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By the Editor

We hear there are comments being made about town that the new city administration is already starting their extravagance; that they are spending money right and left very lavishly; paying higher wages to city employees, and the like. It is true there is more activity than common in all departments and that the city is paying our present water superintendent more than his predecessor received. It is the feeling of the entire council, however, that Mr. Ford is earning that increase and more too. The more we dig into the affairs of the water department the more we find that needs to be done.

Far be it from this writer to try to fix the blame for this condition of affairs. We haven't the time to be bothered with past history. Enough for us to do our best to bring order out of chaos and to get the city water system fixed up as soon as possible. We must get the shut-off gates dug out and repaired; the meters put in order; new meter boxes installed; leaks repaired, and a thousand and one other things done. So just be patient, folks, we are on the job right now.

And for the benefit of those who fear that our water man is going to butt in on their business by doing work for the public on the side while working for the city, we want to say that we have a hunch that by the time George gets through with the work we have laid out for him to do, he won't feel much like working any longer hours. He's going to be the busiest man in this neck of the woods for a long time to come.

We'll admit we are "lifted" as a Scotchman would say, over the fact that it was our good fortune to have the privilege of buying that new fire truck for our city. That old Model T was a good old boat in its day, but was never intended to haul over two tons, which is what our fire equipment weighs. And we hope you will all get the same "kick" we will when we hear the new wagon roar to the rescue the next time that siren blares. Or at least, let's hope the darned thing will get here before it is badly needed.

Speaking of luck, we just found out this week that our town surely had been very fortunate for the past six months. When the recent check of fire hydrants was made it was discovered at once that the threads for the hose connections on every hydrant in town were so badly filled with dried paint and rust that it was necessary to run a die over them before a hose coupling could be screwed on. Wouldn't it have been fine some dark stormy night to have rushed (?) that old bus down to where some one's home was in rapid course of destruction, only to find that we couldn't attach a hose to a single hydrant in the neighborhood?

We received a letter from an old gentleman living near Medford who had read our tale of the way we lads used to fish in the old days on the Blue Earth. This man informed us that he was born within a few miles of that neighborhood and that when a mere lad his father had moved on to a homestead up the river a few miles from our old home and that he learned to swim in that river. We are going to look this man up at our earliest opportunity and refresh our memory of those early days. No doubt he must have known the Old Circuit Rider we have written so many tales about. Anyway, we seem to have a faint recollection of his name, tucked away in a corner of our mind. Hope to get a good story for our readers when we see him.

Past Noble Grand Club Holds Meet

The Past Noble Grand Club met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ferguson Tuesday January 10 with nine members present. New officers for the coming year were chosen: President Etta Purkeypile, Vice President Sally Musty, Secretary and Treasurer, Catherine Merritt; Chaplain Inez Ferguson; Marshal, Emma Gleason. Plans were made for the coming year.

Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Merritt February 7th.

CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

The Church of Christ met Friday night and after enjoying a fellowship supper together and a short but interesting program, we heard the reports of the work of 1938 and elected our officers for 1939.

The following names received the sanction of the congregation, nominations were from the floor.

Elders—W. E. Alexander, W. N. Hover, J. N. Cornutt and Roland Hover.

Deacons—E. E. Scott, J. Ed. Vincent, Wm. K. Davis, Scott Darby, Milton Houston, Roy Kelly, Don Standley, Carl Hover and Norman Hansen.

The following committee was elected to care for the work of women: Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mrs. Dora Jones and Mrs. W. A. Lacy. These committees will choose their own chairmen at a later date.

The following special officers were elected by the congregation.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Lottie Gregory.

Musical Director—Mrs. Amy C. Phillips.

Assistant Musical Director—Mrs. Ruth Hover.

Pianist—Miss Lyle Gregory.

A fine Christian spirit prevailed throughout the entire election and the outlook for the year's work is bright. We desire your prayers, and hearty support.

We are hoping and praying that we may render a real service to Central Point and community for 1939.

Phone Company Holds Annual Meet

The Central Point Mutual Telephone Company met Tuesday evening. They report a very successful year with the receipts being over 1937 by \$625.88. A number of phones have been disconnected for various reasons, people moving out, etc. but there are five more people owning shares and having their own phones than last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Tharp were continued in charge of the office, their work being very satisfactory.

