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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, it's all over but the shouting—and so far as we are concerned there isn't going to be any shouting. The "Great Grand Jury," as L. A. B. used to call it, has spoken, and while we had hoped for a more decisive majority, still it WAS a majority and the people have had a fair chance to express their will. That is the main thing this writer has been fighting for and at long last our endeavors have been rewarded. Now let's forget it and get to work to carry out the said wishes and to make the best use possible of the new system when it comes. Of course, it is still up to the PWA whether or not the proposition goes through.

We wish we could say some things to lay the fears of those who still believe the adoption of this system will work great harm to our home owners. We have stated before, but will repeat again—IF THE NEW SYSTEM IS HONESTLY AND FAIRLY ADMINISTERED, THERE WILL BE AMPLE INCOME FROM WATER RENTALS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL EXPENSES OF OPERATION AND ALSO PAY THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON THE ENTIRE BONDED DEBT FOR WATER. This doesn't mean the new system will pay off ALL the debts of the city, but it does mean it will take care of the WATER bonds. And that is all that should be expected of it.

But there are a number of things we wish to explain about the way the Medford water is to be brought to this city—that is, if the plans as partly made by the engineer and the Medford water commission are carried out. These plans call for the laying of a 10-inch main from the intersection of the Midway road with the Old highway to connect directly into the mains of the city at the city limits. At the other end this main will connect to the present 8-inch main which in turn connects with a 10-inch main at a point just south of the railroad crossing of the Medford Corporation tracks beyond the Pine Cone. This 8-inch main carries a pressure of about 100 pounds.

It is believed by the engineers in charge of the Medford water system that this main will supply all the water needed by this city, but in case it should prove inadequate, it will be up to the city of Medford to lay a new main for this short distance at their expense, not ours.

Now as to the use of the old well and pump as an emergency supply in case the Medford water should ever be shut off. (By the way, just what has been the city's emergency source of supply if anything has happened to the big well during the past twenty-five years? If there is any law which requires such a thing, how has it been gotten by all this time?) We took this question up with one of the best qualified engineers we knew of and his answer was that he did not know of any law in the matter but that he believed it would be good policy to keep the well in good condition and the pump in working order. Not that he believed it would EVER be needed, but that no one could foresee "Acts of God" and it MIGHT come in handy. But as to being compelled to use it to such an extent as to cost the city any large amount, he was sure such would not be the case.

Now folks, let's not let this matter be a cause of strife and bitterness. So far as this writer is concerned, we hold nothing against those who have not agreed with our opinions. These people have just the same right under our Constitution to have their own opinions that we have. And just because they do not think as we do is no reason for us to hold hard feelings against them. Bless their hearts, they are still our neighbors and we hope, friends. Let's stick together for the old town and do the best we know how to make this town the "best little town in the state."

We are told that applications for the purchase of five city lots have been received since the election the other day. It seems to us that it is good business to dispose of as many of these old lots as soon as possible, even if the city does not get the full amount of the old assessments which they have held for years against these lots. The more of this city property we can get back on the tax rolls so as to be bringing in revenue instead of lying idle and doing nobody any good the better for the city. The more we increase the assessed valuation within the city the easier it will be for the council to lower our tax rate. As long as the city retains these lots they will do nobody any good and the city will lose just that much in taxes. We would be better off if we even gave them away, provided we gave them to parties who would build homes on them.

The onion harvest is on. If in doubt walk by the old Tice buildings and take a sniff. So far about 2500 crates have been placed in the warehouse by Mr. Harry Dunn and Otto Bohmert, who have 2 1/2 acres of the toothsome bulbs. Other onion growers of the valley are busy with the harvest.

## CITY COUNCIL MAKES OFFICIAL ELECTION REPORT

The city council met in accordance with law Wednesday evening for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the recent special election. The official certificate of the result of the vote on both propositions was read by the city recorder. Two resolutions had been prepared by the city attorney and were read to the council. One resolution stated the result of the vote on the question of laying new water mains as shown by the certificate of the election board was as follows: That there were 211 votes cast on this question, with 26 voting "Yes" and 185 voting "No", making a majority against the measure of 159 and therefore the measure was declared not adopted. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The second resolution gave the result of the vote on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$18,000 to finance the construction of a connecting main with the city of Medford as follows: That there were 235 votes cast on this question, with 132 voting "Yes" and 103 voting "No", or a majority of 29 for the measure, which was declared duly passed and adopted. The vote on this resolution was then taken by roll call and the result was: Boushey, yes; Finley, no; Hesselgrave, yes; Milton, yes; Myers, no; Ross absent. Just why there should be any question as to the correctness of one portion of the election when all believed the other part was correct is a question which is puzzling many citizens.

Following the adoption of the resolutions two proclamations were signed by the mayor stating the official result of the election. These proclamations were ordered posted as required by law.

