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Musings

By the Editor

We want to call the attention of our readers to a very serious matter which came to our attention this week. We had supposed that the matter of national defense was the most important thing in the minds of the Administration in Washington. At least that is what the majority of the people of the country want them to be working at with all their might.

If the foreign situation is anywhere near as bad as they picture it and if there is the slightest danger that this country might be attacked within the next two or three years, the people have the right to expect that everyone that has anything to do with the defense program put aside all political expediency and tend strictly to the job of making this nation strong. And among the jobs that must be attended to is the matter of getting the military highways of the country in shape so that if necessary troops, guns, tanks and all the paraphernalia of a modern motorized army can be moved from place to place rapidly and without confusion.

Now here on the Pacific coast we have a situation of a different character than in the East or South. Here we have a perfect jumble of mountain chains lying between the great valleys of Southern and Central California and the great Willamette valley to the north and again between that and the Puget Sound country. And connecting the Pacific Northwest with the California military bases there are just THREE highways at this time—U. S. No. 101, 99 and 97, more familiarly known as the Coast Highway, the Pacific Highway and the Dalles-California Highway. AND THAT'S ALL!

The army engineers and the war department have long recognized the seriousness of this situation and just recently designated the Pacific Highway as the most practical of the three for military transport. They do not consider the Coast Highway at all on account of its vulnerability to attack from the sea. One well-placed shell from an enemy warship miles out at sea could destroy any of the big bridges which span the rivers along the coast and stop all travel over that road for months. They also consider the fact that there are many roads leading from the Pacific highway to the coast, while there are very few from the Dalles-California highway.

Now anyone who has personal knowledge of the condition of the Pacific highway in Oregon knows that unless the "bottleneck" between Central Point and Roseburg and also another between Portland and Seattle are re-located, widened and straightened, the movement of a modern mechanized army over this road would be almost an impossibility. All this seems as clear as anything could be. But here's the nigger in the woodpile.

When Bill Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register-Guard was in Washington last week he made a careful investigation of the possibility of securing a portion of the defense funds voted by Congress and turned over to the President to spend as he saw fit, used to rebuild these "bottle-necks." Mr. Tugman went to the army engineers, staff officers and Generals and they all were unanimous that the job should be done and done RIGHT NOW! But after they had agreed to the need of haste and efficient work, they sighed and directed him to a certain gentleman at WPA headquarters.

Here he was told that it was the settled policy of the administration to place the funds and the work on such jobs under WPA and we "will not have any private contractor standing between us and the man who gets the pay envelope." Isn't that just lovely? Can you who know what the mountains are along the Pacific Highway between here and Roseburg visualize the building of a military highway through those hills with picks and shovels? Why anyone of common sense who has watched the WPA projects in this valley for the past few years knows that it would take somewhere in the neighborhood of a thousand years for that outfit to build a cowpath that you could herd a Model T over from here to the top of Sexton

PAST OFFICERS OF LOCAL O. E. S. HONORED TUESDAY

The Past Matrons and Past Matrons of Nevada Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. of Central Point were given special honor at the thirty second anniversary celebration of the Chapter when it met for its regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

During the regular meeting Mr. and Mrs. William Bishop were welcomed into membership by affiliation. The Bishops reside in Medford but have held their membership in Rose City Chapter at Portland. The Worthy Matron and members of Nevada gave them a very hearty welcome and expressed their happiness at having two such outstanding Eastern Stars as fellow members.

Following the close of Chapter a Pioneer Ceremony and musical numbers were presented by a group of the Officers. Mrs. Edwin Andren opened the program by singing Love's Old Sweet Song. This lovely song so beautifully presented formed a fitting prelude to the entrance of the five star-point officers in their old fashioned dresses of blue, yellow, white, green and red. Each officer attired in the color appropriate to her ray carried a lighted candle and a hat-basket tied with black ribbon. These colorful baskets contained old fashioned nosegays, which were presented the Past Matrons at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Mrs. Everett Faber, the present Matron, introduced Mrs. Warren Norcross, the third Worthy Matron of the Chapter, who gave a brief history of the organization of the Chapter and the high lights of the past thirty-two years. She gave a beautiful tribute to the Worthy Matron who in turn presented Mrs. Norcross with an old fashioned bouquet. The secretary then read the minutes of October 27, 1908.

While Marjorie Pena walked slowly through the Chapter room singing "When Honey Sings An Old Time Song" and "Memories". Warren Norcross was escorted by the Conductress, Bertha Bonney with an honor escort of four star point Officers to the East. Mr. Norcross, the first Worthy of the Chapter was presented a Past Patron's jewel in recognition of his outstanding service to the Chapter. Mrs. Victor Bursell made the jewel presentation. She spoke highly of the ability and integrity Mr. Norcross displayed in his many years of Chapter work. The Bursells were the first candidates, being initiated in December 1908 and given the obligation by Mr. Norcross. The honor guest thanked the members and expressed his complete satisfaction and pride in the way the Chapter is developing.

