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Musings

By the Editor

Is it hot enough—Whoa! Don't hit! We won't say it!

But if any of you folks want to really warm up a bit, just turn out with the boys and help burn grass. The writer tried it for a couple of days and we have a hunch our lungs are really "smoke-tanned." But it sure did us good to see how efficient the new fire outfit really is. We can now carry the water right up where it will do the most good and with 125 pounds pressure on the nozzle, we really blow a grass fire out RIGHT NOW. Which solves the worst problem this scattered city has had in the way of fire danger.

And we want to compliment the volunteer firemen for the spirit they are showing and the interest they are taking in learning to use the equipment in the best manner. The people of the city rest in comfort knowing these fine young men are on the job. Give 'em a hand, folks!

Tomorrow is Flag Day and we hope to see the Stars and Stripes flying from every house in town. With conditions what they are in the world today, that flag means more than ever. It stands for freedom—personal, political and religious. Nowhere else on earth today do the people have the advantages; the privileges, and the comforts that we in America enjoy. But if we want to continue to enjoy these blessings, we must be ready to do our part to protect our country from all enemies—within and without.

And in this connection we want to call attention to the radio talk to be given tomorrow evening from 6:30 to 6:45 over KMED by Commander Meiring of Medford, Post of the American Legion on the meaning of the American flag today. We are sure it will be worth listening to.

There is another thing we want to bring to our readers' attention. We hear much talk these days of "preparedness", of "national defense", and so forth. Right now the National Guard is asking for more men to fill out their quota. Here is a chance for young men to get the training so badly needed if or when their country calls them. The writer served his time in that organization and can speak from experience that it was well worth while. We urge our young men to take advantage of the present opportunity to go and enlist.

And that makes us think. This town already has lost two of the boys whom so recently we watched receive their diplomas from our high school this spring. Harold Kilburn and Mario Glone have been accepted by the navy and are now at the San Diego training station. Which shows that there is still red blood in the youth of the land.

We hope that all our readers will come out for the 2nd annual Salmon Bake being put on by the Central Point Sportsmen's club in cooperation with the Civic Club. The sportsmen are furnishing the salmon and the ladies are to prepare and serve the dinner. Everybody and his family is invited. This annual get-together of the sportsmen is to be a regular affair hereafter and should be well patronized. Everybody knows what the ladies of this town can do in the way of dinners. Any profits from the dinner are to go into the treasury of the Civic club to be used for worthwhile civic improvements. Don't forget the date, Thursday, June 20, at 6 p. m. at the Grange hall.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER IN HONOR MISS ALICE CASE

The Berean class, with the King's Messengers invited as guests, enjoyed a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Alice Case at the Case home last Tuesday. This was a farewell party for Miss Case, who is to leave Tuesday for Washington, D. C., where she will be in government work. Miss Case has worked for the Southern Oregon Credit Bureau for the past ten years. Her friends are pleased with her promotion, but regret to see her leave.

John Blackford, who returned to his home from Crescent City about two weeks ago, is much improved. He has been staying with his wife's parents Mr. and Mrs. Warren Patterson.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER NOW A SUCCESS SAYS GOODRICH CO.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Using a new synthetic, Ameripol, described as the long-sought Liberty Rubber capable of replacing the natural product, The B. F. Goodrich Company has begun the manufacture for the public of America's first passenger car tire of domestic materials, John L. Collyer, president, announced here today.

In a series of revelations that threw an entirely new light on the nation's preparedness for any emergency affecting natural rubber supplies, Collyer made what was characterized as the most important announcement from the American rubber industry in the last quarter century, to a gathering of five hundred industrialists, military experts, scientists and the press at the Waldorf Astoria.

Collyer stressed three important achievements of Goodrich research and production, hitherto cloaked in secrecy and which, he said, are now made public because Goodrich "recognized the responsibility which the national defense program places upon all industry."

The three highlights of the disclosures were:

(1) The development by Goodrich, working independently for the past fourteen years, of a synthetic which in many of its important properties is equal or superior to natural rubber, and can be processed and vulcanized like the natural product. The material is an exclusive Goodrich product which does not infringe any existing patents. It was stated. This Liberty Rubber has been named by Goodrich, Ameripol, which signifies a polymer or recombination of molecules of American materials.

(2) Goodrich has had in operation for more than a year and a half a pilot plant producing Ameripol, and it is now being made in a semi-commercial plant. A manufacturing plant which will have a daily capacity of several tons of Ameripol is under construction, to be ready this fall. Additional units of the same type, if was emphasized, can be constructed to produce any required amount.

