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Musings

By the Editor

"I wholly disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

Many years ago Abraham Lincoln made the statement that a "divided Nation cannot stand." That this is just as true today as in 1860 is shown by the recent events in Europe. Hitler and his hordes wiped out Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France in just a few short weeks largely because the people of these countries had forgotten this truism. And it is our belief that the most serious danger to our own country is internal dissension and not military aggression.

We like to say we have the strongest country on earth; with the greatest reservoir of potential resources to be found anywhere. This is true, but what good will it do us if we don't know how to use these resources? Or if we fail to work together in their development? Hitler wants nothing better than to have the American people fighting among themselves. Internal dissension can do more real harm than is apt to come from bombing squadrons from abroad.

It is for just this reason that the writer believes that the time has come for us to discard the New Deal and all its works. Never in the one hundred and sixty years of its life in a like period of time has this country seen so much class hatred engendered, labor troubles and a general feeling of unrest and uncertainty as has come since 1933. It's time to call a halt and forget our differences and stand together for America. Let's again take for our motto "United we stand; divided we fall" and in this spirit go forward shoulder to shoulder for the country we love.

We heard some good news for the taxpayers of this community this week. When the school board met Monday evening for the purpose of opening the bids for the bonds to be issued to pay for the new gymnasium they were pleasantly surprised to discover that it was still possible to get money for such purposes at very low rates of interest. We understand that the best bid offered for these bonds was 2% interest, with a premium of 31 cents. Which means a lot to us all.

Preliminary work has started on the new building and we are glad to report that in so far as possible local labor is to be used. All men who desire work on the new gym should get in touch with the contractor at once. The writer feels a personal interest in the building as he has supported the idea from its inception. Well we remember the evening way back in 1935 when Bud Adams, then chairman of the board, came to our office one evening and we talked for several hours over the possibility of building a new gym instead of a play-shed and use the old gym as a play-shed for the younger children. And now that dream is coming true.

MAN BITES DOG

So many Democrats have declared support for Wendell Willkie that such announcements hardly are news. Newspapers now are featuring stories about Democrats who will not bolt Third Term Candidate Roosevelt. The Washington Times-Herald recently carried on its front page under "Flash Bulletins" the following dispatch:

GOVERNOR PHILLIPS WON'T BOLT DEMOCRATS
Oklahoma City, July 26. (UP).—Governor Leon C. Phillips said today he would stay with the Democratic Party in the Presidential campaign, despite personal opposition to Henry A. Wallace as the Vice Presidential nominee.

Col. Ralph K. Strassman—"Liberals of speech, of assembly, of religion and of personal control over one's own life are taken for granted by Americans, but the majority have no conception of what life would be like if they were withdrawn."

Here, by the way, is another illustration of the widespread indifference of the New Dealers to ordinary decencies of life and politics: Note the commercialization of the White House by the Roosevelt family. Never before the advent of the New Deal has it been possible for anyone

TOWNSEND PLAN HELD NEEDED AS DEFENSE PHASE

Contented people, content because they have work, plenty to eat and wear and assurance of security in old age, do not embrace ideologies foreign to the democratic conception of government. Robert Townsend, secretary-treasurer of the Townsend National association, and son of the founder of the plan, told an audience of approximately 1000 Townsends at the high school Friday evening.

Declaring that while America needs military defense, it also needs the defense of contentment as a bulwark against subversive forces which would bore from within, capitalizing on poverty and discontent, the speaker cited the Townsend plan as the best means of bringing about such universal well-being.

"Democracy," he said, "has done little for over a third of the population which lives in poverty and uncertainty. If these people are told a change in governmental form will bring them more, it is only natural for them to listen to such propaganda."

"In this country we have the best form of government in existence. We produce more than enough food for all, we have an abundance of everything that makes life worth while, but our distribution system is faulty; we do not keep money in circulation so that all can buy the things they need. The Townsend plan would put money in circulation, make work for young people and do away with poverty and with uncertainty for the aged."

Before formal opening of the meeting by William Perry, congressional district president, music was provided by Alexander's stringed band, and by Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Millard. Invocation was given by Rev. R. W. Coleman of the Christian church.

