

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

The large crowd that attended the ball game between Gold Hill and our boys at the high school gym has more than convinced me that a new gym should be built for our high school.

Our present gym is too small and is somewhat of a (well, pretty hard to define what I mean) shame to use at our present status.

As you know, we soon will be faced with the fact that we all are expected to vote for or against the new school program known as the County School Law, which I am very heartily in favor of. And let me tell you something that you all must listen to.

Suppose that new law should pass and be put in effect, I believe that new school buildings will have to be built at once to accommodate new and larger enrollments of pupils and the board will not be bothered with the necessity of building a new gym. They are and will be more concerned with the building of new school houses and naturally we will be forced to use that old gym for another year or two, which does not look too good to me.

I believe that the school board should make their plans to build a new gym by issuing a call for a special election to vote on the proposition of issuing bonds for the purpose of building a new up-to-date gym.

And build the new gym as soon as possible before the County School Law become a possibility. And we will have a nice fine new gym building already on hand when they start building new school houses here.

And as in the past I have seen too many new gyms built with a stage floor at one end of the building, I am not in favor of that plan. I prefer a good gym with all the room to spare for the spectators. Why build stages when at most they are only used once or twice a year.

Build a good gym that will be a credit to our community that is getting larger and larger with the passing years.

County Tourney to Be Held Here

A meeting of the grade school coaches of Jackson County was held in Central Point last night. It was decided to hold a county-wide grade school tournament at Central Point. The date tentatively set is February 22, 23 and 24, depending on when the high school tournament in Ashland is held.

Basketball News

The powerful Pointers continued their winning streak last Tuesday night by overwhelming Phoenix to the tune of 46-21. It was their seventh straight conference victory. Last Friday night the Pointers smashed Gold Hill in a fast game, the score being 44-26. The game was played to one of the largest crowds that ever crammed into the little gym.

Gold Hill forfeited its AAU league game last night to the Central Point Merchants when one of its players, committing four personals, had to leave the floor leaving Gold Hill with only four players. Naturally the rule of the AAU does not allow any team to put on any other player except the registered players so they just had to forfeit the game. Gold Hill was behind just before the half ended, 13 to 5.

The local grade school basketball team traveled to Rogue River Jan. 18 and received a shellacking from the hands of the Rogue River gradsters to the tune of 17-6. The locals had difficulty penetrating the close checking man to man defense of the Rogue River team. The second team lost their game 13 to 5.

The Central Point boys swamped the Bellview team 29 to 6 in a game January 22 after school. A game was played with Wagner Creek here last Friday which Central Point won 27 to 9.

The starting line up for the last game was forwards, Gene Daily and Truman Brown, Center Henry Waelty, guards, Ed Fish and Berk Pinkham. Substitutes were Chet Ayres, Oliver Grimes, D. Childress, D. Humphrey, Jack McCoy and Don Bohnert.

WRESTLING NEWS

Flash: Joe Smolinski wins a wrestling match. After losing 13 straight grapples in the local arena, over a period of nine months, the big baby-faced Polish Palooka last Monday night snatched the most remarkable losing streak ever accumulated here by Boston Crabbing Bob Montgomery into submission in the opening event of Mack Lillard's weekly program.

Danny McShane, world light heavy weight champion, took a sensational two-fall-to-one victory from Prince Selaki Mehalikis in the main event, coming back to win two straight falls after the Prince had obtained the first.

Cowboy Dude Chick gave King Kong Clayton the airplane spin in the fourth round of their middle event match, after Clayton had won a fall with hammerlocks in the third round, and that was the end. Clayton was unable to continue after the spin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stephens and two sons have rented a cabin at the Rossi Motel. Mr. Stephens is a refrigeration and air conditioning engineer and would like to locate in Central Point.

Newman Tells Why He Entered Race For Circuit Judge

Frank J. Newman, district attorney, who announced his candidacy for the office of circuit judge some time ago, yesterday issued a statement setting forth the reasons for his entering the race. Mr. Newman has lived in Medford for the past 32 years and is well known throughout the county. He was elected district attorney by a large majority over his Democratic opponent, Geo. Coddling, in 1936. His 38 years of active practice as a lawyer, together with an extensive business experience, makes him fully competent to fill the office to which he aspires.

Mr. Newman's statement in full follows: "I am a native-born American, 65 years of age, have four grown children. I graduated from the Law Department of the University of Minnesota in the spring of 1902, after a three-year pre-law preparatory course at the State College of North Dakota. I enlisted in the Spanish American War while a student at the State College, and served in the Philippines throughout the war and the Philippine Insurrection. I am a charter member and Past Commander of Col. Sargent Post of the United Spanish War Veterans and a member of Medford Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"I am admitted to practice in all the courts of the states of Minnesota, Dakota, and Oregon, and in the United States Circuit and District Courts, and have had 38 years of actual practice since graduating from the University, the last 32 years of which have been in Jackson and Josephine counties, Oregon. I have been a heavy taxpayer in Jackson county for the past 32 years.

