

Sez Me By the Editor

Well, folks, the New Year has begun. And as we promised when we changed the name of this column, we want to tell you a little of what our city officials are doing and planning to do. Of course, there are times when mere tentative plans can not be disclosed until the proper time comes, but we expect to have no secrets from the public. It is the belief of the writer that the more people understand the facts, the less trouble there will be.

At the meeting of the council last night all committees started work on a general survey of the actual condition of the city. The street committee will, within the next few days make a complete survey of the streets of the city, with the idea of being able to plan a definite program of work for the coming year. The water committee is making a check-up of everything connected with the water department, so as to know where to begin work. The fire committee is today making an investigation of the feasibility of securing a new truck chassis on which to mount our fire equipment. The building committee is making an investigation regarding the removal of several dilapidated buildings which have long been eyesores to the public.

The water superintendent is hard at work making a check-up of all fire hydrants in the city. Many of these have not been used for years and are found to be in bad condition. If the writer's memory is not at fault, former Superintendent Cummings long ago called the attention of the council to this matter, but nothing was done about it. The new council feels that the most important duty entrusted to them is the provision of an adequate fire protection for the citizens of the city as possible, and will work steadily as possible toward that end. The new fire chief is making plans for the organization of a volunteer fire company and hopes to interest many of the young men of the town in the matter. The City Recorder is busy engaged in preparing his annual financial report. This report will be read at the February meeting of the council and will be published in full in this paper. The city treasurer is busy making the annual payments on city bonds and also making his annual report.

All in all, the entire city administration is hard at work getting plans under way for the new year. Like all new brooms, we are endeavoring to do as clean a job of sweeping as we know how. Now if the folks will just be patient for a short time longer, we hope to be able to make a showing very soon.

We dropped into the courthouse the other day and found Editor Hall of the Miner serving on jury. We wandered all over the joint and remembered the time six short years ago at about the same time of year when the big building was jammed with cohorts of the Felt-Banks-Henrietta Martin regime and a poor, lone country editor had almost to fight his way about the corridors. And we thanked the Lord that peace had once more spread her wings over our county.

We found Bill Perry hustling away at his new job with all the sang froid of an old timer. Syd Brown was making out car licenses and shaking hands with friends who kept dropping in to wish him a Happy New Year. Bill Coleman was busy holding court as usual. Gosh! We'd hate to have to listen to as many tales of human misery as he does every day.

We had fairly good response to our plea for a number of pioneer rails. We located a number of old fences but had trouble in finding out just when they were constructed and by whom. Most of the real pioneers have passed away and their children have either moved to other locations or have forgotten who built the rail fences of their childhood. Miss Alice Hanley gave us some rails from a fence built by her father, Michael Hanley, in 1852, the last portion of which has just been torn down to be replaced by a more modern and incidentally, a more fire-proof, fence.

Mr. Jones has rented the Leslie Stevens house.

GETCHELL TALKS TO CIVIC CLUB AT LUNCHEON

The Civic Club met Wednesday afternoon with about 20 members present. Mrs. Bither, the new president of the club took the chair for the first time. She asked cooperation of each member and suggested if what she did didn't meet with their approval to come to her and make any suggestion we had and let her know our real feeling. She quoted "A house divided against itself cannot stand". She stated that she would put forth every effort for the club.

Mr. Delroy Getchell, the banker-Medford, arrived from Medford about 3 o'clock. Mr. Getchell had kindly consented to speak to the ladies. After a few remarks which caused much laughter he gave an interesting talk and read a couple of poems of his own composition which were full of thoughts along our lines of work and beautifully expressed. Among the interesting things Mr. Getchell mentioned was the New Year picture on the front page of the Oregon Farmer, a small babe with a globe in front of him, broken in two, studying how he could mend it and Mr. Getchell suggested we might do our part toward repairing it. Afterward each one had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Getchell personally.

Later the business meeting was completed. It was decided to hold a community pot luck dinner at the grange hall January 26 if we may have the hall, if not, the date will be announced later. Mr. Getchell and Mr. Looker promised to come. Every one in any community at all interested in our city is invited to come and join us. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished. It was voted to make this dinner an annual affair every January. If other cities care to join us so much the better. We voted to join the district Federation of Clubs. Mrs. Kruse of Illinois gave a brief talk stating how much she enjoyed the Federation of Clubs that she belonged to and what a help she thought it was. Later refreshments of tea and coffee were served.

