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Musings

By the Editor

Almost a century ago there was born in the wilds of Kentucky a lad who was to be "ill housed, ill clothed and ill fed", all his life, but never knew it, yet who became our most beloved American. As today we celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln we note that there are many among us who look with disfavor upon those who do not make great financial success in their lives. Yet one can count upon the fingers of one hand the men who have reached the top in America whose parents were wealthy.

There is something about living the life of the average family who have to scratch for a bare living which makes for character—and after all, character is what counts in the long run. And right there is one of the reasons we hesitate to endorse the present-day attitude of the multitude, that "the world owes me a living" and all I have to do is sit around and kind, benevolent Uncle Sam will see that I don't starve. And in our opinion, children brought up in homes where that attitude rules are not going to make the best kind of citizens later on.

And we want to say right here that since we have been sitting in with the county welfare commission we have seen things which almost brought a blush of shame to our face for our community. Take the case of the young man whose old father had to be sent to the county farm where he could receive proper care, yet the son refused to contribute a thin dime to his support. And that same young man swaggers about town, always well (if a bit flashily) dressed, always seeking the limelight and probably spending enough for liquor for his friends each month to keep his father in comfort. It makes a feller long sometimes for the return of Henrietta and her horsewhip.

We haven't had anything to say about the Townsend Plan for a long time, but the more we see of the working of the present so-called "social security" law and our "old age assistance" farce, the more we are convinced that we will never get anywhere with the problem until we get some sort of universal old-age pension, and we had yet to hear of one more simple and yet more practical than that proposed by Dr. Townsend.

Took in the fireman's dinner last night—at least we sat down at the table over there, but gave up in despair in the matter of even getting a smell of fried chicken. We fear the boys will have to turn over a new leaf and let the women folks handle such dinners. They must remember that way back in the beginning of things the Lord made man and then saw what a helpless feller he was, so He made him a helper, woman. And the women have been cooking the meals ever since—or at least ever since they first discovered how to start fire by rubbing two sticks together. So turn it over to the ladies next time, fellers!

Went up to the Central Point granite quarry yesterday just for heck and was amazed at the change in the landscape. The darned place didn't look a bit the same as it did two years ago when we first saw it. When those county lads get busy they sure can move a lot of dirt. The brush and trees were all gone, even the top of the ground had been removed and up on the hillside a great hive of industry had been set up. A giant shovel was busily gouging away at the hillside, dumping its loads into a big truck, which in turn backed out on a platform and dumped the stuff into the hopper of a big rock crusher.

Here the chunks were crushed to about the size of one's fist and the mass carried on a big belt to another crusher lower down the hill. This machine reduced the material into sand, which was then carried on another belt to a giant hopper which stood on high legs so that a truck could back under it for loading. From there the granite was hauled out on the flat below and placed in huge piles for later use in making the oiled roads about the county. And they talk of going back to the horse and buggy days! Or of building roads with WPA hand labor! Nonsense!

Frank Newman announces the opening of his law office in the Craterian building, Suite 210-211, Medford.

POMONA Y. G. A. TO MEET HERE ON FEBRUARY 19

Pomona Young Grangers Association met at Roxy Ann grange hall February 12 with Kenton Robins of Ashland in the chair.

Central Point unit of Y. G. A. presented a panoply "The Lamp Went Out," with Mrs. Edyth Bohner as reader, others in the cast were Mrs. Margaret Hampton, Paul Smith, Ernestine Tracy, and Junior Gish. Florence Blazing and Carol Weidman assisted back stage.

A. T. Lathrop, advisor for Central Point Y. G. A., gave an inspiring message to the assemblage. Ray Ward gave a brief talk also. Next meeting will be at Central Point grange hall Wednesday February 19. This will be a special meeting with a panel discussion as the main feature.

Mr. William Howes, Pomona Grange Master will tell how "The Grange can help the young folks," Kenton Robins, Pomona Y. G. A. president, on "How the young folks can help the grange," and Mr. Arthur Brown state deputy will sum up "How each can help the other."

Florence Blazing and Ernestine Tracy will be in charge of a home made candy sale.

