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## Musings

By the Editor

It's a great life, folks, you know. Here we are all set to pound out a great masterpiece, and behold, the old family typewriter had to go on the blink! By the time we found out what was the matter and got the darned thing straightened out, we had entirely forgotten what the heck we were going to write about. So if the great masterpiece is not forthcoming, blame it on the machine age, or something.

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We hear that Central Point carried off the honors at the Catfish Derby the other day, which is no more than was to be expected. That team—or at least the members thereof—have long had the reputation of being masters of the art of patiently waiting for a bite, and winning that sort of a derby was right up their alley. And we are proud to know we have the handsomest catfisherman in the country, too. We'll have to admit that we have to rely on heresay, for we, along with the president of the Rogue River Sportsmen's club of Medford hid us up to the other end of the county, about as far from the scene of the catfish contest as possible.

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It had been quite a few years since the writer had gone up to the headwaters of the Applegate and we saw many changes since we first saw that country some twenty-five years ago. For one thing, old "Mule Hill" is entirely a thing of the past. And one can now dodge the old "Flume Grade" by going up the other side of the river past the Star ranger station. Both of these places were hazards of the first water in the old days when they used to haul ore from the Blue Ledge mine. Perhaps we never told you of the time Carl Svensen and the writer herded an ancient "one-lunger" up that road on a fishing trip back in about 1915.

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The old car in which we made the trip was quite a historical affair. It was one of three cars which had the honor of being the very first motor-driven vehicles to come to the Rogue River valley. The one we had was once the property of Dr. E. B. Pickel, a pioneer doctor of Medford. When he finally got himself a new car he stored the little one in his carriage shed, where it stood for a number of years. It was finally purchased by Frank Martin, who owned a bicycle store on North Fir street in Medford. Frank used it to haul bicycle crates and the like to his home on Lozier Lane. When he finally moved to town and no longer had any use for the old car, the writer purchased it to go fishing with. And if you don't think we had fun chug-chugging our way up and down the dirt roads of that day, guess again.

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In the first place, the car didn't have power enough to pull a hen off the nest. And for brakes, there was a combination foot and emergency brake which, when locked down with a ratchet, like the old 490 Chevy, was supposed to hold the car on a grade—but never did. For linings, they used a piece of leather belting, which when wet, had the consistency of slippery elm bark. The clutch was operated by a hand lever on the right hand side of the seat. As for speed, our average was about eight MPH, with a possible twelve downhill.

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Here's the way we operated when negotiating the hills: In the first place, may we state that we never tried going into the mountains without a strong young helper. Well, when we got to the foot of a steep hill—and there were plenty of them, then—we stopped and both got out. The helper would get himself a pole and follow behind the car, while the driver stood beside the car ready to give 'er the gun. At a signal, the driver would open the throttle wide open, jerk off the brake with one hand and throw in the clutch with the other. When the car jumped forward he would grab the wheel and run alongside for the six or eight feet it would go before stalling.

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As the engine lost its momentum, the driver would yell, throw out the clutch and slam on the brake as best he could with his hand. Meanwhile his helper would slam his pole under a rear wheel and hold the car while it got its breath for another dash. And that's the way Carl and I made

## ASHLAND READY TO WELCOME ALL ON JULY 4TH

ASHLAND, July 3—(Sp.)—With final plans complete, this city is prepared to welcome thousands of visitors and guests for its 16th annual July Fourth celebration, this week-end.

Highlighted by an elaborate parade, rodeo, dance and a fireworks display, the program has been designed to provide a full day of entertainment and festivities. Ashland's business section has been garbed in patriotic colors; Lithia Park is being prepared for an influx of 10,000 persons and from all indications, the 1941 celebration will be a rousing success.

The first major event on the day's program is a kids' soapbox derby, the winner receiving a free trip to Portland for participation in the regional finals. The parade is slated to follow the derby and will be one of the most elaborate arrays presented here. More than 200 horses, a large number of floats, at least five bands and musical units and a variety of special entries, will be seen.

