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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

For nearly seven years the writer has sat down each week at the old typewriter to pound out something for this column. We have followed the doings of the national administration, the county officials, the city and the school district. We have tried to offer constructive criticism without prejudice, in the interest of what we thought was better government. But we are coming to the parting of the ways. No longer can we sit in judgment of the doings of others. Within the next few weeks we shall have the burden of city affairs on our own shoulders and can no longer hide behind the appellation of "Innocent Bystander".

While the task of preparing the copy for this column has at times been a strain, taking it by and large we have enjoyed the writing and hope we have done some good. If we have seemed at times to be altogether too officious and severe in our criticisms; if we have hurt the feelings of those who were doing what to them seemed best honestly to fulfill their obligations under their oath of office, we hereby offer our sincere apologies.

And we want to thank the many readers who have expressed appreciation of the aims and opinions as herein expressed. And while we feel it no longer appropriate to continue this column under its present heading we shall continue to present a weekly review of city and national affairs in some other form. Being no longer a bystander, but an active participant in the work of keeping our little city in the forefront as a wide-awake town and in making it a place in which people delight to make their homes, we shall make it our duty to keep our readers informed as to what is going from week to week.

## Eastern Star To Hold Xmas Party

Tuesday evening December 13th, Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. will hold its Annual Christmas Party. Members are asked to bring a child's gift, the cost not to exceed fifteen cents. The presents will be sent to the Shrine Hospital in Portland. A Christmas program including a short feature entitled "Love's Christmas Garden" by the Star Points, Associate Matron, Marshall and Conductresses. Christmas Carols will be presented by three. Carolers. The program committee is Mrs. Merritt Swing and Mrs. Everett Faber. The refreshment committee is headed by Mrs. Leta Kyle assisted by Mrs. Olive Dean, Mrs. Gladys Beebe, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott and Mrs. Edith Scott.

Of interest in the business meeting will be the Annual Election of Officers. All members are urged to be present and O.E.S. visitors are cordially invited.

## Illinois Lady Visits At Buckman Home

Mrs. Ella Rouen of Rockford, Illinois, arrived last week for a visit with her sister Mrs. Buckman, whom she has not seen for about 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Buckman received a telegram from Sacramento saying that Mrs. Rouen, who traveled by train, would take the stage at Dunsmuir. Mrs. Buckman and Mr. and Mrs. Scott met the stage and when Mrs. Rouen did not get off the stage Mrs. Buckman said that she did not come, but Mrs. Scott got a glimpse of someone's eyes still in the stage and she said "I saw her eyes, she is there". The conductor said yes he had a lady going to Central Point on the stage. So Mrs. Buckman went on the stage and brought her sister home with her. Mrs. Rouen, who recently lost her husband, plans to spend the winter here and may make a longer visit. She reports a grand trip over the Rocky mountain and snow everywhere, trees and brush all loaded with the feathery flakes. Mrs. Rouen was four days on the train.

Mrs. Carl Carlson received the sad news of the death of her brother in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Tuesday. Mrs. Carlson lives in one of the hotel cottages and her husband works for the Southern Sugar Pine Co.

Mrs. Milton of Rogue River, mother of Mrs. Owing and Mr. Milton is ill at her home.

## COUNTY BOARD SHASTA CASCADE HOLDS MEETING

The first meeting of the recently elected Jackson county council of the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association was held in the chamber of commerce building in Medford Monday evening. Karl L. Janouch, chairman, presided. Mr. Janouch is supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest.

The Shasta Cascade Wonderland association includes the six northern counties of California and three of the southern counties of Oregon. The aim of the association is to advertise the wonders of Northern California and Southern Oregon as a vacation land and to encourage tourist travel. Work is progressing rapidly on the new building on the grounds of the San Francisco world's fair which is to be occupied by the association next summer. Here will be exhibits from all the member counties, including Jackson, showing the many interesting features to be found in this section of the great West. Visitors to the big fair will have a chance to learn of the many wonderful sights so lavishly scattered throughout our beautiful land.

The object of the meeting Monday night was to formulate a program for the participation of this county in the association's work and to instruct the county delegate on the board of directors of the association just what this county wants in the way of advertising of its many interesting features. A committee was appointed, consisting of members from each section of the county, to arrange a list of every special attraction of interest to tourists, to be presented at the next meeting of the council. Also a committee on roads to formulate a road program.

Another meeting of the council will be held in the near future at which time it is expected a report will be made by the Jackson county director showing just what the association would like to have from this county in the way of cooperation.