Mr. E. R. Nealon, D. L. Davidson and Mr. E. P. Stone were appointed to meet with the city council to consider a new franchise.

The old officers were re-elected: E. C. Faber, president; O. S. Blackford, vice-president and W. E. Alexander, secretary-treasurer.

Work On Church Building Completed

The people of the Federated Church completed the remodeling of their church this week with the last coat of varnish on the floors. The past two weeks have been spent in sanding and varnishing the floors, giving the appearance of new flooring.

Over a period of approximately six months, the people have worked together to make this church a place where they love to worship together. Careful planning and economy with hundreds of hours of donated labor have made possible the beautifying of the building. Being a Federation of churches, the doors of this church are open wide to all who desire to worship here, as, says the Bible, "in spirit and in truth."

Church services and Bible School were held in the High School last Sunday, as the newly varnished floors would not permit occupancy of the church building.

Old Time Officers To Preside At Meet

Time will turn backward on Wednesday, January 18, when the Jackson county Parent Teacher association meets in Jacksonville, when those women who were its first officers will preside at the afternoon session and the program will be reminiscent of their first meeting fifteen years ago.

Professor Briscoe of Ashland, C. R. Bowman of Medford and others will speak.

Morning session for county unit reports will begin at 10 a.m. Luncheon will be served by the Jacksonville unit at a nominal charge.

All interested in the objectives of the P.-T. A. are cordially invited.

City Buys New GMC Truck for Fire Equipment

The city council held a special meeting last night for the purpose of hearing a report of the fire committee which had been making an investigation of prices and styles of new truck chassis. All members were present.

For the past two years the city has been accumulating a special fund for the purpose of buying a new truck for the fire equipment. It has long been considered that the old truck was too weak to handle the load required. Also there have been many times when difficulty has been experienced in getting the old Model T started, especially on cold nights. So the council in 1937 voted to place all monies received from special sources other than tax money, in a special fund for the purchase of a new truck. At this time there is sufficient money in this fund to pay cash for a new chassis and the council decided not to wait any longer to get this much needed equipment.

Councilman Simmonds, chairman of the fire committee, read bids for such equipment from several dealers in Medford and some time spent discussing the desirability of the various makes offered. Prices were received from dealers in GMC trucks, V-8 Ford, Dodge and Chevrolet. After some discussion, the council voted to give the order to Skinner's Garage of Medford for a GMC 1 1/2-ton chassis with cowl and windshield, 133-inch wheel base, dual wheels, four-speed transmission with power take-off, at a price of \$725, delivered in Central Point.

It is planned to remove the old body, with its equipment of chemical tanks, hose box, ladders, hooks, axes etc., from the old Model T chassis and attach it on the new truck. Arrangements will be made so whenever the city is able to buy a pumper it can be added on the same chassis and driven from the same engine. In the meantime the special fire fund will be allowed to accumulate for the purpose of buying such a pumper as soon as sufficient funds are on hand to pay cash for same.

The order for the new chassis has been wired to the GMC factory this morning and it is expected that the

new equipment will be ready for delivery within the next ten days. As soon as the new chassis arrives the change in the trucks will be made by the city crew, under the supervision of Water Superintendent George Ford, an experienced auto mechanic and machinist.

The purchase of the new truck for our fire equipment fills a long-felt need of the city for a fire truck which can be depended upon to always start when needed and also with power and speed enough to go where needed. While it is hoped the new truck will never be needed, yet it is felt to be good insurance to have such equipment always on hand.

The council also took up several other matters of city business. It was voted to make no change in the time of regular meetings of the council, which will continue to be held on the first Monday in each month. It was also decided to arrange a system of alarms, using the old fire bell, to let people know that the water was about to be shut off while repairs were being made. Water Superintendent Ford is now at work making a check of all fire hydrants in the city and has found several in bad condition. One was found to be broken off below the ground and unusable in case of fire. An order for a new hydrant was rushed to Portland this morning. In another column will be found the notice of alarms and citizens are warned that whenever the fire bell is heard the city water is about to be turned off while some repair is being made.

