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Musings

By the Editor

Well, folks, you may now kill the prodigal, the fatted calf's come home. And, believe it or not, we had to come back to this neck of the woods to get warm. All the time we were in Southern California we found the much exaggerated heat of that country greatly exaggerated.

When we wrote last week's squib we were still on our way south and finding the weather man a very accommodating person. Even in the Bakersfield country the nights were cold enough to call for blankets. (Southern California Chamber of Commerce please note.) But then, of course, our sister state always has had the reputation of doing everything possible for the comfort of visitors within her gates.

We had the privilege of spending just a few hours on Treasure Island and much enjoyed even such a gnat's-eye view of the great fair. We shall make no attempt to give any detailed description of what we saw there, for our time was too limited to do more than to just walk hurriedly about the grounds. But our first impression was one of wonder at the immense amount of work accomplished in beautifying the whole place with flowers and shrubs. Also the buildings did not strike us as especially wonderful from the outside. And we couldn't help but miss the foreign touch so noticeable at the great Chicago fair in '33, at which the writer spent the entire summer.

On the whole, our impression was one of disappointment. While the Oregon state exhibit was very good as a whole, this country's share seemed to us entirely inadequate. And we sneaked out of the Shasta Cascade building without letting anybody know we came from this country. We didn't feel at all proud of what we saw. And they had even cut two of the historic rails sent from here for their Nature Garden. In two and patched them up as best they could. These rails, by the way, tied for second place for distinction as the oldest on the grounds, but as usual, California hogged the show, the prizes for both first and second place going to that state. Too bad, but we'll know better next time.

As we told you last week, the object of our journey to the South was to meet a brother we had not seen for thirty-five years. Well, you can well believe that we found plenty to talk about. Half a lifetime to be gone over in just a few hours. All the experiences—joys, sorrows, travels, etc. of our mature lives to be told in so short a time. Well, we did our best. We talked and talked for hours and at that only touched the highlights. We didn't stop to look at the scenery as we drove up the coast—just talked a blue streak.

The more we see of Southern California the more we are amazed at the temerity of the men who took the country away from the Mexicans. So far as we are concerned, they can have it back any time they want it. The whole country is exotic and strangely beautiful, but not for us. We missed the green hills and streams which are said "upside-down", as the feller said. And as usual, we took off our hat when we at last crossed the state line into our own country again. Oregon may have its drawbacks, but we'll take it any day in preference to any other state in the union. So there!

And we must report that we found just two things on our entire trip on which we didn't have to pay that "d—d—d sales tax", as a sign said in one lunch room. We bought a can of tobacco in Los Angeles without paying the extra cent and also a half-dozen U. S. Postal cards without the tax. But we fear the last item may soon be raised in price to help "Big Jim's" campaign fund.

Which reminds us—we talked politics a bit going south and believe that the New Deal is losing ground there just the same as in this part of the country. Everywhere we went we heard expressions of disappointment and disgust at the entire lack of practical results being accomplished by the Administration. And the WPA workers we saw seemed just as slow there as here.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS LAST MEET BEFORE SUMMER

On Tuesday evening Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. held their last meeting previous to the summer recess. The main feature of the evening was the report of the Golden Jubilee Session of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, held in Portland June 12 to 15th inclusive.

Mrs. Lillie Holt and Mrs. Beulah Faber were the delegates from the local chapter. Mrs. Dora Stine was installed the Worthy Grand Matron. She visited Nevita Chapter last February. The delegates reported a very interesting and enjoyable session. Being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Chapter, many unusual features were enjoyed.

Special guests at Tuesday's meeting included Mrs. Edna Moore and Mrs. Ruth Strauss, sisters of Mrs. Hensley Holt, who are visiting here from Richmond, California. Other guests included: Mrs. Coprin, Mrs. Grant Todd, Mrs. Ida Peters, Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. and Mrs. Hartbauer all from Jacksonville.

After the meeting light refreshments were served by the following committee: Mrs. Tom Pankey, Mrs. Bryden Sanderson, Mrs. Lela Paxson and Mrs. Everett Faber.

Masons and O.E.S.

Picnic on River

Last Sunday ninety seven Masons, Eastern Stars and their families enjoyed a picnic at Casey's Camp. This was one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held by the group. Casey's Camp is now a government camp and is an ideal place for such a gathering.

The afternoon was spent playing Chinker-Check, Baseball and Throwing Hose Shoes. The ladies of the group were the instigators of a ball game that proved to be a very laughable affair.

There were a number of Eastern Star Members present from Jacksonville. The Worthy Matron of Adare Chapter, Mrs. Helen Hartbauer, extended a very cordial invitation to Nevita Chapter to attend their picnic on July 16 at Casey's Camp.