## James W. Gilmore, Passes Friday Last

Funeral services for James Washington Gilmore were conducted at the Christian church last Monday afternoon in the presence of a group of relatives and friends. Relatives from out of town were: Mr. Gilmore's sons, Charles and wife from Portland and Charles, wife and two sons and their wives from Ashland. A very comforting service was held, many beautiful flowers testifying to the love and esteem in which he was held. Pallbearers were Messrs. Faber, Bursell, Settlemire, Beebe, Warner and Vestal.

James Washington Gilmore, 88, passed away at his home in Central Point early Friday morning from infirmity due to age. He was born in Alabama, May 30, 1850. He left his birthplace and went to Texas in 1873, where he was married to Cora Lee Litton, December 2, 1882. Coming to Salem, Oregon, in 1893, and to Central Point in 1901 he had resided in the latter city for the past 37 years.

Mr. Gilmore, who had followed farming all his life, was a member of the Baptist church since 1896. He leaves his wife, two sons and one daughter, Chalmers N. Gilmore, of Ashland, Ore.; Charles M. Gilmore, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. J. W. Burns, Central Point, and nine grandchildren, also nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Christian church in Central Point, Monday at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. W. A. Dawes, assisted by Rev. C. A. Phillips. Interment was in Siskiyou Memorial park.

## Carnation Club To Have Xmas Tree

Last Thursday the Carnation club held their covered dish dinner at Ethel McCoy's home with eight members present. The next meeting is at Betty Potters home with the Christmas tree as the main feature of the day. All members, please remember the date—December 15.

Mrs. Fry is very ill and the doctor was called to see her this morning.

## League of Oregon Cities Regional Meeting Is Held

The League of Oregon Cities held a regional meeting in the Hotel Medford Monday noon with representatives present from Grants, Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point, Medford, Jacksonville and Ashland. The meeting was in charge of Mayor Charles Furnas of Medford, who welcomed the visitors. The president of the league, Mayor Chas. Huggins of Marshfield then took over the meeting and introduced Mr. Ormond R. Bean, commissioner of public works of the city of Portland, and Herman Kehrl, head of the bureau of municipal research of the University of Oregon, secretary of the league.

Mr. Huggins outlined the activities of the league of Oregon cities during the thirteen years of its existence and called attention to the fact that the idea of such a league was first advocated by the mayor of one of the smaller towns of the state (Gold Hill) who found himself faced with problems with which he needed help from more experienced officials. This was in 1925, and since that time the league has grown until every city in Oregon of over 1000 population is a member, bringing the total to 144 cities.

Mr. Kehrl explained with the aid of large charts how the assessed valuation of Oregon cities had fallen in the last few years and how their incomes had shrunk since pre-prohibition days. Many former sources of city income have been taken away by the state and the problem of keeping city streets in good repair has become a very serious one. He called the attention of the members of the legislature who were present as guests of the league to the pressing need of the cities of Oregon for help in caring for their streets and urged them to make a careful study of the proposal to re-allocate the money raised by the tax on gasoline to give cities a small portion to be used exclusively for street improvement.

At the present time all money raised by the gas tax goes to the state highway commission for use on

state highways outside the cities. The league proposes to divide that money to give a portion to the cities. This will be prorated to the cities on a basis of population at the rate of \$1.50 per person, based on the 1930 census. In the case of Central Point, this would amount to about \$1200 a year.

It has been urged that taking this portion of the gas tax money from the highway commission would cripple the highway program of the state. It is the opinion of the league, however, that the small amount so taken would cut little figure in the necessary highway work of the state. It is admitted that it might slow up such road building as the Wilson river cut-off from Portland to Salem, on which the highway department is spending millions at this time for the purpose of cutting off a mere four miles in distance. It is felt that such super-highways can well afford to wait until the cities of Oregon are in better position financially. Mr. Kehrl gave figures to show that the re-allocation of this money would in no way affect the matching of federal funds for highway building.

Several other matters of interest to cities were introduced, including the proposed change in the basic speed rules within cities, giving such cities the right to adopt speed regulations within their boundaries in accordance with the necessity in that particular locality. Also the matter of a change in the six per cent limitation law and a new law giving cities the right to add to their budgets annually certain sums of money to be put into a sinking fund for the purchase of new equipment, thus saving the necessity for special bond issues. The regional meeting voted unanimously to instruct the legislative committee to bring these matters before the legislature when it meets in January.

Central Point was represented at the meeting by A. E. Powell, mayor-elect; and Councilmen Bonney and Simmonds.

