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Musings

By the Editor

We have been reminded recently that for some time this paper has taken no part in the fight for the Townsend Plan. There has been a reason for this. The writer has felt that there might be some talk of his climbing on the Townsend bandwagon on account of the fact that he was a candidate for office himself. But the records will show that it has been nearly a year since we came out for the plan. And it was long before we even thought of becoming a candidate for office that we helped to organize the Central Point Townsend club.

Today we read the new Townsend bill which is now before Congress. We had heard a lot about it, but had never had a chance to read the bill itself. And the more we studied the new bill, the more we were struck with the simplicity of the whole thing. The idea will work, brethren, or we don't understand the King's English. All this junk about \$200 a month for all over 60 has been eliminated. In simple words this is what these qualified to receive the annuity will receive:

Each month the Secretary of the Treasury will deduct from the monies received from the 2% tax on all gross incomes over \$250 per month, which tax is paid monthly, the amount necessary to pay the monthly expense of administering the law. The balance of the money received that month will be prorated among the annuitants. Thus the amount of annuity received each month will depend entirely upon the amount of tax money received that month. So just what each person over 60 who qualifies will receive no one knows for certain. But whatever it is, this money must be spent each month before the next month's check is received, and that is the best thing about the whole thing. No one can hoard this money, and must spend it right at home. And this spending right down at the grass roots is just what will bring recovery.

But in the meantime, we have a hunch that there isn't much chance of the bill getting through Congress this session. Although this being a presidential year may have some influence, yet we believe that there is still too much opposition among the monied class in the "effete East", as the feller said, for the bill to get the necessary support this year. But the Plan is growing stronger each year and we expect to see it in operation before very long. There, D. D., howzat?

There is another thing we want to say and that is that the more we study the new school law plan which is coming up at the special election on April 2nd, the more we believe that it should be adopted. So far as we are concerned, we can see nothing in the argument that it favors too much of dictatorship. How about the county, then? Isn't the business of the county handled by the county court, which is composed of only three men? Or the state, where the whole thing is handled by the Board of Control, again consisting of three men? While the county school board will consist of five men, all elected by the people and all subject to recall.

Hasn't that been the American way of doing things since time immemorial. And the other day we heard a man say he was afraid that if the new law was to be put into effect, the county superintendent might rush right down to Central Point and take away the fine library the school now owns and give it to some other school which had none. Of course he COULDN'T, but what man in his senses would be guilty of such a fool thing, when the idea of the whole thing is to build up bigger and better schools in the community centers already in existence? And how long would he ast if he tried that sort of thing?

And in the matter of taxation, which seems to interest most folks these days. Do you know that there are 25 school districts in this county, out of a total of 64, which carry 70% of the school census? That they carry 73% of the children in average daily attendance? And that they also supply 71% of all the money spent for our county schools outside of Medford and Ashland?

These twenty-five districts have 49% of the valuation of the 64 districts which would constitute the County District under the County School Law, so, therefore, with less than one-half of the valuation to support them, there rests upon them the legal and financial responsibility of furnishing three-fourths of the school services of the county.

Think it over, folks, and come out to the mass meeting at the Grange hall tomorrow (Friday) night and learn more about it.

CHINESE FIRE

A fire fire at the Carl Fernlund home in the northeastern part of town called out the fire department at noon today. The house was equipped with a common stove pipe extending through the roof and it is the opinion of Fire Chief Bonney that this became overheated, starting the blaze. The fire boys made a very quick run to the fire and soon had the blaze extinguished by the use of chemicals.

TEA HONORS WORTHY GRAND MATRON O.E.S.

One of the loveliest Eastern Star affairs ever held in the valley was that of the tea in honor of Mrs. Dora Stipe, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Oregon, Wednesday at the Masonic Temple at Central Point. Hostesses were the Past Matrons Club of Nevita Chapter. More than a hundred guests called during the afternoon.

