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Musings

By the Editor

At last the members of Congress have wakened to the obvious fact that there is no use in providing a vast mechanized army for national defense unless at the same time they provide proper roads upon which such an army can be moved rapidly from one part of the country to another as the need may arise. While they have been pouring vast sums into factories, shipyards and such, it was only last week that they got around to the road problem.

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When the President at last sent a special message to Congress asking for an appropriation for defense roads he still failed to realize the importance of this part of national defense. He asked for \$100,000,000 for "access" roads leading to army camps, airplane factories, and the like, and a mere \$25,000,000 for the "strategic" roads over which the army must be moved in an emergency. He seemed to have the idea that the present highway system was plenty good enough to carry the increased load of hurried troop movements. Never having driven a car a mile over western mountain roads in his life, he apparently hadn't the slightest idea what they were or the time and money required to build them.

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Just look at the map of the Pacific Coast. You will note that there are only THREE possible routes over which a modern army can be moved from Puget Sound to San Francisco. One of these routes lies directly along the coast, crossing innumerable rivers and canyons. Such a route could easily be made impassable by enemy craft operating far at sea. Another of the three routes lies east of the Cascades, with only a few passes through the mountains through which troops might reach the principal cities and towns of the three states which extend the whole length of the coast.

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Finally there is the Pacific Highway, (99) which connects these cities and which passes through the long chain of valleys lying between the Cascades and the Coast Range. This road has long been recognized by army strategists as the most important of the three from a military standpoint. But anyone familiar with this route knows that there are a number of "bottlenecks" which will have to be removed to put the road in shape for military use.

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The Oregon Pacific Highway association, which was organized several years ago for the purpose of attracting an increased flow of "tourist" travel over Highway 99, at once saw the importance of removing those bottlenecks and sent their manager to Washington to do what he could to secure an appropriation for that purpose. This man immediately got in touch with Senator McNary, who at once saw the reasonableness of the proposition. Through his efforts a bill was introduced in the Senate which provided four times as much money as Mr. Roosevelt had asked for improving "strategic" roads. The senator also realized the fact that the western states were already overburdened with miles and miles of mountain roads to maintain and if asked to match the federal money on the usual 50-50 basis would be in a bad fix.

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Bringing his strong influence to bear, the senator succeeded in amending the original bill to put the matching on a 75-25 basis, thus making it much easier on the states involved. This amendment was written in McNary's office by Mr. Rynearson of the Pacific Highway association and Mr. Guy Gordon, attorney for the O. & C. counties of Oregon, who chanced to be in Washington. The amendment as written was accepted by the Senator and passed the Senate with only one dissenting vote.

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Going over to the House, the bill had the hearty support of Congressman Mott, a member of the Roads & Highways committee. This committee, after a number of hearings attended by Mr. Rynearson and Mr. Gordon and also by State Engineer Haddock of Oregon, finally sent the bill to the House, after adding still more to the amounts appropriated and increasing still more the government's share of the payments. The House, by unanimous consent, ap-

VERNE HANSEN, 50, WORLD WAR VET PASSES SUDDENLY

Verne H. Hansen, 50, a World War veteran, passed away suddenly at his home in Central Point Sunday evening. He was born in Cuberland, Wis., July 24, 1891. He and his wife came to Central Point in 1924. Besides his wife, Mrs. Nora Hansen, he leaves six children, Mrs. Helene McDowell, Ardis and Cecile Hansen, Verne Jr., Norman and Lester Hansen, all of Central Point. His mother, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Burlingame, Cal., and two sisters, Mrs. Dave Sears, San Carlos, Calif., and Mrs. Claire Pitblado, Seattle, Wash., and two grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Hansen served two years overseas during the world war and was in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He had worked for many years at the Medford Corporation, fellow workmen being pallbearers. The autopsy showed that death was caused by a blood clot in the large artery entering the heart.

Many friends gathered at the Conger funeral parlors Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. to pay their last tribute to their departed friend and neighbor. Beautiful flowers banked the casket which was draped with the flag for which he had carried arms. Rev. D. E. Millard conducted the funeral services and sang one number alone and another with his wife. All the relatives with the exception of Mrs. Pitblado, a sister in Seattle, were present. Mrs. Hansen's sister Mrs. Howard and her husband Mr. P. J. Howard of Seattle were also present.

Unpleasant Visitor

A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cummings killed a porcupine in their yard. They were given strict instructions by Mrs. Viola Lampman if another came around, they were not to kill it until she had seen it. One evening when she came home late, after ten o'clock she saw her kitten perched in the doorway of the garage very much disturbed. She called it by name and it ran like a streak of lightning. She walked over to the door and there was a big porcupine standing on its hind legs, looking like it was walking out of the garage. Mrs. Lampman said she never heard such a shriek as she let out, it even scared herself. Inside of a second it seemed to her John Sharp appeared on the scene and asked "What is it, Mrs. Lampman." She replied "A porcupine, a porcupine". The rest of the story how the intruder was killed by Mr. Sharp and buried by Mrs. Lampman the next day was also an interesting story.

