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Musings

By the Editor

We want to quote a bit from an article by the able Senator from Kansas—Arthur Capper. But before we do so, we want it to be clearly understood that we endorse the sentiments therein expressed to the fullest extent. The writer has been asked just how we stand in the present Presidential race, and here's the answer:

"Wendell Willkie is the Republican nominee for President. I am for him 100 per cent."

"In this crisis we need a strong man, an able man, a man of action and sound judgment, rather than a man of words and of too often hasty, ill-considered action."

"Wendell Willkie's record is clean. He is honest and able. He had a humble start in life, made his own way, and always played the game on the square."

"He is a big business man. We have a big job ahead of us; one that demands the highest proved qualities of executive ability and balanced judgment; one who has demonstrated he can keep his feet on the ground and his head clear at the same time."

"Wendell Willkie is a big business leader who, so far as I can learn, has never exploited the public, who has shown sympathy and understanding for the common man. He has had extraordinary success as a business executive. He is the type of man who will run the business of the Government sensibly and economically."

"This is what this country is badly in need of at this time."

There you have it, folks. "That's our sentiment," as the feller said.

There can be no doubt in the minds of our readers that this newspaper is opposed to the New Deal and all its works. We believe that while at times their intentions may have been well enough, the bungling methods used to realize these intentions have too often brought about disaster. In the writer's opinion the regulation and control of the business of the country could much better be handled by men of real experience in business life, rather than by a group of "starry-eyed" dreamers who never had to meet a payroll in their lives.

The advantage of living in Southern Oregon was once more brought sharply to our mind the other night, when, after a scorching day, we took the family bus and drove up to Ashland in the evening to witness the advance showing of the Shakespearean Festival. It was still hot and plenty going up the valley and we debated the advisability of leaving our coats in the car when going in to the outdoor theatre. But after about ten minutes we found we were mighty glad we had brought the coats along, for it was really chilly. And that before 9 o'clock, mind you.

Many's the night in the Mid-west we have lain on top of the bed and cursed the climate. Hot days—and hotter nights. Lord, we still hold that Old Minnesota is a fine state to be FROM.

But speaking of those Shakespearean shows, folks, you don't want to miss them. If you enjoy the works of the great Bard you will surely appreciate what these young people are doing. The writer has sat in the old Metropolitan in St. Paul and heard E. H. Southern and Julia Marlowe and other great actors of the past in their interpretation of Shakespeare, but we never enjoyed his plays more than we have right here in our own valley.

It sure does one's heart good to hear the sound of hammers and saws once more. And if you don't think there isn't any building being done in the old town, just take a trip around. And we counted seven local men at work on the new gym, too, which is all to the good.

Looks as if the boys of Central Point are going to duplicate what was done in World War No. 1 and see to it that our district will have so many men in service when the draft comes that no men will be forced to go from here. We were told at one of the recruiting offices the other day that we already have more men in the army, navy or national guard than any other place of comparable size in the country. Just count 'em on page 3.

So we lift our eyes to the flag that flies,
With its red, and white, and blue,
And we cheer again for the kind of men
Who have always seen us through.
For that stalwart breed
That meets our need—
For the Old Boys and the New.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt thanks for their many acts of kindness during our time of sorrow in the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Mr. W. P. Grimes, Sr. Also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. W. P. Grimes, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grimes
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grimes, Jr.
Jim, Lewis and Oliver Grimes

WORK BEGINS ON NEW GYMNASIUM NEAR HIGH SCHOOL

Work is now well under way in the construction of the new gymnasium. Preliminary work on the foundation was begun Monday and it is expected that by the end of this week that forms will be in and the concrete foundation poured.

The general contract which covers everything but the heating has been awarded to the lowest bidder, E. L. McNeill, of Ashland. The heating plant will be put in by the Modern Plumbing Co. of Medford. The general contractor, Mr. McNeill, is well known for the excellent work he has done in this vicinity. He has built a number of buildings in the valley, one of the best known being the Lithia Hotel at Ashland. Mr. McNeill has assured those interested that he expects to use as much Central Point labor on the job as possible.

The building has been located in the northwest corner of the newly acquired grounds just east of the present school grounds. The building will be a frame structure and will provide gymnasium and auditorium facilities which have long been needed in the community. The main room of the structure will be 102 feet long and 76 feet wide. This will have a ceiling twenty feet high and will have a maple floor. On the north end of this building will be the stage. The stage will be thirty-eight feet wide, twenty feet deep and the proscenium opening will be twenty-eight feet wide. On each side of the stage will be dressing rooms for program purposes only. On the east side of the main room will be the dressing rooms for athletic purposes. This addition will be twenty-five feet wide and one hundred two feet long. Dressing rooms will be provided for boys' physical education classes, for boys' classes, for the boys' athletic director and for the girls' athletic director. There will be a room for music instruction and the heating plant will be included in this same addition.