President Perry introduced Sheriff Syd L. Brown, County Treasurer R. E. Sweeney, County Judge J. B. Coleman and Mayor C. C. Furnas, who were seated on the platform with officials of Townsend clubs of this vicinity. Judge Coleman welcomed the visiting Townsend officials and members in behalf of the county and city.

W. A. Sumner, state manager for Southern Oregon, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced Charles W. Wettermann, state Townsend representative, who following a short address, introduced Robert Townsend, speaker of the evening.

Large delegations were present from many clubs in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Local Boys to Leave With Guard

Junior Kilburn, Loren and Lawrence Cassman, Henry (Hank) Booth and the younger Hadley boy will leave Sunday with the National Guard for Fort Lewis. It is not sure that they will return home at the end of their training period as they may be called directly into the regular army and be gone at least a year.

The 41st national guard division, which will begin three weeks of maneuvers at Fort Lewis, Wash., next week, probably will complete the maneuvers before it receives its orders to mobilize, Major General Geo. A. White announced recently.

The division, one of four in the nation to be mobilized soon, may not receive the mobilization orders until September. President Roosevelt asked congress to give him the authority to mobilize the national guard.

It is probable that the division will leave Fort Lewis at the end of the field training period, only to have to return when the mobilization order comes.

NOTICE

Pro-America will hold their regular luncheon meeting at the Hotel Holland Monday, August 5th. A number from Central Point attend these meetings and every woman in Central Point is invited. This is expected to be a very special meeting and a good program has been arranged for.

to buy the White House family. Now all the children have capitalized on the position of their father to the extent of tens of thousands of dollars. "Even Ma's selling soap."

A. Walker Family Celebrating Reunion

Mr. Andrew Walter of Oakgrove Road is entertaining his sons and daughters at a family reunion this week and has planned a full week of picnics and trips to the scenic spots of the valley.

Mrs. W. H. Holt of Central Point and Mrs. Joe Christian of Lorier Lane and Stewart Avenue are co-hostesses and the latter part of the time will be spent at the W. H. Holt residence of Beall Lane.

There will be a group of 35. Members of the family are: Mr. and Mrs. Irving Walter, Marilyn and Rex of Bend, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Guschewsky, Billy and Jimmy of Lander, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walter and Dale, of Shevlin, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holt, Eugene and Lila of Central Point; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Graham, Betsy, Jim and Tommy of Lander, Wyo.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moore, Marshall and Clifford of Richmond, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Straus, Joel and Gary of El Cerrito, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Christian, Jo Anne and Robert of Medford; Mr. Myron Walter of El Cerrito, Calif.; and Miss Margaret Walter of Medford.

The family will be complete except for two grandsons too small to make the trip but Mr. and Mrs. George Stockburger and D. D. Stockburger of Lakeview, cousins of the family, are expected.

W.R.C. Members Enjoy Outdoor Meet

About twenty adults and almost as many children gathered on the lawn in back of the city hall for the W.R.C. annual picnic. After spending sometime picnicking, one verse of America was sung and the American creed repeated. The children played games. Ice cream and cookies were served. They all voted it a fine place for a party but wished they had a fire place.

Water Facility Group Started at E. Point

I. Ross Kline and Howard C. Short, Jackson county farmers, have organized the Little Butte Water Facility Group near Eagle Point, under the sponsorship of the community and cooperative service section, Farm Security administration, according to Eugene Hampton, county supervisor.

Facilities of an irrigation pump, engine and pipe will be available for use on member farms. The new cooperative is set up on a joint ownership plan with members signing participation agreements on a fee basis with each member contributing his own actual operating expense.

I. Ross Kline will act as treasurer of the association.

CIVIC CLUB TO MEET

The Civic club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday, Aug. 7th. Everyone interested in public welfare are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lees and daughter Carolyn returned Sunday evening from a trip to Mt. Lassen National Park at Mineral, California, where they met their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Martin and daughter Norma Jean of Graceland, California. George Lees, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. Martin, returned home with his parents. They report plenty of snow at the park.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sole spent the week end in Grants Pass visiting relatives.