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Home League to Meet Friday P.M.

The Salvation Army Home League will meet with Mrs. Emma Hilkey Friday, October 25 at one o'clock. Everyone is invited. Please bring thimbles and needles. The league are repairing used articles of clothing given them. These garments are dry cleaned and laundered by a Medford cleaning establishment and a Medford laundry. The home league sew on missing buttons and mends any holes or rips in garments. The clothing is then shipped free of charge to England.

Former Salesman Moves to Valley

Mr. Sam Wood, one time traveling salesman for Lang and Co., who called here regularly thirty years ago, was calling in Central Point Monday. At that time Central Point did a thriving grocery business. Mr. Wood has made his home in eastern Oregon in the cattle business.

Mr. Faber is the only merchant left who was here at that time. They had a fine time renewing old times. Mr. Wood, having retired, has moved back to the valley to make his home and purchased the Haskin place on the south Pacific highway.

Mountain, to say nothing of the Cow Creek canyon.

And yet they want us to believe that no politics is being played with national defense money. How long, Oh Lord, how long?

Women's Clubs Meet

The first District Federation of Women's Club met at the Woodman hall today, October 24 with about 60 members present. Present Mrs. T. M. Stott of Grants Pass; First Vice President, Mrs. E. S. Heydenburg of Grants Pass; Second Vice President, Mrs. Art Webster, Central Point; Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. Paul Whirry of Brookline was unable to attend. Mrs. Nellie Roberts of Ashland took her place. Director at Large Mrs. T. L. O'Harra of Ashland. Mrs. Harold Peterson of Dallas, state president, Sadie Orr Dunbar, National President, hoped to be present, but being unable to do so, sent a note of regret. Nine Clubs of the district were represented with three more clubs that expected to attend being kept at home by the rainy weather.

The hall was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums carrying out golden jubilee color scheme. Mrs. Stott congratulated Central Point on the good showing they had made and expressed thanks for being welcomed to Central Point to hold this convention. Mrs. Webster gave the welcoming address. After reports from the different clubs and committees, adjournment was called for a covered dish luncheon. The tables were decorated with birthday cakes carrying out the golden color.

High School Carnival Tomorrow (Fri.) Eve

Yes, the carnival that the whole countryside has been waiting for is finally here. It's to be in the High School building at 7:30 tonight.

The booths have been, or are being built; the wonderful prizes have arrived; the ghosts have all been captured for tonight; and each queen is praying that she may lead her class to honor and victory. The cider and those fresh pumpkin pies are waiting for you and you.

At present the Senior queen is slightly in the lead with the Juniors a close second. It seems that the Sophomores are holding back their votes and are planning for a last minute rush. The Freshmen seem to be quite far behind, but then, once never known.

We, the students, will guarantee you, the public, a hearty good time if you will come and join in the fun.

Sausage Supper Is Slated Tuesday By Griffin Grangers

The annual sausage supper of Griffin Creek Grange will be held at the K. of P. hall on Grape street next Tuesday evening. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock, after which there will be a dance, and an interesting program.

The "Musical Chops," headed by Ray LeVander, Grange master, Rufus Fann and Clyde Sturgill, will perform on the guitar and mouth organs, and there will be other numbers.

Two hogs named "Griffinella," fattened by Jake Brown, have been slaughtered and converted into sausage. Both weighed over 200 pounds and corn was used in the feeding. The sausage makers have completed their work.

Mrs. Myrtle Wilson is general chairman of the event, and reports there will be plenty of sausage and trimmings for all comers.

The men, assisted by pretty waitresses, will serve.

W.R.C. Presents Cake to Aged Veteran

The W.R.C. met Tuesday with about 15 members present. Mrs. Margaret Terrett was initiated. After the business meeting dainty refreshments of fruit salad, cake, cookies and punch were served. The corps presented a beautiful birthday cake to Mr. J. C. Wood in honor of his 84th birthday.

The Missionary Circle met at the Josephine Cornutt home Friday afternoon with about 20 present.

O. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Litwiler, sang, "Somewhere" at the close of the beautiful memorial services.

Mrs. Beulah Faber gave an interesting and instructive talk on Public Health and measures taken to protect and insure the future health of our children. She also paid a tribute to the work of our departed health worker, Mildred Carlton. Every member expressed themselves well pleased and happy over this meeting.