The late morning and early afternoon will see a program for the youngsters in Lithia Park, while the first performance of the rodeo and horse show is set for 2 p. m. at the Diamond Circle Corral on Willow Street. The rodeo this year is sponsored by the Ashland Trail Riders on an amateur basis. Wild range stock has been secured from the ranches of southern Oregon and northern California and will be seen in action both afternoon and evening.

The evening performance is slated for 8 p. m. Final run-offs in the competitive events is scheduled for this time. The Trail Riders are also arranging several special drills and stunts for showing during the two performances.

The fireworks display will be visible from both Lithia Park and the rodeo grounds and will start at 10:30 p. m.

A special celebration dance will be held at the Ashland Armory, starting at 9:30 p. m. and continuing through 1 a. m. Music will be furnished by Steve Whipple and his orchestra.

Tickets for the rodeo, as well as information, programs and other data, will be available at the information booth on the plaza. Local Chamber of Commerce offices will be open throughout the day to assist visitors and guests.

## Injured Youth Given Blood Transfusions

Charles Osborne is in a Medford hospital in a very serious condition from an auto accident Saturday evening at the first railroad crossing north of Central Point. In turning to cross the track the car turned over breaking Charles' arm in two places and causing other injuries. He has been given several mechanical blood transfusions. Wednesday morning Miss Lois McManama and brother Billy went in to have a blood test. Billy's blood test showing satisfactory, a pint and half was given for a transfusion. It is hoped this will cause a decided improvement. Mr. Osborne has been staying at the Vern Hansen home. A number of others were in the car with him but no others were seriously hurt.

## Visitors Leave For Home Tuesday

Mr. Horace Jewett and Miss Christabel Jewett of Salem visited their brother Mr. H. P. Jewett and family for a few days, leaving Tuesday morning for Salem. Miss Margaret Dunlap of Caldwell, Idaho, who has been visiting at the Jewett home for the past three weeks, accompanied them home. Miss Dunlap is a niece of the H. P. Jewetts. Monday evening Mrs. Jewett entertained a group of Central Point and Medford friends in honoring her sister-in-law, Miss Jewett.

the grade on Muel Hill. And when half way up, Carl's pole broke! Only fisherman's luck saved us from going over the cliff into the river hundreds of feet below. When the dust settled, we righted the car, hunted up a stronger pole and went on our strenuous way. Got a dandy mess of trout, too, before coming home.

## Celebration Program

9:00 A. M. SOAPBOX DERBY, Pioneer Street  
10:30 A. M. PARADE  
12 NOON KIDS PROGRAM, Lithia Park  
2:00 P. M. & 8:00 P. M. RODEO & HORSE SHOW, Diamond Circle Corral, Willow Street.  
9:30 P. M. CELEBRATION DANCE, Ashland Armory  
10:30 P. M. FIREWORKS DISPLAY, Lithia Park

## Flood Hits Calif. State Institution

Word was received from Glen Ellen, California that last Friday afternoon there was a regular cloud burst and that the thunder was the worst the writer had ever heard. The storm continued for a couple of hours. In one of the state institutions there were a number of patients in the basement of a ward and the water came in till it was up to their shoulders. One attendant, after helping 125 girls out of the window, collapsed and is now in the hospital recovering from shock.

The writer ends up "Oh yes, this is sunny California, just a little more unusual weather than usually is unusual."

## Mr. Robt. Webb to Resign This Fall

Mr. Robert Webb has handed in his resignation to the school board to teach in the Central Point school this coming term. Mr. Webb has accepted the position as principal of the Lone Pine school. The school board at their meeting Tuesday evening hired Mr. Warren Lee Werner to fill Mr. Webb's place. Mr. and Mrs. Werner and small child plan to move to Central Point as soon as they can find a house. Mr. Werner is a Medford boy.

The school board also gave the contract to W. A. Freeland for a hot air heating plant for the grade school gym.