Lincoln Day Honored at Grange Party

The regular meeting of the Central Point Grange, held Friday was well attended and a splendid program was enjoyed. The story of the life of Lincoln was read by Mrs. Patterson and three tableaux were given representative of Lincoln as a boy, as the rail splitter, and as the great emancipator. Mrs. Tweedell and Mrs. Gilman supplied guitar music during the tableaux. The latter part of the program consisted of four pantomimes representing well known products.

Scott Hamilton and Roy Gish were elected and installed as Assistant Steward and Gatekeeper, respectively to fill the vacancies left by the resignation of Elmer Olson and Robert Sparks. These two are now serving in the army and navy, respectively and one other member, Cleo Young is among those in the next conscription call.

The officers of the Central Point Grange will go to Live Oak Grange on Monday, February 17 to exemplify the third and fourth degrees. Practice will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting, February 21 will begin with a covered dish dinner at 6:45 to honor the men of the Grange who were the dinners last quarter in the attendance contest. This quarter the race is very close with the men one ahead in the count Friday night.

Members are reminded to turn their sales slips in to Mrs. Hague or Mrs. Yantis at any time during the quarter.

Local Residents Feel Quake Here

My daughter Ernestine and I felt the tremor Sunday morning. She sleeps up stairs just over my room. The hard winds recently have been frightening but on Sunday she said, this was different, so much like one shaking the bed that she turned on a light and looked under. I said, yes I had felt it and believed it was an earth tremble and we would probably hear something about it in the news. It was about 2 A.M. I had heard the Medford fire siren and looked out to see if I could see a blaze and had just returned to bed.

Mrs. P. A. Tracy

COMMUNICATED

Central Point has one of the very best fire departments in the valley—they may be a little slow with the food but just sound the fire alarm and they are right there and that's most important. The big dinner they put on last night was in the same line as their fire service as far as food went it couldn't be beat for deliciousness, but such a big crowd all at once kind of hindered their style. Just give them a little practice. All the ladies want to know what magic they used to get out such a record-breaking crowd. Three cheers for our fire department.

By a reader and a booster.

Nevita Chapter Fetes Officer of State Department

Mrs. Fay Ambrose of Portland, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star paid her official visit to Nevita Chapter No. 53 on Tuesday at the Masonic Temple in Central Point. Mrs. Merritt Swing, Worthy Matron, gave her the official welcome on behalf of the chapter.

A large group of members and visitors greeted the Grand Chapter Officer. Mrs. Ambrose complimented the Chapter upon their very fine work and mentioned the fact that Nevita Chapter was the first chapter she had visited where all the work had been presented for her pleasure.

The officers took part in a Valentine addenda in honor of Mrs. Ambrose and Marjorie Skeeters. Pena sang "We Love You Truly" while the honoree stood inside the heart the Officers had formed with red satin ribbon. Mrs. Everett Faber then presented her with a gift from the Chapter.

The chapter rooms were decorated in greens and pussy willows. Large baskets of colored pussy willows

were used at the various points of the central star. The valentine motif was carried out in the dining room. Red carnations in crystal bud vases upon a large mirror flanked by red tapers formed an attractive center piece for the guest table. Tiny Valentine candies marked the places. Committees for the evening included: Hall Decoration, Mrs. Guy Tex; Refreshments, Mrs. Paul Martin, Mrs. Ewin Stone, Mrs. Scott Brill, Mrs. Ed Vincent and Mrs. Leonard Freeman. Distinguished guests present included: Mrs. Ralph Lue of Medford, Grand Adah; Miss Mollie Britt, Grand Representative; Mrs. Fay Peters, Worthy Matron and Grant Todd, Worthy Patron of Jacksonville.

Members and visiting members are reminded of the special meeting of Nevita Chapter on Wednesday evening February 26. This meeting is for the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Hallie Huntington, of Eugene, and will be participated in by Adah Chapter No. 3 of Jacksonville.

Schoolmasters Attend Dinner

The Schoolmasters' Club of Jackson County held its monthly meeting at Central Point on Monday evening, February 10th with the largest attendance of the year. Forty-one men were served a bounteous dinner of country sausage, gravy, potatoes, baked apples, topped off with lemon pie. Following the dinner the group gathered in the new gymnasium where they were entertained with a forty-five minute program given by the orchestra and girls' chorus under Mr. Meyers' direction and by a one act play given by a senior cast.