"I never have sought public office of any kind until the election in 1936, at which time I was nominated by an overwhelming majority against two opposing candidates on the Republican ticket for the office of District Attorney of Jackson county, and in the fall election was elected by nearly 1300 majority over the incumbent, George Coddling, and am now serving in my fourth year as District Attorney.

"Over nine months ago I announced my intention to run for the office of Circuit Judge, upon learning that Judge Norton did not intend to come out for a third term and upon his having changed his mind subsequently and deciding to run, I decided to still become a candidate, irrespective of his being a candidate also, as I feel that my 38 years of practice in the law, to say nothing of my extensive business experience and my understanding of conditions in these counties, as well as my conception of the duties devolving upon a Circuit Judge, justify my belief that I am really competent and qualified for such position, and I have had a lifetime desire to terminate my practice as an attorney by service upon the Circuit bench.

"I organized the Boy Scout Council, then covering Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties and served two years as president of the council. I organized and am a charter member and past-president of the Medford Rotary club and assisted in the organization of the Rotary clubs at Ashland and Grants Pass.

"I am a member of all the bodies in the York and Scottish Rite lodges of Free Masonry, and a member and Past-Potential of Hillah Temple of the Shrine.

"If nominated and elected to the office of Circuit Judge I promise to fulfill such office fairly and impartially, and to devote my entire time to the faithful performance of the duties of that office, and I fully appreciate the responsibility resting upon one holding a position of that kind.

"I feel that the expression of confidence given me in the election to the office of district attorney, above referred to, justifies me in stating that I possess and enjoy the confidence of the people of Jackson county, where I am best known, and I trust that my record as district attorney justifies such confidence.

"Owing to the work of my office as district attorney it is going to be absolutely impossible for me to make a personal campaign for the office of Circuit Judge, and I must rely upon other means of disclosing to the voters my qualifications for the office, and I shall endeavor to make such qualifications fully known to the voters prior to the May primaries, as I feel that it is the duty of a candidate to do so, and the privilege and right of the electorate to know the qualifications of a candidate to properly fill the office to which he aspires."

Mrs. Hedrick Has 6th Story Published

"Time Flows Deep and Fast" is the title of Helen Hedrick's latest story appearing in the current February issue of Scribner's Commentator.

We have read this latest story with much pleasure, it has the same drawing power of all Mrs. Hedrick's stories. However simple it may be, it has a style all her own and before long you find yourself reading it over again and enjoying it more each time. This is the sixth story by Mrs. Hedrick to be published. It is illustrated by Fred Ellis.

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Local Copco Men Honored at Dinner

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Those from Central Point to receive service pins at the "Old Timers" banquet as mentioned above were, H. M. Dorland, 40-year pin and Ernest E. Scott, 25-year pin. (We note that in the above story taken from the Mail Tribune, Medford as usual tries to claim all our prominent residents for their own. Mr. Scott has been a resident of Central Point for many years.)

Mr. Dorland is a comparatively new comer to this city, having moved here in June, 1938, purchasing the George Wallace property to which he has added many improvements. Mr. Dorland started to work for the power company in Yreka 42 years ago, working there three years before being transferred to the Shasta River plant. Later he was moved to Copco No. 1 on the Klamath river in northern California. He retired a few years ago and has a sery pension from the company. His son-in-law, Mr. Pike, is now working for the company at the Gold Ray plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorland, who were married three years after Mr. Dorland first started work for the company at Yreka, have only good words to say for the company. Mrs. Dorland says that during the years that her husband worked for the California Oregon Power company and its predecessors they always found the company very considerate of the welfare of their employees. When Mr. Cleland, president of the company, called up Mr. Dorland to present him with his 40-year pin, he was very much surprised to see so young an appearing man come forward and remarked, "You don't look like you were over 40 years old now."

Mr. Dorland is an expert cabinet maker and has made many beautiful pieces of furniture since retiring from active work. He is also a silversmith.

Ernest E. Scott, the other Central Point man to receive a service pin at the dinner, started work for the old Rogue River Electric company on March 4, 1905, constructing and installing sub-stations at Central Point, Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Woodville, (now Rogue River). Transportation in those days was by bicycle or horse and buggy and one of the features of the "Old Timers" dinner was a cartoon (later given to Mr. Scott) showing at one end of the picture a man riding a bicycle and carrying a long ladder, while at the other is the same man driving a horse and buggy. Above is depicted this man's dream, "some day I may have an 'automobile'". The cartoon was drawn by Mr. Russell of the Copco force and added much to the merriment of the occasion.