Mrs. Paul Martin greeted guests at the door and Mrs. W. H. Bishop introduced to the receiving line which included the honoree, Mrs. Stipe, Mrs. E. E. Scott, President of Nevita Past Matrons; Miss Alice Hanley, an Honor Member of Nevita Chapter; Mrs. W. H. McGowan, Past Grand Matron; Mrs. Hal McNair, Chairman of the Credentials Committee of the Grand Chapter; Mrs. W. H. Norcross, third Worthy Matron of Nevita and Mrs. W. D. Barnes, member of the International Temple Fund Committee of the Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Stipe was beautifully gowned in a very attractive, floor-length picture dress of silk print, and wore a spray of spring blossoms in her hair. During the afternoon, Mrs. Edwin Andren delighted the group with numerous vocal selections. Her numbers were well received and were chosen with particular adaptation for the tea party. Mrs. Sam Kohler played the accompaniments.

Dainty corsages, made by Mrs. M. J. Swing and Mrs. Hensley Holt were given each member of the receiving line and those presiding at the tea table.

The tea table was unusually lovely with a crystal bowl of marguerites, hyacinths and daisies in pastel colors especially suited to the Easter Season. Crystal Candelabra with white tapers and silver appointments added much to the beauty of the setting. Presiding at the tea table was Mrs. H. T. Pankey, Mrs. Guy Tex, Mrs. Sam Kohler, Mrs. B. L. Sanderson, Mrs. Victor Bursell and Mrs. Lelia Pexson.

The Chapter rooms were decorated in yellow spirals, daffodils, anemones and lavender hyacinths. Large baskets of blossoms were used prominently throughout. Mrs. E. E. Scott was in general charge of the affair. Mrs. Leonard Freeman arranged the tea table and headed the serving committee. She was assisted by Miss Clara Hanley, Mrs. Pearl Bonney and Mrs. L. C. Scott.

Guests were Past Matrons and Officers of Alpha Chapter, Ashland; Adair Chapter, Jacksonville; and Reames Chapter, Medford, and all members of Nevita Chapter.

Eastern Star Notes

Eastern Star circles are very busy this week. Entertaining Mrs. Dora Stipe, the Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon. A special meeting will be held tomorrow night, Friday, March 22, at the Masonic Temple at Central Point, when Nevita Chapter No. 93 will exemplify the full ritualistic work. Degrees will be conferred on several candidates and a short program will be enjoyed. Refreshments will follow the ceremonies.

Members of Eastern Star throughout the valley are cordially invited to attend. Committees for this function include: Hall Decoration, Mrs. Ellis Clark, Mrs. Paul Anderson and Mrs. Victor Bursell; Table Decoration, Mrs. Howard Jewett; Dining Room Committee, Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, Mrs. Leonard Freeman, Mrs. E. P. Stone, Mrs. Anna Mears and Mrs. W. C. Rookard.

GRANGE NOTES

Central Point Grange met Friday, March 15 with 101 in attendance, including fifteen visitors from Talent, Applegate and Lake Creek granges. The first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of sixteen of which four were from the Talent Grange.

Side number one had the most in attendance for the first time in the quarter but as they fell short in the total count they are to entertain side number 2 at the next regular meeting on April 5. Every lady on side one is to bring a cake, the men are to help buy the ice cream, and every one in the grange is asked to bring his nickels to buy the surplus cakes. The proceeds will be added to the building fund.

The H.E.C. will meet with Mrs. Roy Gish on Wednesday, March 27. This will be a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Third and fourth degrees will be conferred at a special meeting on March 29. All officers and others taking part in initiatory work are asked to meet Tuesday evening, March 26 at 7:30 for practice.

The Order of the C. met at the gym last night and initiated ten new members.

Mrs. T. J. Muse and Mrs. Bessie Livingston of Glendale visited friends and relatives Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs. Muse visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gip Vincent and Mrs. Livingstone was house guest at Tharp home.

Mass Meeting to Discuss Proposed School Change

A Mass meeting of the citizens of Central Point and the surrounding territory has been called for Friday evening of this week at the Grange hall in this city. Members of the county school reorganization committee will be present to answer questions which may be asked concerning the provisions of the new law which is to be voted on at a special election to be held throughout the county on April 2.

