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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Politics is a ticklish game, folks. Pity a poor country editor. Take the race for sheriff, for instance. This writer has known Syd Brown for many, many years. And we never cared a darn whether he carried the Democratic label or not. He was just a good friend of ours. Then the darned cuss went and got himself elected sheriff as a Democrat. Now he is asking us for support to be re-elected. How can we, after all we have said about sticking to the GOP, put in a good word for a Democrat? But we will say this—we still like you, Syd, and believe you have made a very good official and we shan't lose a bit of sleep if you are successful. In fact, we kinda have a sneaking hope you win. Don't shoot, fellows!

And then there is the case of our neighbor, who lived across the alley from our old home in Medford for about twenty years. "Jim" Stewart. The whole Fowell family except the old man has worked in Jim's honey house at one time or another. We loaned all sorts of things to each other across the back yard fence, as neighbors will; laughed at each other's joys and wept at each other's sorrows, while both of us began to show the "snows of many winters" on our heads. And it didn't make a bit of difference that Jim was a lifelong Democrat and we Republican.

"We have eaten your bread and salt."

"We have drunk your water and wine..."

And now that you are asking that we help you in your race for Justice of the Peace we are going to amend our advice of last week to our Republican friends to Vote "or straight" and slip in a good word for you. We know your ability, your character and your qualifications and can unhesitatingly recommend you for the office. We haven't a thing against Friend Bill Coleman, but we can't boost both men at the same time.

We have known for many years that newspaper folks were in a class by themselves. But we heard a new one this week. One party when asked whom she was going to vote for for mayor said she didn't think it fair for the writer to run for that office, because he had a newspaper! Just for fun we looked over the old records in the city hall this week and find that the city has had dry goods merchants, hardware men, general merchandise store owners and the like for mayors for the past forty years. So why not try a newspaper man for a change? At least he should be able to write his own proclamations.

How do we wish these secretaries and such from Washington would mind their own d---d business for a change. We find no fault with the President for expressing preferences in regard to whom shall be sent to Congress. Only through the cooperation of Congress can any President hope to carry out his program and it is entirely natural and proper that he should want men in that branch of the government who will support that program. But when the Administration tries to tell the people of Oregon whom to elect for their own Governor, that is going entirely too far. What in heck do they know about Oregon anyway?

We hope our folks will show Washington we are going to elect whom we will and be handed to them. And we sympathize with that doughty old warrior, Governor Martin, for his hostile attitude toward Secretary Ickes and "Ma" Perkins. And Charlie Sprague is no "Yesman" for anybody either. More power to both of them!

We fear some of the youthful bicycle riders of this town are going the sidewalks up toward the gym and with no lights at night. They have been warned enough and the first thing they know they are going to have their wheels confiscated. And another bad habit of some of the young idiots of the town is the constant breaking of street light bulbs. The authorities are getting mighty tired of these things and are going to be extremely hard-boiled when they catch the offenders.

The sidewalks of the town are intended for people afoot alone, not for bicycle paths. And also the old highway street (Fourth St.) from Faber's store to the high school is a street, not a footpath, and is intended for the use of vehicles. We urge the parents of all school children who have to travel that street in order to get school to use their authority (if they have any) to compel their children to walk along the path at the side of the street when going to and from school and not on the pavement, where they are in constant danger. Children have no place on a paved street where cars are traveling.

Rites for Frank H. Reum, who died of a heart attack at his Medford home last Thursday, were held at the Perl chapel last Saturday. Mr. Reum was owner of the gladioli gardens, where a number from Central Point worked in helping to harvest the bulbs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meek of Rogue River have moved into the Hatfield house.

DRIVE STARTS FOR MORE MEMBERS OF LOCAL P.T.A.

During the week of October 24-31, all persons interested in child welfare will be invited to join the Parent-Teacher association. The dates have been officially set aside as "national membership week." The national organization numbers nearly two and a quarter millions. In the forty-one years since its beginning it has become a great power in promoting intelligent cooperation between the home and the school.