In 1910 Mr. Scott took the Civil Service examination for rural carrier and soon after received his appointment and started work in the local office under Guy Tex, postmaster. He carried mail here for three years, 3½ months and at the same time took care of the local sub-station for the power company, which in the meantime had changed its name to the Condor Water & Light Co. Later this company became the California Oregon Power company, (Copco).

In an interview this week Mr. Scott stated: "I went back to work full time for the company in 1914, continuing until 1917, when I was hurt while repairing lights at the old Central Point flour mill, operated by Mr. Virgin, father of Bill Virgin who started the radio station (KMED) in Medford and which is still operated by his widow. I was unable to return to work for about

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one and a half years. I then started operating the power house at Gold Ray, where I remained for about one and one-half years and then was transferred to Medford, where I am still employed."

"I have greatly enjoyed my work," said Mr. Scott, "and still do, and have graduated from the bicycle and horse and buggy and really have an 'automobile'. My first car was a one-cylinder Brush, 20 miles an hour was top speed and we really thought we were going, too. When anything went wrong there was no mistaking which cylinder was missing. My work at present is confined to Medford only, making connects and cut-outs."

"The welfare of its employees is one of Copco's first considerations," Mr. Scott continued. "So working under those conditions is a pleasure."

Mr. and Mrs. Scott own their home here in Central Point, where "Scotty", as he is familiarly known, is president of the city council. He has a very complete workshop in his garage where he turns out many beautiful articles in wood, lamps, vases, bowls, etc. They are both always ready to assist in any worthwhile project for the betterment of the community.

Another long-time employee of the California Oregon Power company who resides in this city is Mr. A. H. Webster who wears a 15-year service pin but who has worked for the company for 17 years. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have made their home here since 1924. Mrs. Webster is president of the Ladies' Civic Club and is an active worker in church circles.

Since entering the employment of the electric company Mr. Webster, who drives one of the large service trucks for the company, has helped in the building of many of the important lines of the company, including the line from Ashland to Medford; rebuilding Line 14 from Copco to connect with the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., a 90-mile tower line carrying 110,000 volts; Line 3 from Gold Ray to Grants Pass, on which he hauled all poles and helped erect most of them; also the rebuilding of Line 6 from Prospect to Gold Ray and Line 19 from Prospect to Copco, a 110,000-volt line. Mr. Webster says he can go almost anywhere in the county and point out poles he has erected or hauled at some time in the past fifteen years.

In talking with a reporter for The American Mr. Webster said today: "Even without competition, the company has always made an earnest effort to safeguard the public and give the most efficient service possible. Personal comfort of the employees is never put before the welfare of the public. I have always enjoyed my work with them."

Guy Tex, present city recorder, was employed by the old Rogue River Electric company as a "grunt"

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and helped erect the first pole ever set by any company for the transmission of hydro-electric power in this valley. He was just starting to learn to climb poles and used to practice on that pole at odd times. Later he was put in charge of all inside wiring for the company and wired most of the town of Jacksonville as well as part of this city. He was later appointed postmaster of Central Point and served in that office 24 years.

W. C. (Con) Leever, long-time mayor of Central Point, was the local business agent for the company until his death a few years ago. Several years before his death the company changed its system of collecting electric bills, but allowed Mr. Leever to continue to handle such collections in this city until he died.

The American has endeavored to secure the names of other present employees of Copco who either now live in this city or who were former residents. The following list is no doubt incomplete and we may have some of the names wrong, but is the best we could do on short notice. After each name is given the date on which that person entered the employment of the company.

Ed. C. Bennett, mechanic, garage and shop, March 1921, and his son, Ed F. Bennett born in Central Point, meter reader in Grants Pass, Dec. 12, 1934.

John Eddy, contract clerk Klamath Falls, September 2, 1937.

W. L. Childress, chief estimator, Medford, January 1, 1928.

Harry E. Beal, sub-station attendant, Medford, February 11, 1924.

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Everett E. Scott (son of E. E. Scott) merchandise service, Klamath Falls, March 16, 1936.

George Marine, merchandise salesman, March 23, 1937. (Mr. Marine owns his own home here and has a daughter in high school.)

Harold Head, pay roll distribution clerk, Nov. 13, 1933. (Mr. Head is a local boy and graduated from the local schools and also from the university. He went to work for the company immediately on his return from the world's fair in Chicago.)

Miss Ruby Webster, daughter of A. H. Webster, Sept. 14, 1937. (Miss Webster is a graduate of the Central Point high school and lives with her parents here.)

J. D. Ross, chief division accountant, Jan. 17, 1927.

L. O. Booner, collector, June 7, 1927.

Frederick J. Wolfe, district accountant, Jan. 3, 1927.

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