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Musings By the Editor

One of the difficulties faced by the editors of weekly newspapers is the fact that as a usual thing one cannot wait until press time to write editorial matter. The average weekly print shop is not equipped to handle such things as "flash news", at least to any great extent. So one cannot wait until just before going to press to pick out last-minute items upon which to comment. And in this neck of the woods things are happening so fast and changing so rapidly that what may be the latest thing today, may be stale as a dead mackerel by the time the paper gets to the reader.

Just now it appears that there is a strong probability that an army cantonment is going to be built in our immediate neighborhood in the very near future. It seems that the site has been definitely selected—at least, roughly. The men who are doing that selecting seem to have a hard time making up their minds just where to draw the line as to the boundary of the big camp. But one thing is sure—if things in Europe do not get better right soon, this country is going to enlarge the army, and when that happens, the cantonment in this country will be among the first to be built.

So far as the writer can learn, here is a rough outline of the site as of today (Tuesday P. M.): The GHQ will be located just east of the Crater Lake highway at the point where the highway comes nearest to the railroad. The main camp will lie both east and west of headquarters. The cantonment will take in practically all of the Antelope valley as far south as Grizzly Peak. From there it is proposed to run the line eastward beyond the Lost Lake country, crossing the South Fork of Little Butte Creek above Dead Indian Soda Springs, down the divide between the South Fork and North Fork of Little Butte to the vicinity of the Lake Creek store and thence back into the Antelope valley. That, roughly, is the proposed eastern part of the big camp.

The northern part will include a strip along the river at the mouth of Little Butte Creek, where a bridge will be built. From there the camp will take in most of the Beagle district as far as Evans Creek. And if you don't think that means a lot of country, just try hiking over it some day. It's bigger than most countries in Europe. But don't put too much faith in this statement of the outlines of the proposed camp. It all may have been changed since we left town—those folks back the Dutch for changing their minds.

Last Sunday the state highway commission met with the army men in Medford and went over part of the proposed site. They will have a big job on their hands putting the Crater Lake highway into shape to carry the enormous traffic to and from camp. Also the county is faced with a bit of trouble in putting several of the county roads in like shape. Just which ones will be considered "access roads" we don't know yet. And it is thought that congress will have passed the national defense road program before the time comes we need the money, and federal funds will be available for all these roads.

But the most stupendous problems facing the people of this county is the matter of providing housing for the hordes of workmen who will be brought here to build the camp. Army officials estimate the number of these at about 8000. And they prophesy that we will have to take care of at least 1000 trailer houses brought by these men. This means proper sanitary provisions, lighting, water, etc. And on top of that, when the army moves in our cities will face a dwelling house shortage of some 5000 houses. Just try that on your jawsharp.

And we wonder if the people of Central Point realize that if the cantonment does come—and President Roosevelt's fire-side chat makes one even more certain that it WILL come—and that right soon—a lot of things will have to be done right here at home. According to the chief architect who is drawing the plans for the cantonment (and who, by the way, has built a number of other such camps in other parts of the United States) there will come with

COUNCIL STUDYS LAND SALES AND HOUSING PROBLEMS

The city council has been holding a number of special meetings recently for the purpose of considering matters connected with the activity in the sale of city lots which the proposed building of an army cantonment in the vicinity has brought about. A number of county-owned lots have been sold by the county court in the past few days. These included the site of the old service station on the corner of Pine street and the old Pacific highway, and the lot where the old dance hall stood opposite the postoffice. Also four lots along the Pacific highway north of the Rossi Motel.

At a meeting of the council Monday night it was decided to sell to the Moore-Tabor Lumber company four lots on Alder street, two on the east side of First street and two on the west side. The council also sold the lot between the old service station and the Grange hall, besides several resident lots.

However, on account of the desire of the council to do their best to avoid wildcat speculation and a consequent boom in the price of city lots, it was decided to hold up selling any more resident lots until the return of the committee which is leaving the last of the week for an investigation of several army camps in California. This committee consists of County Judge J. B. Coleman, Mayor Deuel of Medford and Glenn Jackson, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Paul Rynning, county engineer and Fred Scheffel, city manager of Medford.

12 Selectees Will Leave for Camp Mon.

George M. Roberts, Medford attorney, will deliver the farewell address to Jackson county's next quota of 12 selectees, who will leave here for their induction station Monday, June 2.

At 7:30 p.m. the selectees will march to the Southern Pacific depot to board a train for the north.

Mr. Agee of the Medford Stationery store has been exceptionally busy lately, making blue prints for the army cantonment.

So what?

We see only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.—Emerson.

Don Patterson and Chester Kamberg spending most of the time hanging around the circus ground. Don was even seen laying on the ground, peaking at something. Wonder if it was the elephant.

A fast budding romance almost blooming at this office.

Mr. Earl Hankins, visiting here, called on John Sharp at the Faber's Feed store, keeping his head down, he asked for 200 pounds of wheat and was asked if he wanted it on the dot. Sharp thinking it was a circus man, but before an answer could be given, catching the twinkle in Mr. Hankins' eyes.

Mrs. Ferguson reports that there is a monkey in her backyard and she cannot get her work done.

Vangle Terrell says to put it in the paper, "School is out". Most of the grown-up boys say, "There is a circus in town with once in a while some saying it is raining today Wednesday."

The 30,000 men and 1000 officers somewhere in the neighborhood of 12,000 to 15,000 civilians who must be housed in surrounding towns. That means some four or five thousand new houses in the Rogue River valley. Which also means that the population of this city will be doubled. Which again means plenty of headaches for the council in their job of providing water, sewers, street maintenance, police, and the like.

Bible School to Start Monday

Starting Monday, June 2nd at 9:00 A.M. a community daily vacation Bible School will be held in the Federated Church of Central Point. It will be through a two weeks' period of time closing on Friday, June 13th.

The school will be in session from nine A.M. each day to 12:00 noon from Monday through Friday.

The leader of the school will be Miss Josephine Neil of Portland, Oregon, who has been in children's work for a number of years throughout the state of Oregon. Miss Neil will be assisted by one of the students of the Multnomah School of the Bible.

This vacation school is not just for the children of the Federated church but for both churches of the town as well as those who have no church home. The Church of Christ has been invited to join in the work of this school.

Brynjof Bjorset to Speak Before League

"Europe Under Nazi Rule—And After" will be the topic of Brynjof Bjorset, Norwegian refugee, who will speak in Medford Wednesday evening, June 4, at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the Jackson County League of Women Voters. Mr. Bjorset, a reserve officer in the Norwegian army, fought during the invasion battles and after the fall of his country to the Germans escaped by way of Sweden.

Recently Mr. Bjorset has been lecturing in various western cities and according to reports has been enthusiastically received. Before the war he was general manager of the important Cooperative Credit society in Norway and can speak from business as well as military viewpoints.

Regarded by those who have met him as an amazing man, Mr. Bjorset knows 12 languages and speaks English fluently. His presentation of the story of Nazi-ruled Norway and Europe is said to be both interesting and dramatic.

A small charge is to be made for the lecture, which will be at eight o'clock in the evening. Tickets will be on sale at Pruitt's store in Medford, by league members and at the door the night of the lecture.

Mayor Pearl Bonney to Be Operated On

Word was received from Mayor Pearl Bonney who is in the veterans' hospital at Portland that he will undergo an operation for hernia this week. He will probably have to stay there for at least three weeks. Cards or letters sent to the Veterans' Hospital, Portland, Oregon, would reach him.

Three Local Ladies to Leave for Meet

Mrs. Arthur Webster, Mrs. Guy Tex and Mrs. John Clark will leave Tuesday to attend the state convention of the Federation of Women clubs at Eugene. The Civic club which meets the first Wednesday of every month has been postponed until the following Wednesday June 11 so that a report of the convention may be given at that time.

Sewing Club Holds Farewell Party

The Wednesday sewing club met Wednesday afternoon at the Langston home with all members present. The party was a special one, given as a farewell for Mrs. Teddy Reynolds who will leave soon to join her husband in Glendale. A very pretty vase was presented to the honor guest. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream, strawberries, cake and coffee were served.

MRS. ROY NICHOLS ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Roy Nichols entertained the Missionary Circle of the Federated Church at her home Thursday. Rev. Van Eddings of the Oranoco River Mission, Venezuela, South America, gave the address. Visiting guest for the afternoon was Mrs. J. W. Elden. There was a fine attendance and everyone spent an enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. Earl Hankins arrived Monday evening for a visit with his cousin, Mrs. Jack Sharp and family. Mr. Hankins visited his uncle, Mr. Muse, in Talent Sunday and visited his cousins Tracy and Arthur Muse in Glendale Tuesday. He will visit here before returning to his home in San Bernardino, California.

32 Graduate Tonight From Local School

To the strains of the March Romaine the senior class, thirty-two in all, will march down the aisle to receive their diplomas tonight (May 29). The commencement exercises will be held in the school gymnasium.

The program is as follows: Processional by Orchestra. Invocation by Rev. C. R. Luther. Reverence and Praise—Beethoven and Goin' Home—Dvorak by Girls' Chorus.

Salutation by Bernice White. Valedictory by Leona Rector. Overture—Frelschutz by Orchestra. Address "America's Unique Institution" by Dr. J. R. Jewell, Dean of Education, Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"Sleeping Beauty"—Tchakowsky by Orchestra. Presentation of Class by H. P. Jewett.

Presentation of Diplomas by E. P. Stone. Benediction by Rev. C. R. Luther. Recessional March by Orchestra. Board of Education composed of E. P. Stone, chairman; C. W. Abbott, clerk; M. A. Adams and W. A. Holt.

Street Parade to Be Held at Medford On Decoration Day

A patriotic street parade will be formed Decoration Day at the Medford city park and will move at 9:30 a.m. on Main street to Bear Creek bridge where there will be invocation by the Rev. R. W. Coleman. Streaming flowers on the water in memory of those who gave their lives in the country's service on oceans, lakes and rivers, will be followed by "Taps".

The parade will then return on Main street to the city park for the program.

In case of bad weather the program will be held in the Presbyterian church.

All social, fraternal and civic betterment organizations of this and neighboring communities are invited to take part in the parade. They and the general public are also invited to attend the program in the city park. The Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will conduct memorial ceremonies in Medford I.O.O.F. cemetery at 2:30 p.m. All members of other veteran and patriotic societies and the public are invited to witness the ceremonies.

Oregon Cafe Bldg. Sold to Trowbridge

The building west of the postoffice and formerly occupied by the Oregon Trail was bought by Ben Trowbridge of Medford this week. Mr. Trowbridge says he bought the building as an investment and has not completed any plans. The building may be torn down and rebuilt or remodeled. Part of the postoffice wall is on this lot.

Townsend Club to Have New Hall

The Townsend club are busy cleaning and fixing up the old Christian Science church and will use same for a meeting place. They hope to have the building in shape for their next meeting, two weeks from tonight. This building will make a fine Townsend hall. Recently the electrical wiring was torn out, locks taken off the doors and plumbings removed.

VISITORS AT MILTON HOME—

Mr. and Mrs. Hale and Barbara from Klamath Falls returned home after a few days spent with Mrs. Hale's parents Mr. and Mrs. Milton. Barbara brought her pony and cart with her and left it here until they return. Mr. Hale has gone into business with Mr. Milton and will move here soon. Mr. Milton has added a new project to his lumber business and is now connected with the Federal Home Loans. He will sell you the materials to build and make arrangements so that the cost may be paid in small monthly payment covering a period of three years.

Party Held for Pre-School Children

The first grade school children and teacher Mrs. Mae Richardson were hosts to pre-school children and mothers on Friday, May 23 from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. in connection with the clinic which was being held in the health building and conducted by Dr. A. E. Merkel, assisted by Nurse Blanch Frisbie.

Mrs. Alta Kelly, P.T.A. Summer-round-up chairman and Mrs. Mary Langston registered the children.

The first graders used their readers as part of the entertainment, ably assisted by the second, third and fourth grade students under their respective teachers, Miss Dodson, Miss Ottoman and Miss Wilson with a mixed program of poems and songs.

As a fitting climax to the afternoon's activities, iced fruit juice and cookies were served. Mrs. Alvin Grebb and Mrs. Lawrence Martin presided at the punch bowl. Refreshments were furnished by a group of P.T.A. members closely associated with the Summer-round-up.

A well-baby clinic will be held on Friday, June 13 and any pre-school children who were unable to come on May 23, may have the examination. These clinics are open and free to any one living in the Central Point school district. You are invited to bring your child for a general check-up and advice by a competent physician and nurse.

