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Musings

By the Editor

It does beat the band what prognosticators some of these old-time newspaper men are. Several years ago a man who had spent years as a reporter, and editor and who was always a bit of a radical, was in our office. We had known this gentleman for many years and had a good deal of faith in his political shrewdness. We chanced to mention President Roosevelt and at once this man arose and began stamping up and down the room, cussing the whole Roosevelt family from T.R. down. But one remark he made that day sticks in our memory. He offered to bet that if the president's program of wild spending ever bogged down, he would do his darndest to drag this country into war as a last resort.

And now comes Senator Taft, who openly accused FDR of trying to do that very thing. The senator's idea was that when the president began realizing that his "yes-man" Congress had gone haywire on him, he at once started shaking the "Bogey Man" of danger from Europe and the emergency need of more and better national defense. For vast sums of money spent for war materials, if properly spent, would do just as much good as the old "pump-priming". Now, don't it beat heck how many "emergencies" have come into being since 1933? And how many and varied have been the new dealistic panaceas offered for our relief?

And the sorry side of the picture is the fact that all these nostrums have only served to make the patient sicker. Our foreign markets are all shot to the dickens; our local markets are all upset; business as a whole is in the dumps; the same old 12,000,000 men are out of work. The South has cotton to burn and no place to get rid of it; the Midwest don't know what to do with their corn; the Pacific coast lumber business is all haywire. And now they are going to feed our blue-jackets on Argentine beef because it is cheaper!

Consistency, thou art a jewel! Killing little pigs to keep up the price of pork; paying the farmers for not raising wheat for the same purpose; paying a bonus for less production to hold up the price level, and then buying foreign beef by the government itself because it is cheaper! But then, who ever expected consistency from brainstorming New Dealers, anyway.

But there, if we go on we shall get so darned mad we won't be able to sleep tonight. Let's talk about something else for a change. Just look at the way those Democrats in Congress are trying to railroad the Townsend bill through. Doing their darndest to prevent a fair and impartial hearing. Well, all we can say is that "it's a long worm that has no turning" and there's another election coming soon.

We have a sneaking hunch that the best bet for the Republican party next year is for them to come out in the open in favor of this plan. The people of this country are getting filled up with such tactics and unless all signs fail, are going to demand a showdown before much longer. And as another plank in their platform we offer the total abolishment of the NLRB and the amendment of the national labor law. Also the amendment of repeal of the present farce called the Social Security Law.

We received a letter from our only brother in Minneapolis this week enclosing a snapshot of that distinguished gentleman, Lord, how the years do fly. Is it possible that darned kid is as aged as the camera made him look. White-haired, wrinkled brow and portly form, he may be able to carry a string of letters after his name, but to us he always will be just "Jack", who loved to read instead of being always making something as his kid brother did.

Anyway, we'll bet if that picture had been larger it would have shown the scar across his nose put there one day in the long ago by that same kid brother when he wanted to go home after Sunday School in the old school house in Spring Island to finish some invention he was working on, but the older lad want-

SOLDIER DEAD HONORED BY LOCAL GROUP

Services conducted on Memorial Day in Central Point cemetery at the graves of the Civil War and World War veterans by the Women's Relief Corps were very beautiful and impressive. The ladies put about 12 dozen flags on the soldiers' graves and also on the graves of members of the W. R. C. who passed on. Many friends of Central Point people were at the cemetery caring for the last resting place of departed loved ones. Mrs. Hoagland and Mrs. Jones from Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mayfield from Redmond, Miss Esther Simington and sister Mrs. Pearl Stewart from Dunsmuir, besides many other old residents. The cemetery was beautiful with flowers of every kind, that grow so abundantly in the valley.

Crop Prospects Listed in Late Outlook Report

Although Oregon crop prospects have been materially improved by the timely rains late in May, condition of crops, ranges and pastures in the country as a whole are somewhat below average, according to the latest information contained in the current agricultural situation and outlook report just issued by the Oregon State college extension service.

Hay supplies this year will be unusually high despite the fact that the current crop is slightly below last year in condition. A near record carryover as of May 1 amounted to about 16 million tons, the largest since 1921.

Milk production throughout the nation was still at record heights on May 1 for that date as farmers were milking an unusually large proportion of their cows.

Egg production also was high on May 1—about 5 per cent greater than a year previous. A 5 per cent increase in number of hens and young chickens in farm flocks was also noted, as was an increased sale of chicks this spring. Greatest increase in chick sales is in the Rocky mountain and Pacific regions.

