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## Musings

By the Editor

Again the fire demon has got in his work in our city. Another family is today homeless and with all their household goods gone up in smoke. Such catastrophes bring many a heartache. And today the people of Central Point are united in their heartfelt sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer whose home was destroyed Tuesday afternoon, and who must once again begin the slow grind of gathering together of the things which make a real home.

"But," we hear, "they had full insurance." Maybe so, but mere money cannot buy a hundredth part of the things which were destroyed. Think over your own possessions. The album of snap shots, pictures of the kids when they were small, gift books, perhaps from friends long passed away; and a thousand and one other keepsakes which we all love so well. Do you think for a minute such things can be replaced with all the money in the world?

But there is one thing these fires bring sharply to mind and that is the importance of checking up on all fire dangers in our homes. As you know, many of the houses in this town were built before electricity was available and were wired later. And many times the wiring was done by amateurs in a very slipshod manner. We all know how many fires are set annually by defective wiring and it will pay us all to check up on all wiring in our homes. If you don't really understand how electric wiring should be done, then if you are wise you will have this check done by someone who does. And remember that when many of our homes were wired only a few small lights were used. Nowadays there are so many electric appliances in use that the danger is multiplied many times. The more appliances used the better planned the wiring must be to take care of the increased load. Overloaded wires will heat and may easily set fires in almost inaccessible places. So check your homes today.

The little drizzles of the past few days will be welcomed by the hunters and fishermen alike. If it rains enough to moisten the woods it will make hunting much better. And the fishermen of the valley are hoping it will rain enough to cause the farmers around Grants Pass to shut off their irrigating and so release the water so they can open the fish ladders at Savage Rapids dam to let the steelhead through. And above all rain will remove the forest fire danger, which will be good for us all. So here's hoping!

We hear of one young man of this city who is threatening to sue the city on account of the fact that he was all set to join the volunteer fire department and behold every fire we have had all year since the purchase of the new truck has happened on days he was working in Medford. Now here's an idea. Maybe it will pay the city to get it touch with that young man's employer and pay him to keep that lad working at home every day in the year. Eh what?

Central Point may well be proud of the fact that we had the only delegate from the Northwest to the convention of Associated Country Women of the World at London this summer. Mrs. Lathrop, known to her associate delegates as "Oregon" on account of the fact that there were so many strangers that no one even tried to remember names, but called each other by the locality from which they came, has just returned to her home here after a wonderful trip to the scenes of her childhood. And it's our bet that those 800 delegates will long remember that quiet little woman with the twinkle in her eyes who so ably represented her district among those 57 countries sending delegates.

Supt. Jewett informs us that Central Point will have to remain in the second class division among the high schools of the county this year on account of the fact that the enrollment of the local school has fallen below last year. It appears that last year was a sort of freak year on account of the fact that many people with large families chanced to move into this district.

## MRS. LATHROP TELLS OF TRIP TO LONDON AT H. E. C. MEETING

At a meeting of the Home Economics club of the Central Point Grange Wednesday evening Mrs. Katherine Lathrop gave her first report on her recent trip to London, England, as a delegate from Jackson County to the convention of Associated Country Women of the World.

Mrs. Lathrop left Central Point May 16th for New York, where she and the other delegates attended the world's fair where she was called upon for a short talk on the aims and object of the A. C. W. W. About 250 of the delegates sailed for London on the Queen Mary. Mrs. Lathrop returned a little over a week ago by way of San Francisco, where she



Mrs. Katherine Lathrop

also attended the world's fair on Treasure Island.

The meeting last night was under the direction of Mrs. Arnold Bohner, who announced that the first number on the program would be a piano duet by Mrs. Freda Smith and Miss Lola Blackford. Mrs. Bohner then called upon Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, county demonstration agent, who gave a brief history of the sending of Mrs. Lathrop to London and expressed the happiness of the extension committee on her safe return and the good work she had done. She then called upon Mrs. Lathrop for a report of the trip.

Mrs. Lathrop, in her charming manner, thanked the home folks for their confidence and stated that the remembrance of the trip would be a cherished one for the rest of her life. Her talk consisted of brief sketches of the trip, including the experiences in New York, where the delegates attended the world's fair; the ocean trip on the Queen Mary; and the many teas, receptions and entertainments given them in London. The speaker, who has a very keen sense of humor, seemed to have enjoyed the contacts with the people of England.