Mrs. Kelly Hostess To P.-T. A. Board

The executive board of Central Point P.-T. A. had an unusually pleasant time at the home of Mrs. Alta Kelly on Tuesday afternoon.

Different phases of P.-T. A. work in local, county and state were discussed. Mrs. Martha Booth reported that the hot lunch project was progressing satisfactorily. Mrs. Beulah Faber, program chairman, said everything was in readiness for the regular meeting.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Kelly were Mesdames Adams, Booth, E. C. Faber and Everett Faber, Gebhard, Holt, Smith, Tracy and Williamson.

Mrs. Gebhard invited the board to meet at her home for their next meeting on Tuesday, January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood attended the Spanish War Veterans Installation dinner Wednesday and were planning to attend the installation and dinner of the W. R. C. in Medford this afternoon.

New City Officers Take Charge At Meeting Tuesday

The old city council met for the last time Tuesday night, with Mayor Hatfield in the chair. Councilmen Finley, Milton, Bonney and Hesselgrave were present, with Councilman Ross coming in late. Councilman Myers was absent. The final clean-up of affairs for the year was conducted. Regular monthly bills for the month of December were read and ordered paid. Finally Mayor Hatfield stated that if there was no more business to come before the council he would proceed to swear in the newly re-elected Recorder, Guy Tex. As soon as this was completed, the council adjourned sine die.

Recorder Tex then administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect A. E. Powell, who took the chair. After calling the meeting to order, the Mayor asked the newly-elected councilmen to stand and the oath was administered to them in a body by the recorder. Those taking the oath were Councilmen Pearl Bonney, Theodore Glass, Fred Hessegrave, A. J. Simon, Ernest E. Scott and Marshall Simmonds.

Mayor Powell made a brief statement to the members of the civic body and the assembled citizens who filled the rear of the room. He thanked the people of the city for the confidence they had shown in placing him in that office and said that he hoped for the hearty cooperation of all the citizens of the town in the endeavor he and his associates on the council expected to make in bringing order out of chaos. He stated that both he and the members of the city administration expected to make no radical changes in the administration of the affairs of the city, but would do all in their power to make our little city one in which people enjoyed living.

The mayor then stated that the next business to come before the meeting was the election of a chairman of the council who would act as mayor in his absence. Councilman Scott was unanimously elected. A formal order of business was then adopted for the government of the regular meetings of the council. Committee assignments, as announced by the mayor were as follows:

Finance Committee — Bonney, chairman; Scott and Simmonds.

Street & Light Committee—Hessegrave, chairman; Milton, Glass.

Fire & Police Committee—Simmonds, chairman; Milton, Glass.

Health & Water Committee—Milton, chairman; Scott, Bonney

Ordinance Committee, — Scott, chairman; Simmonds, Hessegrave.

Park & Buildings Committee — Glass, chairman; Bonney, Hessegrave.

Next in the order of business came the appointment of a City Marshal and Street Superintendent. Mayor Powell announced that as the appointments must be confirmed by the council he would make them separately. He then named Bert Hedgpeth as his nominee for this office, at the present salary of \$90 per month. The council, by a unanimous vote, confirmed this appointment and Mr. Hedgpeth was at once sworn in.

The mayor then made a short address to the council in which he called attention to the deplorable condition of the city water system and said that believing that there was so much work to be done that called for the services of an expert mechanic as well as an able-bodied man that he had cast around to find a man whom he believed would best fill the bill. He then proposed the name of George Ford for Water Superintendent and Park Tender, who would also have the care of all city machinery, at a salary of \$100 per month.

Councilman Milton called attention to the fact that Mr. Ford had stated that he did not care for the job if it called for the acting as special police. Mr. Ford was called in and after some discussion stated that if the city would allow him to fix up sleeping quarters at the pump house and to put in a shop in the building where he could do work for the public at slack times and after hours, he would pay for the services of a special policeman to take the place of the Marshal on his regular days off.

On motion of Councilman Hessegrave, seconded by Councilman Bonney, the council by a roll-call vote unanimously confirmed the appointment of Mr. Ford.

The appointments of Councilman Simmonds as Fire Chief, Dr. W. H. Heckman, city health officer and Harry C. Skyrman, city attorney were then made and confirmed. The matter of renovating the city hall was brought up and on request of Recorder Tex was postponed until after the February meeting. The council then adjourned to meet in adjourned regular session Wednesday evening, January 4.

