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## Musings

By the Editor

We have been urged to return to the old style of heading for this column and to once again take up the burden of commenting on things in general and certain things in particular, as we used to do. Well, if we must, here goes:

To begin with, guess we will get back to our old habit of taking a dig at the New Deal, Inc. We have never agreed with their idea of reckless spending. To us, this idea of teaching folks to run to Uncle Sam for help every time they get into a jam, and asking him to donate a lot of money for their benefit, is all bunk. And somehow we have a hunch that Big Jim Farley, of whom we haven't heard much of recent weeks, by the way, and his Big Boss both know that finding new excuses to continue that spending idea and keeping a large portion of the ignorant working population on the relief rolls is their best bet for staying on the job.

So far as this keeping out of war goes, we always did like T. R.'s idea—"Walk as softly as you can; speak as softly as you can—but carry a Big Stick!" We have a sneaking idea that if Uncle Sam will keep our navy up to standard, and all the rest of our fighting forces in trim, no nation on earth is going to tackle the job of interfering with us. Let's get in shape so they all will be scared to take a poke at us—then stay right at home and mind our own business.

We got quite a kick the other day out of something that was done in our city recently. It just happened that we had cause to examine the book in which our water man has been forced to register the meter readings every month and found it about twenty years out of date. We got permission from the council to purchase a more modern book for the poor man and behold, the first time he used it he cut over a day off the time it had formerly taken to do the job. That means 12 days a year, which amounts to a sizable amount of hard cash—a whole lot more than the new book cost, anyway.

We learn by "grapevine telegraph" that the school board is still figuring about building that new gymnasium they hoped to build last fall. Which is good news. Hope they can find a way to get at the job before another school year. Go to it, fellers, we're with you all the way.

Some criticism is heard because the writer and his son took the fire truck out of town yesterday when the Salade home burned. It is thought by some that it was wrong to leave the city without fire protection for so long a time. While we do not feel that we did anything wrong, we will say that at the time the first report came of the fire we thought we might get there in time to save the building by the use of chemical. When we arrived and saw that nothing could be done we kept close watch of the city and could have easily heard the siren had an alarm been turned in. And also the entire volunteer fire-fighting crew of Central Point were present and could have been gathered together and rushed to the city within five minutes had there been need for such action.

## Luncheon Given For P.T.A. Board

Mrs. H. C. Williamson entertained Tuesday April 4 with a dessert luncheon at her home on Beall Lane the following members of Central Point P.T.A. executive board: Mesdames W. H. Holt, Verne Hansen, Ted Furry, Walter Gebhard, M. A. Adams, Dale Smith, Dee Booth, E. C. Faber, Ernest Kelly and P. A. Tracy.

Afterward during the business session, the treasurer reported that funds were low. Several communications from headquarters relative to the state convention were read and discussed. A report from the nominating committee was approved.

Mrs. Furry invited the executive committee to her home for next meeting May 2.

## CITY TO SELL LAND TO SCHOOL FOR FIELD SPORTS

The city council met in regular session Monday evening with five members present. Most of the evening was spent with routine business.

The matter of the closing of certain streets and alleys on the property sold to the cheese factory several years ago and which were supposed to have been abandoned by a former council at the time of making the sale, was taken up. There being no opposition on the part of property owners, an ordinance closing that portion of Maple and Cherry streets lying between Front street and the railroad property and an alley lying along the railroad was passed.

Mayor Powell was unanimously elected to represent the city on the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Reports of various committees were received and showed that the work of putting the water system in order was progressing satisfactorily. Also that the street work is being done as rapidly as possible. Granite from the new pit is being hauled as fast as possible. While the new pit has not been excavated deep enough to get to the pure granite as yet, still the dirt being hauled at this time makes very good fills. A new culvert and fill is being made on south Fifth street between Oak and Alder streets. On Third street the shoulders of the roadway from Oak street to the school grounds have been plowed out and the street re-graded. As soon as possible some of the lower places on this street will be filled and the whole street graded.

The building committee was instructed to investigate several old buildings in various parts of town with the idea of condemning them and thus removing what has long been eyesores to residents living in the vicinity.

The question of selling to the school district at a nominal price the land lying east of the high school which has been used by the school for several years as an athletic field was considered. The council voted to leave the matter to the mayor to make whatever deal he thought was to the best interest of the city and the schools.