The ceiling of the main room will be finished with pressed board in small beveled squares, giving a tilting effect. Ceiling lights will be recessed and will have fourteen-inch reflectors. Walls of the main room will be finished with ceiling placed vertically to within eight feet of the ceiling and from there on panels of plywood will be used. Permanent bleachers will be built on one side of the gymnasium and the "knock down type" will be used on the other side. This plan will make possible the use of two cross courts for practice purposes. Completion of the building has been promised for early in November.

Many Land Loans Re-written in County

Rewriting approximately half of the Land Bank Commissioner loans outstanding in Jackson county has served to stabilize farm mortgage indebtedness in this county and has made it easier for farmers to get out of debt, Warren Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the Medford National Farm Loan Association office, said this week.

During the past several months, Patterson said, approximately 50 per cent of the Land Bank Commissioner loan outstanding in the county have been reamortized—that is, have been rewritten for a longer term of years. Most of these loans were originally written for a term of 10 years. They have now been extended in many cases to 20 years, thus reducing annual payments on principal and giving farmers a better opportunity to work out of debt.

At the beginning of the year there were 143 Land Bank Commissioner loans in Jackson county for a face amount of \$274,500. In addition, there was outstanding approximately \$959,350 in Land Bank loans. Some of these loans also have been reamortized.

In most cases the Commissioner loans are second mortgage loans. The Federal Land Bank loans are all first mortgage loans. "The reamortization of the Commissioner loans," Patterson said, "spreads out the payments for the man with the heaviest burden of debt. It has put the annual payments on these mortgages more in line with the earning capacity of the farm, and it has brought renewed confidence to many families."

Quartette Presents Very Fine Program

The Envoys male quartet from the Bible Institute at Los Angeles, gave a very fine program at the Federated Church Tuesday evening. The boys had just returned from Canada. They didn't have so much trouble getting across the line into Canada as they were traveling with a Canadian and had credentials which later they lost. When they were ready to return, they had quite a time until they showed their social security cards, after which they were allowed to pass.

W. P. Grimes, 82, Is Laid to Rest Wed. Afternoon

Amid beautiful flowers and accompanied by sorrowing friends and relatives, the body of W. P. Grimes, Sr., was carried to its last resting place by his own son, grandsons and two neighbor boys, Mr. L. C. Grimes, sons William, James and Lewis, Jr., Delbert Ayers and Dick Wyatt acting as pallbearers at funeral services conducted from the chapel of the Perl funeral home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. W. A. Dawes of the First Baptist church of Medford, officiating.

This is a family custom of the Critser family and it was requested by Mrs. Grimes, Miss Ruby Webster, Mrs. John Tharp and Mrs. W. P. Grimes, Jr., sang his favorite songs. William P. Grimes, Sr., 82, a resident of Central Point for over 18 years, passed away at the family home Monday, after a brief illness. He was born near Baltimore, Md., November 12, 1857.

Although advanced in age, he was very active until the last. As a young man he was a telegraph operator on the B. & O. railroad. He moved to Iowa in 1878, and to McCook, Neb., in 1886, where he helped survey the Burlington right of way. He and Haddassah Critser were united in marriage December 20, 1892, in McCook. He came with his family to Liberty, Ore., in 1895, going back to Wichita, Kans., in 1899, and to Central Point, Ore., in 1922, where he had lived continuously since.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Lewis C. Grimes, and four grandsons, Bill, Jim, Lewis C. 2nd and Oliver Grimes, all of Central Point.

He was a member of the Federated church of Central Point. A very quiet and unassuming man, he had made many friends in the community. He might well have been called a gentleman of the old school. He was very careful in his dress and always wore a flower in his coat lapel.

Interment was in the Central Point cemetery.

Woodrow Phillips to Follow Father's Calling

Woodrow Phillips preached his first sermon before a good attendance at the Church of Christ Sunday morning. His message was very much enjoyed and brought a message to each one present. His brother James played his first accordion solo at this time. Rev. and Mrs. Phillips were both very proud and happy to see their son start out to be a preacher of the Gospel, following in their footsteps as they are both ordained ministers.

So what?—

In months of sun so live that in months of rain thou shalt still be happy.—Mahabharata.

Mr. Fleischer has his way to save yours.—Have some other car push yours.

Mrs. Clara Farra wanting to buy a fur overcoat at the Central Point Market.

Another Central Point lady leaving her driver and small son out, sweltering in a hot car while she shopped for a winter coat.

Stanley Jones will have some big news for Central Point next week. Watch this paper for same.

Ask Hal Jewett about his big fish.

Mr. Dean Pieper, publicity director of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association, proud father of a five pounds, eleven ounce baby Tuesday evening at 6:50, showing no sign of same as he watched the scenes being played over at the Ashland Elizabethan theatre later that same evening.