At its adjourned meeting Wednesday evening the council took up several matters referred to it by the old council. After these were disposed of, Mayor Powell requested that the several standing committees get busy at once in preparing a program for the coming year. He stated that he would like to have each committee make an investigation of the condition of affairs in their department and have a report ready at the next meeting so definite plans could be made as to where to begin.

After spending a very pleasant and instructive hour in discussing many things relative to city business, the council adjourned to meet again in regular session the first Monday evening, at which time the regular annual financial report for the year 1938 will be received.

Blowing Great Guns

In the Middle West Dust again flying. Here all is serene. Good rains, Easy plowing. Crops going in. Good year predicted for 1939. FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Deposits Insured)

School Board Buys Band Instruments

At the December school board meeting Mr. Myers, our music instructor was present with some suggestions for furthering the development of our school band. He explained to the board that there are certain instruments that are very essential to the band for harmony but hard to get the individual pupil to invest in because of the fact that there is not much music in them when played alone, but at the same time we have plenty of prospective talent who will use them if furnished by the school. He was instructed to buy two Alto horns and to watch for a good buy in a baritone and report to the board. It was reported at the board meeting this week that the Altos had been purchased at a very attractive price and that a very good bargain is now available in a used baritone. The board voted to advance the money for this instrument with the understanding that at some future date entertainments will be given by the musical department to reimburse the school for it. It is hoped by the school board that with a little start the band will be self supporting as far as instruments are concerned. The school at the present time owns the drums, base and alto horns, and with the addition of the Baritone the main instruments will be taken care of at the present. It is reported that the band made a very good showing at the Christmas entertainment and many comments were made as to their progress. Much interest is being taken by the pupils and we can justly be proud of what has been accomplished in a musical way in our school during the last few years.

Miss Phipps to Address P.-T. Assn.

Miss Mae Phipps of Medford will speak on pioneer homemaking at the regular meeting of Parents and Teachers at the school house on Friday, January 6 at 3 o'clock. A styla show by members of the domestic art class under the direction of their instructor, Mrs. Mildred Ross, will be given.

Mrs. Eudora Bohnert will lead the assemblage in singing familiar and "homey" songs. Please take part in the penny drill after adjournment of P.-T. A. meeting. This is to aid in the erasure of the deficit of a memorial fund, details of which will be explained by the president, Mrs. Lilly Holt.

Mr. John Merritt of Klamath Falls was home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Book and children of Sprague River visited Mrs. Book's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Merritt on New Years.

So what?—

To Mourn a mischief that is past and gone Is the next way to draw new mischief on. —Shakespeare ("Othello," i. 3).

Mr. Griffith presented Mrs. Margaret Hubbard with a very pretty woolen scarf for Christmas.

John and Zada Obenchain have purchased a new sewing machine—wonder who used it first and what was the first garment made?

Mrs. E. R. Gleason saying we were all pleased when Mr. Getchell called us girls.

Mrs. Minnie Dunlap has a beautiful new purse that Mrs. Dunlap bought her for Christmas.

Carl Westgrad another driver without a drivers license, who knew it just couldn't happen to him.

Mrs. Clem Gleason wishing she was twins so she could leave the other one home to do the work while she gaddered around.

Mrs. Dora Jones announcing to public that she wasn't reliable.

Editor Powell states that the next project he wants the Civic Club to take up is the purchase of a new silk top hat, large size, for the new mayor.

Mrs. Theodore Glass informs us that her husband's hair is turning grey over an announcement in last week's paper.

Loren Webster parked out in front of Hill residence until 11:30 sound asleep in the car.

BOY SCOUTS ENJOY WINTER CAMP LIVING

The Boy Scouts from Central Point report a very good trip to the winter camp. They left last Monday, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Vincent and Dale Smith taking cars. Those going from here were John Waters, Jim Pierce, Albert and Grey Thompson, Hal Jewett and Bobbie Vincent.

Forty-six scouts from Medford, Grants Pass, Yreka, Hornbrook and Central Point attended. The camp was at Union Creek lodge. The beds were carried up stairs and everything made ready, then Mr. Hayward of Grants Pass who is a forester and a very proficient skier, and Dale Smith, Camp Scoutmaster, who is also a experienced skier, took the boys to the lake everyday during the week. Some of the boys had never been on skis before, but under their instructors learned in a very short to enjoy the sport. They had many spills and looked like snowmen most of the time.