As soon as possible Mr. Ford plans to get the system of shut-off gates throughout the city in order so it will not be necessary to turn the water off over the entire city in such cases. These gates have been allowed to become covered over with dirt through the years and it will require some time to get them all working. It is probable that some of them will be found to be in such bad condition that they will have to be replaced.

The council also approved the appointment of Mr. Mosher as special policeman who will patrol the city in the absence of Marshal Hedgpath.

Confirm Sale Of C. P. Bank Assets

Confirmation of the sale of the remaining assets of the Central Point State bank was signed and filed in circuit court last Tuesday. It is a step in the liquidation of the bank, which has been in the hands of the state bank superintendent for several years.

George M. Roberts submitted a \$10 bid for the remaining assets, "outside of money and money due from banks."

The court also signed an order permitting the Citizens bank of Ashland, also in process of liquidation, to default in the payment of taxes on two pieces of property owned by the bank, upon which Jackson county has instituted foreclosure proceedings for delinquent taxes. The delinquent taxes amount to \$12 and \$77. The application holds "it will be to the best interests of the bany" to default in payment.

M. Simmonds Joins Safeway Staff

The Safeway announces that they have added Marshall Simmonds to their staff. Mr. Simmonds has had a number of years' experience in the grocery line before he came to Central Point and had an interest in the Faber Market until recently. Mr. Simmonds remarks that he will be pleased to meet his friends in the local Safeway store and promises the same efficient and courteous treatment as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rossi received a letter from their son, Frank, saying that they left to pay them a surprise visit and when they arrived as far as Deadmans creek they went over the bank and would have gone to the bottom if a big boulder had not stopped their car. They suffered only minor bruises and a shake-up. They are visiting an uncle at Lavinia while their car is being repaired and will continue on to Central Point for their visit then.

WARNING!

On account of the repair work now being done on the city water system it may be necessary to shut off the water from time to time. In order to give warning of such shut-offs the following signal will be given on the old fire bell:

Several rapid taps on bell
Pause and repeat.

All citizens are warned on hearing such signal to draw sufficient water for domestic use and also to take special pains regarding fire.

A. E. POWELL, Mayor.

Gordon Turner Dies In Salem

Gordon Turner of 102 Mistletow street died in Salem last Monday. He had been seriously ill since May.

Mr. Turner was born May 14, 1910, in Klamath Falls and was 28 years old. He had lived in this city for a number of years and was a graduate of Medford high school in the class of 1930. Mr. Turner was well known throughout the valley for his expert swimming and tumbling ability. For the past three and a half years, Mr. Turner was chief radio operator at CCC headquarters here.

Survivors are his father, George Turner of Klamath Falls, his wife Dortha and three half sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Welch and Mrs. Dorothy Holbrook of this city and Mrs. Estene Fletcher of Forts, Wash.

The memorial service and arrangements are in charge of the Conger Funeral parlor here. Funeral and interment will be announced at a later date.

The death of Mr. Turner will bring sorrow to many Central Point friends. Mr. Turner had a wide circle of friends here who will grieve at his passing in his early manhood. The sympathy of his friends are extended to his wife who has stood faithfully by him. A number of years ago he contracted ulcers of the stomach and had undergone a number of major operations.—Mail Tribune.

Relief Corps Installs Officers

The W.R.C. held their installation of officers last Saturday afternoon.

A chicken and noodle dinner was served at noon to members and their families, a good attendance being out. It was a fine dinner and a pleasant social hour.

The following officers were installed: Lorlie Minnick, president; senior vice-president Edna Kilburn; junior vice-president Sally Musty; Secretary Dora Jones; Treasurer Etta Purkeypile; Chaplain Freda Lawrence; Conductress Hattie Thompson; Guard Ida Henderson; Patriotic Instructor Eva Smith; Press correspondent Mattie Smith; Musician Maude Davis; Assistant Conductor Rose Hermanson; Assistant Guard Emma Gleason; Color bearers, No. 1 Tilly Maple, No. 2 Delpha Cox, No. 3 Martha Booth, No. 4 Clara Farra.