The council then took up the matter of delinquent water bills and after some discussion voted to instruct the water superintendent to notify all parties more than two months in arrears that unless their bills were paid off within five days, the water would be turned off.

There being no further business, the council adjourned to meet September 28, at which time the annual budget will be discussed.

## Local Man Wed In Medford Sunday

Miss Winifred Roseborough became the bride of John Merritt Sanderson last Sunday at the First Methodist church in Medford.

Bridesmaids were Miss Ardye Lindley and Mrs. Donald Hinthorne. Mr. Russell Roseborough acted as best man and ushers included Donald Hinthorne of Ashland and Donald Patterson of Central Point.

Mrs. Sanderson is a graduate of Medford high school and of the Southern Oregon Normal school in Ashland. For the past year and a half she has been employed at the California Oregon Power company in Medford.

Mr. Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, is a graduate of the Central Point high school and attended the Ashland Normal school. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Merritt, pioneer family who for many years was prominently associated with the business and social life of the Rogue River valley. At present he is associated in business with his father in Medford.

Following the wedding rites a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roseborough on West Main st., to which thirty guests were bidden. Decorations of rose gladiolas and garden flowers were about the rooms and a table center piece of white and pink asters were attractive. The bride, in traditional manner, cut the first slice of the wedding cake after which it was served by Mrs. J. W. Smylie. Mrs. W. W. Walker presided at the punch bowl. Others assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Charles Taylor, Miss Frances Arnsperger, Miss Bertha Arnsperger, and the bridesmaids, Miss Lindley and Mrs. Hinthorne.

The couple left by motor car after the reception for a wedding trip to Carmel and San Francisco and other bay area points of interest. The bride wore a going-away ensemble of a three-piece gray suit with navy blue accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Upon their return to Medford the couple will make their home in Everett Court.

## Club Will Serve Dinner Tomorrow

The Civic club will serve a chicken and noodle luncheon Friday September 23 at the Library. Every one should be out. For only 25¢ you will be served with chicken and noodles, sliced tomatoes, jelly, rolls or bread, pie and coffee, and more than that, the proceeds will be used to make your town a pleasanter place to live.

## New Mains Lose, Medford Water Wins in Election

At the special bond election held Saturday for the purpose of voting on the question of levying \$29,500 in bonds for the purpose of laying an entirely new water distribution system in this city and also to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$18,000 to lay a connecting main to connect with the Medford water system a very light vote was cast. Out of 392 registered voters in the city, only 231 voted.

The first proposition to issue bonds amounting to \$29,500 to put in new water mains throughout the city was voted down by an overwhelming majority. The vote was, "Yes", 26; "No", 185. It is believed by many that this project to put in an entire new distribution system within the city was introduced on the ballot at this time for the sole purpose of confusing the issue regarding the Medford water and frightening the people into voting both propositions down.

The second proposition on the ballot was for the Medford water and the vote was fairly close. In fact it appeared as the votes were being counted that it might be a tie. But as the count drew to a close, the vote in favor of the Medford water gradually drew ahead and the final count stood, "Yes", 132; "No", 103, a majority of 29 in favor. Much interest in the result of the election was displayed, and a large crowd filled the room and stood about the door as the judges flashed the count. Thus the long-disputed

## Play to Be Given At Local Church Thursday Evening

Responsibility for the death of two young men, "Killed" during a "Spree" of a young man with liquor the cause, will be fixed by a jury hearing the murder trial, "Death Takes The Steering Wheel" at 7:45 P.M. Thursday night, September 29, in the Central Point Church of Christ.

Much local interest has been aroused due to the fact that twenty-one characters in the "Trial" are all Central Point Citizens with the exception of Mr. Hayward H. Johnson, who will take the part of the defense attorney and will direct the drama.

The local cast is as follows: Judge, Don Standish; Prosecuting Attorney, J. E. Vincent; Court Clerk, A. W. Ayers; Prisoner, Norman Hansen; Coroner, R. B. Merritt; Detective, Carl Haver; Sweetheart, Avis Ayers; Star Witness, Mrs. Ruth Hoyer; Bailiff, Ernest Kelly.

Summation on The Jury Milton Houston, Mrs. Erma Hedgpeth, Alvin McQuigg, J. N. Cornutt, Mrs. Edward Jones, W. K. Davis, Scott Darby, Wm. U. Hoyer, Mrs. Lettie Gregory, Mrs. Julia Etta Lacy, Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. Nora Hansen.

"Death Takes The Steering Wheel" is an actual reproduction of a "Murder" trial taken from court records. Admission will be free. A voluntary pledge offering will be taken. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mesdames Frank Lawrence, Webster, E. C. Faber, Clara Vincent, H. P. Jewett, Bonney and Hill are helping with the Community Chest drive this fall. Everyone be ready when you see them coming in. Help all you can. This money is used thru the Red Cross, Salvation Army and other worthy organizations to help the needy this winter.

question as to whether or not the people of Central Point desired to have the city council make a contract with the city of Medford for water has been settled.