Objects of the organization are: First, to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community; to raise the standards of home life; to secure laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

Second, to bring into closer relation the home and the school that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child, and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Oregon's goal for 1939 is 30,000. The goal for Jackson county is 1500. Enlist with your local P.T.A. unit during enrollment week, thereby helping both Jackson county and the state to "go over the top" in their enrollment. Believe in your association, make it worth while, give of your best to it, make it fill a real need, and so help it to grow in interest as well as membership.

Central Point Parent-Teacher association has an enrollment of eighty-five members. They sponsor the boys and girls scout troops and cub packs. They furnish wafers, straws and napkins for the first grade as a supplement to their morning glass of milk. They will supply milk for those who are unable to bring it.

Another project is the hot lunch served during the rainy and cold weather, the price is three cents a cup. An experienced and competent woman and member of the P.T.A., Mrs. Martha Booth, has been engaged to cook and manage the kitchen and dining room in the basement of the grade school building.

We would like you and you and you to join us—Our National Congress of Parents and Teachers has an enrollment of 2,322,218 members. Our objectives are the welfare of all children and a co-operative and appreciative attitude between home and school. But, whether you are a member or not you are invited to all meetings, and, especially to "Dad's Night" meeting on Thursday evening November 3rd at 7:30 o'clock.

In connection with this evening of fellowship will be a pound party to help with the hot lunch project.

If you wish to be an active member see Mrs. M. A. (Bud) Adams, chairman of membership committee.

Faculty Group Meets To Honor Richardsons

The attractive new home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson at Table Rock was the scene of a surprise, house warming party on Monday evening of this week, the guests being teachers of the grade and high schools.

Mr. Jewett, acting as spokesman, presented Mr. and Mrs. Richardson with a fire-screen.

The evening was spent playing Chinese checkers. Refreshments were served at a late hour.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer, Mrs. Ross, Miss Boshars, Miss Gregory, Miss Estes, Miss Patterson, Miss Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farra arrived Wednesday morning, called here, to be with Mr. Farra's father, who is seriously ill.

Don't forget the cooked food sale and luncheon Saturday, October 29, at the library.

Mrs. A. J. Milton is visiting in Klamath Falls, having taken her granddaughter, Barbara, home to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hale.

A number of ladies drove to Eagle Point today to attend a reception given the local Civic club by the Eagle Point club.

Herbert Crowder is spending a three-weeks furlough with his mother, Mrs. O. M. Minnick. He is connected with the Army Engineers and stationed at Fort Barry in San Francisco Bay.

Mr. O. O. Hatton, who was a former resident here, has returned to make his home here, called back by our fine climate. Mr. Hatton traded his ranch near Central Point for California property.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine enjoyed a reunion dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Swartz Sunday.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Ruth Haley in the Christian church Sunday afternoon.

Valley Youth Is Fatally Wounded On Hunting Trip

Harry Gallup, 26, of the Old Stage road, died at the Community hospital Wednesday morning at 6:15 as a result of a gunshot wound inflicted by the youth's father while supposedly shooting at a deer.

The young man, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Gallup, was shot through the stomach by his 50-year old father while they were hunting in the brushy and timbered country three miles north of the Greensprings highway, between Johnson Prairie and Moon, Prairie in the Cascade mountains. The tragedy occurred at 3 p.m. Tuesday, death coming 15 hours later.

In the hunting party also were John Niedermeyer and his nephew, Don Niedermeyer, local high school graduate, both of the Old Stage road. Young Gallup, before his death, assumed all the blame for the accident.

Civic Club to Hold Luncheon and Sale

The ladies of the Civic Club will hold another of their famous luncheons Saturday, October 29, at the library, starting at 11:30. You will be there, of course—everyone interested in Central Point will be out. The following menu will be served: Hash, (or meat loaf, if desired), mashed potatoes, apple and cabbage salad, coffee and cake.

In connection with the luncheon a cooked food sale will be held all day. Donations of any cooked food for the sale will be appreciated. Buy for your Sunday dinner.

Many Democrats Offer To Support Sprague

PORTLAND, Oct. 26—"Hundreds and hundreds" of democrats have promised support in the coming election because they have been driven from their party temporarily by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation, Charles A. Sprague, republican candidate for governor, told a radio audience over KOIN Monday night.