## Mrs. R. L. Burns Suffers Freak Injury Saturday

Mrs. R. L. Burns suffered a painful accident last Saturday. While cleaning the back porch she reached up to take something off a nail and pulled her right hand over a small fish hook which imbedded the hook almost completely in her finger. Being alone in the house she tried to pull the hook out with a pair of pliers, this failing she tried to cut it out with a razor, not being able to do so it was on the right hand. She walked to Central Point and called her husband, Mr. Burns came at once and took her to a doctor who cut out the hook and dressed the wound. She is suffering no pain and the cut is healing nicely.

Mrs. Harriet Hyberger, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Flurey in Chiloquin, has returned to spend sometime with her brother P. A. Tracy.

## Ella Mills and Earl Phillips Wed

Earl Phillips and Ella Mills were quietly married at the home of Mr. Phillips' brother, Rev. Clifton A. Phillips, Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the brother of the groom in the presence of his wife, Mrs. C. A. Phillips, James and Danny and Alvin McQuigg, the happy couple standing before a large tall bouquet of various colored hollyhocks. The bride was dressed in a silver blue silk with white accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips left immediately for eastern Oregon by way of Portland where they will visit Mr. Phillips' sister over the Fourth. They plan to make their home in Myrtle Point for a short time and will go later to Brookings to live.

The newly weds received a number of lovely gifts.

## Mrs. Dorland and Daughter Return From California

Mrs. H. M. Dorland and daughter, Mrs. Pike of Gold Hill returned home from Healdsburg, Calif. last week. They had left for San Francisco to attend the World Convention of Seventh Day Adventists in San Francisco and had planned to stay with Mrs. Dorland's sister Mrs. Bissell at Healdsburg. Soon after arriving there Mrs. Pike came down with the mumps and Mrs. Dorland suffered an attack of high blood pressure. They stay at Mrs. Bissell until able to return home. Mrs. Dorland is improving slowly though much better. Mr. C. E. Elder of Sacramento arrived Monday for a short visit at the Dorland home. He is a brother of Mrs. Dorland. He left for Seattle Wednesday morning and from there will sail for Kodiak Island, Alaska where he will work on the air base. A trip to South Bend had been planned by the Dorlands but Mr. and Mrs. Dorland will be unable to go on account of Mrs. Dorland's sickness.

Miss Lois Dorland, accompanied by her niece Charlene Pike, left Wednesday morning traveling by the southern route for South Bend. At South Bend Miss Dorland will pick up a new Studebaker Coupe and return by the Black Hill, then thru the Yellowstone Park and over the Columbia River highway to Portland and home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hensley Holt and Gene will visit with relatives in Bend on the Fourth. Little Miss Lila Holt will accompany her parents home. She has been visiting her cousin at Bend.

## Eastern Folks Leave On Home Trip

Relatives and friends of the P. A. Tracy family, who have been visiting here, left last Thursday on their return trip to Illinois. Nine in the party, traveling in two cars, have been making an extensive tour of mid-west and coastal states. On the way out they made stop-overs at Colorado Springs, a side tour into old Mexico, they went through Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, visited in Los Angeles and Hollywood, then followed the coast road here. While here they went thru Medford's biggest mill which is always a thrill, hunted agates on the desert, saw pioneer memorials in Jacksonville, and one of the party, Lester Devor with his aunt Mrs. Tracy, had a never-to-be-forgotten visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Ross. In the party were Mrs. Mary Devor of Dowell, a sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Devor, nephew and niece of Mrs. Tracy. Also Mrs. Devor's mother and step-father Mrs. and Mr. Jess Freezner, daughters Melissa and Virginia Crocker, sons Bobbie Crocker and Breen Freezner of Salem, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Freezner and sons rented a cottage at Ross Motel for their stay here. Two years ago the Devors took a tour through the north-eastern states and last Christmas to Florida. Lester says if his oil wells should play out, he will have memorials of those wonderful tours that no one can take from him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert, Marilyn and Doreen with Mrs. Tracy and daughters, Mrs. Arlene Coffman and Ernestine packed a picnic lunch and accompanied their guests to Crater Lake, despite continued stormy weather the day was clear mostly and not too cold. The guests saw their first wild bears, ten of them.

