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Musings

By the Editor

What a life! An editor, sure does get it coming and going. Recently our "Sport Gagger" has been making remarks concerning the condition of the fish screens in the various irrigation ditches about the county. And at least in some cases he spoke from personal knowledge, having seen the screens (or lack of them) himself. But what he had to say seems to have got under the hide of some of the irrigation officials, who claim he was all wet, Mebbe he was, but that lad has been fishing up and down the streams of this county all his life and we believe he knows what baby trout look like when he sees them.

So when K.D.P. says he saw hundreds of trout in an irrigation flume a mile below the screen, we have no reason to doubt his story. How they got there is another question. But we do know that last Sunday morning this writer was driving up Little Butte Creek above Eagle Point and stopped at a fish screen on a big ditch said to belong to a private company called the Eagle Point Irrigation Company. Here we found the paddle wheel turning merrily away, but the screen itself had been lifter from its bearings and the chain disconnected. There was apparently plenty of room under the said screen for most any sized fish to swim through easily. And almost the entire creek had been turned into that ditch.

It is just that sort of thing which makes the fishermen holler. Every man jack of them pays his bit into the funds of the state for the propagation of fish. Every license bought adds just that much to the fund. And it hurts like heck to see that money wasted. They say: "Why should we be penalized to raise funds to re-stock the streams with trout, only to have the baby trout turned loose in streams where there are open irrigation ditches?"

Just an idea. It is our belief that the big irrigation companies are doing their best to comply with the fish screen law. But the trouble lies with the smaller farmers who cannot afford to build the standard screen. Why should not the state commission take over the job of furnishing screens for those unable to finance them themselves? That would solve at least part of the problem.

Hurrah for the House of Representatives! At long last they are coming to their senses and refusing to longer be mere puppets of FDR. And also that nobody can spend themselves rich. Now if they would just repeal that crazy social security law and abolish the NLRB and then go home and call it a day we believe our country would soon be peeking around that corner and making friends with good times once more.

By the way, we want to commend Everett Faber on his public spirit in sponsoring a softball team for this city this summer. The boys have had lots of fun—and so have the fans, for that matter. And it is a whole lot better for all concerned to have such innocent sport to occupy their time, and energy. Hope next year the younger lads can get their own league going. But as we write this our old heart is still going pitty-pat from the excitement of that last game with the Catholic Men. That last-minute rally sure was a humdinger.

J. A. Cash

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Are Invited to Be The
Guests of The

CENTRAL POINT AMERICAN
and the
CRATERIAN THEATRE, Medford
to see either of the two following
pictures

Ending Saturday Nite!

The Alexander Dumas Classic
"THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK"
Louis Hayward—Joan Bennett

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Mickey Rooney—Lewis Stone
and The Hardy Family in
**"ANDY HARDY GETS
SPRING FEVER"**

MISS AYERS WEDS WM. GRIMES AT CHURCH ALTAR

The Federated Church of Central Point was the scene of the most lovely ceremony of the season Sunday night when Miss Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ayers, residents of Central Point, became the bride of William Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes, also of that city. The bride, popular in church circles, was given away by her father.

Miss Ayers was stunningly dressed in a wedding gown of white lace over white satin. Her halo tiara fell to a lovely finger-tip veil of silk net. She carried a bouquet of orchid gladiolus.

Miss Ruby Webster acted as maid-of-honor. Her dress was pink lace over pink taffeta and she carried a bouquet of white gladiolus. James ("Jim") Grimes, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Rev. S. G. Parrish, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before the flower decked altar.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Nelda Ayers, sister of the bride, sang "Oh Promise Me". She was accompanied by Miss Roberta Gaston of Grants Pass. Miss Gaston also played the wedding march by Mendelssohn, her sister Nancy playing the violin, forming a pretty duet arrangement.

A reception for friends and relatives was held in the church parlors immediately following the ceremony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were graduates of the Central Point high school and have many friends in the community. They will be at home to their friends after August 6th at their apartment on Manzanita and 5th sts., Central Point.

The American joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

Reports Show '39 Crops Best Ever

Reports from all over the district show that the 1939 crop promises to be one of the largest the country has known for years. Grain of all kinds is turning out very well. Several farmers report yields of wheat as high as 54 bushels per acre; barley from 60 to 80 bushels; corn is coming along fine and a heavy crop is expected. Prices of all farm products are stronger than for some time.

W. A. (Bill) Gates of the Groceria in Medford, who is interested in tomato canning, reports that the tomato prospect is very good. The fruit is setting nicely and sizing up well. Picking will start about September 1st.

The onion crop in this district promises to be the largest in history. The late crop of berries will be heavy, according to the present outlook.

The pear crop throughout the valley is very good. According to reports from the packing houses, the Bartlett crop is exceptionally good. One packing house foreman reports he went through a lug of Bartletts, taken at random just as they came from the orchard, and found only one wormy pear. The fruit is also very smooth and well sized and there should be few culls thrown out. Prices to the growers is also higher than for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnick were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred at Butte Falls Sunday. After dinner the men fished. Mrs. Eldred is Mr. McJimsey's daughter.