Implement House

Makes Many Sales

Alexander Imp. Co. reports very satisfactory business the past two weeks. Three Harvester-Threshers were sold, one to Albert Strauss and Co. of Gold Hill, one to J. H. Stanley and one to Mel Atkins both of Eagle Point. The White brothers of Rogue River bought a binder. Cecil Messer of Talent was in buying cutting tools. Fred Homes of below Ashland was in buying McCormick-Deering repairs. H. M. McCallister of below Ashland bought a tractor. In all it looks like business is picking up.

Mr. Tex has a beautiful bouquet of glads in the window of the city hall. These were raised in the Tex yard.

Mrs. F. E. Osner of Eugene, who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Billy Abbott, expect to leave with her husband after the 4th for the San Francisco Fair.

W. H. Norcross

AND COMPANION

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and the

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"YOUNG MR. LINCOLN"

—or—

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Claudette Colbert—James Stewart

"IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD"

Demos and New Dealers Fight on Eve of Campaign

WASHINGTON—Democrats in the House of Representatives have thrown down the gauntlet to President Roosevelt on two fronts in drafting the relief program for next year. Behind the challenge is the seething battle between the New Dealers and the recognized Democratic leaders for control of the party in the next convention.

Worst slap of all was the provisions in the relief bill as it came from the House Committee making it a penal offense for government employees to engage in politics. Secondly, but significantly, the bill sets a curb on "white collar" projects financed by relief funds and eliminated the theater projects.

Since the 1938 exposee that millions of dollars were used by the New Deal in elections, Congress has been fuming. Finally, the Hatch bill was passed by the Senate to block future use of relief money for election purchases. But when it got to the House, terrific pressure was put on by the Administration to prevent its enactment. President Roosevelt would not have dared veto a bill of this kind and the House Committee, to which it was sent, was the last pigeonhole available. There the bill has been locked up for several

months, with New Dealers busily convincing members of Congress that its enactment would be destructive of their chances in 1940.

But, while this maneuvering was taking place in the Judiciary Committee, another committee attached the penal clauses to the relief bill. If it is enacted over the protest of the New Deal, it will mark a major victory in the fight against a third-term for Mr. Roosevelt.

The crack-down on "white collar" projects, and the theater project in particular, was the result of the disclosures before the Dies Committee and the House Committee investigating WPA that Communists had virtually taken over these divisions of relief funds has been spent in the big cities. Testimony has shown that membership in the Communist Workers Alliance has been almost an essential to a job on the art, writing and theater projects, which have been utilized for radical and New Deal propaganda. Once again, in curtailing this activity, the House was quietly clipping the wings of the New Deal.

There is little done in Washington these days that is not directly traceable to the jockeying for positions in the '40 elections.

we will examine his qualifications. Let it be understood first of all it takes more than a few piffing days of the wife's absence to enter into the realms of this great order.

Girl Scout Day Camp Ends Season

This week closes the Girl Scout Day camp. Transportation furnished this week by Mesdames Grimes, Cassman, Baxter, and Miss Brookbank of Mesa, Arizona. A hay rack ride will be divided in 2 groups at 6:30 and 8 o'clock Friday evening. "Open House" program will be held for the public, archery tournament being one of many events.

In behalf of the Girl Scout committee I wish to thank everyone for the splendid cooperation in transporting the girls to and from Day Camp.

Mrs. H. Cassman

Mr. Carl Hassler, who is employed at the Modoc Orchard, where he has worked for a number of years, took out his citizenship papers today. W. J. Freeman appeared as a witness for him.

OMITTED LAST WEEK

(Editor's note: The following items were handed in last week but omitted by mistake.)

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carr of Medford spent the week end in Central Point with Doris Coleman and children. This is the first time they have been able to get down here since they were injured in a wreck in December.

Monte Coleman spent a few days last week with Herbert Colley near Phoenix. He also attended the rodeo with them Sunday on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Carr and daughter of Ross Lane spent Sunday evening at the Coleman home. The family group spent a very enjoyable evening, making ice cream.

The George Carson family of Fourth and Manzanita Sts., left for Klamath Falls Sunday to make their home. Mr. Carson has employment there.

JAMES B. WATKINS, PIONEER OF COUNTY, PASSES AT HOME

James B. Watkins, well known and highly respected resident of this city, passed away at the family home late Wednesday night after a brief illness.

Mr. Watkins was born in Missouri in 1862. He came west with his parents at the age of 16 and they settled in the Eagle Point district, living there for several years. He was united in marriage to Mary E. Wooley on July 13, 1889. He has lived in Jackson county for 52 years, and had farmed most of that time. He carried the city mail at Central Point for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Wooley Watkins; five children, Mrs. Walter Bergman, Medford; Mrs. Will DeChastain, Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Samuel Culbertson, Richmond, Calif.; Roy and Ray Watkins, Central Point; one sister, Mrs. Lottie Ayres, Eagle Point; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one son, Fred Watkins, died in 1919.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral home Saturday at 2 p.m., with burial in the Central point cemetery.