The next move is up to the PWA officials as to whether or not the government will loan the money to the city as applied for. In case the loan is refused, the whole matter will be dropped and the bonds authorized will not be issued. If on the other hand the loan is granted, work will proceed at once to issue the bonds, draw up the specifications and call for bids for construction. We understand that the PWA has ruled that all projects granted this year must be ready to begin actual construction by January 1st.

Rumors are afloat about town of efforts being made by opponents of the Medford water project to block the carrying out of the plan through injunctions or petitions to the PWA to refuse to make the loan. Just what truth there is in the rumor is not known. It is hoped, however, that the will of the majority will be carried out. This is the true American way and should be followed here. The recent election was entirely legal and fairly conducted and all voters in the city had a chance to vote if they so desired. Having done so, it would seem that the will of the majority as shown by the election should be respected and the project allowed to go through without interference. America is founded on the proposition that the Majority Rules.

## Miss Erma Richardson & Jimmy Valentine Wedded Sept. 12

Miss Erma Richardson became the bride of Jimmy Valentine of Medford September 12 at Grants Pass. The bride was charming in a navy blue suit and a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Valentine needs no introduction to the Central Point people having been born here and grown to young womanhood here, graduating from the local grade school and later from the Medford High. Mrs. Valentine has many friends here who wish her and her husband many long years of happiness. Mrs. Valentine remarked that she is the happiest girl in the world. Mr. Valentine has been in business in Medford for the past 13 years.

The couple will leave the latter part of this week for a wedding trip to the north. They will visit in Seattle and Spokane and will return to Medford in a fortnight to reside at their attractive home on the Rogue river.

## Pioneer Association Meets October 6

The Southern Oregon Pioneer association will hold their annual meeting at Jacksonville on Thursday, October 6, according to a statement made yesterday by Senator Evan Reames, president of the association. The association holds their meetings alternately between Ashland and Jacksonville and this year it is the turn of the latter city to be host to the old pioneers.

The meeting will be an all-day affair, with a basket dinner and a program of speeches and music. County Commissioner Ralph Billings, a native son of Jackson county, will be the principal speaker. The program is in charge of Miss Alice Hanley, herself one of the few remaining early-day pioneers of the valley.

## Local People Lose Much Property in Sprague River Fire

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Book and two little daughters Norma Jean and Shirley left for Sprague River Sunday. Mrs. Book and daughters have been visiting Mrs. Book's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Merritt since the Sprague River fire September 8, which destroyed their home and all their furniture, except Mrs. Book's piano and clothes that happened to be in the laundry and on their backs and Mr. Book's suit, also their business. The Ideal Grocery was burned down. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merritt were also burned out at this time. The newstand being operated by Mrs. Merritt was burned to the ground but the records were saved. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Merritt went to Sprague River immediately as soon as they received word of the fire. Their family returned here with them. Mrs. Merritt and Mr. Book returned to look after their business. Mrs. Merritt had her books and receipts in a piano box, where she carried on until a place could be rebuilt. Mr. Book has a place now ready where his family can live. His little daughter Norma Jean attended school here during their stay. Mr. Book bought Mr. Walter Sinclair's furniture. Mr. Sinclair is foreman of the box factory at Sprague River. He moved his family back to Medford after the fire.

## Last Rites Held For Mrs. Muse

A large party of neighbors and friends gathered at the Conger chapel Saturday afternoon to pay their last respect to Mrs. Birdie Muse who passed away at her home two miles east of Talent last Friday morning September 16 at 12:30 A.M. Mrs. Muse was born in Case County, Nebraska June 30, 1886. She married Mr. T. A. Muse in June, 1903 at Moore near Oklahoma City, Okla.

Beaids her husband T. A. Muse, she leaves the following children: Mrs. J. A. Renfro of Seminole, Okla.; Mrs. C. A. Tharp, Central Point; Tracy J. Muse, Glendale, Ore.; Bradford Muse, Oakland, Calif.; Arthur Glen and Mary Muse of Talent and Alva F. of Tiller, Ore. Also one sister, Mrs. L. D. von Brunow of Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Muse was a fine friend and mother and she will leave a void that will be hard to fill. The family came to Jackson county six years ago and lived in the Tolo district until about ten months ago when they moved on a ranch near Talent.

The pall bearers were Jim Jones, Jo Collins, John Anderson, John Webb, Willie Davis and George Wright. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. E. Millard, interment in the Phoenix cemetery.

Jim Grimes left with Mr. Shephard from Medford last Friday noon for Corvallis where he will attend the Oregon State college. He is at the Beta Kappa this week. Jim's place in the community will be hard to fill and we know of no young man who will be missed more.