Again the time has come when the big loads of fruit boxes are seen on the highways of the county. And from what we hear the crop this year is going to be one of the best the valley has had for many a year. And for a wonder, the prices are better than they have been recently. Wonder if the fact that there is a presidential election next year has anything to do with all this? Anyway, we don't hear Mr. Wallace saying "we planned it that way".

All honor to Charley McNary and his bunch of helpers in Washington. The influence of these men has awakened Congress to a sense of its responsibility and once more they are looking carefully into all legislation offered by the president and his wild-eyed crew of spenders.

'Millionth Visitor' Honored Guest of Jackson County

DIAMOND LAKE, Ore.—Aug. 3.—(WNS)—Miss Olive Beede, pretty 19 year old student of Antioch, California, who, because she happened to be the millionth visitor to the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland building at the Golden Gate International Exposition is now enjoying a two weeks tour of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland of southern Oregon and northern California, arrived in Jackson county Wednesday, August 2. She and her mother, Mrs. Ethel Beede, has spent the past week at Diamond Lake as guests of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Howard of the Diamond Lake Resort Company. The vacation at the Gem of the Cascade was one of many gifts presented to Miss Beede.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard delivered Miss Beede and her mother to the charge of a reception committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. They were guests at the Hotel Medford Wednesday night and Thursday were taken by

the reception committee for a tour of Medford and vicinity after which they were taken to Ashland, where they are to be greeted by a chamber of commerce committee. They will remain over night at the Hotel Lithia as guests of Director Walter H. Leverette of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association. After a sightseeing tour of Ashland and vicinity Thursday they will be taken by the Ashland committee to Yreka for another overnight stop enroute to Mt. Shasta and home.

Miss Beede started her Wonderland tour Monday morning, July 24, traveling by Pacific Greyhound Lines, bus transportation for the trip having been the gift of that company. She was met by reception committees and entertained at Corning, Red Bluff, Redding, Dunsmuir, Weed, Dorris, Klamath Falls and then proceeded with the Klamath Falls reception committee through Crater Lake National Park to Diamond Lake where she remained a week.

Miss Crokam Visits At Faber Home

Mr. Everett Faber and sister Miss Frances Faber and friend Miss Barbara Crokam of Portland arrived Tuesday morning from San Francisco where they visited the exposition on Treasure Island for a number of days.

Mr. Faber left here Friday to meet his sister Frances, who had been attending summer school at U.C.L.A. She will teach school in Marshfield this coming fall. This is her second term, having taught in Vernonia last year.

Miss Crokam has been touring the country since May 19. She visited New York Exposition and says it is very wonderful. The foreign exhibits are immense, almost large enough to be classed as propaganda, especially Russia's. This was all on a much larger scale than Treasure Island. The lightings in the two fairs was about the same.

The two girls, who were Delta Phi Sorority sisters at the Williamette University, met in Berkeley. While Miss Crokam is here, plans are made to take her to the Lake of the Woods and Crater Lake as a fitting climax to her sight-seeing tour. Miss Crokam is a daughter of the city editor of the Portland Journal.

New Club Boasts Over 150 Members

Central Point Townsend Club No. 1 met at the Grange hall Thursday evening with over a hundred present. The meeting was in charge of Vice President Mosher, in the absence of President Powell, who was unable to attend.

Secretary Martin reported that 150 members had been signed up, which is considered a remarkable record considering the fact that the club has only been in existence a few weeks.

Following the formal meeting the evening was spent with a cake walk and other forms of amusement. The cake was won by Mrs. W. A. Shell, who later took the cake downstairs and gave it away to all desiring it.

Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and cake were served by a committee, the proceeds to go into the club general fund. The club voted to contribute regularly to the Trail Blazer fund.

Mrs. Ross Wallace from Grants Pass and Mrs. Alta Gordon from Tillamook stopped for a visit at the Frank Homer home. Mrs. Wallace continued on home that evening but Mrs. Gordon remained overnight traveling on the stage next morning.

Blind May Read Mrs. Hedrick's Story

Helen Hedrick, authoress daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norcross of Central Point, was honored recently by a request for permission to publish her short story "The Road Kid" in Braille, to be distributed to the blind throughout the state of Maine. Mrs. Hedrick gladly gave her consent to the transcription, and hopes her blind readers will get much enjoyment from the story.

"The Road Kid" was published in the Saturday Evening Post during 1938, and was the first story by Mrs. Hedrick to be accepted by them for publication. It deals with the smudging season among Southern Oregon orchards, and paints a vivid picture of the smudge.

Other stories by Mrs. Hedrick are: "Wildcat Kiss", and "I Remember The Rain".

Mrs. Hedrick is one of the new authors whose work has been recognized with the past year and it is thought she will be among the "best sellers".