Present prospects indicate fair to good fruit crops in most sections of the country, the report states. Apples were injured by frozes in most parts of the central and southern states, but damage was not serious. A good crop of pears is in prospect for the Pacific northwest and California, and cherry prospects are good in all important producing states except Idaho and Utah. Peach outlook is average or better.

Purchasing power of farm products in the country as a whole was last reported at 74 per cent of the pre-war averages and 80 per cent of the 1926-30 average. General level of farm prices in mid-April was 89 per cent and prices paid by farmers averaged 120 per cent of pre-war base period.

Copies of the complete report may be had at any county agent's office.

Tryouts for Festival Being Held Today

ASHLAND, May 29—Casting tryouts for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival will be held in Ashland on Thursday, June 1, according to Angus L. Bowmer, festival director.

With two new plays added to the repertoire, many new roles are open. All county winners of the Shakespearean Reading Contest are expected to be present to contend for major parts.

Mr. Bowmer states that with the varied characters in the plays there is opportunity for many different individuals to receive recognition of their talents. Festival directors urge all interested in participating be present for the Thursday casting.

ed to finish a story he had found in a book. After waiting as long as he possibly could, the kid threw one of the old home-made black-board erasers made of a hunk of 2x4 covered with sheepskin at the reader, and almost took his nose clear off. Gosh, what a paddlin' that kid got when they finally reached home!

Commencement Marks Finish of Successful Year

Graduation of thirty seniors was witnessed by a capacity crowd in the high school gymnasium on Friday evening May 26.

The class of '39 was unique in two respects: It was the largest class to be graduated from the Central Point High School; and it was the first class in Central Point to wear caps and gowns. These gowns, of a rich maroon color, were rented from an eastern firm at a cost of \$1.50 to each senior, thus making a decided saving to the parents, since the gowns were worn both at baccalaureate and commencement.

The class of '39 is to be commended on the stand taken in this matter, and in so doing they are falling in line with a practice that is being followed in many of the larger schools throughout the country.

This class was outstanding also in the number of awards received. Mr. Jewett presented the following:

To Evelyn Stanley and Ernest Pinkham the citizenship awards, for outstanding service to class and school during the senior year, the choice being made by student vote. To Norma Jean Wertz with the highest average for four years, the honor of being valedictorian; and to Evelyn Stanley, next highest, the honor of being salutatorian. To Mary Lou Gerber a scholarship

In the Southern Oregon College of Education.

To Bob Hoagland, Ernest Pinkham, and Clyde Lees medals for sportsmanship, loyalty, and cooperation in athletics for four years.

To Arlene Scott an award for leadership and service in activities. To Ernest Pinkham the Honor Cup, awarded by points earned through participation in activities, and by student and faculty vote.

The address of the evening by Prof. E. W. Warrington of Oregon State College was well received.

Much of the success of the evening's program was due to the chorus and orchestra music as presented by students under direction of Mr. Harry Meyers.

The members of the graduating class are: Lucille Brennessholtz, Maxine Brown, Raymond Childress, Gordon Conrad, Leonard Copinger, Marjorie Dodson, Margaret Dow, Barbara Fleischer, Mary Lou Gerber, Norman Hansen, Letha Hesselgave, Bob Hoagland, Clarence Hollingsworth, Frances Homer, Wanda Hood, Iry 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.

Civic Club To Hold Election

The Civic club will hold their regular meeting at the Library Wednesday afternoon. This is a very important meeting as new officers will be elected. Everyone interested in the civic welfare of Central Point even if not a member of the club are invited to attend. Refreshment will be served and plans for future work talked over.

Rev. Phillips will be the speaker.

W.R.C. To Honor Members' Birthdays

The W.R.C. will hold a covered dish luncheon Saturday noon at the hall. This will be the quarterly birthday party. All members, except those having birthdays in this quarter, are to bring a covered dish. Gold Hill corps have been invited to attend.

Class to Repeat Play at Eagle Point

Saturday evening, June 3, 8:30 P.M. at Eagle Point Grange Keystone class will give again "The Absent-minded Professor". If you missed it before see it this time—a good play well given—grand entertainment—and for a worthy cause.

Relatives Visit at Richardson Home

Dr. and Mrs. Ward Davis, June and Monte of Salem arrived late Saturday night for a short visit with Mrs. Davis' brother Sanford Richardson and relatives. Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Charlotte, Mrs. Mary Richardson and mother Mrs. Nancy Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Valentine. June and Monte will stay at the lovely country home of the Valentines for a month's visit. Dr. and Mrs. Ward left Tuesday morning for San Francisco to see the fair.