Several years ago the matter of securing this land for an athletic field for the schools was brought before the city council. Mayor Leever and most of the city council favored the idea of deeding the property to the school district, but due to the fact that the council desired to keep a string on the property, the school board decided they could not accept the land at the terms offered. This year, however, the matter was again brought up and the present council decided to again offer the land to the schools, but with no strings attached.

It has been felt for some time that the schools needed a better athletic field than could be provided on the old school ground on account of the hill on which the school stands. Several years ago the matter of leveling off a portion of the hillside on the north end of the school grounds was investigated by the school board and the cost was thought to be prohibitive. The present city council feels that whatever affects the schools affects the whole city and so decided to sell the vacant property across the old highway from the school ground to the school district at a nominal price.

## New Teachers Chosen for Year

At a recent meeting of the school board the following teachers were employed for next year: H. P. Jewett, Supt.; High School: K. A. Hulbert, Mildred Ross, Ethel Fiescher, Charlotte Eyre, James Harrison, Martha Boshears. Grade School: R. H. Gandee, Principal, Mae Richardson, Marjorie Gregory, Clara Goldin, Laura Pastorino, Robert Webb, Harry Meyers, Music.

Miss Ruth Ottoman has been elected to the vacancy in the third grade. Miss Ottoman taught last year at Talent. The sixth grade position has not been filled. Date of opening of school has been set for September 11, 1939.

## Marker Dedicated On Old Stage Road By D. A. R. Ladies

Crater Lake Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, had charge of the unveiling of a marker commemorating the Old Stage road, west of this city, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The granite marker, bearing a bronze tablet with the inscription, "Old Stage Road," was erected on the upper side of the old road about a quarter of a mile north of the McCaskey home.

The ceremonies were opened with a musical selection by the Medford high school band, during which an old stage coach, drawn by four horses, drew up before the site of the marker. The reins were handled by the only living stage driver of the old days, Thomas B. Burnett, who had himself driven stages over this section of the Old Stage road. As the driver drew his prancing team to a halt it was noted that the stage was loaded with ladies dressed in styles of long ago. Six of these ladies, Mrs. Burt E. Lowry, Miss Sara VanMeter, Mrs. B. G. Harding, Mrs. J. H. Cochran, Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini and Mrs. Sherman L. Divine, after alighting from the old vehicle and straightening their hoop skirts and tiny parasols, marched up the steps and took their places on either side of the monument, on one side of which stood an American flag and on the other the blue state flag.

As soon as the ladies had taken their places the driver, turning the reins over to a younger man, dismounted from the box and, after removing the dust coat and broad hat of the old-time driver, also took a

place near the stone. The following program was then given: Bugle Call, Alfred Dodson. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. C. M. Hurd.

Invocation, Mrs. Sherman L. Divine, Chaplain, Crater Lake Chapter, D. A. R.

Presentation of Mrs. J. H. Cochran, Miss Sara VanMeter, Mrs. B. G. Harding, Marker Committee, and Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, Finance Committee.

Introduction of Thomas B. Burnett by Mrs. Burt E. Lowry, Regent Crater Lake Chapter, D. A. R. Reminiscences of Stage Coach Days, Thomas B. Burnett.

Unveiling of the Marker, Thomas B. Burnett.

Dedication of Marker, Mrs. Burt E. Lowry.

Address, Frank J. VanDyke, descendant of Pioneer Family.

Benediction, Walter Frazer Brown, Southern Oregon Chapter, S. A. R. Music, "Star Spangled Banner", Medford High School Band.

Mr. Burnett, in his reminiscences, called attention to the fact that the old road being honored that day was the first connecting link with the outside world this section of the state ever had. While the old Military Road, which lies some few hundred yards up the hillside from the Old Stage road, and which was laid out by General Joe Hooker, was the first trail into the valley from the north, its rugged character made it useless for later travel and with the coming of regular stage service, the present road was laid out.

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## Silver Tea in Honor Mrs. Lathrop

Jackson county extension committee and alumni are sponsoring a silver tea to be held on April 16 in honor of Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, the Jackson county delegate to the London conference.

The affair will take place at the Birdseye home near Fooths Creek on the Pacific highway.

An interesting feature of the tea will be the exhibit of rustic articles gathered throughout southern Oregon.