HARRY WORTMAN DIES AT HOME IN MEDFORD

Harry Wortman of Medford passed away Tuesday at his home in Medford, 912 South Oakdale Ave. He was one of the city's most prominent pioneers. For years he was a partner in the grocery firm of Warner, Wortman and Gore. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Perl Funeral home.

GRANGE NOTES

Central Point Grange Hall has been in use every night the last week.

Among groups meeting there was the County Y. G. A. This meeting was held Wednesday night, January 11th. A good attendance was reported.

The Grange Executive Committee have been remodeling the stage in preparation for the two plays Mrs. Eudora Bohnert and Mrs. Edythe Bohnert will present the latter part of January.

January 20th an open lecture hour will be held in the Grange Hall. The program will start at 8 p.m. and will consist of music and slides and lecture. The lecture and slides will be presented by Mr. Paul Vandenburg, Dept. of Extension Service of Triangle Milling Co.

The slides cover fully the protein, vitamin and mineral requirements of poultry and turkeys. Many of these experimental findings are so recent that reports have been made only in scientific papers.

Many other subjects are covered and much of it tends to revolutionize previous ideas about nutritional requirements of poultry and livestock. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Many special invitations are being mailed out by the Triangle Milling Co., but if anyone in the community has been overlooked they are extended a special invitation to attend.

Mr. Patterson, chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the Grange has called a meeting of his committee one night this week and will make plans for the year's activities and entertainments to be sponsored by the Grange.

PERRY BRINGS PIONEER RAILS FOR EXHIBITION

County Commissioner William Perry of Eagle Point brought to this office this week several old fence rails to be used in the Shasta Cascade Wonderland association exhibit at the World's Fair at San Francisco this summer. The rails were split from native cedar by Mr. Perry's father in 1872 and were part of an old fence erected by Martin S. Perry on his ranch on the old military road from the Rogue River valley to Fort Klamath.

Several other sets of pioneer rails have been contributed for the exhibit from this section of the Shasta Cascade Wonderland. Miss Alice Hanley has some which her father, Michael Hanley, had cut near the old Sterling mine in the early fifties. These rails were hauled from Sterling and the fence erected on the Hanley ranch near Jacksonville.

The Wonderland association is now transplanting trees, shrubs and wild flowers from our mountain districts to their building on the fair grounds where they are preparing a Nature Garden in the rear of the building. Though this garden a section of "stake and rider" fence will be erected, using rails actually cut by pioneers of the early days. The rails will be marked with placards showing the year they were cut and by whom and where the fence was erected.

Pot Luck Supper By Civic Club

The Civic club will hold a pot luck supper at the Grange hall Monday January 23. Everyone interested in Central Point, are invited to attend, even if they happen to live in North Pole. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the club.

It was voted by the club to make this an annual affair. Our next club meeting will be February 1. A. H. Banwell, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker and will talk at 3 o'clock on what the Civic club can do for Central Point. Every one is invited.

Lieut. Hall To Speak At Church

Lieut. C. Vincent Hall will speak in Church of Christ Sunday at 7:30 P.M.

Lieut. Hall was lecturer to General Allenby's troops while in Egypt and Palestine in 1917. He is internationally known as an archaeologist, Egyptologist and lecturer.

Don't fail to hear him. Come, bring your friends.

He assisted in the opening of King "Tut's" Tomb. Admission Free! Silver Offering.

The Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

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Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.
Bible School Sun. 9:45 A.M.
C. E. Sun. 6:30 P.M.
Morning Worship .. Sun. 11:00 A.M.
Evangelistic Service .. Sun. 7:30 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 P.M.
Choir Practice Wed. 8:30 P.M.

People are asked to note the change in Wednesday prayer meeting hour from 8:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Also to note that choir practice is on Wednesday instead of Thursday nights.

Ladies Bible Class will be held in the church on Tuesday at 2:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Special number by Choir. Sermon Subject "What is The Purpose of The Bible?"

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.

Lieut. C. Vincent Hall, archaeologist and lecturer, (was present at the opening of King "Tut's" tomb) will be the speaker at 7:30 P.M. Don't fail to hear him. See notice elsewhere in this issue of "American."

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Leader Carl Hover.