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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Thanksgiving! What a world of meaning there is in that one word! And how much the people of America have to be thankful for. As one watches the news dispatches from all over the world one sees more and more that this nation has been singularly blessed above all others in so many ways one can hardly count them. Divine Providence surely has had a major part in the development and growth of our country. And on this special occasion—and every day, for that matter—let us raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him who has made all this possible.

And as we sit down today to our feasts, why not look around the neighborhood and see if there isn't someone more needy than ourselves—some child who never knows the meaning of such good things to eat—and divide with them. Let's not have it said that there was a single person in our city who didn't have something special to be thankful for this year on Thanksgiving Day.

The writer can look backward for nearly sixty years of celebrating Thanksgiving. And each year we find more and more evidences of a loving Father's care to be thankful for. Today we are thankful for health, strength, a will and an opportunity to work, for friends and loved ones, shelter against the cold of winter, and so many other things we won't even try to name them all. Just last night we sat before the fireplace with only the light of the blazing logs and dreamed. And as we gazed into the heart of the fire we saw reflected other scenes and other places; other Thanksgivings and gatherings. And we felt how good the Master had been to us in it all. And as we finally retired to our rest we did so resolving to be more worthy of that goodness in the future.

It's going to be a mite lonesome in the old home this holiday time. For the first time in 20 years our "Sunshine Girl" is going to be out of the home nest. Hope she will have a joyful Thanksgiving in her far-away home in Montana. Bet she would like a bit of "Mom's" cooking today, anyway.

Enjoyed a brief visit from Charlie Furnas in our sanctum the other day. Mr. Furnas happens to be mayor of Medford and is working with all his might to bring about a division of the gasoline tax money now going to the state highway department so that a portion of such funds may be allocated to the cities of Oregon to be used for street maintenance. The League of Oregon Cities is sponsoring such a move and will have a strong lobby in Salem this winter to bring the matter before the legislature.

This looks like mighty good business to us. City streets constitute a sizable portion of the state highway system. Right here in our own little town our one paved street gets a lot of wear and tear from trucks moving from one state highway to another. When that pavement wears out, unless the present system is changed, it will be entirely up to this city to pay for repairs. There is nothing unfair about the idea that a small portion of the gas tax every car owner in the city pays should not be returned to the city to help keep up our streets.

Of course, if this re-distribution of the gas tax money would endanger the federal aid funds under the Hayden-Cartwright act, that would be something else again. But as we see it, giving part of this money to the cities for street maintenance could no more be called a "diversion" of such funds than using them on different roads throughout the state would be. And with the ever-increasing sums being received from the tax on gas, we do not feel that the small amount asked for by the cities would cripple the highway program of the state.

Stole a few minutes off the other day to watch the men move the old section house along the S. P. right of way. Some job! It wouldn't have been so bad last summer, but since the rains have softened the ground the wheels don't move so easily. But patience and a lot of hard work still accomplish wonders, even to these "Rednecks" here.

## P. T. A. SPONSORS LARGE NUMBER OF SCOUT TROOPS

Mr. Irving P. Bessley, Scout Executive for Crater Lake Area council, Boy Scouts of America, gives the following statement with regard to the sponsoring of Scout troops and Cub packs by Parent-Teacher Associations:

"The Parent Teacher association has been reported to the Congress of the United States through the last Annual report of the Boy Scouts of America, as being on record for the sponsorship of 1,947 out of a total of 35,000 Boy Scout troops in the United States. This is an excellent achievement and reserves high commendation."

"The program of Scouting has as its objectives: CHARACTER BUILDING, CITIZENSHIP TRAINING, and LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. Is there any program in the world more applicable than that of Scouting to the principal objective of the Parent Teacher Association, namely: CHILD WELFARE? This undoubtedly accounts for the Parent Teacher Association's interest in sponsoring Scouting units. Today, our schools, for the most part, are doing a very commendable work during the six or seven daylight hours which they occupy Youths' time. How about the five or six hours of daylight time spent outside of school, not to mention the evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays, when our Youth is free to do just as they please. Of course, the church and the home each play a very important part in the partial use of Youths' leisure time. How much of their leisure time is used in constructive programs?"