Local Dairyman Has Record Cow

PETERBOROUGH, N. H.—Waldo's Queen Esther 320717 has just completed a record which makes her queen of all eight and one-half year old Oregon Guerneys in class AAA of The American Guerneys Cattle Club. Waldo's Queen Esther was bred by M. B. Findley of Centralia, Wash. and is owned by George H. Stowell of Medford, Oregon and in ten months made a record of 10,044.4 pounds of milk and 621.9 pounds of butter fat.

Marjorie Pierce is spending a two-weeks' vacation with Minnie Nickleson, at her home on Evans Creek.

Columnist Repeats Mason's Poem Each Year on May 30

Art Perry, whose Smudge Pot has appeared in the Medford Mail Tribune for many years, has carried Walt Mason's "Little Green Tents" at the head of his column every Memorial Day for more years than we can remember. And we know of no more appropriate words for the occasion, excepting that the men to whom it was dedicated are no longer able to walk those paths. For the benefit of those who did not notice the poem, we reprint it today:

LITTLE GREEN TENTS
"The little green tents, where the soldiers sleep; and the sunbeams play and the women weep, are covered with flowers today; and between the tents walk the weary few, who were young and stalwart in Sixty-two, when they went to the war away."

"The little green tents are built of sod, and they are not long, and they are not broad, but the soldiers have lots of room; and the sod is part of the land they saved, when the flag of the enemy darkly waved, the symbol of dole and doom."

"The little green tent is a thing divine; the little green tent is a country's shrine where patriots kneel, and pray; and the brave men left, so old, so few, were young and stalwart in Sixty-two, when they went to the war away."

—Walt Mason.

\$100,000 To Be Used on State Fair Grounds

Salem—Approximately \$100,000 will be used this season in the most extensive improvement program at the Oregon State Fair for many years, says Leo G. Spitzbart, manager.

Large scale building and landscaping will be undertaken under a recent \$74,534 grant of the Works Progress Administration, Spitzbart says. Work has already begun at the Salem fair grounds, and most of the improvements will be ready for the crowds when the annual event opens on September 4.

The work includes completion of the huge live stock pavilion, which is considered the most modern anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. It will measure 715 by 204 feet when completed and is expected to provide ample room for the increasingly large number of livestock being brought to the fair.

Other improvements will include the remodeling of the stadium to provide additional stalls for heavy draft horses; 600 additional seats for horse show patrons; a six-lane entrance into the fairgrounds; remodeling of the administration building to provide additional quarters for broadcasting studios; building of a new banquet hall and small auditorium; the paving of a new drive through the state fair grounds the demolition of several old buildings.

"The WPA grant gives the department of agriculture, under which the state fair is operated, the greatest opportunity in history to remodel and beautify the grounds," Manager Spitzbart said. "We shall be able to provide especially fine facilities this year for all exhibitors and visitors."

Spitzbart also indicated that plans are being made for one of the most elaborate entertainment programs ever presented at any of the state fairs. Several thousand dollars will be spent this season to secure the best talent available on the coast.

Lumber Co. To Change Name

The Economy Lumber company from now on will be known as Builder's Supplies Co. Oliver L. Overmyer is president, A. H. Goringham is secretary and treasurer and Ernest Rodgers, yardman. All supplies needed in building may be obtained here at reasonable prices. Call for help on your building plan where you will always receive courteous treatment and helpful suggestions.

Sport Shirts and Slacks 40 match at Faber's.

There was an all day meeting of the Willow Springs Thursday club today at the H. S. Chirgwin home near Eagle Point. A picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon with a musical program later.

WAR VETERANS SPONSOR DANCE SATURDAY EVE.

Tickets are now on sale for the benefit ball to be given in Dreamland Saturday evening by Jackson county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War.

The ticket sale is being conducted by the D.A.V. auxiliary of which Mrs. Louise Hickman is president. Members of the auxiliary have been divided into two teams of which Mrs. Bertha Neff and Mrs. Nettie Cassman are captains.

Music for the ball will be provided by Steve Whipple and his orchestra which will be augmented for the occasion. As an entertainment feature, the Melodears, a girls' trio now with the Whipple band, will entertain with vocal varieties.

"All the proceeds of the ball will go to needy disabled veterans and their families in Medford and vicinity," said a Croid J. Parker, D.A.V. chapter commander. "The D.A.V. endeavors thus to provide funds for emergency relief among the wartime disabled and to aid in the work of rehabilitation. The rehabilitation work includes the maintenance of full-time rehabilitation officers to serve as special advocates or attorneys-in-fact for disabled veterans."

