald Faber, Robert Kincaid, Jack Homer of the old Stage Road, Johnny Deuel and the honor guest Melody. Games were played and all had a jolly time. The table was beautiful with the big angel food birthday cake and paper cup filled with candy, toy balloons. Melody received many pleasing gifts which she enjoyed opening very much.

Mrs. Sharp is visiting her mother Mrs. Mues who is seriously ill at her home in Talent.

So what?—

Great thoughts reduced to practice become great acts.—Hadlitt.

Marshall Simmonds says he does not want Medford water because it will cut down his sale of soap and cleansing powder.

A man was fined in Medford for catching fish when he was just fishing for fun, even if he had bait on his hook. There are men in Central Point that fish for fish and don't get them, but they have the fun.

Homer Brown's dog coming down the street to meet him and acting as if he wasn't sure of a welcome.

Stanley Jones planning to buy a bicycle built for two.

Cars will not run without gas. Cars will not run without water. Cars will not run with the key turned off. Ask Mrs. Ray Vinson.

Lorraine Davis taking her mother to Medford with her to keep track of her stage ticket for her.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard thumbing her way to Medford.

Wonder why Pink O'Connor was walking on air today.

Arlene says the mothers can't take it. Visiting various mothers of her pupils she hear this remark many times "How glad I'm that school is starting. Now I can have some rest." Arlene says she has the children 9 months out of the year and the mothers only three months.

John Ross says he only knows one thing, that is, there is no fishing.

GRIMES FAMILY HOME FROM TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes accompanied by Grandma and Oliver left early Thursday morning to drive Mrs. E. N. Benjamin to Turlock, California. Mrs. Benjamin made her visit very much shorter than intended because of the very serious condition of her brother in Turlock. The Grimes' remained over night leaving Friday morning for home.

The harvesting of the peach and melon crop was in full swing in and around Turlock. Tons of peaches at 1/4¢ a lb. The cannery there has installed 50 electric pitting machines and fifty girls do what 350 girls have done other years.

On the way down south Mr. Grimes and party stopped for a tour of the Capital Park around the Capital building in Sacramento. There is 40 acres in this park, 5 city blocks long and two wide with trees from all over the world in it. One section has trees from all the battlefields of the South in it that was presented to the state of California by the G.A.R. ladies of California and Nevada in 1897. They stated that it was the most beautiful park they have ever seen.

Marine Corps to Enlist 1000 Men

The U. S. Marine Corps to have one thousand more enlisted men by end of fiscal year, according to information received from Postmaster Pankey.

Applicants enlisted to fill these vacancies will serve as replacements sent to China, Guam, Philippine Islands, Hawaii, and to Battleships, Heavy Cruisers, and Airplane Carriers of the United States Fleet.

To qualify, applicants must be young men at least 18 years of age; unmarried citizens of the United States; in good physical condition; between sixty four and seventy four inches in height. Accepted applicants must be of good moral character and must furnish letters of recommendation as to their standing.

Interesting literature describing service and opportunities with the U. S. Marines may be obtained from your Postmaster, or, it will be mailed upon your written request to the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, 268 U. S. Court House, Portland, Oregon.

READ FABER'S ARTICLE AND GIVE YOUR OPINION

Do no fail to read in this issue of the American the article handed in of the Central Point water question and then sit down and write your ideas and hand in to this paper no matter which side of the controversy you are on. It will be printed.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

REV. STANLEY PARRISH (Supply Pastor)

Phone 51

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

Morning Worship and Communion Services 11:00 A.M.

League for all 6:30 P.M.

Evening Services 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday afternoon Bible Class 2:30 P.M.

Tuesday evening church board 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday evening Prayer Service 7:30 P.M.

Thursday afternoon Berean class party at Mrs. Wm. Hilkey.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister

Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "Jesus Speaking in The Old Testament." Special number by Chow.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.

Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Phillips will speak on "Heaven."

The mixed quartette will sing for this service.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Devotional Leader Alvin McQuigg, Study Leader Mrs. Cornutt.

The high school class will assemble at the Church on Friday, Sept. 2 at 6:45 P.M. to go out for a social.