The following were in attendance: Mrs. C. M. Litwiler, Mrs. Larkin Grubb, Mrs. Mabel A. Roberts, Mrs. Lillian Greer, Mrs. Maud M. O'Harra, Mrs. Carrie M. O'Harra, Mrs. Ella Weaver and Mrs. E. O. Smith, of Ashland; Mrs. Lottie Cincade, Mrs. H. E. Campbell, Mrs. Amy Brown, Mrs. Will Brown and Mrs. Lottie VanScoy, of Eagle Point; Mrs. C. W. Long, Talent; Mrs. Edith I. Ross, Mrs. Henrietta Sandry, Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, Mrs. Genevieve Dick, Rogue River; Mrs. Atlanta Gatchnell, Mrs. A. J. Hanby, and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Medford; Mrs. Alida R. Heydenburg, Mrs. Eva Harpen, Mrs. Ethel L. Wharton, Mrs. T. M. Stott, Mrs. A. H. Cooley, Mrs. Chas. T. Hillis, Mrs. Leo Walker, Mrs. Clifford R. Gillerf, Mrs. J. A. Flowers, Jr., Mrs. R. J. Brickell, Mrs. Fred Dayton, Mrs. Ethel Lester, Mrs. C. H. Harbeck, Jr., Mrs. Ray Snider and Mrs. Nellie Herahberger, Mrs. M. E. Mead and Mrs. Josephine Gebers, of Grants Pass; Mrs. Harold D. Peterson of Dallas. Those attending from Central Point were: Mesdames L. H. Smith, J. H. Terrett, E. L. Farra, Guy Tex, Fannie Lawrence, Edna Kilburn, Hugo Jones, E. C. Faber, Lorlie Minnick, Beulah Faber, Dora Jones, Virginia Powell, J. M. Weldman, H. P. Jewett, E. R. Gleason and A. H. Webster.

Listen In!

Friday, October 25—Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois—8:30 to 9:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, National Broadcasting Company, Red Network, except on Pacific Coast. On the Pacific Coast only the broadcast may be heard over the National Broadcasting Company BLUE, Pacific Standard Time, from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. Governor Lowden will speak from his home in Oregon, Illinois.

Friday, October 25—Irvin S. Cobb—9:30 to 10:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, over the Columbia Broadcasting System. Mr. Cobb will be speaking from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Saturday, October 26—Arthur H. Vandenberg—9:45 to 10:15 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Columbia Broadcasting System. Senator Vandenberg will be speaking from Cleveland, Ohio.

Monday, October 28—Thomas E. Dewey—9:00 to 9:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, National Broadcasting Company, Blue Network. Mr. Dewey will be speaking from Peoria, Illinois.

Monday, October 28—Wendell Willkie—10:30 to 11:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Columbia Broadcasting System. Mr. Willkie will be speaking from Louisville, Kentucky.

Tuesday, October 29—Wendell Willkie—10:30 to 11:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, National Broadcasting Company, Red Network. This is the next program in the series of questions and answer broadcasts mentioned previously.

Thursday, October 21—Wendell Willkie—8:30 to 9:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Columbia Broadcasting System. Mr. Willkie will be speaking from Camden, New Jersey.

Friday, November 1—Herbert Hoover—10:00 to 10:45 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Mutual Broadcasting System. Mr. Hoover will be speaking from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Saturday, November 2—Wendell Willkie—10:15 to 11:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Columbia Broadcasting System. This is the big rally in Madison Square Gardens, New York.

Monday, November 4—Wendell Willkie—10:15 to 11:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Columbia Broadcasting System. Senator McNary and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., will also speak on this program which is the closing broadcast of the campaign.

The Federated Church is having all the floors refinished.

Notice of Election

On another page will be found the formal resolution recently passed by the city council setting Tuesday, November 5, as the date for the regular bi-ennial election of city officials for the city of Central Point. The election will be held in conjunction with the regular state and national election and the same boards will officiate. A special ballot and ballot box will be used.

At this election the following officers are to be elected: One Mayor, one City Recorder, one City Treasurer, and six Councilmen. Nominating petitions have been filed for the following offices: Mayor, Pearl Bonney; Recorder, Guy Tex; Treasurer, Edward W. Jones; Councilmen, Ernest L. Scott, J. A. Milton, Theodore Glass, Fred Hesselgrave, E. P. Stone and Homer H. Dorland. Owing to the fact that he is a candidate for County Commissioner, Mayor Powell is not a candidate for re-election. It is reported that several other nominating petitions are being circulated.