"This organization takes care of the immediate needs of the incapacitated veteran and his dependents and tries to put the veteran on his feet once more and render him and his family a service that may make of him a civic asset instead of a public liability by securing for him the relief he is entitled to through government compensation.

"We ask the general public to patronize this dance and thus spend an enjoyable evening while helping disabled veterans to help themselves."

Kenneth Denman was named as one of the directors of the Oregon State College alumni association at a recent reunion at Corvallis, featuring the class of 1914. Mr. Denman is a promising young attorney of Medford and chairman of the Republican county central committee.

Calendar of COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 3
D.A.V. Dance, Dreamland, Medford.
W.R.C. Birthday luncheon, noon.
"Absent Minded Professor" at Eagle Point at 8:30 p. m.
Wednesday, June 7, 1939
Civic Club election of officers at Library, 2:00 p. m.

The Churches

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

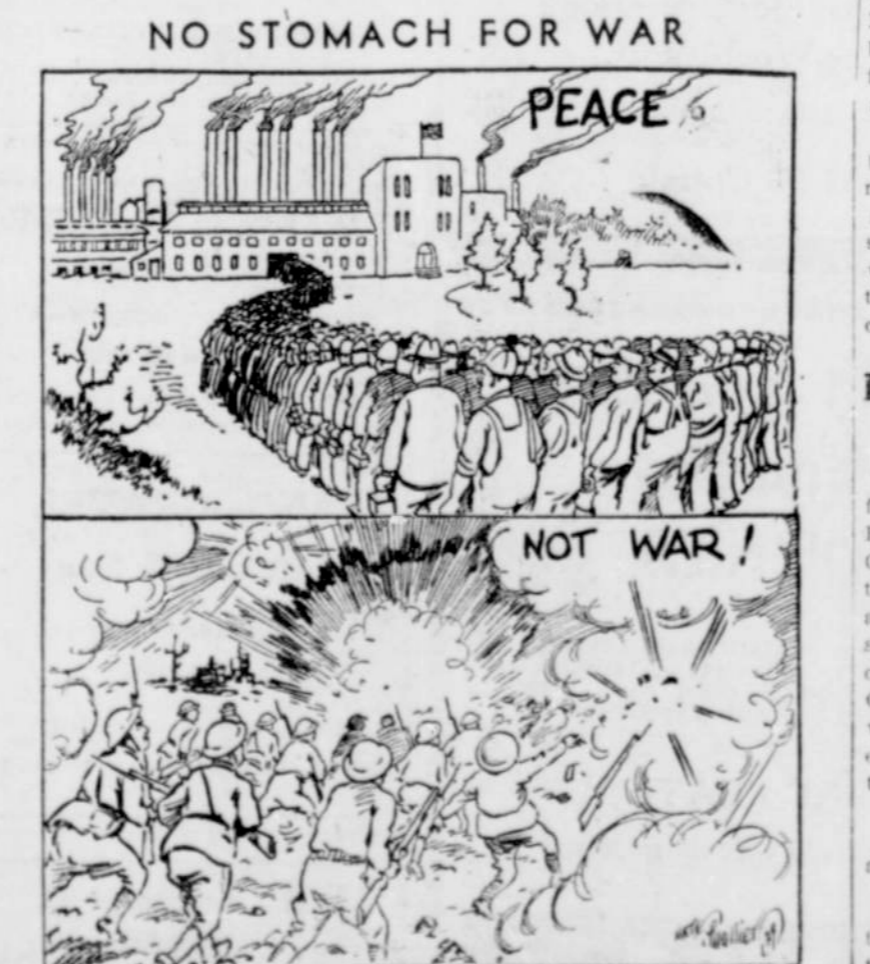
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Special Music, Ladies Quartette. Sermon subject "Why the New Testament Church Changed The World In One Generation."
Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.

We will dismiss the evening service and go hear Evangelist C. C. Root in Church of Christ, Central and Jackson Sts., Medford.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Eula Foley, Leader of Young Peoples Group. Mr. Phillips will arrange the list of leaders for the Class in "Christian Action."

Church Night, Tuesday 6th, will be under the direction of the High School class and we will assemble at 7:00 P.M. with our baskets for Supper. Come bring your lunch and enjoy this fine fellowship.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
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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 8:30 p. m.



News Item: "I want to make it plain that American industry has no stomach for war."—Howard Cooney, President of the National Association of Manufacturers.