The main address of the evening was given by Mr. Harold Ashley, clerk of the Klamath county school system. The subject discussed was teachers' credit unions. Mr. Fred Peterson, Klamath county school superintendent discussed the same topic. Superintendent C. R. Bowman discussed legislation now before the state legislature, and Superintendent H. P. Jewett reported on the annual meeting of the state teachers' association.

Tray Is Received From Sailor Son

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zuccala received a very beautiful tray from Mrs. Zuccala's son, Mario Emilio Gianni, with the picture of the battleship he is on, U. S. S. Louisville, at Rio De Janeiro, 1940. The battleship is surrounded by a design made entirely from butterfly wings found in South America. The colors are many, green and purple showing strongest. The tray was mailed from South America from their son who went to South Africa and is now in Brooklyn, New York. But might be sent to the west coast. The tray is on display at the post office where anyone who wishes may see it.

Benefit Dance at Eagle Point Sat.

The Eagle Point fire department is giving a benefit dance Saturday evening Feb. 15 at the Oasis. A special invitation is extended to the Central Point people and especially the fire department.

FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wednesday, February 12, 1941
9 boys are here.
13 girls are here.
22 children are here.
This is Lincoln's birthday.
He was a great man.
He was our 16th president.
He lived long ago.
He was kind.
He loved God.
He loved our country.
He loved our flag.
So our flags fly for him today.
Dolores is going to see a great violin player.
The operetta will be tomorrow night. We want every one to see it. It has been raining again.
Richard says Bear Creek is high.

P.T.A. Celebrates Dad's Night Feb. 6

The Central Point P.T.A. celebration of Dads Night and Founders Day, Feb. 6, opened with a brief business meeting.

It was announced that the school masters banquet would be held at Central Point high school February 6.

Date of the annual home interest conference was announced.

The second grade won the attendance contest prize with an exceptionally large attendance of mothers and fathers.

Little Susan Culbertson announced the second grades patriotic program with unusual poise and ability. There were four recitations, two playlets, a dialogue, a pantomime, and three songs all given in a manner which would have done credit to a much older group. Miss Dodson was highly praised for her capable direction of the program presented by these little folks.

Mrs. Lely Holt, in a brief address commemorating founders day, interestingly pictured the founding of the first National Congress of Parents and Teachers forty four years ago, and reviewed the outstanding accomplishments of P. T. A. since that date.

Entertaining motion pictures presented by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber concluded the program.

Refreshments were served by the executive committee to an unusually large crowd, and the P.T.A. birthday cake was auctioned for a nice sum.

Next meeting will be Friday, March 7 and to P.T.A. will hold a rummage sale on this date. Those who have rummage they wish to contribute are asked to keep this date in mind.

Lacy Family Return From Kansas Trip

Mrs. Martha Booth, who has been sick in bed for over a week is slightly improved. Mrs. Minnick prepared a birthday dinner at the Booth home in honor of Mrs. Booth's birthday. Those present being Mr. and Mrs. Minnick, Mr. and Mrs. Booth and Ann. Just as dinner was finished Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lacy and small son, Donald, and Mr. Lacy's brother, Doyle arrived from Kansas, where they had spent the winter. They were very happy to be back in Oregon. They also enjoyed the birthday dinner. Mrs. Lacy is a daughter of Mrs. Booth.

Local Oddfellows At G. Pass Meet

A number of the local Oddfellows, L. C. Taylor, Alvin McQuigg, Bill and Al Rohl, Tom Marine and J. M. Weidman, attended a big meeting of the Oddfellows at Grants Pass Wednesday evening. They report that representatives were there from Ashland, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Kerby, Glendale, Myrtle Point and Central Point. Five candidates from Gold Hill and Glendale were initiated. Mr. Weidman says they put on the biggest feed he has ever seen a lodge put on. About 180 attended.

'But When a Dog . . . Sure, It's News!'

DES MOINES, IOWA.—A few weeks ago Mrs. Heins, wife of L. S. Heins, publisher of the Redfield (Iowa) Review, appointed a new country correspondent. Mrs. Heins was a little doubtful about the qualifications of this correspondent to write the kind of news wanted. But along with the second batch of correspondence sent in by this woman came one story which has convinced Mrs. Heins that they need not worry about her ability to judge reader interest. The story was as follows:

Letter to the Editor:
True stories do happen in Redfield, Iowa. A friend of ours has a farm near the edge of the city and the other night thought he heard a noise where his turkeys roost but, after pausing for a few moments, he decided it was out in the henhouse. He was getting ready for bed yet still had on his long underwear, so he slips on his house shoes, gets out shotgun and flashlight, and goes out to investigate.