CITY GROWTH SHOWN BY 1940 CENSUS

An increase of 76 people in the population of Central Point for the year 1940 is revealed in preliminary census figures, released recently by towns. The population for Central Point is listed at 897. In 1930 it was 821 and in 1920 it was 582.

Gold Hill is given a total of 533 for 1940. In 1930 it had 502 and in 1920 census figures gave at just 422. Jacksonville, also enjoying a small increase, is given 760 for 1940. The 1930 figure was 706 and the 1920, 489. Phoenix and Talent each had a decrease. The totals are: Phoenix, 1940, 432; 1930 439, and 1920, 159. Talent, 1940, 379; 1930, 421; 1920, 278.

Eagle Point and Rogue River each enjoyed increases. Their totals read: Eagle Point, 1940, 238; 1930, 211; 1920, 128. Rogue River, 1940, 383; 1930, 286; 1920, 211.—Medford News.

Highlights of Plays Shown to Press

Highlights of the four plays to be given during the sixth annual Shakespearean Festival which opens in the Ashland elvish Elizabethan theatre Friday evening, were shown before newspapermen, their wives and special guests last night.

Scenes from "As You Like It," "The Comedy of Errors," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor" were enthusiastically received. New sound equipment, full make-up, costumes and lights emphasized the scenes and brought widespread favorable comment. A special orchestra was recruited for the "Much Ado" sequences and will be used during the formal presentation of that play.

Final arrangements are being completed for the formal opening with "The Merry Wives of Windsor" as the first play. Tickets are available for both sponsoring memberships and single reserved admissions at Pruitt's Music Center in Medford and the Shakespearean theatre in Ashland.

The official souvenir program, listing names of all participants, casts and other pertinent information concerning the Festival, will be available for Friday night patrons. Director William David Cottrell announced.

Current indications point to a more elaborate and successful season than has ever been experienced in the past. Committee heads handling the sponsoring membership drive report that reception is much more favorable this year than in the past.

GRANGE NOTES

The Central Point Grange met Friday evening in regular session with the count of attendance finding the women one ahead of the men.

Visitors present from Talent Grange were Brother and Sister Walters and Sister Borg. They urged members of the Central Point to enter exhibits in the Fair to be held at Bellview in September.

The grange picnic was set for Sunday August 11. Since one side lost in the Sales Slip Contest and the other side in attendance contest, this is to be a no host joint picnic with a softball game between the two sides. The picnic will be held at the Odd Fellows picnic ground up the river. At McLeod, one leaves the Crater Lake highway and crosses the bridge, proceeding up the river about a mile. Picnic lunch is to be at 10 o'clock and everyone is urged to attend.

At the next regular meeting on August 16 Bellview Grange will be visitors and will present the lecture hour.

NOTICE

On account of the regular meeting of the Civic club being postponed for the funeral services for W. P. Grimes, Sr., the club will meet next Wednesday, August 14, at 2:30 o'clock at the library. All members are requested to be present.

Readers Asked to Supply Names of Men Not on List

When we started out to have the names of the Central Point boys, who were in the service of their country, we thought it would be a comparatively easy job, but after several days of it, we have decided that it would take more time if we have to get a complete and correct list. So we are requesting our readers to let us know of any boy, whom we have missed, who is either in the National Guard, Navy or Army. We include all youths who have at some time in the last few years lived here or attended the local school or whose parents now live here. Boys, like Morris Dow, who did not enlist from Medford, but has his papers made out in Medford and sent for them from California. Morris is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beebe and attended school here a good share of his school life. In making inquiries about these boys we find that it is not so easy to get into the Navy; that only about one out of every ten pass the test and are accepted.

E. A. Roedel, assistant navy recruiter at Medford, spent much time going through the list and finding the names of Central Point boys for us.

Two boys from Tule Lake were at the office, not knowing that there was a branch office in Klamath Falls, which is opened one day every week.

New Law Effects Pre-School Tests

Because of the law passed at the last session of the legislature which stated that a child must be six years of age on or before the 15th of November before he is to be admitted to school no further pre-school tests will be held for five year olds. Children whose sixth birthday falls after November 15th will not be admitted until the beginning of the next school year. All the schools of the county have been advised to follow this rule.

Mrs. Lathrop Spending Six Weeks at Home

Mrs. A. T. Lathrop arrived here Sunday from Corvallis to spend six weeks at her home in Corvallis.

During the spring and summer Mrs. Lathrop, Jackson county delegate to the country women's conference held in London, England last year, visited many organizations in the state, bringing further publicity to this county. She gave fireside talks at joint homemakers camps at Silver Creek falls near Silverton, highlighting her trip to London.