Upstate Visitor Enjoys Rogue Valley

Mrs. Betty Brown of St. Helens, Oregon has been a house guest at the P. A. Tracy home for the past two weeks, from there she visited friends in Medford and Klamath Falls and took numerous drives to points of interest throughout the valley. On leaving for her home this morning Mrs. Brown said she would surely like to live down here, having enjoyed her stay very much in spite of the hot weather.

Jesse Mathews from Two Buttes, Colorado and friend Dale Hall arrived Tuesday night at 11 o'clock to visit his sister Mrs. Frank Homer and family. We are told that the two buttes from which the town gets its name, rise straight up in the air to a height of 200 feet with no other mountains around.

So what? -

Out of the lowest depths there is a path to the loftiest height.—Carlyle.

Lois Richardson threatening to take her car all to pieces, get an instruction book and put it back together again. Then she could fix her own car. Perhaps by then it would need fixing.

Billy Abbott eating too much green watermelon and wailing long and loud when he suffered the pangs pains and miseries of over-indulgence.

A Greyhound bus causing no end of excitement when it stopped in the driveway of a filling station that hadn't sold a gallon of gas for two weeks! They filled 'er up—with water.

Shirley Kirkald and Aileen Berry nearly getting to Diamond Lake for an outing.

Minnie Nicholson scurrying hither and yon in the village before departing for a stay in the Siskiyou.

Troop 40 of the Boy Scouts gleefully planning a swimming party to Rogue River for a much-needed cooling off.

Residents all agog over the drastic changes being made at the Lew Grimes service station. It seems the station is to do a right about face and look right out on the highway.

Cherubs of the Jitterbug age grieving because a huge yellow moon was being "simply wasted!"

Ted Hill dispensing lovely glads and gladness—for who can be the recipient of those choice blooms and not be breathless with delight?

The Little Minister delightedly discovering that the weight of one's racquet makes a difference in one's tennis game.

Cool nights creeping tantalizingly into the harried lives of an over-cooked population, only to disappear in the heat of each sizzling dawn—but we can stand that sort of thing—we can—we hope!

Mrs. Purkepple dreaming a beautiful dream of a rock garden which she fears will remain only a dream.

Elk's softball pitcher informed Mrs. Minnick Wednesday night that she surely made it hard for him when she could outtell his mother.

SHAKESPEAREAN PLAYS START IN ASHLAND AUG. 4

ASHLAND, Aug. 2.—(Special)—With four plays in readiness, the Oregon Shakespearean Festival will open its fifth annual season in Ashland Friday, August 4th. Produced in the civic Elizabethan theatre, in the civic Elizabethan manner, the plays are true Shakespeare. Wide attention to the Festival has been given by drama lovers throughout the nation. It is acknowledged to be the premier dramatic event of the summer season on the Pacific coast.

Some sixty persons drawn from every corner of Oregon and several eastern states take part in the plays. One hundred seventy-five costumes of fine fabrics and rich colors are now hanging in the wardrobe room waiting for their appearance Friday evening.

The cool open air theatre, with its carpet of green lawn has been improved. The amphitheatre has been regraded, new lights installed, green vines climb over the walls giving an air of coolness and comfort.

"As You Like It", which will be shown August 4th, 8th, and 12th, and "Comedy of Errors", presented on the 7th and 11th, are the two new plays to be shown. The ever popular "Hamlet" is again presented with Angus Bowmer in the name role. For the third successive year the "Taming of The Shrew" will be given, this season on August 9th. Curtain time for all plays is at 8:30 P.M.

Glad Show to Open on Friday

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 2.—(Special)—All flower lovers of southern Oregon are invited to attend the fourth annual Grants Pass Gladiolus show here Friday and Saturday. No charge is made for admission to see the colorful blooms in the exhibit hall at Fifth and H streets, directly opposite from the site of the three previous shows.

The events open Friday morning at 10:40 with a bicycle parade in which each entry will be decorated with blooms supplied by the growers. Judges from Pacific coast states are expected to have completed their tasks immediately after, and the doors to the exhibit will be thrown open. The city band will give a concert Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

When the show closes Saturday night, all the blooms will be donated to churches and hospitals.

Non-commercial in its sponsorship, the show will pay homage to the \$250,000 gladiolus industry of Josephine and Jackson counties.

An especial treat for gladiolus fanciers will be the special section for new and unnamed hybrids created by the exhibiting growers.

Howard Dunlap married iVola De-Tour of Medford July 22 at Yreka.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A. M. Roland Hover, Supt. Miss Lysle Gregory, Primary Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Sermon subject "What Do We Mean By The Acts of The Apostles?"

Christian Endeavor, Junior and Senior 7:00 P.M.

Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M.

"A Convert at a Prayer Meeting".

Prayer and Bible Study Service Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Eula Foley in charge of "Training For Service". Miss Lysle Gregory, leader in "Christian Action."

Always Welcome!

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.



Angus Bowmer, above, appears as Hamlet in the production of the same name at the Shakespearean Festival which opens in Ashland Friday, August 4. Four plays, three of them comedies, will be presented during the week.