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Mrs. E. E. Scott received a letter from her daughter Mrs. J. J. Swain of Chicago saying that her husband and herself were leaving Chicago at 3:30 p.m. Friday. She received a telegram that they were in Cheyenne Saturday, another one telling that they arrived Monday in Los Vegas, Nevada. They will see Boulder Dam and visit in Los Angeles and also will sightsee the Fair and plan to meet Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott and family at Oregon Caves Sunday and enjoy a picnic dinner. Monday Mr. and Mrs. Scott will accompany them to Crater Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Swain will leave Wednesday morning, traveling by way of Glacier Park on their way home to Chicago.

Miss Helen Wilson, fourth grade teacher, has been asked by a New York publishing house for publication rights to a book for children she has been writing. The publishing company made the offer after a sketch of the book had been seen. Miss Wilson is a graduate of Medford high school and the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland.

Mrs. Middleton and small son Theron of Grants Pass arrived Wednesday for a visit with her mother Mrs. Dora Jones, it being her mother's birthday today.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Amick have traded their Ashland property for a ten acre farm at Grants Pass. They are just off the old Redwood highway about three-fourths mile.

## Much Damage is Caused by Fires

The local fire department was called out twice in less than a week to extinguish fires which caused considerable damage in this city. The first call came Saturday forenoon when the Freeman warehouse between Long's Second Hand store and the Patterson service station was discovered to be on fire. The building was being used by the Finley Implement company to store baled hay, straw and sacked grain.

The alarm was telephoned in by Don Patterson, who first saw the fire bursting through the eaves on the west side of the building. Jack Lees, who chanced to be standing in the door of his garage, states that he heard a dull boom and on looking at the warehouse saw fire and noticed that the side wall of the building was bulged out near the top. Smoke was pouring out all over the roof. When the fire truck arrived the whole inside of the building was on fire.

Two lines of hose were laid and the fire soon subdued to a point where the firemen could enter the building and drag out the smoldering bales of hay and straw. The smoke was so thick in the building it was very difficult for the men to work inside. Several tons of sacked wheat in one end of the building was turned loose when the sacks caught fire.

Mr. C. S. Finley states that the loss was comparatively small, as most of the grain could be saved by re-cleaning. The baled hay was sold next day to Archie Parker and the straw was given to him for cleaning out the building. The building belongs to W. J. Freeman who had no insurance on it at the time of the fire. The same is true as to the contents belonging to Mr. Finley.

The second fire to occur within the week was at the home of H. J. Fleischer on the corner of Ash and Second streets. The fire broke out sometime between 1 and 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon while the family was away. Mrs. Fleischer had returned to the high school, where she is instructor in English, and Mr. Fleischer had gone to Medford about 1 o'clock. When he returned home about 2:30 he drove up in front of the house and started to get out of his car when the flames broke out the front window downstairs. He at once drove to the telephone office and gave the alarm. By the time the department arrived the whole downstairs was ablaze.

## Tea Given In Honor Teachers

New teachers of the Central Point schools and Mrs. James Harrison were honored last Monday at a four o'clock tea given by Mrs. H. P. Jewett and Mrs. Arnold Bohner in the high school home economics room. This affair is always eagerly looked forward to by the faculty as it has now become an annual event of the social season.

Guests attending were the Misses Carter, Evans, Wilson, Ottoman, Pastorino, Boshears, and Eyre, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Fleischer, Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Gande, and Mr. Webb.

Refreshments were served and all attending reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. E. E. Walden and bride of a few months visited his brothers in Medford Friday. They were on their way to San Francisco to visit the fair. Afterward they will visit relatives in Los Angeles, returning by Salt Lake City to their home in Boise City, where Mr. Walden is manager of the Idaho Statesman. His hobby is agate grinding and he has some very fine specimens. Years ago when Mr. Walden was a very young man, he lived in Central Point and was elected Justice of Peace. He tackled that job, so we were told, as he does any job, that is his job wholeheartedly, bought a set of law books and also took a correspondent course and studied those books. Maybe some of the older Central Pointers remembered about this.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Gleason and Jimmy and Mervyn Jr., of Klamath Falls will visit Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason Saturday and Sunday.