"Why have these faithful party workers turned in spontaneous revolt from support of their party candidate?" asked Sprague. "The answer is plain. They have revolted because they see their party captured temporarily at least by forces alien to democratic traditions and dangerous to the welfare of Oregon. They have seen the Oregon Commonwealth Federation, an organization which communists midwifed if they did not actually conceive, assume a commanding role.

"The Commonwealth Federation boasts of its success in boring from within the democratic party. Its August News Letter quotes from a letter from the executive secretary written from Washington: 'I won't report further; just now on the fruitful days in Washington except to say generally that they readily acknowledge the OCF as the chief front of the new deal in Oregon.'

"Again the News Letter says in urging payment of dues: 'Present sacrifice may mean future plenty. If we can elect to the governorship and to the state legislature candidates who have the spirit of the program sincerely at heart.'

"In other words the idealists are hungry for the loaves and fishes of office too."

"This Oregon Commonwealth Federation, which was shunned by such progressive leaders of the state as Senator Sam Brown and Senator Peter Zimmerman, and which was repudiated in stinging terms by leaders of the state federation of labor, now makes its drive to entrench itself in power through election of candidates it endorses. It is bending every effort to defeat me."

"The sturdy democrats of this state are democrats. They are not communists; they are not radicals. They resent this invasion of socialists into their party rank. That is why by the thousands they are voting for me for governor. They retain their party registration and are determined at the next chance they have to rid their party of these carpet-baggers who try to ride into power on the strength of an old and honored political label.

"I am not a red-baiter. I have fought for civil liberties and political toleration. I am merely relating the facts, facts which are well known to political leaders and deserve to be known by every voting citizen of the state. I want it understood that I am not the candidate of the Oregon Commonwealth Federation or the Workers Alliance.

"If the voters want a governor who owes his election to the support of those elements, they should not vote for me. Which way, Oregon? Shall we go forward on safe lines of progress, preserving old liberties and true American traditions, or shall we turn the state over to the radicals represented by the Commonwealth Federation and its allies, to whom the new deal program is but a stepping stone in the direction of state socialism?"

He explained that his father had told him to remain in a certain place, but that he had not done so. Instead, he had gone forward some yards and leaping on a fallen tree, had waved his gun. It was then that his father fired.

Harry, with his parents, had lived in Jackson county for the past seven years. He was graduated from the Eagle Point high school in 1936, where he was a star basketball player, the family having lived there prior to moving to the Old Stage road.

Besides his parents, Harry is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Cannon of San Francisco, and Mrs. Verna Hutchins of Clingo, Cal.

Funeral services will be held from the Conger Funeral parlors at 2 P.M. Saturday, the Rev. Joseph Knotts, officiating. Interment will be in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Past Matrons Meet At Dean Home

The Past Matron's club of Nevita Chapter O.E.S. met at the home of Mrs. Olive Dean on the Old Stage road Wednesday October 19 with 23 members present for a most delightful afternoon.

The acting hostesses Ethel Freeman, Alice Hanley, Gay Husband, Leta Kyle, Isabelle Leever, Mollie Neal, Elsie Martin and Agnes Head served a delicious desert luncheon consisting of hot tamales, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee. The tables and rooms were beautifully decorated with fall flowers and Halloween being the motif. Black cats and owl place cards with orange colored napkins and table covers, cassabas for flower bowls, made a striking picture.

All present extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dean for her generous hospitality.

Institute Scheduled 27th-29th in Ashland

An educational conference and joint teachers' institute is to be held this week October 27th to 29th at the Southern Oregon Normal school. All teachers are to attend. There will therefore, necessarily be "no school" for the students Thursday and Friday.

This year, because of increasing interest shown in dramatic activities in Southern Oregon, a complete drama program has been added to the institute. Various sections of the days will be devoted to the study of problems encountered by instructors of drama.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Downy, Jim O'Connors and Betty Laster and Orville Caster made hunting trip on Butte Creek and stopped at the Jolley home Sunday. They reported no luck.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Myers returned from a recent hunting trip with two fine deer. Verne Pendleton and Don Patterson were also lucky hunters and Mr. Myers hauled their deer home for them.

The right time to rehang your barn, Sugar Pine Shakes at Faber's.

So what?—

He who will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.

Scavengers around Monday night asking about a police badge and Mrs. Gander's little green frog.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard whispering a secret about Medford water to Roy Jones that made his hair stand on end.

