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Musings

By the Editor

As our readers may possibly have suspected, this paper has not had a great deal of sympathy for much of the New Deal schemes. But for a long time we thought that perhaps the Civilian Conservation Corps (more commonly known as the CCC) was the least objectionable of them all. At least, they were thought to be doing SOME good, if no more than to keep these young men out of mischief. But of late we hear things that do not sound so good.

But the height of their bungling seems to have been reached last week. Here's the story, with names, dates and places deleted: (We have the facts on file but are not going to print them until we see how the higher-ups react in the case.)

On a certain creek not more than a thousand miles from here is a small farm. This land happens to lie within the borders of a national forest, although it was privately owned many years before national forests were even thought of. Passing through this land is the road to a certain mountain resort. This road wasn't much more than a cattle trail and the settlers on that creek had hoped some day the county and forest service would get together and rebuild it. A couple of years ago it seemed their hopes were at long last going to be realized.

A side camp, operating as a branch of a larger CCC camp, was established and work started surveying and cutting out a new right of way. In places it followed the old road, but in others followed an easier route where the grades would be less steep. The owner of the farm in question, realizing the added value a better road would be to his place, gladly gave a 60-foot easement through his farm for the new road, retaining the ownership of the timber cut.

This side camp was established about a year ago last fall and the first winter was spent in building the camp, surveying the new road and cutting out the timber. In the spring the camp was abandoned and the men moved to some other place for the summer. Only about a couple of hundred yards of grading was actually done, and that was left even rougher than the old road had been. This fall the men were moved back to the little camp and also more machinery brought in and work was resumed. Now comes the nub of this tale:

It appears that the officials in charge of the camp decided they needed a new telephone line up the creek. So, without saying a word to the owner of the farm in question or consulting his wishes in any way, a crew was sent out to cut a new swath from one end of the farm to the other for the said phone line. Instead of being satisfied with the 60-foot right of way already given, and along which the forest service already had one telephone wire stretched from tree to tree, this crew went off up the hillside about a hundred feet or more and cut an entirely new path.

And when the owner of the land objected to such high-handed methods he was more or less politely told, "You are just like the rest of the G—d—d farmers. Just because you live in the National Forest you want to be paid for every bush we cut!" Now it appears that the line selected by these high binders went directly across a site long before selected by the owner's wife for their permanent home. The timber on that side of the canyon is rather sparse and the trees cut by these CCC lads, while not of any practical value as timber, were of value as added beauty of that home site and to help conserve the water for the bottom lands below.

And anyway, they were private property, on privately owned land, and it seems to this writer that things have come to a pretty pass in this dictator-ridden land of ours if such things are to pass unnoted. But, "O no," you say, "it can't happen here!" Well, such things ARE happening and WILL happen so long as we Americans are willing to sell our birthrights for a mess of BS, or something.

And we are going to say right here that unless the CCC's, the forest service, or whoever it was that was responsible for such an open-faced trespass on the rights of a poor property owner and taxpayer, makes things as near right as can be done, (no one can replace those trees) we are going to tell the story once again, with names and places.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

WRC To Install Officers Jan. 6

The W.R.C. will hold installation of officers Saturday, January 6. There will be a covered dish noon luncheon for members and their families. Members are requested to bring either a fruit or vegetable salad or a pie, also their own table service, plate, cup and silver. The installation will be in the afternoon.

NEVITA CHAPTER INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

The new officers of Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. were installed Wednesday evening at one of the loveliest installations ever held in Central Point. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Edwin Andren sang "Star of The East", accompanied by Mrs. Sam Koehler. The installing officers were conducted to the Chapter Room by the retiring Marshall, Mrs. Clara Vincent, Mrs. Evelyn Skyrman presided and welcomed Mrs. Esther Merritt Sanderson, Past Grand Chaplain of Oregon and Past Matron of Nevita Chapter, as Installing Officer and presented her in the last. Mrs. Sanderson then presented her assistants as follows: Mrs. Rose Bishop, Past Matron of Rose City Chapter No. 86 of Portland, Installing Chaplain; Mrs. Gladys Jewett, Installing Marshall and Mrs. Ethel Freeman, Past Matron of Nevita Chapter, Installing Organist.

