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Musings

By the Editor

"We finish, but to begin again". This is the class motto of the class of '39 of the local high school. And how true that is these young people will soon learn when they start trying to find something to do these days. They will find they will be starting in all over in a new kind of life. And we trust the lessons they have learned during the past four years in high school will be of value to them in finding their places in after life.

All Hail to Senator Sheppard of Texas and his plan to exempt from all taxation homes up to \$5000. Now that's an idea! Think what that would mean to the average man of family. But somehow we have an idea that his plan has about the same chance with the present Congress as the proverbial snowball in the nether regions. In the first place, where could they get the money they want to spend if all that property was tax-free? They can't come within a mile of balancing the federal budget as it is, so how could they get along if all those middle-bracket homes were left off the tax rolls?

President Roosevelt has come out flat-footed as opposed to any change in the New Deal program or policies. His stubborn back up and says any change in such policies is unthinkable. Well, as for that, this writer never had the least idea FDR would change. He is just going to fight it out on that line if the whole country goes to the dogs. He and "Tommy the Cork" are going to stick to their brain-children and the "public be damned." And we hear that poor Vice President Garner is saying that he would much rather be at home with his bantams than fooling with Congress. For what we don't blame him.

Far be it from us to say "we told you so". Several years ago this writer got up on his hind legs at a board meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and urged the chamber to move their office down on the Pacific Highway so strangers could find it. We claimed that more real good would be accomplished by having an information bureau in some prominent location where the passing motorist couldn't help but see it. And the experience of the new bureau across from the old Nat building more than justifies that prediction.

Miss Yorton tells us that before she was fairly settled in her new office tourist cars began turning in to ask questions or to register their cars. 27 cars the first day! And the best of it all is that she is in a position to give accurate information, not guessed at. She has at her finger tips all the latest data about all the resorts, fishing spots, trailer camps, and the like, which will be of immense value in persuading the tourist it will be worth his while to spend more time in this county.

Last night we had the pleasure of sitting in with a bunch of "Black Republicans" and listening to talks concerning the future of the party. Which was all very enjoyable, of course. But as for practical results of such meetings, we have our doubts. What the G. O. P. must do is to get right down to brass tacks and figure out a definite program and then each member get out and sell that program to someone else. Just cussing FDR and the New Deal isn't enough. If they want to reach the younger voters they must show these young folks the folly of following will-o'-the-wisp, spend-yourself-rich notions and what they mean to the future. And as for the older voters, the American people are becoming old-age conscious and need to be shown the uselessness of the present social security program.

It is our belief that the common folks are awakening to the danger of wildcat spending more than one's income. We all know such a program will end disastrously to the individual who follows it. Why then should there be any difference between government spending and private spending? If the individual cannot get by that way, can the government do any different? One thing we have always been proud of about the old party is the fact that

THIRTY SENIORS TO GRADUATE TOMORROW EVE.

Dressed in traditional caps and gowns thirty seniors will march down the aisle to receive their diplomas for four years of work in high school on Friday, May 26, in the gymnasium at eight p. m.

Dr. E. W. Warrington of Oregon State College will give the address of the evening.

The valedictory will be delivered by Norma Jean Wertz and the salutatory by Evelyn Stanley.

The high school orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Harry Myers, will furnish the music. The mixed chorus will sing "Hymn To The Night".

The program is as follows: Processional: Triumphant March from Aida.

Invocation: Rev. Clifton A. Phillips.

"Hymn to The Night": Mixed Chorus.

Salutation: Evelyn Stanley. Valedictory: Norma Jean Wertz. Orchestra: "Bohemian Girl"—Bolfe.

Address: Dr. E. W. Warrington, O.S.C.

Orchestra—"Poet and Peasant"—Suppe.

Presentation of awards and diplomas: Supt. H. P. Jewett.

Benediction: Rev. Stanley Parrish. Recessional: Orchestra.