There seems to be much mis-information going the rounds concerning the proposed law and many people seem to be afraid that if the law is adopted the result will be absolute chaos in our schools. Some are afraid that the law puts too much power in the hands of a few officials, who will be able, if they so desire, to completely wreck the present school system. These people seem to forget that adopting this law in no way changes the present state laws under which our schools now operate.

There also seems to be some dissatisfaction over the fact that the new law places the operation of all the schools in the county under one board of five men. They say that is a step toward "dictatorship." We cannot see it just that way. How about our county organization? Do we not place the business of the county in the hands of THREE men, whom we might say "dictate" its affairs? We have had such systems in operation since the days of the Founding Fathers, with no thought of "dictatorship."

But this newspaper is not going to argue this matter now. Come out to the meeting Friday evening and hear both sides. Then go home and sit down and read the Official Voter's Pamphlet sent to each registered voter, which contains the exact wording of the proposed law. Study it out carefully for yourself then be sure and vote at the election April 2nd.

Report Indicates \$131,369.01 County's Share Copco Tax

The 1940 Oregon State and county taxes amounting to \$387,205.63 have just been paid by The California Oregon Power Company, according to an announcement by Hance H. Cleland, President of the Company. This sum takes into consideration the 3 per cent discount for prompt payment, amounting to \$11,946.51.

Of this substantial state and county tax bill, \$131,369.01 went to Jackson County, it was announced. The total amount of the Copco taxes in this state show an increase of 6.72 per cent over the amount of the 1939 taxes paid last year, officials said.

Including Federal and all types of taxes, The California Oregon Power Company is paying this year a sum in excess of three-quarters of a million dollars.

Copco's construction program for 1940, with budgeted expenditures of \$1,014,000, is now well underway and of this sum \$68,000.00 will be expended in this county, resulting in improved facilities for serving the Company's customers in this area. The 1940 program will affect the entire territory served by The California Oregon Power Company, extending 275 miles in length and 100 miles in width. This territory embraces 54 cities and communities, whose economic trend will be stimulated by the sizeable expenditures this year.

W. R. C. to Serve Merchants' Lunch

The W.R.C. will give their annual merchant's lunch next Wednesday, March 27 at the W.R.C. hall. The menu will be creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrot salad, hot rolls and butter, pickles, jelly, pie and coffee all for the small price of 25 cents. The public is invited. Dinner will be served from 11:30 to 1:30. Don't forget the date, Wednesday, March 27.

Pointers To Have Uniforms

Central Point's baseball team for the first time in history will be resplendent in full baseball uniforms when the first game of the season comes around.

The uniforms will probably be of the conventional gray flannel. Knee pants, jerseys, shirts and socks will complete the outfit.

This will be a decided improvement over the cords, denim pants, etc. worn in the past.

Mrs. M. M. Winans of Seattle is spending the Easter vacation in the Fleischer home, Mrs. Winans is Mrs. Fleischer's sister.

Miss Aileen Berry, who returned home last week from the hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis is improving nicely and now able to be out.

See those new and good looking rayon silk dresses at Hatfield's for only \$1.98. Just right for Easter.

Vivian Tharp, who has been out of school for a week with a bad cold, returned to school this week.

There will be no school today or tomorrow on account of Spring vacation.

Abner Nadler, who has been visiting friends here, is returning today to California with Mr. Vella. Abner reports that his brother Max has gone into the painting business.

So what?

A merely fallen enemy may rise again; but the reconciled one is truly vanquished.—Schiller.

Roger Yost gazing wistfully at his new tractor which his father-in-law, Mr. Jones, was having so much fun driving around the field. At last they were both riding it.

Wanted—By Central Point city, more animals for their new zoo.

Mrs. McManama saying, "I don't know a thing, except that I am not going to take any more long walks." (Mrs. McManama had walked to the airport with the children Sunday.)

Mr. Peart worrying how he can get a story in this column without the editor knowing it.

Archie Parker standing in the sun studying the fishing laws.

