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Musings

By the Editor

Well, the much advertised Catfish Derby is over and to judge from what we hear there must have been some skulduggery put over by the winner of the grand prize. If they had been satisfied with a reasonable number of fish brought in they might have gotten away with it, but 53 was altogether too many. Some have the strong belief that the winners must have had a lot of those fish hidden in their pants legs or some such place. Anyway we are going to take all fish stories emanating from Grants Pass with a bit of doubt in the future.

We just sat down to pound out something for this darned column when that old fire bell startled us so we forgot what we had intended to write about. And it's funny how the thought that in a few minutes the water was going to be shut off made us awfully thirsty. Hope those fellows get those blamed gates fixed soon so we won't be bothered so much. But at that we know they are doing the very best they can and our town will be lots better off when they do get done.

If you were unfortunate enough to miss the play given by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on last Monday evening we feel sorry for you, for it was one of the best comedies we have seen for a long time. Naturally, we are not going to set ourselves up as dramatic critics and mention which player we think handled his or her part best. But we did get an awful "kick" out of that snobbish young society lady and her strutt (or whatever). (And more of a kick to watch her husband after she had made one of her exits.) And the young lovers were good and the absent-minded scientist and in fact, all were good and here's hoping they put on another such play soon.

We want to congratulate the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce on their far-sightedness in putting up their new tourist information bureau on the old school grounds across from the Nat. building in Medford. This is a move in the right direction. The old chamber building was never intended for such use. Its location is about as bad as could be found. There never is a chance to park within a mile of the place—and tourists aren't going to hunt all over creation and part of York State to find answers to questions they may want answered. The only fault we have to find is that they didn't give us the job of sitting in that new building and telling folks of the myriad of interesting places to go in this county. That would just have fitted our lazy old bones.

Here we had an idea it couldn't rain any more in this man's town, so we haven't paid any attention as to where and when we went without waterproof clothing. But last night it got caught and soaked to the hilt. And cold—gosh, we haven't got warm yet. And we hadn't been doing any irrigating, either.

The writer has been telling folks he was a son of a pioneer and of his experiences as a boy. And wasn't our face red last Sunday evening when the lights went off and we stayed away from church where we had promised to sing Mother's favorite hymn, only to hear later in the evening that the rest of the congregation had played up to tradition and had held their service by candle-light. Our son sure had the laugh on the old man, he having milked fatten cows by hand when the power for the milking machine went off and rushing to town to attend the service, without supper, to hear Dad's song, only to find the old man had gone soft and stayed at home.

It does beat all how easily we acquire new habits. Time was no one thought a thing about using kerosene lamps for church lighting. Do you remember the old bracket lamps which hang from the window casings, and which furnished all the light available for evening meetings? And how pleased we were when the Rochester lamps came into use? And we can even remember attending meetings where the only light came from bonfires in the woods. But nowadays we think it awful if the electric lights fail even for a few minutes.

We'll admit being pleased at the compliments heaped on us by our first boss in Oregon, when we chanced to meet him out at the airport the other day. We little thought in those days that we should some day be following in his footsteps in the weekly newspaper field. The dear old gentleman was a power for good in the earlier days of Medford and was a strong believer in clean journalism. May his shadow never grow less.

The Home Economic club program this coming Friday at the Grange hall will consist of a skit put on by Mrs. Bertha Bursell, "A Major Operation." The cast is Mr. J. E. Vincent, Mesdames Bob Hague, Will Foley, Ethel Freeman, Elmer Olson. Mrs. Clara Vincent has charge of home values and Mrs. Will Foley has charge of home safety.

SURPRISE SHOWER FOR MRS. COFFMAN GIVEN SATURDAY

Mrs. Fred Coffman (nee Arlene Immann) was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts at a miscellaneous shower given her by friends and classmates on Saturday, May 13, at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. A. Tracy. The enjoyable affair was planned by Miss Ruby Webster and Mrs. Ernestine Charley as a surprise to Mrs. Coffman, who lives at Klamath Falls.

Well, to get her over here was a problem, so they telephoned her husband at Fluhrer's bakery, but the young lady knew something was in the air—a charivari, illness, a shower, or what not—but even so they put it over very nicely.