## Farewell Party For Mrs. Lampman

Mrs. Mary DeVeny of St. Louis Missouri and Mrs. Viola Lampman were guests of Mrs. F. Wiley and Mrs. E. C. Faber at the Faber home last Wednesday afternoon. About 10 friends were present. A contest of writing ten states and their capitals was much enjoyed and while at first it was thought to be very easy, it was found out that it was not so simple after all. Then the guests gave some incidents of their school days that caused much laughter. Mrs. Joe Stevens gave a number of readings in her pleasing way. The honor guest Mrs. Lampman, who is leaving soon to spend a number of weeks in Portland, where she will be accompanied by Mrs. DeVeny and they will visit their sister Mrs. E. Holsington and Mrs. Lampman's son Ben Hur Lampman, was presented with a bouquet of large white chrysanthemums. Delicious refreshments of angel food cake, ice cream and chocolate were served.

Mrs. DeVeny visited here last year and will return from Portland with Mrs. Lampman and plans to spend at least a year in Central Point.

## OLD FRIENDS MEET

Charles Clark dropped into the E. C. Faber store this week and in the course of the conversation it developed that Mr. Clark had traded at the Faber store in Hornick, Iowa thirty-five years ago. Mr. Clark at one time owned a 400-acre farm near Hornick, but as did about 90 percent of the farmers of that day and place, lost it during the depression.

Mr. Clark came to Oregon several years ago and spent a short time, going back and forth several times. Finally he decided Oregon was good enough for him and he has settled permanently in Ashland.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Faber had a glorious time recalling boyhood days in "Old Iowa".

The teacher's sewing club met at the Bonney home last Tuesday evening. Misses Ayres, Pasterno and Esler were hostesses.

## "Sweetest Girl" Contest Gains Interest

Faber's Market reports that the interest in the Sweetest Girl Contest is beginning to develop into real rivalry. The very attractive prizes are on display now at the store. The first prize is a very nice fitted traveling case. This case is genuine leather and the fittings are in green and brown pyraline. The second prize is a black and white cellophane umbrella and the third prize is three pairs of silk hose.

It has been rumored that some of the names that have been placed in the pot already are: Maxine Ayres, Loraine Davis, Margaret Dow, Iris Hill, Shirley Kincaid and Charlotte Richardson. Everyone is reminded that the voting period in which any one may enter will close Saturday night December 10th. Names will be posted Monday of the girls running ten highest. Mr. Marshall Simmonds, store manager and contest head, says: "The high school boys are taking an unusual interest in the contest and that its success is already assured."

## CARL A. TREBISCH AND ANNA M. ANDERSON WED

Married at the Manse Thursday evening, Anna M. Sanderson and Carl A. Trebisch by Rev. Stanley Parish. Mrs. Parish and Mr. E. C. Faber attending the ceremony. Mrs. Trebisch was dressed in a dark blue silk gown. Mrs. Trebisch has lived in Central Point for nearly 33 years and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Trebisch were both born in Germany and came to the United States about the same time although they did not meet until later when they were in their early teens, at this time they lived as neighbors and attended the same schools and parties in the same group of young folks. Later Mr. Trebisch married Mrs. Trebisch's sister and moved to Tacoma about the same time she moved here. They both lived when young in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The American joins their friends in all good wishes.

## P.-T. A. Enjoys Christmas Program At Regular Meet

Christmas was the theme in story and song at the regular meeting of Central Point P.T.A. on December 2nd.

Miss Marjory Gregory, second grade teacher, presented her pupils in a short drama in which the children wished their broken toys could be made as good as new and given to those who had none, the Christmas fairies and brownies made their wishes come true thus helping them in "Spreading Christmas Joy."

Mrs. Clifton Phillips gave the old but ever new story of the birth of Christ, quoting from Genesis and Isaiah in the Old and John in the New Testaments. Carols sung by the assemblage were led by Mrs. Arnold Bohnert with Mrs. Marshall Simmonds at the piano.

During the business session up-to-date by-laws were adopted and a budget approved. The local unit will have a penny drill at the next regular meeting January 6, to help erase the deficit in the McLoughlin Memorial fund. The second grade room won the attendance prize. Refreshments were served by the first grade mothers.

An executive committee meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alta Kelly.

## Mrs. Vincent Entertains Eastern Star Officers

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Ed. Vincent, Worthy Matron of Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. entertained at a beautifully appointed Christmas Luncheon for her regular officers and installation officers. The table was centered with a large bowl of Holly flanked by four red tapers. The small tables were attractive with a red taper in a nest of Holly. Miniature Christmas trees marked the places of the guests. Christmas greens and a lovely lighted tree made the rooms very festive and gay.