The committee chairmen include: General Chairmen, Misses Effie Birdseye and Alice Hanley, historic costumes, Miss Clair Hanley, refreshments and serving, Mrs. Bertha Glasgow, Mrs. O. C. Maust and Miss Mary Hanley.

Hostesses are Mesdames J. R. McCracken and Lee Port, registration and publicity are in charge of Mabel Thornton.

The public is cordially invited to attend the event which will be held from the hours of 10 a. m. to 7 p. m.

## Federated Church Calls Pastor

At the annual church supper and meeting of the Federated Church, March 31, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Stanley G. Parrish as the minister of the church. This call was made after an extended supply by Rev. Parrish, having been with the church for a period of nine months. This annual meeting proved very successful, there being over one hundred people present.

The business of the meeting was led by the Board chairman, S. D. Hill. Several messages as well as musical numbers were given by the members of the church. Following a short message by Mr. A. J. Milton, a duet was sung by Mrs. Davis and daughter Lorraine. Miss Ruby Webster and Mrs. Stanley Parrish also sang a duet after a message by Mrs. Minnick. Mrs. Lewis Grimes led in the devotionals, and was followed by a solo from Miss Iris Hill. A short message from the pastor closed a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hilton were recently surprised by a group of friends, giving them a housewarming for their new home. Their house is almost complete now, built-in in the kitchen and plumbing installed. berries planted and a new lawn which is coming up.

## Civic Club Plans Children's Playground

The Civic club met Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. It was planned to see what could be done toward making a playground out of the unused part of the park and a committee appointed to contact the city council in regard to caring for the park during the summer months.

Mr. Everett Faber brought a message to the ladies. He complimented the ladies highly by telling them that they had made the community aware of civic works and that we are the only organization of this kind in the city that were working for civic betterment, which went under these three heads, physical, mental and moral and that the ladies had a hard row to hoe. He also assured the club that he and the men were in back of them in every way. Mrs. Scott served lovely refreshments. Mrs. Kilburn was on the refreshment committee with Mrs. Scott and helped furnish but on account of sickness was unable to attend.

## Glee Club Concert Is Huge Success

The turn-out for the Biola Glee Club last Monday night was far above expectations; the high school auditorium being filled to overflowing.

The program by the Biola Male Choir was of such a nature that many will never forget the inspirations received from such a meeting. Sacred songs were given in such a talented manner that their music and messages will linger for a long time to come. Within the choir were two quartets and combining for some numbers they made a fine octet. Howard Lawson, the trumpet soloist played with the skill of a professionalist, and was greatly enjoyed by the music lovers gathered there. Also vocal soloist, Leonard Whittiker, was much appreciated for his numbers. The combinations of the choir, and the choir itself, gave a variety of music that made the evening a rare musical treat.

Mrs. M. A. Adams will entertain with a joint birthday and Easter party, Mrs. E. E. Scott's class in honor of Wanda Heath and Kenneth Adams' birthdays Saturday afternoon. About 20 members are expected to be present. A big birthday cake will be one of the main attractions.

## Pro-America Holds Interesting Meeting Monday

Pro-Americans met Monday at the Hotel Holland for luncheon. About 25 were present. Two new members taking out membership cards. Speakers for the afternoon were Mesdames William M. McAllister and Earl Newbry. They gave many interesting incidents of their experiences while acting as their husbands' secretaries during the recent legislature. Mrs. McAllister was the first speaker and told one amazing incident of one session when one of the lobbyist made the remark at the close of the session, "No wonder they only pay them \$3 a day". Mrs. Newbry made the remark that Mrs. McAllister omitted one of her big moments at the legislature when she was stalled in an automatic elevator between two floors at ten o'clock at night. She further stated that it was also rather trying for the rest of the party. Mrs. Newbry said that she was not interested in politics and opposed to his campaign, but now she is a confirmed politician. It was brought out by the speaker that all the questionable bills were saved until the very last of the session before being presented in the hope that they might be rushed thru, but the legislators gave thorough investigations to them all.

Mrs. C. L. Hopkins discussed a series of books recently published, that deal with the various "isms" and that gave a very impartial review of same. The first of these books "Which Way America?" is now available at the Medford Public Library.

Mrs. C. M. Hurd, president of the Pro-Americans, who presided over the meeting, read "Labeling a Label" by Merle Thorp and discussed "Thought Contagion" which was published in the March 25 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. She urged that the members not be scared away by thought contagion but reason thing out for themselves. The next meeting of the club will be May 1.