A big white cake with miniature bride and groom amidst pink roses was the table centerpiece, on each side was a crystal candelabrum holding pink candles. Mrs. Coffman was presented with a corsage of Cecil Brunner rose buds. Pink roses were used in vases throughout the central theme of amusement.

The bride cut the cake, which was served with strawberry ice cream and fruit punch. Invited guests were:

Misses Avys Ayers, Ruby Charley, Carol Furry, Dorothea Hedgpeth, Nellie Grissom, Marjorie and Elizabeth Davis, and Letha Vincent. Also Mesdames Edyth Bohner, Ruth Clark, Denver Davis, Loretta Lottier, Nan Sharp, Lulu Thurston, P. A. Tracy, Linn Taylor Arthur Webster, Dorothy Williams and Marjorie Yost.

Miss Webster and Mrs. Charley, hostesses, were assisted about the rooms by Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Webster.

LOCALS

Mrs. Buckles and Mr. and Mrs. Lees received word that their sons were in San Diego. Which means the boys will soon be home for a visit at least.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffman's son from near Riverside, Calif., is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olson of Portland stopped on their way to Los Angeles Sunday for a visit with Mr. Olson's sister, Mrs. Tom Pankey. Mr. Olson is on his way to attend a convention of Southern Pacific men. He is a dispatcher for the S. P. His brother, A. P. Olson, also of Portland, stopped here for a visit Thursday evening, continuing on to San Francisco last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Mathes enjoyed new potatoes out of his garden for dinner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton and Theron, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and Don Stanley were dinner guests at the Edward Jones home for Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost attended K. P. lodge at Grants Pass Tuesday evening.

The Golden Link class met at the home of Mrs. Conger Friday afternoon with about 19 present. Mrs. Spencer had charge of the lesson. Guessing games were played and other clever amusements prepared by Mrs. Dora Jones were enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Conger.

The Missionary Circle of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Lettie Gregory next Friday afternoon. Mrs. Drummond will address the ladies.

The Navy Mothers club served lunch at the airport Wednesday at noon to 51 Navy fliers, who were flying north to meet their ship, the Saratoga at Bremerton. This was certainly a fine bunch of fellows and they all expressed their pleasure at having a lunch that seemed so much like home. Dick Culbertson, brother of Tommy Culbertson, manager of the airport, was among the boys.

Mrs. Ben Collins of Salem is visiting her niece, Mrs. Clara Vincent.

Jessie Ragsdale visited his sister, Mrs. Jim Brisco, Monday. Mrs. Brisco is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis, accompanied by their daughter Loraine, visited their daughter Mrs. Schett in Medford Tuesday evening. Old-time music and refreshments were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright and brother, John Wright, from Long Beach, Calif., visited at the Russ Moore home Sunday. Mr. John Wright visited his sister, Mrs. Cochran, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Slack are moving to Korb, where Mr. Slack has work.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilson of Central Point, in Sacred Heart hospital, May 16, a girl weighing six pounds, 14 ounces. The baby has been named Jane Ella.

Bereans Entertain King's Messengers

The Ladies Berean Class entertained The Kings Messengers class Thursday afternoon in the basement of the church. The room was beautifully decorated with large bowls of roses and candles.

The party was given in the form of a home party. Each lady was requested to wear a print house dress.

Mrs. Bessie Williams, president, presided over the meeting. Program was as follows:

Readings: "How a Home is Started"—Mrs. Nichols; "What a Home Should Be"—Mrs. Leonard; "A Small Boy's Version of a Home"—Mrs. Minnick.

Song: "My Mother's Prayer"—Mrs. Bither.

Readings: "What a Home Should Have"—Mrs. Gebhardt; "How It Seems To Be The Head of a Home"—Mrs. Jewett.

Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Davis sang "My Baby's Blowing Sweet Kisses." Devotional were given by Mrs. Mrs. Grisham.

Tea cakes in the form of May baskets, ice cream and punch were served to fifty five ladies and 14 children.

Every one pronounced the occasion a very profitable afternoon of fellowship and fun.

Legion Auxiliary To Give Tea At Carpenter Home

The public is invited to an outstanding social event on Sunday, May 21st in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. V. Carpenter on the Old Stage Road. The Medford Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary has been favored with this privilege and a most enjoyable garden party is anticipated. The spacious gardens will be open to the public and a personally conducted tour of the gardens will be a feature of the afternoon. The lovely gardens of Topsisides need no introduction to the people of Southern Oregon as their beauty is well known to all members of the Garden Club of Medford.