He throws open the hen house door, kinda squats, pointing gun and flash light, peering into the hen abode. Well, you know the seat construction of long drawers. About that time his old hound dog came to see what was going on, touched our friend with his cold nose, on the rear, and our friend unintentionally killed 13 of his fine chickens.

The loss is being blamed on the dog.

Firemen Swamped By Huge Crowd at Chicken Dinner

The local firemen, (and alleged cooks), wish to thank everyone who attended their dinner Wednesday evening for their attendance and their patience while waiting for service. We also wish to thank the ladies who came to our assistance and helped us.

The cooks had no idea that so many would come in the first rush and therefore were not prepared to serve so many. There were about 175 persons present and the department made about \$45 above expenses. This money will be used to obtain a first aid kit and some other much needed equipment.

The firemen also wish to thank all the ladies who donated cakes.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Phone 73
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lysle Gregory, Primary Supt.
Communion and preaching 11:00 A.M. Special music, solo by Mrs. Ruth Hoyer. Mrs. Phillips will speak at both morning and evening services.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Leader for Junior, June Coleman.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Phillips speaking. The male quartet will sing and the orchestra will play. Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Leader Don Stanley.
Orchestra Rehearsal Tuesday 7:45 P.M.

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.
4:00 P.M. Junior C. E.
6:30 P.M. Senior C. E.
7:30 P.M. Evening Service. Message by the Pastor. "Where Law Meets Grace."
Monday 7:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Meeting.
Tuesday 2:00 P.M. Ladies Bible Class.
Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Choir Practice.
Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mid-week Prayer Meeting.
Thursday 7:30 P.M. Bible School Board meeting.
Come, worship with us.

FULL GOSPEL HALL
C. E. Howry, Pastor
Sunday School, every Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Evangelistic, 7:45 P.M.
Mid-week Services Wednesday, 7:45 P.M.
Friday Services 7:45 P.M.

SCHOOL TOURNEY FOR GRADES TO BE HELD SOON

The annual grade school tournament will again be held at Central Point, Feb. 20, 21, and 22.

Indications point to a sixteen team playoff for the county championship. Butte Falls, Evans Valley, Jacksonville, and Talent are conceded to be the strongest contenders for the title, but Sams Valley cannot be counted out of the picture. These teams have hung up good records during the season play.

Rogue River, last year's champs, will be unable to enter. But as they have lost several games this year, they were not expected to repeat.

The tournament will last three days, and will be played in the new gymnasium, utilizing the cross courts for double-headers games until the finals. The tournament will open Thursday at 3:00 P.M. The schedule calls for four games during the next two hours. Between 7:00 and 9:00 P.M. the four remaining first-round games will be run off.

Friday afternoon and evening, the same schedule will be adhered to, running off the quarter-finals in both consolation and championship brackets. The semi-finals will be played Saturday morning between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

The consolation, third place, and first place winners will be determined Saturday night in three games commencing at 7:00 P.M. These games will be run on the big main court.

Trophies will be awarded to the champions, the second place, third place, fourth place, and consolation winners. In addition, medals will be voted to the five outstanding players of the tournament.

Tournament tickets will be sold at a very nominal price, in order to defray the expenses connected with the tournament.

So what?—

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.—Cicero.

A little first grade boy riding through a mud puddle and quickly putting his feet on the handle-bars to keep them from getting splashed.

The Wilson hardware having a very attractive table laid for service and George Ford, Lon Taylor (and we rather expect Elmer Wilson of being with them in the idea), that it didn't do them much good unless there was food on the plates.

Wednesday afternoon was the first time Jack Lees garage had only a bicycle on the floor for repair.

Little Jimmy Ross in Stone's Drug Store buying a kite.

Mr. E. L. Gleason telling his wife's secrets to a newspaper reporter.

If the three young ladies that left a note for the firemen Wednesday evening complimenting them on the fine dinner will call on the fire chief they may have their fountain pen that they forgot and left with the note.

Mrs. Gleason playing the good Samaritan as usual Wednesday evening.

W. M. Foley
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"BUCK PRIVATES"
With Andrews Sisters
Prevue Sat. Nite!
—or—
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