The Keystone Bible Class of the Church of Christ enjoyed a covered dish dinner in the Lathia Park at Ashland last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Parrish are leaving for Los Angeles tomorrow where they will visit Mr. Parrish's parents. Mrs. Parrish, Judy and Stephen have been visiting at the Ted Hill home.

Mrs. Jo Rostell returned home Monday. She left immediately with her husband, Bert Rostell, for Diamond Lake, where they vacationed until Wednesday. Mrs. Rostell returned to work in Medford this morning. Buddy Rostell returned from his vacation and is now at home.

R. H. Moore is improving and was able to be down town this week.

Mr. Sanford Richardson is sick with a bad case of tonsillitis.

Quartet Coming



With a special challenge for young people, "The Envoys" quartet from The Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California present a worthwhile program of music and Gospel testimony in the Federated church of Central Point at 8:00 P.M., on August 6th. This quartet is making a tour throughout some 10 western states and British Columbia endeavoring to mobilize youth for Christ. In addition to stirring Gospel quartette and other vocal numbers, "The Envoys" present instrumental selections with vibra-harp, organ and piano. All are cordially invited to attend this interesting and inspirational program, which is for both young and old.

The personnel of the quartet includes: Edmond Erickson, Orland, California; Dean Nauman, San Diego, California; George Arnold, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Norman Robbins, Seattle, Washington.

Goldsberrys Return From Canadian Trip

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Goldsberry returned home Sunday from a motor trip that took them up the Oregon and Washington coast to Vancouver, B. C., thence to Banff, Lake Louise, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Jasper national park, Glacier national park and Wallowa lake.

Mrs. Goldsberry reports that they had rain almost all of their trip, that in Canada they need the rain very badly and were glad to have it. On their return trip at Bend they had almost a cloudburst. They had a nice trip but were glad to get home. No trouble with papers were experienced, they only having to show their registration paper as a voter. On their crossing the border to return home they never even examined their luggage.

So what?—

When anything is said against you that is not true, examine yourself and consider what you have said or done that may administer a just occasion of reproof.—Plutarch.

Mr. Lacy says there is enough devilment in the world without him putting any in this column.

Anyone in need of paper stretchers inquire of Guy Tex. No children need inquire.

It wasn't a lamb, it was a little black dog that followed Eva Smith to W.R.C.'s last meeting and scratched on the door until it was let in without the pass word. Then whenever the ladies sang patriotic songs, the little black dog stuck his little black nose into the air and howled. Now the little black dog is either locked or tied up whenever Eva goes about the town.

One party received a perfectly good postal card with her name and address on one side and no message on the other side and she is greatly puzzled how another lady received the message on the other side of another postcard with no address on the card at all.

This is a great country, when a group can meet on a July evening for an ice cream party on a lawn and crab about the weather being too cold for ice cream, when plenty of other people in other places are laying awake cursing the heat for keeping them awake.

Mrs. Farra and Mrs. Soles carrying home earwigs in their aprons.

Herbert Crowder buying a gallon of coal oil for his stove and getting a gallon of vinegar which he put in his oil stove. Then wondering why it didn't work.

Two Cars Smash At Highway Crossing

Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock an eight-cylinder 1940 car, driven by Mrs. Charles Purinton of Los Angeles and a car driven by C. D. Blaine, who was returning from Portland, were in a collision in the intersection on the highway here. A threshing machine hid the highway to the north and neither car could see the other. The Purinton car traveling west down Main Street onto the highway struck the Blaine car, bending up the running board, breaking the back window and doing considerable damage although the car continued on under its own power. Lewis Super Service station came after the Purinton car. Mr. C. D. Blaine and mother and his sons Harry and Ward were returning from a trip to Portland and thought they were practically home when the accident occurred. Mrs. Purinton and daughter Virginia have been visiting Mrs. Purinton's father Mr. J. T. Rolls and family.

No one was hurt with the exception of a small bump on Charles Rolls' head. Mrs. Blaine escaped without a scratch although she was seated right near the window that was broken.

Roger Yost Breaks World Record on Beet Seed Growing

The West Coast Beet Seed company field manager, Roger Yost, reports that beet seed raising in the valley is proving well worth while. They expect to have at least 400 acres next year. Threshing is now on in full blast.