The hours of 2 to 5:30 Sunday afternoon May 21st have been selected and refreshments will be served during the entire time. A most outstanding program has been prepared by the chairman, Mrs. Ray Wright, and feature numbers will be presented at stated periods during the Silver Tea.

Members of the American Legion will assist with the parking of cars. Topsisides, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, is on the Old Stage Road about two miles north of Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chapman from San Francisco were recent guests of Mrs. Harrison. During their stay here they made a trip to Prospect, Butte Falls and Ashland. While in Ashland they discovered that Mr. Chapman's daughter was in Prospect so they returned to Prospect the next day for a visit. Mr. Chapman is in the government employ and has been ordered to Rhode Island, where his wife and daughter will join him as soon as school is out.

Be sure and take advantage of Shultz Bros. ad this week—it is worth \$5.00 to you.

Son born—Word was received today of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gilman of the Gilman Dairy, in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, on May 8th. The baby weighed eight pounds and two ounces at birth. He has been named George Leland.

Forty-seven mothers of Girl Scouts attended the outdoor tea given by the Girl Scouts at the home of Mrs. Ted Hill. There was a short program with a playette entitled "The Making of the Girl Scout Laws." Two Girl Scouts were vested at the tea. They were Phyllis Furry and Gwendolyn Wright. The table decorations were arranged by Norrene Bohner. The ladies were served punch and sandwiches and all had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. Richardson entertained Mrs. Mary Richardson and Mrs. Nancy Wilson, mother and grandmother of Mr. Richardson, for Mother's Day dinner, also Virgil Neal of Klamath Falls, nephew of Mrs. Mary Richardson, who returned home with him for a week's visit.

Paul J. Norcross and Mr. McGee of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Garman of Palo Alto are visiting in the valley. Mr. Norcross came to spend Mother's Day with his mother. They plan to return home Sunday.

Mr. James Harrison and the speech class spent Sunday at Squaw Lake. Some of the group fished and a few braved the icy water for a swim. Those attending were Stanley Jones, Arthur Miller, Mario Gionne, Glenn Parks, Ronald Pinkham, Betty Davis, Norma Saxe, Violet Thumler, Maxine Moore, and Wanda Fay Cassman. They returned as fast as McKey bridge where they spent the evening.

Comedy Makes Hit

The play given by the members of the Keystone class of the Church of Christ, entitled "The Absent-minded Professor", at the high school auditorium Monday evening was much enjoyed by the large and enthusiastic audience. The play was given for the purpose of raising a fund to purchase new song books for the church. About \$35.00 was taken in through the sale of tickets for the play.

Following is the cast of characters:

Uncle Barney, the Absent-minded Professor, Milton Huston; Aunt Jessica, Lyle Gregory; Josephine, Virginia Bohner; Sharon, Marjorie Yost; Joan, Ruth Hoyer; Joe Watson, Carl Hoyer; Dave Carter, Roland Hoyer; Miss Melvina, Alta Kelly; Esmeralda, Ina Adams; Mr. Butler, Ernest Kelly.

The play was a three-act comedy and the parts were so well handled that the audience was kept in convulsions of laughter from start to finish. It was given under direction of Mrs. Edith Bohner. There is some talk of giving the play again in Sams Valley in the near future.

Local Man Makes Good as Salesman

Mr. Scott Darby, who recently joined the Cooksey staff, is being congratulated by his many friends on making such a good showing in such a short time in his new position. Mr. Cooksey is also to be congratulated on adding a man of Mr. Darby's ability to his staff. Mr. Darby has lived in the valley since 1902 and also lived on every rural route out of Medford and now lives on the Central Point route. His sales ability has been proved by the way he put over his invention for the Fordson tractor, at which time he traveled in every state in the union. He reports that he never enjoyed any thing like he does the Hudson. Being thoroughly sold on the car himself having driven one for the last two years, he enters heartily into the work. Also having established a record of reliability in his long residence here is a big help in his new work.

Hudson has made a sensational gain in sales this year, according to Mr. Cooksey, who has just received the information that Hudson has jumped up to eighth place in national sales. They were formerly in eleventh place.

So what?