The members of the graduating class are: Lucile Brennessoltz, Maxine Brown, Raymond Childers, Gordon Conrad, Leonard Copinger, Marjorie Dodson, Margaret Dow, Barbara Fleischer, Mary Lou Gerber, Norman Hansen, Letha Hesselgrave, Bob Hoagland, Clarence Holmgren, Frances Homer, Wanda Hood, Ivy Hugger, Bill Lees, Clyde Lees, Howard Long, Bob Palmer, Ernest Pinkham, Durward Porter, Arlene Scott, Evelyn Stanley, Marion Strayer, Leatha Vincent, June Wald, Norma Jean Wertz, Helen Wright, and Loyce Wright.

Tourist Bureau Drawing Attention

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is justly proud of their new sign on the new tourist building on North Riverside. The sign is something new in Neon signs and was donated to the chamber by Bill's Sign Shop. It is a white light instead of colored and is made so that it will throw light down on the word "Information" painted below. The word "Tourist" in white light on black background makes a very attractive sign.

Mr. W. A. Catlett is owner of Bill's Signs and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been in business in Medford for the past ten years. Everyone is very much pleased with the new building, including the two young ladies in charge, Miss Alice Kellogg in the registration office and Miss Juanita Yorton in the tourist bureau. Flower beds are being arranged around the grounds where they will produce the most pleasing effect.

THANKS The Civic club wishes to thank Mr. John Perl for the benches he so kindly donated to the club and also for the delivering of same to the city park. The club expects to make good use of the benches as soon as the rain stops.

It believes in prosperity through abundance—not scarcity.

Finally, brethren, let's not forget that throughout the whole world today there is not a spot where people have the advantages, the comforts, the freedom of individual endeavor, we enjoy right here in good old U. S. A. Let's stick up first, last and all the time for the American form of government, the American way of living and the grand old Constitution, which has led us all the way for all these hundred and fifty years. Be not led astray by any of the foreign-born "leech" so prevalent these days. If you just MUST have an "ism" let it be Americanism.

Local Valedictorian Wins Award Given By Reader's Digest

H. P. Jewett, superintendent of schools, announces that the coveted Reader's Digest Award for Scholastic Achievement has been won by Miss Norma Jean Wertz, Trail, valedictorian of the class of 1939, Central Point High School.

She will receive an engrossed parchment certificate upon graduation.

The Reader's Digest confers this annual award as encouragement to young men and women throughout the nation who, by their scholastic achievement, give promise of growing into leadership in their communities.

Principals of progressive preparatory and high schools increasingly advocate an interest among students in the most significant articles

which appear in current magazines. Their belief is that vital contact with the living, quickening thought of our day is essential to education, both before and after graduation. As one principal expressed this thought in a letter to The Reader's Digest, "Your award and your magazine appeal to me as a way to keep our best students in the mental vanguard through the difficult transition from school to society at large."

Our own local educators are among the progressives of the nation who use this method of relating text material in magazines to current modern life. It is their broad-minded foresight which has made it possible for our students to compete for The Reader's Digest Award.

Recitals Are Enjoyed By Large Audience

Two recitals given by Mrs. Lois Young's younger piano students were enthusiastically received and appreciated by large audiences at the First Christian church both on Tuesday and Wednesday nights last week. Those participating in the two programs diversified with song, violin and pantomime of especial interest to our readers, are the following who either live in Central Point or near here or are well known here: Mary Jane Matthews, Jean Lydiard, Dorothy Young, Melba Ayers, Marjorie Jewett, Lois and Bruce Fields, Eloise Payton, Helen Young, Joan Corford, Jean Anderson, Rovonda Heath and Patricia and Bette Catey.

Y. G. A. to Give Annual Dance Wed.

Central Point Y. G. A. will give its annual young people dance for Grangers and friends on Wednesday, May 31st at the Central Point Grange Hall.

Those who attended last year's dance, will no doubt recall what a good time every one had and this year's dance promises to be better than ever. Balloons will be used for decoration and entertainment during the evening.

A good orchestra has been secured and the floor is being freshly dressed and waxed to assure the best possible dancing surface.

A very nominal charge will be made. Come and meet your friends from all over the valley.

John Millard Dies In Calif. Saturday

John Millard passed away in Ventura, California Saturday as a result of heart disease. Mr. Millard is well known here having lived here different times. In recent years he ran the Green Lantern and later bought property out by the Gregg ranch.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters in Ventura; a brother, the Rev. D. E. Millard, and a daughter, Mrs. Ted Florey, in Medford, and a daughter in Seattle.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the sorrowing family.