(3) The new Goodrich tires use Ameripol to replace natural rubber in proportions varying from 50 to 100 percent. Mr. Collyer emphasized that if the industry were to replace with Ameripol the natural rubber in the tire treads and side walls, alone, it would reduce by approximately one half America's consumption of the natural product.

"It is my personal opinion and fervent prayer that our rubber supplies will not be interrupted," Mr. Collyer said, "but rubber is too vital a product for us to follow any course but a safe one."

Liberty Bell to Sound Once More

The sound of America's Liberty Bell will echo throughout the nation June 24.

Republican leaders have arranged for a patriotic meeting to be held on the opening day of the national convention at Independence Square.

Doors of Independence Hall will be opened to allow a view of the historic bell. It will be struck and the sound broadcast.

REUNION OF SCHOOLMATES HELD AT FARRA HOME

A reunion of schoolmates was held at the Clara Farra home when Mrs. Clara Ferguson Barkdull and sisters, Mrs. Hannah Fisher from Oregon City and Mrs. Mary Abbott of Ashland stopped for a few minutes and took Mrs. Farra for a drive in the Willow Springs district covering many childhood scenes. All four ladies were born in that locality and all the landmarks were revisited and much thrilling history was reviewed. They look over the old school location and the present school. The homes where they had lived when girls and also places where they had lived in later years were visited.

After covering the Willow Springs district they traveled over the Old Stage road to Grants Pass and visited Mrs. Lydia Dean, who had been their teacher in Willow Springs when they were children. On their return trip they visited Mrs. Laura Coakley Penney at Gold Hill, another girlhood friend.

N.Y.A. to Train Men to Fight Fires

Those in charge of fighting forest fires in Oregon this summer will roughly correspond to a city fire department adapted to forest fire purposes, announces E. G. Mason, assistant dean of forestry. This service is made possible through the organization and establishment at the Peavy arboretum, just north of Corvallis, of an NYA camp in which will be located all summer from 60 to 75 students in the school of forestry especially trained in fighting forest fires.

The men will be in charge of George H. Schroeder, assistant professor of forestry, who is considered the best qualified specialist in forest fire fighting in any forestry school in the United States.

Under the arrangements just completed NYA will pay the men \$30 a month while they are in camp. From this the students will pay their own board. Camping facilities have been provided by the Oregon Forest Fire association, which is one of the sponsors of the project. The men will be on call at any time for fire fighting service in unites of five men. Buses will be available to take them to fires throughout western Oregon and even in parts of eastern Oregon if desirable.

While on actual fire duty they will receive regular fire fighters' wages. When they return to camp they will be used in certain work a forestry nature in the McDonald experimental forest.

Besides affording opportunity for summer employment the plan provides the men with additional training for professional careers, says Dean Mason, while at the same time providing a nucleus of trained fire fighters for emergency call.

Sponsors of the project, in addition to the school of forestry here, are the state department of forestry, the Oregon Forest Fire association, the Pacific northwest forest experiment station, the United States forest service, and the O. C. Land administration.

Sewing Club Meets At Powell Home

The Wednesday sewing club met with Mrs. Kenneth Powell yesterday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Freda Jantzer, Teddy Reynolds, Mary Landers, Foresteen Powell, Irene Powell, Hazel Homer, Nellie Kamberg and the hostess Mrs. Powell.

BROTHER OF MRS. MILTON DIES ON FISHING TRIP

Mr. Waldo Britton of Idanha, near Salem, passed away last Saturday, June 8. He was the brother of Mrs. Albert Milton. Services were held in Ashland Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Britton's death was very unexpected. He was fishing with his son-in-law and as the latter moved down the river a short distance he chanced to look back and saw that Mr. Britton seemed to have slumped into a strange position. On going to his side he discovered he was dead. It is thought that a blood clot went to his heart. He was well known here, having visited his sister many times.

So what? -

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.—Sir J. M. Barrie.

On learning that Germany had ordered that all dogs must be killed, Bobbie Homer asked if Hitler would be the first one?

Jackie Cox, who was left with Mrs. Minnick or the afternoon, holding her up for two pennies and then insisting that she take him to town to spend them.

It is reported to us that Mr. Maple had the wrong level and it wouldn't work on the square. Mr. Lacy returned it to Maple, saying there was something decidedly wrong.