BE YOURSELF. Ape no greatness. Be willing to pass for what you are. A good farthing is better than a bad sovereign.—S. Coley.

The county directory man called at the Gleason barber shop and asked for his shop number. Which made Mr. Gleason scratch his head. Now bright, new "No. 227" adorns the barber shop while 225 shines as brightly on the beauty salon.

Be charitable. Our mistakes are down in black and white for every one to see. Maybe a few people may miss some of yours.

Mrs. DeVine and Mrs. Lampman exchanging puddings—neither one knowing the other had made one.

The little Myers boy scheming around to get money of his own to buy a Mother's Day gift for his mother.

Wentling Hikey resplendent in a new sweater on which a huge maroon and blue letter "C" is mounted.

Mrs. Adams gleeful over the success of "The Absent Minded Professor," and looking right pretty with her hair up in cute little curls.

Skipper Smith going home, on the day of the catfish derby, wet to the hide and Hal Jewett and Jim Pierce trembling visibly at the very mention of Skip's name? ? ?

Ronald Gandee forgetting all about a scheduled baseball game, dashing out to gather up his team and bringing them back to whip the fox off the visitors—which they did.

Nels Florry trying to charge exorbitant prices for a peek at the monstrous blister he wore on his hand while endeavoring to earn his daily bread, failing to collect anything and having to display the phenomenon free of charge, much to his disgust.

Clyde Lees pitching such swell games that even people who know nothing of baseball are predicting that he will someday be as good as Dizzy Dean.

"They won them fair and square," declared Mr. Harrison when he was accused of pilfering the armload of pretty ribbons that his track team captured at a recent meet—it still looks like a lot of ribbons for a coach, with his first team—but nice going at that!

Bob Webb experiencing much difficulty in steering an obnoxious motor boat and Don Patterson deriving much merriment from the situation.

Meeting Held to Aid Cub Activities

A meeting was held at the home of Everett Faber on Wednesday evening, May 17, to reorganize the Cub program for this community and select leaders and committeemen for the coming year. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Irving Beesley, local Scout Executive and was attended by R. H. Gandee, C. W. Abbott, Roland Hoyer, Mrs. John Homer, Mrs. R. B. Langston, Mrs. Geo. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Roy Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber.

Mr. Beesley explained the Cub program and how it should be carried on and stressed the point that Cub Scouts should not be termed as Cub Scouts since they have a definite program of their own and are connected with the scouts only in that they prepare them to be able, when they reach the age limit of 12 years, to step into the scout ranks and have some idea of what is expected of them.

The following committeemen and leaders were appointed at the meeting: Everett Faber, committeeman No. 1 and chairman of the committee; Bill Abbott, committeeman No. 2, vice-chairman and publicity man; Joan Homer, committeeman No. 4, achievement man and Ronald H. Gandee, committeeman No. 5, contact man. The selection of committeeman No. 3, who will be the finance man was not definitely decided upon. Roland Hoyer will be Cubmaster and Mrs. Langston, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Reynolds were selected to work jointly as Den Mothers' for Den 2.

Cubs comprise the group of boys between the ages of 9 to 12 and lays a good foundation for preparing a boy to be honest, thrifty, trust worthy and a better citizen.

Parents wishing to enroll their son in the Cubs will please see Mr. Gandee at the school for enrollment blanks and Cub information.

Miss Mildred Burger And J. J. Swain Wed

Married at the Fourth Presbyterian church, Chicago, in the wedding chapel on April 29, Miss Mildred Burger and Mr. J. J. Swain. The party was attended by Rev. and Mrs. McCue. (Mrs. McCue is a sister of the bride) and friends of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Tricker. Mrs. Swain is well known here being a daughter of Mrs. E. E. Scott and has many friends who will wish her happiness.

Many Plan to Enter Summer Music School

This summer the Central Point public schools offer a special opportunity to all pupils who wish to start on a band or orchestra instrument. Beginning classes will be held one day each week for six weeks in the high school band room, directed by Mr. Harry Meyers.

There is no better time than summer to begin the study of a musical instrument. Children have plenty of time to practice and more individual attention can be given them.

It is a known fact that boys and girls progress two and three times as rapidly during the summer months as they do in the regular school year. Pupils beginning in June will probably be ready to enter the Band at the beginning of the next school year.