When Mrs. Lampman's son was here and explained how harmless a porcupine really was. Mrs. Lampman was sorry she had John kill it.

Shasta-Cascadians To Hold Picnic

Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association will hold its first annual mid-summer get-together at Diamond Lake August 2.

An old-fashioned picnic with recreation and entertainment on the south beach of the lake has been planned. Tables and seats are to be arranged through the cooperation of the U. S. Forest service. Those planning to attend will bring their own lunch.

Every one interested are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hubbard and little daughter visited at the Oscar Blackford home Sunday.

proved the bill and it is now on the President's desk for signature.

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We of the four counties which comprise the territory covered by the Oregon Pacific Highway association can well be proud of the work done by our representative in Washington. But there is more to be done and we must keep awake and on the job until the final allocation of this money is made. This is going to be done by the state highway department and we hope to get a reasonable share of the money for Highway 99. In the meantime, here's three cousin' cheers for our Oregon delegation—McNary, Mott and Holman!

Shall Curfew Ring or Blow Tonight?

Dear Editor:

I had much rather hear the bell than hear the fire whistle at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. Flaherty.

Dear Editor:

The writer has lived in a good many different towns, some smaller and some larger than this and never before heard a siren used for curfew, and never knew before a town could be made to test out their fire alarm so often.

I was at one time a member of a volunteer fire department so when the siren sounds, I want to start out on the jump, but have to wait to see if it is an alarm or curfew.

Then too especially on Sunday nights, our ministers are just finishing their services and approaching the climax of their sermons when everyone is startled by the sound of the siren.

No matter what the occasion a siren sends a chill up and down one's spine and causes more or less of a shock and I for one would prefer a tap or two on the old bell.

If the siren must be tested let it be a one o'clock hour when it would not interfere with any gathering.

These are my sentiments kindly submitted.

A. W. Ayers.

WHISTLE VS. BELL, OR, SHALL WE HAVE A CURFEW?

If you wish to go precedential by all means continue to use the fire siren for the curfew bell, but, by the time your people get used to that heart rending whistle that presages, FIRE! You will perhaps have a fire and the response will not be so instantaneous.

The curfew should continue but I feel sure the majority of us, much prefer the bell. In fact we mothers who expect our young folks in at nine o'clock—the bell is a welcome sound. It wouldn't hurt a bit to raise the age limit two or three years. Recently, a youngster said to me, "It isn't the youngsters who do so much meanness, I replied, perhaps not, but if allowed to roam the streets through all hours of the night we could well expect them to be the culprits before long.

Mrs. P. A. Tracy

Judge Coleman to Leave for Coast

County Judge J. E. Coleman and wife are leaving Saturday with their daughter, Mrs. Paul Jennings for the coast. Judge and Mrs. Coleman will remain there for indefinite period so the Judge may have a much needed rest. Circuit Judge Hanna will handle the juvenile and probate cases during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weaver left Tuesday evening for Spokane to visit their son Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weaver and children, Sally, Robert and Michael. Little Michael is three years old and this is the first time his grandparents have seen him. Mr. Carl Weaver is having his vacation at this time and many plans have been made for Mr. and Mrs. Weaver expects to be gone for an indefinite time.

Miss Fleischer Is Married In Medford

The First Christian Church in Medford was the scene of a quiet wedding Tuesday evening when Barbara Jeanne Fleischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleischer of Central Point, became the bride of Rolene Lanse Pitts, son of Mrs. Jennie Pitts of Medford.

The service was read in the presence of relatives and close friends by the Rev. R. W. Coleman. Preceding the ceremony F. Cyril Sanders played incidental musical numbers at the piano.

The bride and groom were attended by Mrs. Carol Wall, sister of the bride, and by Houston Pitts, brother of the groom.

The bride wore an afternoon black sheer ensemble with a gardenia corsage, and Mrs. Wall wore a black sheer frock with a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Mrs. Pitts graduated from the local high school and has since been employed as office secretary of the Myron Root company. Mr. Pitts graduated from the Medford High school and attended the Southern Oregon College of Education. He is a valley orchard operator.

The couple left immediately for a week on the north Oregon coast. They will make their home in Medford.

Names of Violators of Traffic Rules to Be Printed Weekly

Starting Thursday, August 7, all traffic rules broken in this district and names of offenders will be printed in this sheet every week. No exceptions will be made. We hope that it will remain blank or anyway that no close or dear friends' names will have to be printed. The rules are made for a purpose and may mean yours or my life if broken.

CIVIC CLUB TO MEET WED.

The Civic club will hold their regular meeting Wednesday at the Library. Everyone invited. The ice cream social cleared \$22.50.

Cub Boys to Meet At Powell Home

The cubs will meet at the Kenneth Powell home next Wednesday, August 6 at four o'clock.