The installing Marshall then conducted the Officer-elects to the Chapter room. All the ladies wore floor length white dresses and carried bouquets of red carnations tied with red streamers. The Worthy Matron-elect, Beulah Faber, wore white chiffon velvet made in prevailing mode with long sleeves and a slight train. When she was installed her young son Master Donald escorted her to the East. Other officers installed were: Hensley Holt, Worthy Patron; Margaret Swing, Associate Matron; Merritt Swing, Associate Patron; Gladys Beebe, Secretary; Elizabeth Faber, Treasurer; Bertha Bonney, Conductress; Lillie Holt Associate Conductress; Bette Pankey, Chaplain; Isabel Lavin, Marshall Sadie Koehler, Organist; Montella Freeland, Ada; Marjorie Pena, Ruth; Ethel Stimson, Esther; Roberta Andren, Martha Letta; Massey Electa; Ann Briggs, Warder; and Ray Briggs, Sentinel.

After the installation of the five star points, Little Patsy Faber received flowers from each point and presented them to her mother. During the installation ceremonies, Mrs. Else Carlton Strang, accompanied by Mrs. Doris Condit Lantz, sang "Passing By," "Love's Old Sweet Song," and "When I Grow too Old to Dream". Her singing was much enjoyed and added much to the beauty of the installation ceremonies.

Special guests for the evening, who were escorted to the East and introduced by Mrs. Sanderson, included the Junior Past Queen and the newly installed Queen of Job's Daughters of Medford, with some of the officers. These guests were the Misses Colleen Stephenson, Charlotte Oiler, Ruth Nordwick, Nannette Holmes and Mary Lee Strang. Mrs. Sanderson the Guardian for the local Job's Daughters, also introduced Mr. W. P. Brooks, Associate Guardian and Mrs. Strang, a member of the Council.

The chapter room and dining room were decorated in keeping with the red and white color combination worn by the ladies. The decoration committee was composed of Lillie Hold, Roberta Andren and Harold Head. The dining room committee was headed by Mrs. Clara Vincent and her assistants included Mrs. Bertha Bursell, Mrs. Marie Stone, Mrs. Della Tex and Mrs. Geraldine Askwith.

The first regular meeting held by the new officers will be January 9th at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple at Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Poe of Seattle are spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleischer.

Edwin Gebhard and Robert von der Hellen of Eagle Point left Saturday by motorcar for Chicago where they will enter school. The former will attend an electrical school and the latter an air-conditioning school.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Milton are expecting their daughter Mrs. Fred Hale and family of Klamath Falls home to spend New Year.

The Christian Endeavor of the Federated Church held their party at the Cassman home yesterday afternoon. They report a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weidman received word of the birth of a grandson Frank Marshall, born December 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Thompson at Prineville. Mrs. Thompson is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weidman. The baby has been named after both grandfathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers enjoyed having all their family home with them Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Koehler and Barbara have moved into their new home in Medford which they have finished building this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gifford of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Buck were guests at the Arlie Thompson home on Christmas day.

The Past Noble Grand club met with Mrs. Inez Ferguson Tuesday January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Gleason, Mervyn Jr., and Jimmy of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bodin of Medford, Mr. Bobby Hoagland, who is attending Oregon State College at Corvallis, spent Christmas at the E. R. Gleason home. Mr. Mervyn Gleason and boys are spending the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Moffatt and Jack Baldwin and sister of Medford were dinner guests of W. A. Shell Christmas day.