## So what? -

OPPORTUNITY  
They do me wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in;  
For every day I stand outside your door  
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Jackie Ruff who lived in Portland on a ranch near Central Point, refused to drink milk after he had seen the source.

Al Bendickson reports that he carries a Jug of Central Point water home with him every night.

Mr. Stone worried about his wife not marking the ballot right in our recent election and giving her minute instruction. On comparing notes with a fellow business Dale Smith, he discovered that they both voted or rather didn't vote against a certain measure that they intended to vote against.

Ask Mrs. Victor Bursell to give you a PWA hand shake.

Norma June Marshall looking real gamine-like with her toothless smile, never-the-less she has her second music book this term.

A joke we consider safe to tell now that Delbert Ayres is away to school. Years ago, when his little sister Avis didn't gain properly on her food, and had both her parents and doctor puzzled. It was discovered that her big brother was snatching her full bottle and returning an empty one.

Mrs. Spencer lending her eyes to Rev. Phillips last Sunday.

J. C. Woods being quite surprised on learning from a Medford paper that he attended a convention in Portland, when he didn't know he had been out of town.

W. A. Shell stating he was going to Germany and put a stop to the way they were carrying on.

Mrs. Beulah Faber may ask an audience some time to sing America. You may know the tune but what about the words? ? ?

## P. T. A. TO MEET AT AUDITORIUM SEPTEMBER 28

A Parent-Teacher reception to be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday, September 29, at 7:30 P.M. was planned at a recent board meeting. Mrs. Beulah Faber is in charge of the entertainment. Refreshments will be served under the direction of Mrs. Alta Kelly. All friends and members of the P.T.A. are invited. A special welcome is assured to new-comers and parents in non-high school districts whose children attend here.

Other matters taken up at the executive meeting were the serving of milk and graham crackers to the first grade pupils, discussion on hot lunches and new projects.

Mrs. Martha Booth submitted her application to prepare the hot lunch. Mrs. Holt appointed Mrs. Dale Smith with the treasurer Mrs. Gebhard and past treasurer Mrs. Donna Burns on the Finance and Budget committee.

As soon as all chairman of standing committees have been appointed their names will be given to the press, then anyone having suggestions and desiring to contact the different departments may do so. A reading table or book shelf has been promised where the publications pertaining to the work of the Parent-Teacher associations will be available to all for inspection.

A keen interest in this literature will keep one informed on all phases of their objectives and what they can and should mean to every body every where.

The first regular meeting of Central Point P.T.A. will be held on Friday, October 7 at 3:00 P.M. in the high school. A school of instruction will be held in Medford October 14. All chairmen should attend if possible.

## Radio Campaign Starts Tuesday Eve.

Mae Hoke, prominent Eastern Oregon wheat grower and president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, will open the radio-speaking campaign in behalf of the Oregon farmers' labor measure to stop racketeering and to regulate picketing and boycotting, over station KOIN, Tuesday night, September 27th at 9:45 o'clock, according to an announcement by Geo. N. Peck of Lexington, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League. In this initial radio speech which will be under the auspices of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, Mr. Hoke will discuss the need of this particular legislation from the viewpoint of agriculture.

Both the Oregon Farm Bureau and Eastern Oregon Wheat League are sponsoring this bill to stop labor racketeering and to regulate picketing and boycotting in conjunction with the Hood River Growers Club and the Associated Farmers of Oregon, Inc.

## Notice

The Central Point Health Unit will hold their annual rummage sale October 7 in the building next to the Shell Barber shop formerly The Mattress Shop. Donations of any articles, furniture, clothes and gadgets will be appreciated. Next week we will publish where you may leave your articles, or a phone number, where you may call and some one will come for same. The proceedings will be used in helping the needy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert have moved to the Louise Salade place on which they have a three year lease.

## The Churches

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lysale Rogard, Primary Supt.  
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Chorus by Choir.  
Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.  
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Special Number by Mind Quartette. Sermon subject "The Living Word". Prayer and Bible Study 7:45 P.M. Devotional Leader Mrs. Pearl Hoyer. Study Leader, Mrs. Milton Houston.

### THE FEDERATED CHURCH

REV. STANLEY PARRISH (Supply Pastor)  
Phone 51  
Bible School 9:45 A.M. Mr. Wm. Kamberg, Supt.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Junior and Senior Leaguers 6:30 P.M.  
Evening Services 7:30 P.M. Tuesday afternoon Bible Study and Prayer 2:30 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service 8:00 P.M.  
The Sunday School board met at the Manse Tuesday evening for the monthly meeting.  
Thursday afternoon a group of ladies went to the home of Mrs. E. C. Richmond to string beads to send to the Indian workers in Arizona. The Missionary Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. C. Grimes Thursday afternoon.

## THREE MEN ON A HORSE