Local O.E.S. Ladies Attend Meeting of Jacksonville Chapter

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Swing, Mrs. Beulah Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Hensley Holt, Mrs. Hack Holt, and Mrs. Ella Leonard visited the special Eastern Star ceremonies at Jacksonville Oct. 17th. Glendale visitors put on the work of the Star points as was done in 1868. The Worthy Patron was striking in his long frock coat, and waxed mustache which was drawn out long, stiff, and sharp across his face. The 13 ladies wore period gowns, the shoulders of which were dropped, the waists tight and V-ed, the skirts full. Ruffles were used to simulate bustles and polonaise. Hoops were managed expertly that glimpses might be had of pantalettes. Their walk was decorous, their manner dignified. Music was sounded from an old-fashioned organ. There were many remarks to the effect that the lectures were more instructive and meaningful than those of today. The visitors were giving a rousing hand for their clever performance.

The rostrum was crowded with visiting Grand Officers, and Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, among whom were Mrs. Faber and Mr. Hensley Holt.

A delicious supper of ribbon sandwiches, chicken salad, pickles, jelly, hot rolls, ice cream sandwiches, and coffee was served.

Miss Mary Alderson of Independence, who is attending Ashland Normal, spent the institute vacation visiting her grandmother Mrs. Mollie Holmes and family and her aunt Mrs. V. D. Brophy and family. Miss Alderson is a daughter of the former Audrey Holmes.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Roland Hoover, Supt.

Lyle Gregory, Primary Supt.
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Teachers for all classes. Special number by some class each Sunday.

Communion and Preaching at 11:00 A.M. Special Music.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M.

Orchestra plays. Duet by Anna Dale Coleman and Rovonda Heath.

Orchestra Practice Tuesday 6:30 P.M.

Ray Zac, Indian Missionary, will speak in the Church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend. Let us hear this very spiritual and interesting speaker.

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 Pastor. Subject "God's Love Past, Present and Future."

4:00 P.M. Junior Christian Endeavor.

6:30 P.M. Senior Christian Endeavor.

7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Services. Message by Pastor, "The Sonships of Christ."

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

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

Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Midweek Prayer Service.

Friday 5:45 P.M. Radio Address, KMED.

Come, Worship With Us.

HIGHWAY SUPPORT WILL BE SOUGHT IN COAST CITIES

Eugene, Oct. 21—(AP)—A movement to arouse statewide and coast-wide demand for prompt and efficient action on military highways between California and the northwest was launched here today as the result of a gathering yesterday of county officials and chamber of commerce leaders of Lane, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties.

William M. Tugman, Eugene, who recently returned from Washington D. C., reported that although the U. S. army and the federal road engineers have been directed to designate primary highways for military reconstruction, administrative orders will probably place the funds and the work under WPA and he quoted Harry Fellows, WPA engineer at Washington, as saying: "we will not have any private contractor standing between us and the man who gets the envelope."

A committee named to go to Portland, Seattle and San Francisco to arouse protests against the policy, included J. E. Turnbull, Eugene; Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg; Niel Allen, Grants Pass; and Ralph E. Koozer, Ashland.

Tugman told representatives of southern Oregon county courts and cities that present plans eliminate any chance of the Pacific highway being rebuilt from Eugene to California. It is planned to prevent road construction in all but main population centers, Tugman said.

The one-day session was called by Frank Hull, of Medford, manager of the Jackson county chamber of commerce, who pointed out that "regardless of how big this job of road reconstruction is, it can never be accomplished without coordination."

The highway proponents moved to solicit the aid of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco in removing what they termed a critical military defense problem, the "bottle-necks" in the Pacific highway between Toledo, Wash., and the Siskiyou. The particular strip is in Josephine and Jackson counties.

Present at the session were Fred Stickle, J. E. Turnbull, Cal Young, Clinton Hurd, Gordon D. Orput, Fred M. Brenne, Carl Rynearson and Tugman, all of Eugene; A. E. Powell, S. M. Tuttle, J. B. Coleman, Paul Rynearson and Frank Hull, of Medford; Ross Hutchinson, A. C. Marsters, Victor J. Miceilli and W. C. Harding, Roseburg; Lorin C. Schreder and E. R. Lunley, Cottage Grove; Ralph E. Koozer, Ashland; Judge G. L. Manuel, Grants Pass.

Song Writers' Contest To Be Conducted

Frances Paige, who is conducting the song writers contest in Medford, will broadcast her program of new songs written by local people over KMED, October 29 at 6:15 P.M. These songs will be voted on by the listeners and the winning ones sent to New York.

It is stated that there is a large demand at this time for new songs. If in need of help in writing the music or words Miss Paige will help or give advice. For information phone 4973, Medford or call at 515 Dakota st., Medford.

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