Hatfield's woodpile being like Shigley's owl, the more the boys carried upstairs the more there was left to be carried up.

Archie Parker against Medford water and still Powell and Parker, friends. Parker being the only one against the Medford water, taking advantage of the open columns of the paper to express his reasons for not wanting the Medford water.

Delores Bohmert and Mr. Hatfield taking turns wearing a Halloween mask and chasing each other around the store.

A man coming up to Marjorie Yost's parked car and putting a huge carton of cigarettes in it and being informed that neither her or her husband smoked so he moved them into his own car.

Jerry Lathrop asking Lois Richardson her age as a new ruling has been made that all paper carriers have to be over eighteen.

Miss Lola Blackford having Roy Jones open a jug of apple cider for her that opened with a big bang. Everyone within hearing distance distance asking for a sip.

Notice

To all subscribers of The American: Next week (Nov. 3) we are putting out an extra coverage so the political pot can boil a little harder. The paper will cover this district thoroughly.

All candidates, both Republican and Democratic, who wish to take advantage of this coverage should arrange for space early. Copy for ads must be in our office by Wednesday evening.

We want to remind our Central Point readers that when we put out such special coverage we deliver your paper at your door, instead of through the postoffice. So look for the paper on your porch or in your yard before calling this office.

Miss Maryan Tucker Weds George Groat

Miss Maryan Tucker became the bride of George Groat at the Presbyterian Manse Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Stanley Parrish. The happy couple were accompanied by the groom's brother Jack Groat and wife. The bride was charming in a blue silk dress with matching accessories.

Mrs. Groat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odyse Tucker and has lived in Central Point for the past ten years, graduating from the local high school and has a host of friends to wish her happiness. Mr. Groat attended the university at Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Groat will make their home near Trail.

Dance To Be Given By Grange Saturday

The Ways and Means Committee of the Central Point Grange is sponsoring the second dance of the fall season October 29th. Music by Dickey's three piece orchestra has been arranged for.

There will be a door prize given away at this dance and other features in keeping with the season. Dancing from 9 to 12 and all persons enjoying a well supervised dance are invited to attend. A nominal door charge will be made.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister

All our Fifth Sunday services will be different during the coming year. This Service will open at 10:00 A.M. with the Bible School following the usual program, but all boys and girls are especially invited to attend the 11:00 A.M. Service. Carl Hoyer will preside over the Morning Worship, which will be conducted largely by the teachers of the five upper classes. J. Ed Vincent will read the Scripture Lesson, Mrs. Scott will offer the morning prayer and Mrs. Cornutt will bless the offering. The Houston-Cornutt Quartette will represent the Keystone class and Mrs. Bursell will pronounce the benediction. Roland Hoyer and Mr. Phillips will give short talks on Bible Teaching. We are urging you attendance at this service.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. At 7:30 P.M. the pastor will have some very definite things to say about the coming election, and will show what the Christian Position is on High School Dancing.

On Wednesday 7:30 P.M. we will unite with the Federated Church for our Prayer Service, and are urging your Prayers for our State and the good of our Nation and especially for The Church of Jesus Christ.

Come! Worship with us in all these services!

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

REV. STANLEY PARRISH (Supply Pastor)

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Bible School 9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Sunday Evening Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.

Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Sunday 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 8:00 P.M.

The Christian Church will unite this Wednesday evening with the Federated Church for prayer service and following the two groups will discuss important issues in the coming election.

The church board meets Tuesday 8:00 P.M. in the pastor's study.

Ladies' Aid, Thursday 2:30 P.M.