Mr. C. R. Elder from Alaska, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. H. M. Dorland, left for Los Angeles this week. Mrs. Anna Bissell, Mrs. Dorland's sister, will return to Port Jones. Miss Doris Dorland is visiting friends in Portland but will return soon to spend the balance of her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Ida Berry made a business trip to Ashland Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kirkpatrick of Gridley, Calif., who are visiting Mr. Kirkpatrick's parents in Medford, called on Mrs. Margaret Hubbard. He is manager of Tent City, a labor camp. He asked to be remembered to Rev. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hansen enjoyed having all their family home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller of Elk Creek visited Mr. Miller's mother, Mrs. Ida Miller Wednesday.

Vern Hansen Jr. left Wednesday for Portland where he will be under the personal care of Dr. Dillehunt.

Rogue River Man May Enter Race

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd K. Dover, owners of the Dover Tourist Court & Park of Rogue River, Oregon, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Mathes on Christmas day.

Mr. Dover informed them that within the last week that committees from the following D.A.V., Townsend club and the old age assistance organizations called on him prevailing on him running for state representative from Jackson county on the democrat ticket.

Mr. Dover was secretary of the state Jackson club in 1938, is now vice commander of (State) D.A.V. and has been very active in both state politics and veterans affairs for years and is well posted for the office.

He will give his answer to the committees within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Margaret Hubbard was very seriously ill last Sunday and Monday with food poisoning. She has been unable to eat any solid food all during the Christmas holiday when her friends were so kind to remember her with lovely basket and boxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Halbur and son returned from a visit with relatives in Albany Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimes have moved into the Ayers home, where Mrs. Grimes will make her home while Mr. Grimes attends radio school at Los Angeles. This morning Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimes left for Los Angeles where Bill will remain. Jim Grimes will be in charge of the station during his father's absence.

Mrs. L. F. Mathes received word this week of the marriage of her youngest sister, Miss Gladys Parsons to R. L. Mills, Jr., at Liberal, Kansas, on December 15. Mrs. Mills lived here with her sister for some time and has many friends in this city. She was employed for a time at the Coffee Pot cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis were very happy to have their children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis and family of Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schmitt of Medford with them Christmas day. Lowell Blackford was also a guest at the Davis home. Mr. and Mrs. Davis received many lovely gifts from their family.

Miss Arlene Hay left Wednesday morning for Crescent City, called there by the sad news of the death of her mother's sister, Mrs. Elmer Jones.

ELDERLY LADY SENDS POEM ON XMAS CARD

The following poem was sent us by Mrs. Laura Diaz, who is past 80 years old, in a Christmas card which we were glad to receive. It was requested that we print the same: My Gospel ship is sailing, Bound for Canaan's happy shore; Oh Glory Hallelujah! The old ship of Zion, Hallelujah! I am on my way to glory, Not long 'till I'll be there, Oh Glory, Hallelujah! Come and join me, Hallelujah! Mrs. Laura E. Diaz (Nee Mrs. Long.)

CARD OF THANKS

Postmaster H. T. Pankey wishes to express his thanks to the patrons of the postoffice for their cooperation in every way during the busy Christmas rush. In spite of the largest volume of mail ever handled since he has been postmaster, it was practically all delivered without any confusion or unpleasantness.

Alaskan Visits Parents in City

Mr. O. Kenneth Anderson of Fairbanks, Alaska arrived by airplane to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson.

Mr. Anderson is U. S. weather observer at Fairbanks and was formerly employed at the weather bureau at Medford.

Mr. Anderson, who has numerous friends here, will go to Washington, D.C., shortly after January 1 to take a special three-months training course. He will return to Fairbanks upon completion of the special assignment.

City Growing

A couple of weeks ago we asked our postmaster H. T. Pankey what he considered the population of our town and he said as near as he could estimate it from the postoffice he would put it between 1100 and 1200. We have over 50 business houses and no vacant ones. We feel that Central Point is showing a steady growth with people realizing more and more that our town is bound to forge ahead if they work for it and trade at home.