"Please take a few minutes to ponder upon the thoughts which are worthy of the time and consideration of every institution in America which is interested in youth. 'The finest prison built is but a monument to neglected youth!' What are we doing about it? We must all admit that it is easier and much less expensive to BUILD men than to MEND men. Is your unit of the P. T. A. numbered among the 1,947 units which are using the Boy Scout program to assist the home and the church in the constructive use of our Youths' leisure time?"

"The Crater Lake Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America serves to counties of Southern Oregon, Jackson and Josephine, and Siskiyou county of Northern California. In this area we have forty-six units divided as follows: Thirteen Cub packs, serving boys nine, ten and eleven years of age; thirty Scout troops, serving those boys twelve years of age and older; and three Seniors units for boys over fifteen years of age. Of these forty six Scouting units, eight by American Legion posts, seven by Service clubs, five by churches, and five by granges. Hats off to the Parent-Teacher Associations! They lead the list."

"Grammar School Parent-Teacher Associations are ideal sponsoring bodies for Cub packs with boys nine, ten and eleven years old. Junior High School Parent Teacher Associations should sponsor Scout troops and Senior units with boys and young men twelve to fifteen, and fifteen years of age and older. The Parent Teacher Association wishes to emphasize that Boy Scouts, Cubs and their work may be seen at the Scout Rally to be held at the Medford High Gymnasium, Friday, November 25, 1938, at 7:29 P. M. Scouts, here's to you!"

Medford HI is to play Ashland today on the latter's grounds. Illness and injuries has caused some inroads into the Medford lineup, but Coach Bill Bowerman hopes to take his team's traditional enemy into camp in spite of all.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes left this morning for a short Thanksgiving visit with their son Jim at Eugene, where Jim has a job in an associated service station and is attending the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Johnson of Earlimart, Calif. stopped for a short visit with their nephew Mr. Joe Woodcock on their way to Gold Hill to spend Thanksgiving with their son and family.

## FOR THESE WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL



## Move Underway To Bring Portion Of Gas Tax To Cities

HILLSBORO, Nov. 21—No penalty will be incurred by the state of Oregon by participation of the cities and towns in a share of gasoline and motor vehicle tax revenues for street maintenance purposes, according to George McGee, city manager of Hillsboro.

McGee is chairman of the committee of the League of Oregon Cities which will go before the 1939 legislature seeking approximately \$860,000 out of the total revenue of \$14,000,000 to be used for repair and maintenance of city streets.

"There seems to be the impression in some quarters," McGee said, "that the use of gasoline tax revenue for city streets would constitute diversion of road funds and that Oregon would be penalized in federal aid funds under the Hayden-Cartwright act. I cannot see why this question should continue to arise since the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the state highway department have stated repeatedly that allocation of gasoline tax revenues to street purposes would not constitute a diversion and would not penalize the state under federal regulations."

In assuring the League that such use of highway funds would not constitute diversion, as far as federal aid funds were concerned, R. H. Baldeck, state highway engineer, wrote the League: "The highway commission and the highway engineers have never considered the distribution of gasoline tax revenues to cities and counties solely for road and street maintenance purposes as a diversion of highway revenues under the definition of that term."

## Young People Enjoy Party and Feed

The king Messenger class held a party and Thanksgiving banquet in the basement of the Brick Church Tuesday evening. Forty members were present. The young folks had removed all the benches in the room and placed rugs around and floor lamps making the room into a very attractive place. The table was beautiful with autumn flowers and berries. The menu was as follows: beef broth with vegetables, spring salad, cheese bundles, roast turkey with mushroom sauce, dressing, potatoes au-gratin, macedoine of peas and carrots in butter, candied sweet potatoes, cranberries, jelly, rolls, pumpkin and mince meat pie, caramel sauce, coffee and nuts.

The program was as follows: Song by the girls' trio, Ruby Webster, Avys Ayres and Betty Parish; "Our Thanksgiving" by Stanley Parish; poem in dialect, "Yohann Street", by Wallace F. England; "Hill top visitors with Christ" by Mr. Dawes. After this there was group singing. This was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season.