The children are all here to attend the funeral.

Letter Received

From W. A. Crane

The following letter was received by Central Point friends this week from W. A. Crane, who was injured in an automobile accident in Oklahoma recently:

St. Edwards Mercy Hosp. Ft. Smith, Okla.

Dear friends: And this includes the whole bunch.

The Doctors are going to put me in a heavy cast, from my hips to chin and crown of my head, Monday morning.

Where I will remain from three weeks to three months.

The "Superior Sister" told me that all seven nurses who care for me, like me because I keep them laughing and am always smiling. (Now laugh).

Would like to hear from all of you, it will help me pass the time, as it looks like I shall be here for a good while.

Take this over to Powell, it will save me writing, then send it down to Doris.

And have a beer on me. Will you set them up to get me to come back? Kid Crane by daughter Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nolte of Hollywood, Calif., who for the past two weeks have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henselgrave will return home via the coast route to the Fair. Mrs. Nolte's sister, Letha Henselgrave will go with them for a visit.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lysle Gregory, Primary Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Sermon subject "The First African Convert". Solo A. E. Powell.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Sermon subject "Soul of Tarsus". Mrs. Phillips will be present and will present her class in "Training For Service" with their diplomas.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Eula Foley, leading "Training For Service" and Mrs. Ethel Davis leading "Christian Action."

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 8:30 p. m.

Snell Urges Care In Driving During Holiday On 4th

An appeal for residents of Oregon to join a state-wide drive to reduce traffic accidents during the coming Fourth of July holidays was voiced today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, who issued a statement pointing out that during the first four days of July last year, five persons were killed and 118 injured in traffic accidents in the state.

The first four days of July, 1938 saw 475 traffic accidents on the highways and streets of the state, 17 percent of the total accidents reported for the entire month of July, Snell said.

July traffic accidents last year claimed a toll of 36 lives; in the year before that they took 41 lives and the year before that, 38 lives. Approximately one-fourth of all traffic accidents during each July of these three years resulted in injuries or deaths.

"This year the Fourth of July comes on Tuesday and many Oregon residents will again have a three or four-day holiday with the consequent heavy travel on the highways and streets of the state," Snell's statement said.

"Unless every driver in Oregon takes upon himself the definite feeling of responsibility for the safety of those using the highways and streets during the period of congestion, we may expect to see lives lost each day of that holiday period.

"There is no valid excuse for this tragic toll of death and injury. No real purpose served by that extra speed which may cause an accident, or by that impatience in getting around the car ahead which may result in a collision, or by that reckless disregard for the rights of others that may cause property damage, injury or loss of life.

CLIMAX NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wertz and Phil Wertz recently motored to Anderson, California where they attended the funeral of the Mr. Wertz's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst accompanied by Frank Simpson were shoppers in Medford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kinney have moved into their new home. Previous to that time they spent two weeks at the L. H. Wertz home while repairs were being made.

Floyd Charley, Frank Simpson, and Hurst Charley of Brwnshoro are repairing fence in this community.

Mrs. Imogene Charley and Claus Charley were brief callers at the Wertz home Saturday evening.

Mr. Frank Spalding of Medford was a business caller and dinner guest at the Wertz home Thursday.

Mrs. Madeline Bartle is spending a few days visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Viola Combstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winningham and Milroy Charley motored to Medford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson of Siskiyou were dinner guests at the L. H. Wertz ranch Sunday.

Farmers in this community are busy cultivating corn.

Phil Wertz and Bob Frederick are helping the Bighams put up hay.

L. H. Wertz delivered two dressed veal calves to butchers in Medford Tuesday.

COMMUNICATED

June 26, 1939

Dear Editor:

We think if the President, war material, and munitions manufacturers wish to put the U. S. into war, they themselves and their sons should take the lead, go in the front ranks, then it would be right for the whole nation to back them up, otherwise it should be left to those having to do the fighting to decide whether the U. S. goes to war or not.

I. M.

WARNING

With the coming of the dry season comes the necessity for special care in setting grass fires and burning rubbish. Care should be taken to clear away all dry grass near buildings, fences, etc., before lighting fires.

Attention is also called to the fact that permits must be secured from the Fire Chief before any fire is set. Also that all cars are required to pull to the curb and so clear the street whenever the fire siren is heard. Give the fire boys a chance to get to the fire as rapidly as possible by clearing the street whenever the siren on the fire hall or on the truck is sounded.

All persons desiring to burn the dry grass on or near their premises must notify Fire Chief Bonney, stating the time they wish to start the fire.

A. E. POWELL
Mayor