A good time was had at the last meeting of the Ladies' Aid. Two big birthday cakes and punch was enjoyed by the sixteen ladies present. The occasion honored Mrs. Louise Ayres and Mrs. Pearl Nichols, who are twins, in that their birthdays are on the same day, October 21. Mrs. Mary Langston and Mrs. Louise Grimes were also honored at this gathering, as their birthdays fall in October as well. A quilt was tied for Rev. and Mrs. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish invited the young people to the manse after the church Sunday evening for a slag and refreshments. Plans were discussed on how to make our church a place where the young people of the community would take interest and have a church home.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS ENJOYABLE MEET TUES. EVE

Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, at which time the Past Worthy Matrons and Past Worthy Patrons of the Chapter were honored. During the regular meeting the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Clara Vincent, welcomed Mrs. Nellie McGowan of Medford, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and also Mrs. Zenda Sanders, Worthy Matron of Reames Chapter No. 66 of Medford, Mrs. Lela Shores, Worthy Matron of Adarel Chapter No. 3 of Jacksonville and Dr. Lloyd Sanders, Worthy Patron of Reames Chapter No. 66 of Medford. Under the good of the order the Worthy Patron, Harold Head, took charge and all guests present spoke a few words of greeting to the members and complimented the officers for their work.

After the meeting a group of the officers and members led by the Worthy Matron and Patron entered the Chapter room and built a "Fenes of Love" around the Past Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Each of whom was presented with a "red rosebud of love." The unique characterization was concluded with a candle lighting ceremony and a beautiful square march. The ladies all wore formal of white and pastel shades lending much to the beauty of this part of the program. Those taking part were: Mrs. Clara Vincent, Mr. Harold Head, Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman, Mr. Leonard Scott, and Mesdames Beulah Faber, Margaret Swing, Gladys Jewett, Marjorie Pena, Lilly Holt, Edith Stimpson, Lolita Massey, Marie Stone, Bertha Bonney, Ethel Jones, Edith Scott, Etta Purkeypile, Stella Anderson and Miss Roberta Pankey.

The Chapter rooms were especially beautiful with decorations of fall flowers and shrubs. Large baskets marked the star point stations and those of the principal officers; while low bowls of chrysanthemums decorated the Conductresses' pedestals and the Secretary's desk.

At the conclusion of the special ceremony all adjourned to the dining room, where the Worthy Patron again took charge and gave each Past Matron and Patron an opportunity to speak. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norcross, First Patron and Second Matron of the chapter, were given the honor places at the table. Mrs. Norcross received and cut the beautiful Birthday Cake presented for the occasion by the Worthy Matron. The cake, bearing 30th Anniversary Greetings, was decorated with red rose buds and in the heart of each was a pearl. Place cards carried out the same rosebud and pearl motif, marking thirty years since the founding of Nevita Chapter.

White tapers in double crystal candleholders were effectively used on either side of the Birthday Cake in the center of the honor-guest table. Bowls of rose, yellow and white chrysanthemums flanked with white tapers in crystal holders were used intermittently on the other tables.

All arrangements were worked out by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Clara Vincent, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman and Mrs. Beulah Faber.

Past Matrons and Past Patrons present included: Mesdames Lola Norcross, Bertha Bursell, Winnie Cook, Agnes Head, Mollie Neale, Elsie Martin, Elizabeth Faber, Isabel Leever, Elizabeth Scott, Lella Paxson, Beta Pankey, Inez Ferguson, Mabel Bennett, Mildred Ross, Esther Sanderson, Gladys Beebe, Sadie Kohler, Ethel Freeman, Leta Kyle, Della Tex, Minnie Clark and Mess's W. H. Norcross, H. T. Pankey, B. L. Sanderson, Elmer Kyle, Everett Faber and Ed Vincent.

Other guests present for the evening included: Mrs. Nell Fick and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Todd of Adarel Chapter of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Hattie Alden, Miss Gertrude Weeks and Mrs. Meta Gilbert of Reames Chapter of Medford.

Deadline Near For Farm Buying Loans

Jackson county tenant farmers, expecting to file applications for farm purchase loans under the Bankhead-Jones tenant act, have only three days left, reports Eugene Hampton, county supervisor. Farm Security Administration, 211 Fishler Building, Medford.

With the deadline set for Monday, October 31, applications have been filed with the county supervisor who serve as secretary of the county tenant committee. When applications are closed, they will be turned over to the county tenant committee composed of T. S. Wiley, Otto Bohmert and Earl Ulrich, all of Jackson county.

The committee will examine all applications, appraise farms applicants propose, to purchase and recommend applicants who have the character, ability, and experience deemed necessary for successful farm ownership.

Loans will be limited and the allotment of \$92,915 for Jackson and Lane counties is expected to provide for from six to eight tenants in Jackson county to become farm owners during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1939.