After the luncheon the hostess presented each one with a report card to record their achievements for the afternoon. Mrs. Vincent had placed a gold star on every card emblematic of the fine work each officer had done this year. The guests were highly appreciative of the delightful way in which Mrs. Vincent entertained them and felt amply rewarded for anything they might have done to help her. Mrs. Pearl Bonney won the prize.

The guest list included: Mrs. Bryden Sanderson, Installing Officer; Mrs. Elmer Kyle, Installing Marshall; Mrs. Warren Norcross, Installing Chaplain; Mrs. Ellis Clark, Junior Past Matron; and the following regular officers: Mesdames Ivan Skyrman, Everett Faber, Merritt Swing, Hampton Pankey, Edward C. Faber, Sam Koehler, Hensley Holt, Lloyd Stimpson, Carl Bennett, Guy Tex, Pearl Bonney and Leonard Scott.

## So what?

If you hope for pleasant things to turn up keep the corners of your mouth that way.—Anon.

This writer being accused of putting in two votes for herself in the Sweetest Girl contest at Faber's.

The Civic club saving \$5.00 for promising Mr. Warner not to put a certain story in the paper. Some places it would be called blackmail, we call it modesty.

Santa Claus called on Mrs. Hubbard and left a pretty Christmas bell.

Mrs. Hugger playing with Anita Lawrence's doll Saturday afternoon at the W.R.C. meet.

Billy Abbott saying stamps made the world go round and Postmaster Pankey saying it looked like to him that stamps went around the world.

All the fond papa's and doting mammas as well as chums, boy friends, brothers and sisters are busy handing in the names of the prettiest girl in town.

## The Civic Club

Relief in Progress  
And Improvement.  
So do we.  
We lend money  
For Improvement.  
FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK  
Deposits Insured

## NEW OFFICERS OF CIVIC CLUB 6 MONTH PERIOD

The Civic Club meeting yesterday afternoon was very well attended. After a short business session election of officers for the coming term of six months took place, with the following result: Mrs. Bithers, president; Mrs. Minnick, secretary; Mrs. Kilburn, vice-president; and Mrs. Powell, treasurer.

It was decided to hold a pot luck supper some night this month as a get-together affair of the entire community. The business men and city officials are especially invited. This will be a sort of celebration of the success of the club up to date. Everyone interested in the club is invited, even if not living in Central Point. Everyone bring a covered dish and a few sandwiches. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the club.

After the close of the business session, dainty refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served by Mrs. Minnick.

The following report of the club's activities during Mrs. Lawrence's term as President was prepared by Mrs. Minnick: 4 luncheons, 2 cooked food sales, 2 dinners and an ice cream social. Other projects undertaken were: Fixed the fountain; built a woodshed, cleaned and remodeled the kitchen, painted the library and got the cave troughs put on the building. Entertained the Eagle Point ladies and were entertained by them. We started the six months with \$11.85 in the treasury.

Mrs. Bithers, retiring treasurer, handed in the following report: from March 1, 1938 to Dec. 1, 1938 Received ..... \$204.67 Expended ..... \$182.44 Leaving a balance of ..... \$ 22.23 Howard Long a senior at high school gave a very instructive talk on the Christmas Seals.

## Relief Corps Holds Election of Officers

The W.R.C. met for their regular meeting and election of officers and quarterly birthday party Saturday afternoon. 19 were present for the business meeting, later two visitors joined the group.

Election of officers was as follows: president, Mrs. Lorlie Minnick; senior vice-president, Edna Kilburn; junior vice-president, Sally Musty; treasurer, Etta Purkayppile; chaplain, Freda Lawrence; conductor, Hattie Thompson; guard, Ida Henderson.

After the business meeting a birthday lunch was served honoring the birthdays of Mesdames Musty, Minnick, Eva Smith, Henderson, Hugger and Lawrence. Cake sandwiches, pickles and coffee were served. The corps were very pleased to have both Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods present.

Mrs. Clara Farra presented the corps with a nice long table cloth which is much appreciated.

## 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. Sermon Subject "God's Christmas Gift To Us And Ours To Him." Solo, Mrs. Phillips.

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

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Subject "Foolish Rich and Wise Poor or Wise Poor and Foolish Rich." The Choir will sing a special Chorus.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mr. Phillips will review the past work in our Prayer Services.

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH

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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.  
Monday evening at 7:30 the men are invited to attend a men's prayer meeting beginning this week.  
Ladies Bible Study Tue. 2:30 P.M.  
Prayer meeting ..... Wed. 8:00 P.M.