Cornelius Hitzler Passes, Aged 90

George Hitzler received the sad news of the death of his brother, Cornelius Hitzler in Forest Grove early Saturday morning at the age of 90. Mr. Hitzler had lived in Medford for a number of years where he leaves many friends.

Mr. Hitzler had been a member of the Masonic order for 50 years and a member of the Odd Fellows for more than 60 years. The body arrived in Medford Sunday.

He leaves one son, John Hitzler, of Medford and two brothers, Edwin Hitzler of Medford and George of Central Point.

Funeral services were held at the Conger chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with Rev. Joseph Knotts officiating. Interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery was conducted by the local Masonic lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Melford Hood have moved near Gold Hill.

Calendar of COMING EVENTS

Friday, May 19
Grange entertainment at Grange hall, Friday evening.
Missionary Circle, Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lettie Gregory.
Navy Mothers with Mrs. J. R. Lees, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 21
Baccalaureate Service, Federated church, 8:00 p.m.
American Legion Tea, Carpenter home on Old Stage Road, 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, May 22, 23, 24
Crippled Children's Clinic, courthouse, Medford.

Saturday, May 27
Clive Club Luncheon, library, 11:30 to 1:30.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Baccalaureate services in honor of the class of 1939 will be held in the Federated Church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Special music will be furnished by the High School chorus under the direction of Mr. Harry Meyers. Miss Ruby Webster will be the accompanist. The following selections will be brought by the chorus: "Hymn to the Night", Nobel Cain; "Father to Thee We Pray", Gounod; "Rev. Stanley G. Parrish will bring the sermon of the evening on the subject "Building Foundations".

Members of this year's class include Lucile Brenneholtz, Maxine Brown, Raymond Childress, Gordon Conrad, Leonard Copinger, Marjorie Dodson, Margaret Dow, Barbara Fleisher, Mary Lou Gerber, Norman Hansen, Letha Hesselgrave, Bob Hoagland, Clarence Hollingsworth, Frances Homer, Wanda Hood, Ivy Hugger, Bill Lees, Clyde Lees, Howard Long, Bob Palmer, Ernest Pinkham, Durward Porter, Arlene Scott, Evelyn Stanley, Marion Strayhorn, Leatha Vincent, Norma Jean Wertz, June Wald, Helen Wright, and Loyce Wright.

Senior Class Day Celebrated Tuesday

The senior class day exercises will be held Tuesday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

At this time winners of the boys' and girls' citizenship awards will be announced. The honor cup will also be awarded.

The last issue of the Central Pointer this year will be distributed, and in all probability, the senior annuals will be ready for delivery to the subscribers on that day.

Friends and alumni are welcome to attend the class day program.

New Cars Enter Next Auto Race

With several more vehicles already signed up and more in sight, Promoter Jim Daily states that next Sunday's stock car races at the Rogue Valley speedway will be even more thrilling and sensational than those of last week. There will be several more makes of cars represented than before, including some which tried for honors at the track Sunday.

The track is being smoothed out to enable the machines to make better time and cause less damage and there will be two new entrances to the speedway, thus eliminating the jam of cars and the long wait to get over a one-way bridge. Mr. Daily also states that other plans are being perfected to smooth out details of the races and save long waits. Soft drinks, candy and sandwiches will also be available.

Mrs. Anna Owling and daughter, Mrs. LaCasse, grand-daughter Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Bodenstab and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox, Dolores and Jackie; Mr. and Mrs. Will Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Will Beck; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dennis, all gathered at the Milton home in Rogue River Sunday in honor of their mother, Mrs. Milton, who is 84 years old. Mrs. Milton received many nice gifts and they all enjoyed a big dinner.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lysie Gregory Primary Supt.

At the Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. We will celebrate Pentecost or the Organization of The Church. Sermon Subject "The Church and What It Means To Me." Special Chorus by the Choir.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.
We will cooperate with the High School and The Federated Church in the Baccalaureate Service which will be held in The Federated Church, Rev. Parrish speaking.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Mrs. J. N. Cornutt will present a carefully prepared lesson on "Fulfillment of Prophecy" and the new classes on Bible Study will be introduced. The books are here for the new study.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Phone 51
Stanley G. Parrish, Pastor.
Bible School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—7:00 p. m.
Evening Service—8:00 p. m.
Ladies' Bible Class—Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.
Choir Practice—Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.

Ladies Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon.