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## Musings

By the Editor

This weather is altogether too nice to have to sit down at this darned machine and pound out material for this column. We had lots rather be out on some creek or gathering lamb-tongues. But whether we like it or not, the paper must be served.

Speaking of creeks, we were out snoping over some of the county roads in the western part of the county this week and saw some of the old picnic places we used to go to in the long ago. Some of them look just the same as they used to, while others are now right in the middle of civilization. But we sure don't admire the looks of the country where the dredges have been working. Wish there was some way some of that road material they have left in great piles could be transported into the eastern part of the county where it is so hard to find good stuff for surfacing.

To judge from the number of people waiting every day to get help from the income tax man, business must be better than for some time. It wasn't so long ago that there were only a very few people in the valley who had to worry about their income tax returns. Of course the new law has lowered the amount one must receive in order to be compelled to make returns, which no doubt accounts for the increased number. But we never will be satisfied until they adopt the Townsend gross income tax and get away from the present worry where the money is coming from to pay old age assistance.

There is very much misunderstanding among the old folks of the county about the present law, anyway. The old law provided for a \$30 per month maximum allowance. The legislature recently increased this to \$40, but provided no increased funds with which to pay the larger amount. Here is the present set-up: Last fall the county budget for old age assistance for the year 1941 was fixed at \$42,000. Divide this by 12 and you have \$3,500 as the amount to be spent from county funds each month. In January, 1941, there were 723 people drawing old age assistance in this county and this has been increased since the first of the year until there are now about 750 pensioners. Let us explain how the pension dollar is divided:

Every dollar of old age assistance money is divided up this way: 50 cents is paid by the federal government; 30 cents by the state and 20 cents by the county. The budget law forbids the county spending one cent more in any year than the amount allowed in the budget, which in this case is \$42,000, or \$3,500 a month. So, with the money divided as above, this \$42,000 is one-fifth of the total sum which can be spent this year for this purpose, and the whole amount would be \$210,000. With 750 pensioners this would amount to \$280 each for the year, or an average of \$23.33 each per month.

The new law passed by the legislature raised the limit which can be paid to any pensioner from \$30 to \$40, but did not change the ratio of county and state payments. Therefore, unless a law is passed providing for the state paying a larger percentage of the total pension, there can be no increase locally, at least for the present year.

There is a law now before the legislature which the writer believes might be of some help so far as the local welfare commission is concerned. This provides that the first \$12 per month of private income is not to be considered in preparing a budget for a pensioner. And also that a pension cannot be refused on account of the ability of children being able to support their parents. This bill has passed the House and is now before the Senate, but on account of the fact that the legislature is anxious to adjourn, may never come out of committee.

The whole subject of old age assistance under the present laws is one great big headache, anyway. If the president would forget his prejudice against the so-called Townsend Plan and come out for a straight federal old age pension, financed by a gross income tax, a whole lot of problems would settle themselves.

## INTER-SCHOOL PLAYS SLATED MARCH 20 IN POINTERS' GYM

The annual inter-school plays presented by Central Point, Jacksonville and Phoenix are slated for Thursday evening, March 20, at the Central Point High School gym. They will be given Tuesday evening at Jacksonville and Friday evening at Phoenix.

The seniors of Central Point, coached by Miss Boshears, will present "In May With June," an exciting comedy of rural life. It depicts the problems involved in a love affair forced on a farm girl by her aunt from the village. Those in the cast are Iris Hill as June Sommers, the girl of the farm; Jeannette Mettenich as Polly Sommers, her sixteen-year-old sister; Marjorie Pierce playing the part of Elsie Hopkins, a nineteen-year-old neighbor girl; Shirley Kincaid as Aunt Della Loring, June's maiden aunt. Bob Burns plays the part of Charlie Wilson, a young farm neighbor; Hal Jewett, that of Benny Jenkins, a young farm hand; Milton Garrett appears as Tim Hawkins, a deputy sheriff; and Bob Vincent portrays Jimmy Jones, one of the Jones boys.

The Jacksonville play is "West Eighty." This play also has a rural setting. The characters are Jason, the father, Cliff McGinty; Mary, the mother, Peggy Daley; and Fane, the son, Merton Leroy.

Students from Phoenix will present "The Dummy." The cast includes Roy Ulysees Hitchcock, a faithful club member, Ray Ellison; Jane Hitchcock, a widow every night, Marjorie Heckert; Emma, their maid, Margaret Allen; Ted Manners, Roy's pal, Frank Richey; Patrolman Fogarty, a policeman, Dave Williams.

This is the fourth year the three schools have co-operated in giving one-act plays. The purpose of these plays is to promote a friendlier feeling between the schools and also to further the finances of their respective annuals.

Bernice White has charge of the ticket sales for the Central Point performance.

## PAST MATRONS CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. MARTIN

The Past Matrons club of Nevada Chapter will meet Wednesday March 13 with Mrs. Paul Martin. Luncheon will be served promptly at 1:00 P.M.

## HOLINESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN MEDFORD FRID.

The Holiness Association will hold an all day meeting in the Salvation Hall in Medford Friday. Basket lunch will be enjoyed. Brigadier Childress will speak at 10:30 A.M. and R. D. Brown at 2:30 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Delph Beebe will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday. They came here in '88 and have lived here ever since and have many friends in the valley. They hope to celebrate their sixtieth anniversary.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our beloved mother Mrs. Palmer, and also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Vern Hansen  
James W. Palmer  
Morris A. Palmer  
Mrs. Phillips Howard  
Mrs. Harry Foley

## FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wednesday, March 12, 1941  
9 boys are here.  
13 girls are here.  
One boy is out.  
Malcolm has moved away.  
He will go to school in Medford.  
Nancy has eleven baby lambs.  
Dolores found a duck sitting under a house. She will have some baby ducks soon.  
Eugene has 50 baby chicks.  
Annie Mae had a happy birthday. She had a party at school.

Today is Richard's grandfather's birthday. He is 84 years old. He will have a party too. Many friends will come to see him.  
Alvin is going to leave us. He will move away soon.  
He will live near his grandmother.  
We do not want him to move away. But he is going to have fun in his new home.

## First Grade Play Presented at P.T.A.

The recent meeting of Central Point P.T.A. was a very enjoyable one. An exceptionally good playlet was presented by the first grade with all the children participating. Dale Ward acted as announcer and leader of a group of children who wished to select a queen of all the months. They called upon Father Time, played by Gene Hampton, to assist them. Each cleverly costumed little month entered to appropriate music and recited a short verse. The "sweet June Bride", played by Marilyn Bohnert, was finally crowned queen. Incidental solos were sung by Pat Keizer and Dolores Bohnert. Delores also played a piano solo.

Mrs. E. E. Gore spoke on the value of music in the home to the development of both school and pre-school children. To illustrate the ability of the pre-school child she presented five year old Doreen Bohnert in rhythm drills and beginners piano and vocal solos. To further illustrate her talk, Mrs. Gore presented Billy Walker, playing a Waltz and Comical Clown, Patsy Faber, playing in The Cotton Fields, and Harriet Walker, playing German Dance by Beethoven. The Walker children were visitors from Roosevelt school.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Eudora Bohnert spoke of the dire need for garden seeds in war ridden England and asked that the P.T.A. join with other organizations in helping to provide seeds.

Mrs. E. C. Faber, Mrs. Arthur Webster, and Mrs. Ernest Kelly were elected on the committee to nominate officers for election in April.

Attendance prize was won by the first grade.  
Novel St. Patrick's day refreshments were served by the fifth grade mothers.

## Lawn Planted in Downtown Park

The lawn between the Library and City Hall is now planted and the ground is shape to plant shrubs and flowers. All who so kindly offered plants and shrubs if they are still available, please phone 332 or leave name at City Hall. The club regrets not being able to call for them sooner but was unable to get the ground in shape sooner.

## Mrs. Lena Palmer Passes Away Mon.

Lena Margaret Palmer, 63, widow of Augustus Palmer, who died ten years ago, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vern Hansen at 5:50 a.m. Monday.  
She was born at White Pine, Nev., May 27, 1876. She was married to Mr. Palmer at Henrieville, Utah, and has resided in Jackson county for the last 14 years.

There are left five children, James W. Palmer and Mrs. Vern Hansen, of Central Point; Morris A. Palmer, Sacramento; Mrs. Phillip Howard, Arcata, Cal.; and Mrs. Harry Foley, of Medford. Also 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Conger chapel at 3 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Phillips officiating. Mrs. Elythe Bohnert and Mrs. Tracy accompanied by Miss Ernestine Tracy at the piano, sang "In The Garden" and "The Sweet By and By." Interment was in the Central Point cemetery.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Hansen and other relatives and friends at this time.

## Dr. Gilpin Leaves For Army Service

Dr. Buehl Gilpin, a first lieutenant in the army's medical reserve corps, received his orders to report for a year's active duty at the Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, in the medical research division, and with his wife will leave Medford by March 15, he stated. His office has been closed for two weeks.

Dr. Gilpin said that his orders provided for him to leave Medford by March 15, and that he would be relieved of active duty in time to arrive back home on March 14, 1942, when he will revert to inactive status. With Mrs. Gilpin, he will make the trip to Maryland by motor car, he said.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks for the many beautiful plants and flowers received during my stay in the Sacred Heart hospital, especially to the Golden Link Class and the Wednesday Sewing Club. Also to the many kind friends who called during this time.  
Mrs. Violet Powell.

## Gold Hill is Y.G.A. Host

Gold Hill Grange was host on Wednesday night, March 12 to Klamath and Jackson county young grangers associations at which the following granges were represented, Midland Shasta View, Belleview, Talent, Roxy Ann, Phoenix, Applegate and Central Point. Community singing, a legend of St. Patrick by Elton Petree, accordion solo, Trade Winds by Florence Blasing, a skit, Problems of a Play Director, presented by Edyth Bohner, accordion music by Dagmer and Evelyn Christianson, followed by games led by Marion Borg and Mrs. Olive Floyd gave enjoyable entertainment for all.

Midland Grange invited Jackson County Pomona Y.G.A. to their hall for a meeting the night of April 3.

A practice meeting was called for Wednesday April 19 at Central Point grange hall to prepare a lecture program to present at Live Oak Grange hall in Rogue River April 7.

A skating party was planned for Wednesday March 26 in the Medford rink. Bob Sparks, who will be here for a ten day leave from a Naval Training Camp at San Diego will be the honor guest.

Y.G.A. will sell candy at Roxy Ann grande hall March 21.

## The Churches

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Phone 73  
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Miss Lysie Gregory, Primary Supt.

DeWalt Brothers, Evangelists  
The Revival under the direction of the Dewalt Evangelistic Team is the whole interest of the Church. We are just in the beginning and it is proving a success in every way.

The sermon subjects for the following week are as follows:

Thursday—"When Jesus Went To Church."

Friday—"The Divine Church of The Bible."

Saturday—"Standing Before The King." Young people are especially invited to this Saturday evening service.

Bible School 10:00 A.M. and our aim is not less than 125 on time for the count.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Sermon subject "The Man Jesus Admired."

Sunday 7:45 P.M. "Why We Believe The Bible."

Monday—We will rest on Monday, no services.

Tuesday—"Exposing Thieves in Central Point."

Wednesday—"Is There Anything In A Name?"

Thursday—"Soldier In The Church". All these messages will be delivered by Evangelist Don DeWalt in his usual forceful and straightforward way, and you will want to hear them.

The Singing Evangelist, Dave DeWalt will meet his Booster Chorus on Mondays and Fridays at 4:00 P.M. He also conducts a Young People's Bible Study at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We thank you for your interest and attendance thus far and invite your Prayers and presence during all the Campaign.

### 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 Guest Speaker, Rev. Joe Bowdoin of Rogue River.

4:00 P.M. Junior C. E.

6:30 P.M. Senior C. E.

7:30 P.M. Evening Service. Message by the Pastor, Subject, "Shall The Son of Man When He Cometh, Find Faith On The Earth?"

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 Service.

Thursday 2:00 P.M. Ladies Aid.

Thursday 7:30 P.M. Bible School Board Meeting.

Come, Worship With Us!

### FULL GOSPEL HALL

C. E. Hovry, 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 Friday Services 7:45 P.M.

## The American Sent Again to Boxholders

Another week has rolled around, and this is the second time we are going into the home of the boxholders in Central Point. The American may not have quite as much news in it as usual and be rather dry reading. When plans were made to become better acquainted with the new people in Central Point we did not know that we had chosen the very weeks that we were to publish the report of delinquent taxes. Nevertheless we hope you read and enjoy every copy. We will be glad to have you phone 601 in the evenings for any news items you may have, company, trips, parties, etc. There is no charge for these items—we have been asked by some what the charge was. If you have any ideas for the betterment of the paper we will be very pleased to have them and will give them our careful consideration.

We are offering you the news of the community for only 3c a week and then when we boost a project, you are boosting for the same. You are also helping to keep a local concern growing so it will be able to grow and develop to be a bigger asset to the Central Point district.

## Special Assembly at High School Today

A special assembly program is planned at the high school at 6:00 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) when musical groups from the Ashland high school will present several numbers. A boys' quartet, a girls' sextette, and a trumpet soloist will each give numbers. An outstanding feature of the program will be violin numbers by Harlow Wilson who was chosen by Rubinoff as the best student violinist in southern Oregon. Rounding out the program will be numbers by our own girls' chorus and some pre-views of the one-act play to be given next week.

## Moore Planing Mill Nears Completion

The Moore Lumber planing mill is progressing rapidly and it is expected to be running by April 1st. The office building which was partly built, had to be moved back twenty feet from the highway which was done Wednesday morning. They plan to have another planer but owing to the defense movement it may be some time before it will be delivered.

## Mrs. W. C. Saunders Returns from South

Mrs. W. C. Saunders of Oakland has returned to be with her cousin Mr. L. H. Hatfield. Mrs. Saunders left to care for her daughter Mrs. Marian Roberts and little son John Jr. Mrs. Saunders' daughter Mrs. Glafki and children of Alaska have spent a year with Mrs. Saunders in Oakland. Mrs. Roberts is in a resting home in San Leandro. When Mrs. Glafki returned to Alaska this spring she took John Jr. home with her. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Saunders back to our community.

## Miss Martin Weds William Bringle

Coming as a surprise to their many friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Marjorie Verle Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Martin, route 4, to William Bringle of Hamilton Field, California, February 17.

A shower was held in their honor recently by friends from the Four Square church of Medford and by schoolmates of Central Point.

The bride is a graduate of the Central Point high school and the bridegroom of Keno high school. Mr. Bringle has returned to Hamilton Field, and Mrs. Bringle is remaining to finish her course at the Medford beauty school, after which she will go to California and join her husband.

## BIRTHS

Born at Community hospital March 4, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cummings, Sams Valley, a girl, weight seven pounds, nine ounces.

Born March 2 at Sacred Heart hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fraley of route 2 a baby girl weighing nine pounds, one ounce.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Childress of Central Point in Sacred Heart hospital March 4 a baby boy weighing eight pounds nine ounces.

Mrs. Childress and Mr. Fraley are brother and sister.

## MRS. W. J. FREEMAN, PIONEER RESIDENT, CALLED TO REWARD

Minnie Owen Freeman, wife of W. J. Freeman, passed away at the family residence in Central Point Tuesday evening, March 11, 1941. Mrs. Freeman was born August 17, 1863 and was the daughter of Julia and W. A. Owen, southern Oregon pioneers. She was married to W. J. Freeman on May 3rd, 1894. To this union were born three children, Mrs. W. B. Kneaid and Leonard J. Freeman of Central Point and Henry A. Freeman of Portland, all of whom survive. She also leaves one sister Mrs. J. C. Hall, Medford and one brother W. C. Owen of Cornelius, Oregon and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Freeman's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Constance came to southern Oregon in 1852 and had a donation land claim west of Central Point. The original residence and surrounding acreage is now owned and lived in by W. S. Hafe and family. Mrs. Freeman has many friends and neighbors who have known and loved her all her life besides many friends, she made later in life, as she was loved by all who come in contact with her. Our sympathy goes out to the sorrowing relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at the Conger Funeral parlors at 2:00 P.M. Friday. Interment in the Siskiyou Memorial Park.

## Ambro S. Park To Last Reward

Ambro S. Park, 68, Spanish American war veteran and member of Colonel Saigent camp, United Spanish War Veterans of Medford, passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. March in Jacksonville at 9 a.m. Sunday.

He was born in Kentucky in 1875, and had been a resident of this county for several years. His only near relative is a sister, Alice Coulter of Hollywood, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted at the Conger chapel this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. with the United Spanish war veterans in charge.

The remains will be cremated later. Mr. Parks lived at the Ross hotel for a number of months and also in the Farra house for a short time. He was bed-fast for a long time.

## So what?—

They can, because they believe they can.—Virgil.

Mrs. Saunderson, who recently returned from California says that Washington and Oregon are all right but California was a steady downpour of rain this year, which the Californian says belongs to Oregon.

The Moore Planing Mill have a little bunch of leather belts, the size of about \$10.00 worth of meat, which they say cost \$180.00.

Lee and Ernest Pinkham being unexpectedly held up in Central Point, wiring to Ft. Stevens for instructions on how to return to camp, and receiving orders to report on Tuesday noon.

Every one worked to death this week—either income tax or spring gardens.

**David Blumenstein**  
And Companion  
Are Invited to Be Guests of  
**The American**  
and  
**Craterian Theatre**  
To See Their Choice of  
The Following  
**CRATERIAN THEATRE**  
**PROGRAMS:**  
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The Most Important Picture  
The Year!  
**"TOBACCO ROAD"**  
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—or—  
**Sunday, Monday, Tuesday**  
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with Sabu and cast of 1000's  
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