Don Patterson and Miss Pasterino Wed

Mr. Don Patterson and Miss Laura Pasterino, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webb, left Friday afternoon and were married Saturday at high noon at Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Webb continued on to Prineville to visit Mr. Webb's parents. The bride was charmingly dressed in an artichoke green suit with red squirrel trimming and brown accessories. Mrs. Webb, who stood up with Mrs. Patterson, was dressed in crushed raspberry suit with brown fur trimmings.

Mr. Patterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Patterson and a graduate of the local high school. He is owner and manager of the Patterson Service station. Mrs. Patterson is a graduate of the Medford High school and the Ashland normal and has taught in the local school for a number of years. It is understood that the happy couple will live in the Sam Koehler house. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are expected home today.

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

Townsend Club Sponsors Play at High School Tues.

"Relief Be Hanged", a three-act drama, will be put on at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, January 2nd under the auspices of the Central Point Townsend club. The play is to be presented by the Rose City Players of Portland.

There will be a two-hour stage show with dancing, singing, comedy and drama. Also five acts of professional vaudeville. The show will be preceded by a musical prelude by Taylor's Troubadors.

Miss Wilda Morgan And L. Janes Wed

Miss Wilda Morgan became the bride of Leonard Janes December 21 at Vancouver, Wash. They were accompanied by Mr. Janes' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Vancouver. Miss Morgan and Mr. Janes left here for Vancouver the first of last week. They are both graduates of the Central Point high school in the class of '38. Mrs. Janes' parents live here in Central Point and her grandparents came to Central Point 40 years ago where they lived the balance of their lives.

The bride was dressed in a blue taffeta dress maker suit. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Janes of Agate and will be associated with his father in his contracting and building work. The happy couple are now visiting with Mrs. Janes' parents but will later make their home in Medford.

The American joins their friends in all good wishes.

"Daddy's Night" To Be Celebrated

The Central Point Parent-Teachers association will hold a "Daddy's Night" meeting Thursday, January 4th at 7:30 P.M. in the high school.

The program consists of numbers by the 4th grade children and special musical numbers by the churches. The speaker will be Rev. Clifton Phillips.

Refreshments will be served at the social hour and all dads are given a very special invitation to come.

East-West Game To Be Broadcast

Arrangements have been completed for the broadcast of the annual East-West Shrine all-star football game at Kezar stadium, San Francisco on New Year's Day according to word received here today by C. I. Hays, local sales agent for Tide Water Associated Oil Company.

With Doug Montell, veteran Associated Sportscaster at the microphone, the broadcast of the game will be carried over all stations of the Mutual-Don Lee Broadcasting System and will be heard locally over Station KUN, 1310 KYC Grants Pass, starting at 1:45 p.m.

Mrs. Gipsen Driver left Tuesday afternoon by plane for Seattle to enter a hospital. It will be several weeks before she is able to return to her home on the Old Stage road.

Bert Hedgpeth 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

Last Times Sat. Nite

Sonja Henie in "EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT NIGHT"

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Edgar Berg and Charlie McCarthy in "CHARLIE MCCARTHY, DETECTIVE"

50 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE ARE CELEBRATED

Fifty years of married life were celebrated this week by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. (Bob) Moore, well known pioneer residents of this city and valley. On December 18, 1889, Mr. Moore was married in the old Presbyterian church in Jacksonville to Miss Minnie Albright. They later moved to Portland, where they lived for a number of years, later moving to Gold Hill, where Mr. Moore was engaged in the hardware business. They moved to Central Point about 22 years ago and have a beautiful home on the corner of Oak and South Third streets.

Mr. Moore came to Jacksonville with his family in 1867. He attended school there and later served one term as treasurer of Jackson county. Mrs. Moore has been librarian of the local public library for many years.

Among those calling to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Moore on their completion of a half-century of married life were Emil and Mollie Britt of Jacksonville only surviving members of the wedding party of fifty years ago. They presented the happy couple with a beautiful stand lamp in commemoration of the event.

The regular meeting of the Central Point P.T.A. executive committee will be held Tuesday, January 2 at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Burt Langston. There is a lot of important business to be done at this meeting and every member is urged to be present if possible.