O. E. S. NOTES

The members of Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. of Central Point met Tuesday evening for the annual covered dish dinner. Visitors were present from several of the valley chapters, including Miss Mollie Britt, of Jacksonville, Grand Representative of the District of Columbia.

Following the regular chapter meeting a program consisting of piano solos, songs and readings was given by the children of the members. Those participating included: Laurel and Marjorie Jewett, Muriel and Mercedes Swing, Dorothy Reynolds, Lilla Holt, Jean Freeman, Sharon Holt, Jean Kincaid and Patsy Faber. To conclude the program Elmer Klye, Jr. gave the commencement talk that he gave at the graduation exercises at the Table Rock School.

Mrs. J. Ed Vincent was in charge of all arrangements for the dinner. Merritt Swing, Worthy Patron, arranged the program.

The final meeting of Nevita Chapter before the summer recess will be June 24th at which time reports of the Grand Chapter, which will convene in Portland June 9th to 12th, inclusive, will be given.

Cub Pack to Hold Meeting Friday June 6

The Cub Pack No. 49 will hold a meeting Friday, June 6th at the grade school gym at eight o'clock. Scout Commissioner Paul Peterson will be present and present the charter to the Pack. All the committeemen and those interested in cub work are requested to be present.

Mr. Peterson has been interested in scout work for some time, having been scoutmaster in China, Philippines and Hawaii.

Mr. John Cash, who is living at the Modge, has just completed a very nice tombstone for Clarence Long, for his wife's grave.

The Churches

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. Study in 2nd Corinthians.
5:00 P.M. Junior C. E.
7:00 P.M. Senior C. E.
8:00 P.M. The service will be in charge of Miss Josephine Neil who will lead our daily vacation Bible School which starts Monday morning at 9:00 A.M.
Monday 9:00 A.M. Registration for Daily Vacation Bible School.
Monday 7:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Meeting.
Tuesday 2:30 P.M. Ladies Bible Class.
Tuesday 8:00 P.M. Church Board Meeting.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Midweek Prayer Meeting.
Thursday 2:00 P.M. Ladies Aid.
This church cordially invites you to worship with us.

COMMITTEE TO HANDLE CAMP IS APPOINTED

At a luncheon at the Jackson Hotel Monday noon attended by a large number of business men and prominent citizens of the county a plan was proposed by Ben H. Harder that an executive committee, consisting of the county judge, the president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor of Medford, be appointed to assume control of all matters concerning the coming of the army cantonment to this vicinity. This committee would appoint sub-committees to handle such matters as water, housing, zoning, sale of city lots, and the like.

It was pointed out by President Jackson of the local chamber of commerce that there were going to be plenty of headaches for all concerned and that the sooner definite plans were made and proper investigations made of other localities where such camps were located, the better the many problems could be met. He spoke of the camp at San Luis Obispo and said that the nearby village of Paso Robles, which had a population of about 1800 before the coming of the camp, and which made no preliminary preparations, is now a city of 7000.

Plans were made for this committee to visit several of the army camps in California for the purpose of learning just what had happened to the surrounding communities when the camps were built and how the many problems were handled. It is also planned to have the county school superintendent and other school authorities make a like investigation. George Carter, county clerk, is planning to go south in the near future to talk with county recorders in counties where these camps are located regarding the increase in the amount of work in that department.

County School Superintendent Bowman will also leave for the south in a few days to look into the situation regarding schools. The Cantonnement, as at present laid out, will eliminate several school districts and the large number of families expected to come in the wake of the soldiers will add an immense burden to schools in the vicinity.

Miss Tompkins Weds Charles Fred Nelson

Miss Virginia Stimson attended the wedding of Miss Loretta Rose Tompkins and Charles Fred Nelson at the Holiness Church in Medford Sunday evening. The bride wore a powder blue suit with hat of blue and white and a corsage of orange blossoms. Miss Stimson, who attended her, wore a rust costume with brown accessories and matching hat, LeRoy Tompkins, brother of the bride, was best man. Mr. Nelson will work with his father on their ranch on Coker Butte road. The young couple have built a new house and will be at home to their friends after June first.

Mrs. Nelson was a school girl chum of Miss Stimson for four years and Mr. Nelson is her cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hazen are redecorating and remodeling their new home and expect to move in soon. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen purchased the Lacy place.

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