Mr. Yost broke the world record for beet seed on a small plot of land near the Medford disposal plant. The work employs a large group of men during the season and brings in good profits. Among those raising sugar beets for seed locally is Otto Bohnert, who increased his acreage this year. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Yost, local field manager.

Many Hop Pickers Wanted at G. Pass

Word was issued this week by Louis Ulrich of the U. S. employment office in Medford that upwards of four thousand hop pickers will be needed to harvest the crops in the Grants Pass and Applegate districts. This and the fruit work should take care of all unemployment in the valley this fall.

The government is building a transient camp near the hop yards for the benefit of pickers and their families. It is hoped that there will be local help enough so that it will not be necessary to ship them in from other districts. The price for hop picking has been raised slightly this year and also a bonus will be paid to pickers who stay through the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick have returned home from Warm Springs, where they visited their daughter Mrs. Erma Massie and husband.

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 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Woodrow Phillips will preach his first sermon at this service, and James Phillips will attempt an accordion solo. The special music will be a duet by Mrs. E. E. Scott and Mrs. Otto Bohnert. Woodrow especially invites his high school friends to attend.

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Mr. Phillips will speak from the text in Isaiah 33:1. Please read the text and don't miss the sermon. He will review history, and touch on prophesy and will make a definite prediction concerning the outcome of the present European situation.

Orchestra Rehearsal Tuesday 8:00 P.M.
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Milton Houston will continue leading the study on "The Second Coming of Christ."

P.S.—Let everyone keep in mind the Great Outdoor Service held on Sunday August 11 at the A. M. Tyrrell place on Evans Creek. Paul Callahan will be the special speaker. Make your plans ahead to be there. Further announcements next week.

MRS. ROSS RESIGNS AS TEACHER; WILL MOVE AUGUST 15

Mrs. Mildred Ross has handed in her resignation as teacher of domestic science in the high school, where she has taught for about 14 years and she and her husband, Mr. Floyd (Brownie) Ross, will leave about the middle of August for Prineville where Mrs. Ross has an interest in a large ranch which Mr. Ross will manage. Mr. and Mrs. Ross will be greatly missed here in both business and social circles.

Floyd Ross was born and raised on the old Ross ranch east of town and was in business with his brother Jim up to about a year ago. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have two sons, Edgar and John who will leave a niche among their schoolmates which will be hard to fill. They built their home where they now live, which has been rented to Coach Hulbert and wife for the winter. Mrs. Ross' mother and sister live in Prineville.

Final Plans Complete For Ashland Festival

ASHLAND, August 1.—With Queen Elizabeth and her court on tour of the central part of Oregon this week, final plans for the presentation of the sixth annual Shakespearean Festival, to be given the 9th to 17th of August, are drawing to a close, and production heads are anticipating the most successful season yet experienced.

Dress rehearsals are now in their second week and are being undertaken with full make-up, stage and lighting effects. Director William David Cottrell is pushing the more humorous sequences, in line with the policy this year to present only the more gaudy, colorful of Shakespeare's plays.

Art Director, Lois M. Bowmer, is completing the last of 125 new costumes, all patterned after the originals of the period of each separate play. She operated on the theory of making the costumes fit the mood of the play, and persons who have seen the new raiment are high in their praise of the results.

Promotion heads have announced that a special press pre-view of scenes from all four plays will be given the newspaper fraternity of southern Oregon and northern California next week. This is scheduled for Tuesday night, August 6, in the civic Elizabethan theatre, starting at 8:30 P.M.

Arrangements are also being completed for a second tour of Queen Bess and her court through northern California within a short time. The group will cover Yreka, Shasta City, Weed, and swing back through Klamath Falls, for an evening appearance there.

The four plays to be given this year are "As You Like It"; "The Merry Wives of Windsor"; "Much Ado About Nothing"; and "The Comedy of Errors." Opening the season will be "The Merry Wives," Friday, August 9.

Mrs. Charles Purinton and daughter Virginia from Los Angeles have been visiting for the past week with Mrs. Purinton's father Mr. J. T. Rolls. They had traveled all over the northwest before they arrived here.

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