The fire proved a very stubborn one on account of the way the house was constructed. There were sloping attics on both sides of the building up stairs and the fire had broken through into these attics and thence to the underside of the rafters before the firemen arrived. Assistant Chief Tharp climbed through one of the front room windows and carried a hose into the burning structure. He soon put out the fire downstairs and then turned his attention to the stairway. Making his way up the charred stairs he and his men fought their way into the front room where the worst fire was roaring. Here they found it necessary to chop holes in the partitions to get at the flames under the roof.

In the meantime another hose was carried over a shed roof in the rear of the building and through small windows into the rear rooms. Here the firemen were fighting the flames in the front of the house neighbors and friends carried out a few articles from the kitchen and back porch, including a quantity of canned fruit. A few articles of clothing were saved, but practically everything in the house was a total loss. The house itself, with the exception of one back room and the back porch was gutted too badly to ever be repaired.

While the fire was at its worst it was discovered that burning embers had set fire to the George Fox home across the street. The firemen hastily dragged a hose over and flooded the roof of this house to avoid any further danger from flying embers. The heroic work of the firemen in keeping the fire from breaking through the roof saved the beautiful shade trees about the Fleischer home, which were merely scorched in a few places.

The house was partly covered by insurance, there being \$1,000 on the house and \$1,000 on the furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer state that they hope to rebuild in the same location as soon as possible. In the meantime they have rented the Tom Marine house on the corner of Seventh and Pine streets, which fortunately was unoccupied, having been vacated just the day before the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer state they are very grateful for the hard work of the volunteer firemen in their endeavor to save their property and also to the many friends and neighbors who promptly came forward with offers of assistance and cheer.

## Dr. Elliott And Mrs. Grubb Wed

At a quiet wedding solemnized Sunday morning at the Presbyterian parsonage, Mrs. Julia R. Grubb became the bride of Dr. Bert R. Elliott.

Dr. Serman L. Divine united the couple in marriage in the presence of a few relatives of the couple.

Mrs. Elliott is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Martin of Rogue River and has made her home in Medford for the past four years.

She is a graduate of the Santa Clara county hospital, school of nursing, in Santa Clara, Cal.

Dr. Elliott is a well known Medford dentist. They will reside at Dr. Elliott's country ranch home.

## CHICKEN DINNER

The Civic Club will give a chicken dinner on Friday, September 22, from 11:30 to 1:30. Everything is to be bought, no donations. Every one should plan to come out as this not only helps the Civic Club, but makes a pleasant community gathering. Following is the menu: creamed chicken, carrot and cabbage salad, buttered peas, rolls and butter, dill pickles, coffee and pie. Keep this date in mind.

## All Things Considered

Central Point fares well. We predicted good crops as usual. Good Crops and fair prices seem to make the earth rotate pleasantly. Stand by. Work Smiles. Let's well enough alone! FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Deposits Insured)

## Legion to Hold Largest Installation

Friday, September 15th at 8 p. m. will see the largest American Legion installation ever held in Southern Oregon. The Legion and Auxiliaries of Kerby, Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford posts will meet in the Knights of Pythias Hall at Medford in joint session.

A large crowd is expected and the plans are that this idea will be used in the future for all installations.

Dept. Commander Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass will honor us with his presence and will give one of his fine talks and will also help with the installation. Dept. Commander Allen recently attended the State Conventions of Oregon, California and Washington and was in demand as a speaker. He also made several radio broadcasts.

District Commander Marvin Skipworth of Marshfield will have charge of the installation ceremony.

Harold Prestel of Grants Pass will be Master of Ceremonies.

Those appointed on the installation committee by Commander Robt. R. Ebel are: General Chairman, Elbert Lenox; Master of Ceremonies Harold Prestel; Publicity Chairman, George E. Hoard; Hall and music, Earl Foy, chairman, Oscar Silver and J. E. Russell; Reception, Cole Holmes, chairman; Installation ceremony, Lee Garlock; Refreshments, Earl York, chairman; Finance, Joe Fliegel, chairman.

A buffet lunch and dance will be enjoyed after the ceremony.