Margaret Hubbard and Zoe Hill being beautified for Easter.

Mrs. Landon, who planned to finish her driving lessons as soon as the weather was nice is now too busy planting flowers and vegetable garden to take the time.

First Grade News

Wednesday, March 20, 1940
There are 10 girls here.
There are 11 boys here.
There are 21 children here.
Robert is out.
No school tomorrow or the next day.

We will have an Easter vacation. Easter is a happy day. Jesus arose on Easter. Tomorrow is the first day of spring.

Open House Postponed Future Date to Be Set

Open House, previously announced to be held Tuesday evening, March 19, has been postponed to a later date. Because of the prevalence of various contagious disease at this time, it was deemed best to have the exhibit at some other time.

Plans for the Open House will continue, which event should prove to be all the better with a longer period of preparation.

See those new silk dresses at Hatfield's. Latest styles and a nice number to choose from.

The Health Association will meet for luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Gipson Driver.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rossi spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers at their country place near Ashland.

Mr. Roger Yost has recently purchased a small John Deere tractor and will do your plowing at a very reasonable rate.

Mr. A. W. Walker has moved into new offices at 417 East Main, Medford. He was formerly on West Sixth.

Mrs. Anna Bassell, who teaches in Fort Jones, California, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Dorland of this city.

Miss Lois Dorland, a teacher in the Portola, California high school, is home for the Easter vacation.

Volunteer Firemen To Hold Benefit Ball Wed. Eve.

Central Point Volunteer Fire company are sponsoring a benefit ball to be held next Wednesday evening in the Grange hall at nine o'clock. This ball is being presented for the purpose of raising additional funds to help buy the firemen some coats and boots.

Everyone who likes a good time and who wishes to aid the Fire Dept. in obtaining this much needed equipment are invited to attend this affair. A good, clean time assured everyone attending.

Tickets to this dance can be obtained from any fireman in advance or can be bought at the door, admission is, gentlemen 40c, Ladies, 10c.

Good music is assured by Bill Abbott, chairman of the music committee.

Dancing from 9:00 'til 1:00.

Mrs. Charley Holds Birthday Party

Mrs. Ernestine Charley entertained the following group in honor of Miss Vina Cellura's 16th birthday last Sunday: Iris Hill, Maxine Ayers, Maxine Moore, Wanda Fay Cassman, Marjorie Pierce, Clara Belle Charley, Mrs. Cellura, Leon Virginia and Vina, the honor guest.

Mrs. Charley had a ball of cord for each guest that she had strung all over the house and yard in the trees, bushes, porches, etc. At the end of each cord was an all-day sucker and a horseshoe. This caused much fun. Refreshments were served with a beautiful birthday cake. The color scheme was green and white St. Patrick's day colors. All report a jolly time.

The Celluras came here recently from New York.

Fair Taxation Move Is Started

Approaching collapse of the general property tax and action which should be taken as a matter of concern to every citizen to bring about more equitable taxation for real estate will be the subject of a great national real estate tax conference, to be held in Washington, D. C., April 25, 26 and 27.

The conference, to be held under the joint auspices of a number of national associations in the real estate field, will bring together real estate taxpayers from every state and from every principal city of the country for consideration of what can be done to lighten the load on homes, farms and other real estate and for bringing real estate taxation into the kind of alignment that good public policy dictates it should have in our local state and national tax system.

Already participating in plans for the conference are the National Association of Building Owners and Managers, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, the National Apartment Owners association and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. Six other national bodies, including farm organizations, are joining in preliminary discussions and are expected to participate, according to Myers Y. Cooper, Cincinnati, ex-governor of Ohio, who has been chosen by the participating groups to be conference chairman.—Oregonian.

HOME LEAGUE MEETS

The Home League of the Salvation Army meets at the Maud Davis home on First and Maple streets every week. Everyone is welcome to attend this sewing club. The league has made a number of quilts for needy people. Some quilt tops all ready to put together have been given to the league and others have given quilt linings. The league has materials given them for the quilts all but the filling and the thread, which is quite a problem for them some times.