Vivian Tharp being very indignant over the noise coming from the blacksmith shop and stopping long enough to ask Mr. Minnick: "Aren't you making an awful lot of noise for a little boy like you?"

Mr. Alexander can neither see, read nor write, so he says he wants to be pretty careful whose eyes he uses when he looks for his friends. He has missed seeing the mayor or the constable for some time, though they are on the street every day.

Salmon Bake To Be Given Thurs. Eve

The second annual Salmon Bake by the Central Point Sportsmen's club will be given at the Grange hall next Thursday evening, June 20, in cooperation with the Civic club.

The salmon for the occasion will be furnished by the members of the sportsmen's organization and the dinner will be prepared and served by the ladies of the Civic club. Any profits from the dinner, after expenses are paid, will go to help the ladies in their work for civic betterment.

The following is the menu: Baked salmon, creamed potatoes, buttered peas, cabbage and carrot salad, beet pickles, rolls, coffee and pumpkin pie.

Plans are being perfected for a short program during the dinner. The committee in charge hopes to have several prominent speakers for the occasion who will tell of the work of the clubs during the past year, also several musical numbers are being planned for.

Everyone in Southern Oregon interested in fishing, hunting or game and fish conservation are invited to attend. Also everyone who likes a good meal, prepared as only the local ladies can, will be welcome.

How "Security" Law Hit One Aged Man

SANTA ANA, Calif.—What Social Security did to one aged couple brought this editorial protest from the conservative Santa Ana Journal: "An old man—his 75—gets \$11 a week as gardener for a local institution.

"Out of this small amount he supports himself and his wife aged 65.

"About all they have is a place to sleep, a little to eat and the dreams of bygone years given to raising flowers and trees so that man-made cities of this world might be more like nature's own gardens.

"There's nothing left of the \$11 to spend on movies, magazines, new dresses and some of the small pleasures of life.

Food, clothes, shelter take it all. But the old couple are willing to work and struggle along.

"There's one outstretched hand, however, which angers the old gardener.

That is the hand of the Federal tax collector, reaching for 1 percent of that meager paycheck in order to place it in the Security fund.

"The old man has been told by Federal officials here that the chances are he'll never benefit from the fund. Why shouldn't he object?"

"He's spent a lifetime working with heart and hands to make the world more beautiful. Now he gets only \$11 a week. And the tax collector rakes off a percentage of that for a fund which will probably never help him. Now he's blaming Mr. Roosevelt.

"Whether Mr. Roosevelt is to blame for this particular injustice in the Social Security law, we do not know.

"But it seems plain that Uncle Sam made a slip somewhere. The Social Security Act was intended to help, not burden, the aged." —The Townsend Weekly

MRS. WILSON ATTENDS GARDEN CLUB CONVENTION

Mrs. Elmer Wilson attended the thirteenth annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs in Portland June 3-4-5 and also the fifth annual national convention of state garden clubs, representing Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona and Victoria, B. C. Mrs. Smith, a delegate from Illinois, reported that Oregon has 299 more native flora than any other state.

Mrs. Wilson reports that it was a very instructive and interesting meeting. She has been an active member of the Medford Flower club and went as their delegate. The Medford club is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Ernest Barnes.

NOTICE

Warning is hereby given that the laws regarding the shooting of firecrackers or fireworks within the limits of the City of Central Point will be strictly enforced. J. H. MOSHER, City Marshal.

Harold Kilburn Off For Naval Training

PORTLAND, June 11.—(Special)—Included in a group of twenty young men enlisted in the Navy at Portland, Tuesday, June 11th, was Harold Eugene Kilburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benton Kilburn, Central Point, Oregon. Kilburn is a graduate of the Central Point high school.

On the date of enlistment, he was transferred to the U. S. Naval Training station, San Diego, California, where he will undergo an eight weeks period of recruit training prior to being assigned to a vessel of the U. S. Fleet.

Harold enlisted with the National Guard about 2 years ago and Capt. Carl Tengwald said he has made a very good record and was trustworthy and reliable and that he was very sorry to lose him. Capt. Tengwald also said that he would reap the benefit of the training he had received in the National Guard. Harold graduated from the high school this spring and was a member of the football team for two years and made his letter twice.

He joined the Odd Fellows a year ago and was Vice Grand at the time he left for Portland.

GRANGE NOTES

The Central Point Grange met Friday evening with an attendance of 77. Five visitors were also present: Brother and Sister Lusk and Sister Clay of Eagle Point, and Brother and Sister Valentine of California. Bro. Valentine is overseer of the California State Grange.