## MR. AND MRS. EVERETT FABER RETURN FROM VICTORIA, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber returned home last night at midnight from a short trip to Victoria, B. C., where Mr. Faber was a delegate to the 22nd annual convention of Kiwanis of the Pacific Northwest district from the Medford club. Mr. Faber is a member of the district extension committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Faber made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson of Roseburg.

The American acknowledges the receipt of a beautifully written description of their trip which we will be glad to print next week. The article shows the style of living in this English town and gives a very vivid picture of the country. Watch for it.

## Birthday Party

The Central Point W.R.C. will hold their quarterly birthday party Saturday afternoon at the hall. All members having birthdays in this quarter are urged to attend.

## GRANGE NOTES

The Central Point Grange will meet Friday evening. The program will be at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. L. H. Smith will tell of her school days and C. R. Bowman will speak on "New Trends in Education". The public and especially parents are invited.

## SUBSCRIPTION BARGAINS

Subscription bargains will continue the balance of this month. With every year's subscription paid, either old or new, we will give you your choice of a Rialto ticket or 15 months for \$1.50. With two new subscribers, who have never subscribed to The American before we will give 3 tickets to Rialto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stone were very pleasantly surprised Tuesday evening by the arrival of Mrs. Stone's brother Mr. Hollis Smith and wife of Dallas. They had been visiting the fair at Treasure Island.

## F. W. Lawrence AND COMPANION

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!

James Cagney—George Raft  
"EACH DAWN I DIE"

—or—  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Ginger Rogers in  
"BACHELOR MOTHER"

## WILLIAM CHAUNCEY KILLED IN ACCIDENT; V. HANSEN INJURED

William E. Chauncey, 73, was killed, probably instantly, when he was struck by an automobile operated by Jerome William Fitzgerald, 33, of Gold Hill early Friday morning.

Vern Hansen, accompanying Mr. Chauncey across the street at the time of the fatal accident, suffered five fractured ribs on the right side, a fractured right shoulder, severe lacerations and bruises on the body and possible internal chest injuries.

According to investigating city police officers, the accident occurred as Chauncey and Hansen were crossing the street to their parked automobile after having visited a cafe at 1713 North Riverside avenue. Chauncey was carried about 100 feet before the driver was able to stop his machine, police stated.

The Peri ambulance was called and both men were rushed to the hospital, where a physician pronounced Chauncey dead. He had sustained a compound fracture of the right jaw, internal injuries, a crushed pelvis, a broken hip, possible a broken neck and severe cuts and bruises, the coroner's office reported.

The body of Mr. Chauncey was taken to Lodi, Calif. for burial, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison.

Mr. Hansen is still in a very serious condition in a local hospital.

## Pro-America to Meet October 9

Pro-America will hold their next meeting October 9 at the Hotel Holland at a noon luncheon. It is hoped more Central Point members will attend. The first meeting this fall was held last Monday. There were about fifty present.

Guest speaker was Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls newspaper man. Subjects of his interesting address were "Keeping America Out of War" and "Keeping America Out of Bankruptcy." Mr. Jenkins urged the country to go back to the old fundamental American system and stressed the "need for less government in business, and more business in government."

Ethely Evans, Medford visitor from Washington, D. C., was introduced and spoke briefly concerning columnist.

## Footballers Meet To Check Interest

A meeting was called Monday in Room 2, for the football men, to see how many would be interested. A promising number attended.

The meeting called by Coach Hulbert was well attended. Many men attending were small but after the pears are finished many big men from last year's team will be present. The small underclassmen are the men that will make up the team of tomorrow and Coach Hulbert says that many of these men look promising and will develop much in this year.

## 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. Solo Miss Anne Van Syle.  
Christian Endeavor 6:45 P.M.  
Evangelistic Service 7:45 P.M.  
Sermon subject "An Innocent Men Unleashed For Four Years."  
Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Mr. Phillips will continue his study and Mrs. Foley will meet her class in "Training For Service." Mrs. Cornutt will give an interesting Bible reading.

**THE FEDERATED CHURCH**  
Phone 51  
Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.  
Bible School—9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor—6:30 p. m.  
Evening Service—7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' Bible Class—Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
Choir Practice — Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.