They took the Diamond Lake road north to Portland and points in Washington, intending to stop at Yellowstone Park for several days.

As the Central Pointers came back they saw a mother bear with three cubs, one a bright brown, one could scarcely resist the temptation to pick him up. The bear seemed so tame and did no end of posing to the delight of all beholders.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bendickson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Al Bendickson and family plan to spend the Fourth in Grants Pass.

## So what?—

When a man's business does not fit him, 'tis as oftentimes with a shoe—if too big for the foot it will trip him, if too small, will chafe.—Horace.

Jack Lees and Ode Tucker accusing each other of working each other to death.

Guy Tex says the salmon he brought home from Gold Beach, he not only brought home but he caught it first—No fish story either.

Central Point is still in the lead. We have discovered we have the best catfish derby team, the handsomest man, the two men with the baldest heads. So there is still hope for our forgoing ahead.

Jack LaCasse boosting his home town by staying here the Fourth the same as he does every other day.

## 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.  
5:00 P. M. Junior C. E.  
7:00 P. M. Senior C. E.  
8:00 P. M. Evening Services.  
Monday 7:30 P. M. Men's Prayer Meeting.  
Tuesday 2:30 P. M. Ladies Bible Class.  
Tuesday 7:30 P. M. Choir Practice.  
Wednesday 8:00 P. M. Mid-week Prayer Service.  
Come, worship with us.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Minister—Carlos Brown  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
11:00 A. M. Sermon—"The Perfect Formula for A New Testament Church".  
Young People's Meeting 7:00 P. M.  
8:00 P. M. Sermon—"Three Answers to The Same Question."  
Tuesday 8:00 P. M. Orchestra Practice.  
Wednesday 8:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting.

## PREVENTION AGAINST FIRE DEFENSE DUTY

President Bernard M. Culver of the America Fore Insurance and Indemnity Group, in an address to the top executives assembled at a dinner in the Union Club, New York last week, pointed out that although it has been the custom of the insurance industry to stress fire prevention during the week of October 9th each year, in this time of national emergency, it is imperative that fire prevention be stressed every day and every minute of the day.

"This is vitally necessary from a patriotic viewpoint and the need for conserving our national resources," said Mr. Culver. "It is also of great importance to every manufacturer, merchant and property owner, that they take the utmost care and be constantly on the alert to prevent fire in their plants, stores and their homes because even though their insurance might give them dollars with which to buy, they still may be unable to replace that which is destroyed. The inability of a business not engaged in the production of essential war materials to get replacements of machinery or stock, could well result in the destruction of that business. Even though insurance might cover their present property, a destructive fire could still ruin them. The homeowner will find that he will not be able to replace many things destroyed and as well, find it difficult and more expensive to rebuild."

"I urge you," said Mr. Culver, "as insurance men charged with the responsibility of guarding the public against financial loss from fire and other catastrophes, to consider it your duty to impress this point upon every property owner, so that their increased vigilance will not only cut down our annual fire waste and conserve our resources for important defense production but also unconsciously save them from serious financial loss."

## Frank Fairfield Joins Crater Engineering Co.

Frank L. Fairfield has become a member and manager of the Crater Metal & Engineering, Inc., it was announced today by James K. Hoey, president. Mr. Fairfield has been engaged in merchandising heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment here for several months and prior to coming here was similarly engaged in California. He has made his headquarters at the Crater Metal & Engineering office and the two businesses cooperated in the sale and installation of heating and air-conditioning units prior to the present consolidation.

While engaged in engineering activities that keep him in Portland, Mr. Hoey said he would remain available to the firm whenever the service of an engineer was required. Clyde S. Taylor will continue as shop foreman and Mrs. Hoey in charge of the office.

Mrs. James Taylor of Shasta City, California visited Monday and Tuesday with her son Everett Hogue and family here. Her grandsons Marvin and Melvin Hogue accompanied her on the return trip. The Hagues plan to spend the 4th in northern California.

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**Craterian Theatre**  
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Brian Donlevy  
"I WANTED WINGS"  
Prevue Sat. Nite!  
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