A very beautiful memorial service was held under the direction of the Worthy Lecturer.

Following grange meeting, a birthday party was held for those members whose birthdays occur during April, May, June. The birthday table was decorated with flowers, candles, and a birthday cake. Place cards with horoscopes attached and corsages marked the place of the honored members.

At the next regular meeting, June 21, the State aster, Bro. Ray Gill, will be present. An invitation is extended to all grangers in the county to be present that evening.

Members are reminded to bring in sales slips at next meeting as this is the last month of the contest.

The ladies of H.E.C. are sponsoring a picnic in Ashland park on June 15.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Special music, cornet solo by Miss Betty Sweeney and duet by Mrs. Ruth Hoover and Miss Sweeney. Sermon subject "Fires That Do Not Destroy."

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Phillips will meet the Juniors. Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Sermon subject "Has God Called You?" Special music by Choir. The orchestra will play.

Orchestra Rehearsal Tuesday at 8:00 P.M.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Leader Milton Houston.

Vacation Bible School Program at Federated Church Friday 14. Come! Don't miss it!

FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. C. R. Luther, Pastor
Telephone 53

9:45 A.M. Bible School, Wm. Kamberg, Supt.

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship. Message by the Pastor, "How Can Unjust Man Be Just With A Just God?"

7:00 P.M. Christian Endeavor. Competent Leaders with a Message from the Word. Both Junior and Senior groups.

8:00 P.M. Evangelistic Services. Message by the Pastor, "God's Conciliation Toward Man".

7:30 P.M. Monday—Men's Prayer Meeting.

2:30 P.M. Tuesday—Ladies' Bible Class.

8:00 P.M. Tuesday—Sunday School Board Meeting.

8:00 P.M. Wednesday—Mid-week Prayer Meeting.

2:00 P.M. Thursday—Missionary Society Meets.

8:00 P.M. Thursday—Choir practice.

8:00 P.M. Friday—Meeting of Evangelistic Committee.

Why not make this church your church home.

ELECTION TO BE HELD TO VOTE ON GYM BONDS

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice of school district bond election which is to be held at the high school July 2nd. This election has been called for the purpose of voting on the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness of \$20,000 on the district for the purpose of providing funds with which to erect, equip and furnish a gymnasium on the school grounds in this city, and also for authorization of the cancellation of the \$8,000 bond issue voted September 7, 1938.

The need for a larger gymnasium and for some sort of protected play shed for the younger children has long been recognized. If a new gymnasium is built it is planned to use the old building as a playshed for the children.

The proposed gymnasium would be located on the athletic field across the highway from the present high school building. It would face west on the highway with a stage on the north end and dressing rooms for boys and girls along the east side of the building.

The plans call for the gymnasium proper to be 76 feet wide and 102 feet long. The dressing rooms, music room, and furnace room will be located in an addition on the south side. This addition will be 25 feet wide and will extend the full length of the east side of the building. The dressing rooms, shower rooms, and furnace room will have cement floors.

In the main room where the basketball court will be located there will be sufficient space for a playing floor fifty by ninety feet and seating space on the sides for 500 to 600 spectators. Permanent seats will be built on one side and knockdown bleachers used on the other. This will make possible the use of cross courts for physical education classes. The main floor will be of maple, the ceiling will be finished with panels of fiber board of the type of celotex and will have eighteen recessed lights. Walls will be finished with V ceiling to a height of eight feet above this finished with plywood.

For auditorium purposes there will be a stage twenty feet deep and thirty four feet wide. Folding chairs will be used for the audience and there will be ample room for 800 to 1000.

For heating a forced hot air system is planned. Such a system provides for quick heating and is very economical.

Exterior finishing will be attractive. The walls will be finished with eight inch rustic, the roof will be built up roof.

There are many other items of construction too numerous to mention which have all been worked out with the purpose in mind of providing for every possible detail. The building is planned to take care of present needs and to provide for a long time in the future. There have been four revisions made of plans submitted by Frank Clark, Architect. Every effort has been made to plan efficiently and economically.

Mother of City Official Dies Sun.

Mr. Guy Tex received the sad news of the death of his mother, Mrs. Nicholas Tex, in Indianapolis, Ind., Sunday night. She was the oldest of thirteen children and lived with two younger sisters, one 85 and the other 83. At time of her death she was 87 and died from old age.

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