D. A. V. to Sponsor Dance in Medford

The local post of the Disabled American Veterans will sponsor a dance at Dreamland, Saturday, June 3, to raise funds for D.A.V. activities in this area, according to Carol J. Parker, local commander.

Steve Whipple and his swing music makers will provide the music. Harvey Caseman, chairman, and Frank Holbrook will have charge of all arrangements for the dance. The ladies' auxiliary will conduct the advance sale of tickets. Mrs. Hickman is president of the ladies' auxiliary.

Mr. Bill Fox of Klamath Falls is manager of the local Safeway Store while Mr. Miles Davis is taking his vacation and visiting his wife in Southern California.

Essay Contest Prize Won by student

Students of one school captured three of the four prizes in the essay contest for Jackson county rural schools conducted by Crater Lake chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and members of one family took two of the prizes, it was disclosed last Friday when the awards were announced.

First prize of \$10 for the best essay on the topic "Why I Am Glad I Am an American," went to Richard Hall, Jacksonville high school student. The other three winners, all Ruch school students, were second, Bill Wright, \$7.50; third, Irene McDonough, \$5, and fourth, Eddie Hall \$2.50. Eddie Hall is a brother of Richard Hall, the family living in the Applegate and the sons attending different schools.

The essays were judged by Mrs. B. G. Harding, past state regent of the D.A.R., Mrs. Bert Lowry, regent of Crater Lake chapter, and Mrs. C. M. Hurd, chairman of the national defense committee of Crater Lake chapter.

A D.A.R. medal offered for the best poster on "Americanism" was won by Joyce Niedermeyer of Jacksonville.

FIRST GRADE

Thursday, May 25 This is our last day of school. Vacation is here. We will be back next September. We will be in the second grade then. How fine that will be. Vacation days are happy days.

Dorothy and Bessie are going East for the summer. Shirley's grandmother is coming to visit her. She lives in Colorado. Melvin's uncle and aunt will visit him. They live in White Horse, California.

Keith will move out on a farm. Johnny went to Klamath Falls yesterday. He saw pelicans, ducks, a deer and some Indians.

Now it is time to say good-bye to all.

We wish all a happy summer. Good-bye until next September. Good-bye—Good-bye.

First Grade Children.

W. R. C. Asks Vets To Join in Service

The W.R.C. memorial services will be held at the Christian Church, Sunday morning May 28. Rev. Clifton Phillips will give the address. The W. R. C. will meet at invitation is extended to all soldiers of foreign wars to meet with them and attend the service in honor of our dead soldiers—the one time in the year set aside for this service.

Recently

When rather dry. We said we always had a crop. At Present, being rather wet, we see no reason for changing our statement.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Deposits Insured)

Baccalaureate Service Held Sun.

The 1939 class of the Central Point high school, thirty in number, attended the baccalaureate service at the Federated church Sunday evening. The members of the class were dressed in the conventional caps and gowns in the school color of maroon, and presented a very imposing picture. This is the largest class ever to graduate from the local school.

Miss Ruby Webster played the processional, followed by a song by the congregation. Rev. Stanley Parrish, pastor of the church, read the Scripture lesson, followed by prayer. Rev. Parrish explained that Rev. Clifton A. Phillips, who had expected to take part in the service, had been called to Prospect to deliver the baccalaureate sermon the same evening. Rev. Parrish then delivered a sermon on the parable of the wise man who built his house on a rock, and urged the young people to build their lives on solid foundations.

A mixed chorus from the high school sang "Hymn of the Night," under direction of Mr. Harry Myers.

Citizenship Awards To Pinkham and Stanley

The two members of this year's graduating class to be chosen for the citizenship awards were Evelyn Stanley and Ernest Pinkham.

The citizenship award is given to the outstanding senior boy and the outstanding senior girl as to service rendered during the senior year. This service includes, service on committees, cooperation with students and faculty, and participation in student activities.