Some opponents of the plea of the cities fear a raid on the highway funds might ensue but the League and the Association of Oregon counties have both pledged assurance they will resist any use of gasoline tax funds for other than road purposes. Some state have used these funds for general governmental expenses.

McGee, however, defended the right of cities to a just share in the revenues to maintain city streets which in many instances are going to ruin through inability of cities to increase general taxes for their repair.

"The principle that a part of the highway revenues should be shared by other governmental units which maintain streets and roads has been recognized in Oregon for many years, since counties have been sharing in highway revenues almost since the beginning," he said. "An extension of this policy to include city streets is absolutely necessary if there is to be an adequate maintenance system."

A recent survey by the highway department and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads recommended cities spend immediately \$1,914,263 to put the city streets in adequate riding condition. Such expenditure by the cities would be impossible under present tax structures, McGee said. The highway commission report said \$745,000 of the motor vehicle revenues should have been apportioned to cities in 1936 for street maintenance. Instead cities have never received anything, but are asking \$860,000 for 1939.

## Teachers' Sewing Club At Home of Mrs. Ross

The women teachers' sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Ross Tuesday night.

This is the second of these meetings which are to be held every two weeks.

Wives of the men teachers are invited to attend these meetings as well as women teachers.

After a very pleasant evening of sewing, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Fleicher and Mrs. Hulbert.

Those present were: Mrs. Richardson, Miss Gregory, Mrs. Goldin, Miss Pasterino, Miss Putman, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Hulbert, Mrs. Jewett, Miss Eyre, Miss Boshears, Mrs. Fleischer and Mrs. Ross.—Central Pointer.

## At Roxy Sunday

A change was made in the Roxy theatre program too late to go in their ad on page two. Instead of "Tropic Holidays" the show will be Robert Taylor and Margaret Sullivan in "Three Comrades."

## Junior Class Play Coming Dec. 2

PRODUCTION IS CULMINATION OF WEEKS OF HARD WORK IN REHEARSAL.

Plans are nearing completion for the presentation of "The Guest Room," a three act comedy by a junior cast on Friday evening December 2.

"Lottie Powers," played by June Furry, might be called the "silver cord" aunt, although there is no intentional malice in her domineering. She is rather an unfortunate spinster, who seemingly can only justify her own existence by managing other people's lives.

When the play begins, she has just buried Mrs. Elton, whom she had been caring for, and is searching for a new object of attachment.

Janet (Maxine Ayers), her young niece, engaged to marry Willard (Bill) Simms, (Glen Parks) as soon as he can afford it, assures her they could not possibly accommodate her in the small apartment they will have. So, her choice falls on Mrs. Martin (Maxine Moore), wealthy widow, who enjoys her aloneness in a large, well-run house.

Inviting herself for the night, Lottie becomes a year's guest, to Mrs. Martin's helpless chagrin. Insinuating herself into every cranny in the household, she almost succeeds in ruining its entire morale with her "helpfulness" till Constance Lessing (Theada Glass) and her husband (Kit Carson) come to the rescue and tell her she must leave.

Janet, now married to Bill, who has prospered, feels a keen sense of responsibility toward her aunt and decides she must come to live with them. Bill knows the danger and remains obdurate. But Aunt Lottie moves in with Janet, and Bill defiantly accepts a business trip to South America.

How these young people are finally reconciled is the problem solved in the final act.

Mario Glone and Keith Copinger have parts of servants to Mrs. Martin. Homer Myers is stage manager, and Clarence Hollingsworth, business manager.—Central Pointer.

## Miss Billings Honored At Shower Friday

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. A. B. Holt of Beall Lane entertained with a shower for Miss Ruth Billings, who is to be married soon to Mr. Frank Smith. They intend to make their home on Beall Lane.

Miss Billings received some lovely gifts. The afternoon was spent in sewing and playing games, after which refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mrs. Coy DeVore, Mrs. R. J. Hadley, Mrs. Clyde Williamson, Mrs. W. H. Holt, Mrs. Ron DeVore and son Michael, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Billings, mother of the honor guest, Miss Billings.