Mr. Beasley was Camp Instructor and Larry Schade, Jr. assistant Camp Master. The weather was nothing to brag about, raining a great deal of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and little daughters, Ann and Mary Rose had a cabin. The lodge has a capacity of 60. A huge fireplace 4 feet wide, 3 feet high and 28 inches deep, heated in fine. Mrs. Godley of Jacksonville had charge of the cooking assisted by Miss Coulter. The boys enjoyed their foods and Mr. Smith remarked that he doubted if they had ever eaten so much before. Friday a ski contest was held, the boys being divided into three groups, novices, intermediates and advance. Three of the boys from each group were allowed to compete with the group ahead, no prizes were given. In the afternoon it was a free for all. Last year a Crater Ski Club was organized with ten charter members, of those who were most attentive to instructors and earnest in their efforts. Ten more were added to this group this year. The two to win this honor, from Central Point, this year were Hal Jewett and John Waters. The boys all did fine, Grey Thompson and Bobbie Vincent making especially fine progress. The new members were initiated Friday evening by camp fire.

We think that these winter camps are just about as fine a thing as a boy could want. It is cold enough so every boy must be on his toes, no lagging or loafing and such fine sport, and the chance to stand alone. No home folks around, each boy independent to play the game.

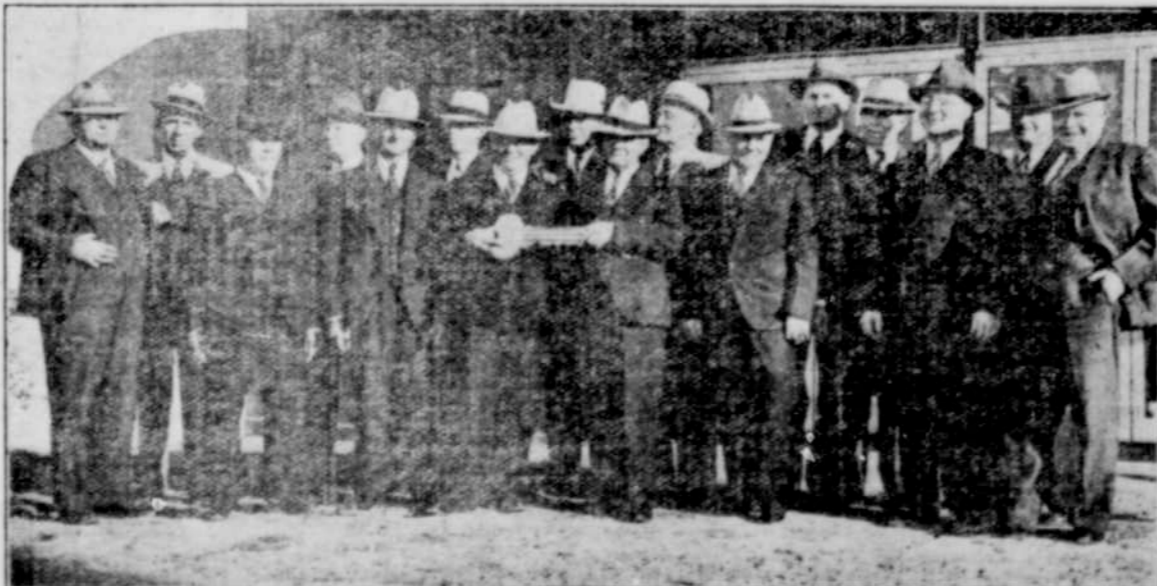
Mr. Fred Farra arrived home on Wednesday for a short visit with his mother. He returned to his home in San Francisco this morning.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Phone 51
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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoover, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.
Communion and Preaching, 11:00 A.M. Sermon subject "The Pastor, The Elder, The Deacon, What Shall They Do?" Cecil McQuigg will bring a trumpet solo.
Christian Endeavor, Senior and Junior, 6:30 P.M.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M.
Special music, Men's Quartette, Sermon subject "The New Birth", Baptismal Service following.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Study Leader, Miss Lyle Gregory.
The whole church will meet for a fellowship supper at 6:30 P.M. on Friday January 6. Come and bring your basket, enjoy this fellowship and help elect your officers for the coming year.

Shasta-Cascade Receives Key To Exposition Building



Shown above are supervisors and prominent officials of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland district at colorful ceremony recently when California State Commission delivered key to attractive building which will display the exhibits of the nine counties.