The senior class nominated four students, Ernest Pinkham, Evelyn Stanley, Mary Lou Gerber, and Bob Hoagland for the citizenship awards. These seniors were then voted on by the entire student body who chose Evelyn Stanley as the senior girl and Ernest Pinkham as the senior boy.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wright motored to Crescent City Wednesday. They enjoyed a lovely trip.

Mrs. John Wright left Tuesday for her home in Riverside.

Mrs. Barnum from Phoenix called for her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Dunlap Wednesday afternoon and they visited Mrs. Lydiard at Table Rock.

Mrs. Alice Gandece was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gandece Thursday.

Mrs. Belle Davis returned after spending the winter with a daughter in Idaho and is making her home here with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Musty.

Mr. Davies reports that they have added a new line of equipment at the Farmer's Cooperative and are now carrying the Massey-Harris line.

Miss AVYS Ayers just completed a very successful term at the Lone Pine school. Graduation exercises were held last Friday evening with fourteen in the graduating class.

The Missionary Circle of the Federated Church is meeting at the Joe Cox home this afternoon. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Minnick are joint hostesses.

The W.R.C. members are requested to meet at the hall Friday, June 2nd, and bring mops and brooms to clean the hall.

Mrs. E. E. Scott, who is visiting her daughter in Chicago, is having a fine time. Mr. Scott reports. He receives a letter from her every day. She plans to return June 15.

Attention

The Civic Club will hold their luncheon Saturday, May 27 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Library. Sandwiches, salad and coffee will be served for 20 cents. Dessert extra. A cooked food sale will be held all day. Everyone is requested to help out with this. Anything eatable will be gladly accepted—homemade breads, rolls, cookies, soups, cakes, pies, salad, meat loafs, baked beans, etc. Bring your favorite dish. Buy here for your family's dinner.

MUSICAL PROGRAM GIVEN BY PUPILS OF AGATE SCHOOL

Children of the Agate school presented a musical program at the close of their school May 17. The program had been prepared for the purpose of showing the progress the children had made in music in four months time. About 175 people attended.

Of the 35 children participating, only one had had any music lessons previous to January of this year, the single exception being Jerry Gleaves, violin. Fourteen children played the piano, all of these played in the harmonica band and a number played a third instrument in the orchestra.

All the instruction had been given outside of school hours, chiefly before and after school and at intermissions, by the regular teachers, Mrs. Hazel Atkins giving the piano lessons and Mrs. Viola Aldredge the harmonica lessons. Mrs. Atkins is a pupil of Prof. Fred Alton Haigh, of Medford, who acted as advisor and critic for the recital and whose encouragement and favorable criticism gave the teachers and pupils confidence in carrying out the work.

Highlights of the piano group were "Black-hawk Waltz" by Lucille Sellars; "Ornetta Waltz" Lucille Vincent; "Twilight Reverie" Phyllis Libolt; "Blue Danube Waltz," piano duet with violin, the piano played by Lila Daugherty and Lucille Vincent, violin, Jerry Gleaves; and "March Triomphale," a six-handed piece played by Lucille Sellars, Phyllis Libolt and Lorraine Gleason.

The harmonic band played, accompanied by Lorraine Gleason at the piano.

The primary room sang "Cradle Song," and Lila Daugherty and Lucille Vincent, playing guitars, sang two songs.

Calendar of COMING EVENTS

Friday, May 26 Softball game, Faber's vs Teamsters, Medford High grounds, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27 Civic Club luncheon, library, 11:30 to 1:30, cooked food sale all day.

Sunday, May 28 Memorial service, Church of Christ, 11:00 a.m. All veterans invited.

Tuesday, May 30 Memorial Day, W.R.C. service at cemetery 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, May 31 Y. G. A. Dance, Grange hall Softball game, Faber's vs Elks, Medford High grounds, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3 D.A.V. Dance, Dreamland, Medford.

The Churches

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

The Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M. The Relief Corps will be present in body, and all members of Patriotic Organizations are especially invited. We especially desire the presence of G. A. R. members. The Federated Church will cooperate and the United Chords will sing.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M. Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Sermon subject "How Did The Early Church Change The World?" Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 4:45 P.M. We will carry out the program as planned for last week.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Phone 51 Stanley G. Parish, 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 8:00 p. m.