## So what?

All who joy would win  
Must share it—happiness was born  
a twin. —Lord Byron

We understand that some of the boys at the hobo party Tuesday night took off some of their lip when they removed their mustaches.

Roy Jones passing out compliments to Mrs. Doyle Mills, and Bob Merritt thinking Roy was telling him he looked so fine he didn't hardly know him.

Marshall Simmonds and Al Bendlekson out trying to outrun a chicken and going round and round.

The editor being offered a wild duck if he would take it home and clean it and turning the offer down.

Josee Richardson wanting some one to take a turkey dinner off his hands as he could eat only one at a time. Unlucky fellow.

Orth Miller's car having a very bad cold these days.

## Thankful

For good land  
Pure mountain water  
Best all-year climate  
Fine citizenry.  
Good improvement clubs  
Splendid roads  
Gorgeous vistas  
(With never a failure of crops.)  
**FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS  
BANK**  
(Deposits Insured)

## MINSTREL SHOW PLEASES MEMBERS OF EASTERN STAR

Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. of Central Point met for the regular meeting Tuesday evening November 22 in the Masonic Hall. At the close of the chapter meeting a group of "Colored Gentlemen" entered the room singing plantation melodies. Very soon "Joe", an old decrepit dandy, leaning heavily upon his gnarled and twisted cane, made his way to the stage singing "Old Black Joe." The minstrel show which followed was very cleverly arranged and presented. The interlocutor seemed to pry very deeply into the lives of his companions adding much to the situation. Sambo quite "regusted" with the inquisitiveness of Mr. Interlocutor got revenge by leaving him to hold his fishing pole while he pretended to get something, but in reality sat down and laughed at his helper.

The men of the Chapter were responsible for the very entertaining program and the refreshments that followed. Mr. Harold Head was in complete charge of arrangements. Those taking part in the program were: Interlocutor, Harold Head, assisted by Ed. Vincent, M. J. Swing, Hensley Holt, L. C. Scott, E. P. Stone and Everett Faber.

## Askwith Car Is Robbed in Frisco

Mr. and Mrs. William Askwith, who left for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn at Stockton (Mrs. Vaughn was formerly Genevieve Brown), were having a lovely visit when they received a telegram from Mrs. Askwith's father, telling of the death of Bing, their pet Chow dog who was run over by a truck, and died on the way to Medford veterinary. Bing was a great pet and a very valuable dog. All dog lovers know what it would mean to lose one in such manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Askwith left for home to be in time for the big annual family Thanksgiving dinner at Prospect and arrived at the Tex home a little after midnight Tuesday night. Dressed for the long drive home, with all their good clothes packed for the trip, they left the car for a short time at San Francisco. When they returned, the door had been jimmied and all their clothes stolen. Two suits for each of them, two of them new, and every bit of clothing they had with them, was gone. Top coats and all at least \$150.00 worth. Nothing else was taken, suitcases, robes, flashlight, etc. everything except clothes was left.

Mr. and Mrs. Askwith left Wednesday for Prospect. Mr. Tex will join them for the big dinner, this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marine entertained with a birthday dinner party in honor of Mr. T. A. Marine's birthday last Sunday. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mills and little son and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine.

## The Churches

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Bible school 10:00 A. M.  
Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.  
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M.  
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M.  
Subject "The Loneliness of Jesus"  
Special Music by Choir and a Trumpet solo by Alvin McQuigg.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Following the devotional period, Mrs. Phillips will review the past work. We urge every member of the class to be present.

Come! Let us work and pray for a great winter in The Lord's Work!

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Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.  
**REGULAR CHURCH SERVICE**  
Bible School ..... Sun. 9:45 A. M.  
Worship service ..... Sun. 11:00 A. M.  
C. E. .... Sun. 6:30 P. M.  
Evangelistic Service Sun. 7:30 P. M.  
Ladies Bible Study Tue. 2:30 P. M.  
Prayer meeting ..... Wed. 8:00 P. M.