She also spoke to the Coos county federated women's clubs at Marshfield and to granges in Yamhill and Benton counties. At Grants Pass and Bend she spoke to homemakers groups.

Boy Breaks Leg Playing in Barn

Donald Holland, twelve year old son of Mrs. Dollie C. Holland, is confined in the Community hospital, Medford, with a broken leg as the result of an accident Sunday morning. The mishap occurred when Donald was playing in the Ross barn. He jumped from one hay stack to another in the barn, a distance of about five feet, and broke his left leg at the knee.

We are sorry to report that Donald is still in the hospital as it has been necessary to have his leg reset three times.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
We will assemble promptly at 10:00 A.M. and hold our Bible School but will go at 11:00 A.M. to A. M. Tyrrell's on Evans Creek and have our basket lunch together. Our afternoon service will open at 2:30 p.m. There will be several special musical numbers, followed by a special address by Paul Calahan. We especially invited you to be at this afternoon service. Many visitors from neighboring churches are expected.

Christian Endeavor at the church 7:00 P.M.
Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Special music. Accordion Solo by Mrs. Phillips. Sermon subject: "Full Grown Christians."
Prayer and Bible study Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Milton Houston, leader. Orchestra Rehearsal Tuesday 8:00 P.M.

FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Luther Pastor
Telephone 53.
11 A.M. Morning Worship. Message by guest speaker, Rev. Westfall of Ashland.
7:00 P.M. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 P.M. Evangelistic Services. Services conducted by Young People's Gospel Team.
Monday 7:30 P.M. Men's Prayer meeting. Mr. Mead, leader.
Tuesday 2:30 P.M. Ladies' Bible Class hour.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Mid-week Prayer Meeting. Mr. A. C. Case, leader.
Thursday 2:00 P.M. Ladies' Aid.
Thursday 8:00 P.M. Choir Practice. A Cordial Welcome to All.

IRENE BEAMER CHOSEN TO TEACH "HOME EC." HERE

With the selection of Miss Irene Beamer of Corvallis, to fill the home economics position the faculty of the Central Point Schools is now complete. Miss Beamer is a graduate of Oregon State College and has special training in home economics work. She will also teach history. Other new teachers this year will be Miss Mabel Dodson who will teach the second grade, and Miss Ruth Foster who will teach the fifth grade. Both of these teachers have had experience and both are graduates of the Southern Oregon College of Education.

The complete faculty consists of H. P. Jewett, Superintendent; High School teachers are Miss Martha Rosebears, Miss Charlotte Eyre, Mrs. Ethel Fleischer, Miss Irene Beamer, Mr. Kenneth Hulbert, Mr. James Harrison, Mr. Harry Meyers. Grade school teachers are Mr. Ronald Gande, principal and eighth grade, Mr. Robert Webb, seventh grade; Miss Leah Evans, sixth grade; Miss Ruth Foster, fifth grade; Miss Helen Wilson, fourth grade; Miss Ruth Ottomann, third grade; Miss Mabel Dodson, second grade; and Mrs. Mae Richardson, first grade.

Opening date of school has been set for the ninth day of September. Buildings and grounds are receiving their annual renovation and repair. Chief interest centers around the construction of the gymnasium which will be completed and ready to use about the first of November.

Attention of parents of five year olds is called to the decision of the schools to follow the law passed at the last legislature defining the application of the compulsory school law to six year olds. This law states that a child whose sixth birthday occurs on or before November 15th shall be accepted at the beginning of school. Children whose birthday falls after this date are considered too young to do first grade work and will not be admitted.

True-Howard Nuptial Event of Week

The First Christian church maune was the scene of the wedding Monday evening at 6:15 o'clock of Miss Frankie Bernice True and Bill Howard. The Rev. R. W. Coleman united the couple in marriage in the presence of only immediate members of both families.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. True, wore a black suit with pink accessories and a corsage of white blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ruth True.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard are the parents of the bridegroom and Mr. Howard was his son's attendant at the ceremony.

The couple left after the service for Diamond Lake where Mr. Howard is associated with his father in management of the lake resort. The young couple are both graduates of Medford high school and well known in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton returned recently from a trip to Klamath Falls where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale and family. From there they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hale in their new Chevrolet to Lakeview and visited Mrs. Milton's brother Tom Brittan and their nephew and niece Mr. and Mrs. Lu Conway. There Mr. Milton says he had a bath in their new bath house in the warm mineral water. (Mr. Milton remarked that it was worth going that far to take a bath whether you needed one or not.)

Ben Minor of Ben's Place made a business trip to Lake of the Woods today.

Rev. and Mrs. Doerksen of Jerome Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimes and Mr. and Mrs. John Tharp were guests at the Ayres home for a wedding anniversary dinner Sunday evening in honor of all three young couples' weddings.

L. H. Root

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Halladay, in the Providence Journal.