Professor and Mrs. Jewett returned home from Salem last Friday. Mr. Jewett attended a meeting of educational workers and they also attended the state tournament. They visited Mrs. Jewett's sister and their son Richard.

H. T. Pankey AND COMPANION Are Invited To Be The Guests of The

CENTRAL POINT AMERICAN and the CRATERIAN THEATRE, Medford

Last Times Sat. Nite

Screen's Greatest Adventure!
Thomas Mitchell—Edna Best
"SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON"
Preview Sat. Nite!

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Bing Crosby—Dorothy Lamour
Bob Hope
"ROAD TO SINGAPORE"

(Please call at this office for ticket.)

CIVIC CLUB TO SPONSOR PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOL FRI.

The Ladies Civic Club is sponsoring a play to be put on by the Lone Pine P.T.A. at the local high school Friday evening. The play is entitled "Mammy's Lil Wild Rose" and is very highly spoken of by all who had the pleasure of seeing it at the Lone Pine school recently. Reserved seats will be on sale at Stone's. The proceeds of the play will be equally divided between the Civic Club and the Lone Pine P.T.A. Following is the cast of characters:

Mammy Celie, a black treasure—Verda Quackenbush.
Rose O'May, Mammy's lil wild Rose—Avys Grimes.
Daniel French, from the city—Gareth Goddard.
Old Joe, "that's a fac"—Haywood Lemley.
Hester O'May, Rose's Maiden Aunt—Mattie Luman.
Lester Van, Daniel's Friend—David Luman.
Wade Carver, an unwelcome suitor—Dennis Crocker.
Peggy French, Daniel's sister—Ruth Foster.
Lettie Van, Peggy's friend—Pearl Crocker.
Babe Jean, a mountain charmer—Frances Moffett.
Orpheus Jackson, a native Romeo—Carl Quackenbush.
Mrs. Courtvane, a lonely woman—Aledade Brown.

SCENE
The entire action of the play takes place in the cabin door-yard of Uncle Joe and Mammy Celie, in the mountains of Virginia.

SYNOPSIS

ACT 1—The cabin doorway of Uncle Joe and Mammy Celie. An afternoon in early summer.
ACT 2—The same scene. The opening day of the fair. An afternoon a month later than Act 1.
ACT 3—The same scene. Fourteen months later than Act 2.
"Mammy's Lil Wild Rose" is sponsored by the Lone Pine P.T.A. and is directed by Grace Lemley.

Home Ec. Club To Meet Wednesday

The Home Economics Club of the Central Point Grange will meet Wednesday afternoon March 27 at the home of Mrs. Rachel Gish. Each lady is asked to bring either a hot dish or a salad and their own service for luncheon which will be served at one o'clock.

This will be hobby day. Everyone is expected to bring their favorite hobby or come prepared to tell about it.

Several Families Meet for Picnic

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell, Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reich, Marsha and Dale Haley, all of Medford, left for Winchester where they met Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Powell and Patty, Mr. and Mrs. Gillaspie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Corum and son Gordon of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Perry from Marshfield. Here they rented a cabin for the day but owing to the lovely warm sunshine they enjoyed a picnic dinner outside. This picnic is getting to be an annual affair.

Mrs. H. A. Westfall of Mowich, Oregon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Bithers. Mrs. Westfall plans to return home as soon as Mrs. Bithers is entirely recovered from the flu. Mrs. Bithers is much improved and able to be out some of the time.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoover, Supt. Miss Lysie Gregory, Primary Supt.

Special Easter program begins at 10:00 A. M. The children will present a mixed program filling the Bible School hour. This will be followed by Communion and a specially prepared musical program. Mr. Phillips will present a short inspirational message "Conquered Death".
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M.
This service will be filled with special Easter Messages. Trumpet Solo "Bells of Saint Mary" Alvin McGulig. A choir number. The Easter Sermon "Five Proofs of The Life After Death" Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Leader of "Christian Action". Mrs. J. N. Cornutt, Leader of "Training For Service". Mrs. Eula Foley.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Phone 51
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.