## Two Children Are Killed in Accident

Mrs. M. B. Lindley was called to Bend last week on account of the death of two of her grandchildren who were killed in an automobile accident recently. The children were Russell, aged 3, and Milton aged 4 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neff.

The accident occurred near the Bradetick dairy ranch, a few miles from Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Neff and the two children were riding in the front seat of their sedan when it was struck in the rear by a car driven by Joe Hince, foreman of the Central Oregon Irrigation district. Neither of the drivers were injured.

Mrs. Neff was taken to the Bend hospital suffering from bruises and shock; the baby was dead when taken from the car and Russel died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Hince is being held by the authorities on a charge of manslaughter. Lois Neff, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neff, is staying with her grandmother in this city.

## Willow Springs Items

Mrs. Castor is going to take Leatha, Marcia, Wayne and Mrs. Vincent to California today.

The Salade home near Seven Oaks burned down Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Nobody was hurt in the fire. They thought it started from a short circuit in the light wires.

The Willow Springs school went to the unveiling of the Old Stage Road marker Tuesday.

Roland Smith was absent Wednesday.

## Calendar of COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 8  
Easter and birthday party at Mrs. M. A. Adams' home in the afternoon.

Sunday, April 10  
Easter play by Carl Hover at Christian Church, 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday, April 11  
Shawn Dancers at Holly Theatre, Medford.

Friday, April 14  
Golden Ling Class Party with Mrs. Vern Hansou.

Sunday, April 16  
Lathrop tea at Birdseye home from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m.

## FIRE DESTROYS OLD SALADE HOME AT SEVEN OAKS

Fire, which broke out at about 2:30 yesterday afternoon, totally destroyed the Salade home at Seven Oaks, about a mile north of this city. The house was occupied by Mr. Josef von Birkenfeld, who some time ago rented the place from Louis Salade, owner.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. von Birkenfeld, who was watering plants in the yard. She rushed into the house, only to discover that the fire had broken from the basement, where it had apparently started, and was running up the north wall of the house to the upper floor. She caught up a hand extinguisher and turned it on the fire down the basement stairs. In her haste she dropped the extinguisher, which fell into the basement near the fire and out of her reach, leaving her helpless.

Neighbors, noting the smoke pouring from the house, rushed to the scene and started carrying out furniture from the main floor. A call was sent to this city for help and in the absence of any of the regular volunteer firemen, with the exception of Kenneth Powell of the American staff, Mayor Powell rushed the new fire truck to the scene. As the new truck has not as yet been equipped with a pump, it was at once seen that the equipment was useless and the truck was returned to the city.

With the assistance of the large crowd which soon gathered much of the valuable furniture from the main floor was carried to safety, including the Steinway grand piano belonging to Mr. Salade, which had been the treasured property of his mother, now deceased. By the heroic efforts of several young men who carried water in pails from the pump house, the woodshed and garage in the rear of the main house was saved.

The house was built in 1912 by Dr. L. A. Salade and was one of the landmarks of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adair of Philadelphia arrived recently to spend several days visiting Louis Salade at the Old Stage Road home of Mrs. H. D. McCaskey. Mr. Adair and Mr. Salade were room mates during their college days at Cornell. Mr. Salade's son, Billy, is also visiting his home from near Los Angeles where he attends school at Thacher. He plans to remain until Easter.

## The Churches

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Bible School 10:00 A. M. followed with the Communion and Easter Program. We are expecting 201 plus present for these services. The Choir will present two anthems: "Easter Melody" and "Easter Dawn". The sermon subject "Since Christ is Risen, What?" will show seven reasons why it is infallibly true that there will be a Resurrection from the Dead.

All young people, and older folks who desire, are invited to the Church at 5:30 A. M. to a Sunrise Prayer meeting.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M.  
The High School class, will under the direction of Carl Hover, present an Easter Play entitled: "From Darkness to Light" at 8:00 P. M. and the Choir will intersperse the scenes with Easter music, vocal and instrumental.

Come! Spend this Great Day in the House of the Lord!  
Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH

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Stanley G. Parrish, Pastor.  
Bible School—9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor—6:30 p. m.  
Evening Service—7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' Bible Class—Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
Choir Practice—Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Berean class party will be this coming Thursday. All ladies of the church and guests are invited.