So what?—

When we ask God to direct our footsteps we are to move our feet.—Anon.

One of the items in this column last week was put in on the spur of the moment and seems to have been misunderstood. It was the one about pasturing chickens. The writer never heard Mr. Phillips mention the matter and the story was told to us as a joke and the teller said laughingly that it should be put in the So What column. At that time there were only two So What's in, so we used the item mostly as a space filler, thinking there was some obscure joke in it. We were innocent of even knowing the name of the other party concerned. We herewith apologize to Rev. Phillips and any other party interested and hope no misinterpretation has been put into the same.—So What Editor.

Did you notice Archie Parker's big grin, it's those new shiny teeth, methinks.

Mr. Gleason using both spading fork and spade to work in his flower bed, being afraid if he didn't change tools, he might work so hard that he would draw the temper in them and spoil them.

Mr. Ed Davis receiving a big lovely towel bathrobe with a note from Santa saying "Pa won't have to wipe, just wrap up."

Mrs. Poe of Seattle, who is visiting at the Fleischer home, requested Mr. Fleischer to get her a calendar as she was unable to get one in Seattle, so Mr. Fleischer took two from the Faber's Market.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Communion and Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Sermon subject "It Is The Last Hour."

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.

Both Junior and Senior.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.

The Missionary group will have charge of this service and a very impressive service has been prepared. A Missionary pageant which you will enjoy, will be given by about twelve men and women. Special musical numbers will accompany the pageantry. Come! Bring your friends!

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Leader of "Training For Service" Mrs. Eula Foley. Leader for "Christian Action", Mrs. W. K. Davis.

A slogan for 1940—"One Whole Year of Regular Attendance in The House of God."

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

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Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.

Bible School—9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.

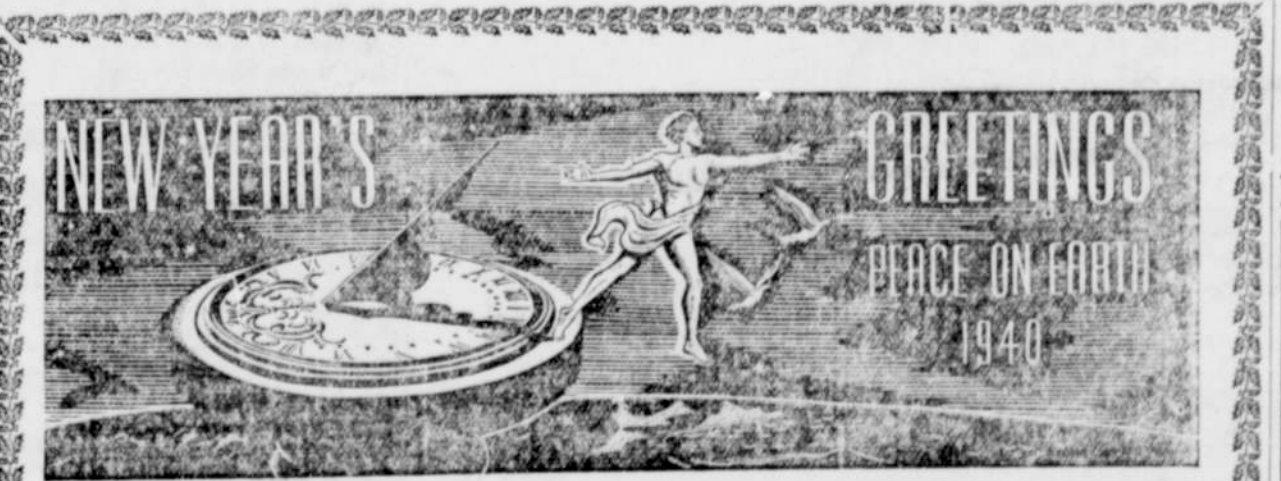
Christian Endeavor—6:30 p.m.

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.



May the Coming Year Bring Peace and Prosperity to You All

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell and The American Staff