The cubs have been meeting with Mrs. A. C. Smith on account of there's having been a case of mumps at the Powell home in June. All danger of contagion is long past. Boys who will be nine years old during August are invited to be present.

JOANN MINOR TO SING

Joann Minor has been singing over radio station KMED, Medford for the Central Avenue Church of Christ, Medford. She will make a personal appearance at the church on Friday night. She will sing one of the songs she sang during her week's broadcast, by request from her listeners on Friday night at the church.

Miss Irene Beamer Weds William Anhorn

Irene Beamer, daughter of Mrs. George Gertson of Heppner, Oregon, became the bride of William Anhorn, son of John Anhorn, Herrick, S. D., Sunday, July 27 at 8:45 A.M. at the Church of Christ in Heppner, Rev. Martin Clark officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her cousin Ralph Beamer. Miss Marie Borlaw played the wedding march and Miss Lucile Barlow sang "Thru The Years". The bride was charmingly dressed in white satin with finger tip veil and carried a bouquet of white gladiolus, pink roses and carnations. The bride's sister, Mrs. Clarence Goheen, was matron of honor and wore a turquoise net dress and carried a bouquet of salmon and white gladiolus.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party at the home of the bride's mother. After a short trip down the Columbia River highway and thru the Willamette valley the young couple are now at home in Central Point. Mrs. Anhorn taught at the local high school this last year.

Cousin Visits at A. W. Ayers Home

M. Chas. Carver and wife of Artesia, California on their way home from Chelsea, Oregon, stopped over Tuesday night with Mrs. Carver's cousin, A. W. Ayers.

They had made the trip north and visited relatives in Washington and on their way back picked up Mr. Carver's mother at Chelsea, and will take her to Southern California to make her home. Wednesday Mr. Carver and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Ayers made the trip to Crater and Diamond lakes.

Thursday morning the Carvers left via Oregon Caves and Crescent City for home.

DR. HECKMAN LEAVE FOR EAST

Dr. W. H. Heckman left Wednesday evening for Pennsylvania, called there by the illness of his wife. He expects to be gone at least three weeks.

So what?—

Courage for the big troubles in life and patience for the small ones, and when you have faithfully fulfilled your day's labour go to sleep in peace. God is awake.—Translation from Victor Hugo.

Ode Tucker sticking pins in his hat so it won't blow off—methods in his madness.

Jack Lees remarking that if this hot weather keeps up he is going to join the nudist camp.

Mrs. McManama admitting that she couldn't bear to see either her husband or Martin Minor taking life easy.

Mrs. Skinner having a whole mouth full of news. She had just visited the dentist.

Little Dickie Yost being told to leave the car door alone or it might kill him if he fell out of the car when traveling. Falling out of traveling car and a little later asking his mother "Am I killed?"

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
Bible School—10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. Sermon by Don Dewett, Evangelist.
Young People 7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M. Sermon—"Black Out".
Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Orchestra practice.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer meeting.

YOUNG GRANGERS HOLD INSTITUTE AT SUTTLE LAKE

Young grangers of America met at Suttle Lake, July 23-27 for the annual YGA Institute. Grange leaders know that few organizations have an over-supply of leaders, and it is felt the annual training camp will aid materially in fitting young grangers for greater service to grange and community.

Instructors at the camp were Mrs. Sara Wertz, FSA home management specialist, who conducted classes in social relationship, J. R. Beck, extension service specialist, who gave instruction in public speaking and parliamentary procedure, and Ben Buisman, editor of Oregon Grange Bulletin, whose subject was publicity. In this class the students studied the principles of news writing and wrote daily articles on camp activities.

State Grange deputies, Arthur Brown, Elmer McClure and Charles Wicklander led discussions on subjects of interest to Grange youth.

Evening sessions were led by Mrs. Clara Thompson, associate director of FSA, and Mrs. Sara Wertz, and all present participated in the discussions. Singing, recreational stunts and reading of poetry were also included in the camp fire sessions.

John G. Jones, of radio station KBND, Bend, gave instructions on planning radio programs and on Saturday evening, July 26, the young Grangers gave a thirty minute broadcast over KBND. Participating in the broadcast were Lee Allen, Deschute county, YGA Institute director and acting announcer, Mary Elliott, Jackson county, accordion soloist, Harry R. Boyd, Klamath County, vocal soloist, accompanied by Ruth Baker, Deschutes county, and the skit cast which included Harry R. Boyd, Ethel Wallis, Benton county, Donald Thiessen, Clackamas county, and Edyth Bohnert, Jackson county, Mrs. Marie Thiessen, who endeared herself to all the YGA'ers as "camp mother" handled the sound effects.

Mrs. Carrie Scogin, former state Grange Home Economics committee member, was the very popular camp cook. She was generously assisted by Mrs. Elmer McClure, Mrs. Chas. Wicklander and others attending the camp.

The entire time was not given over to work and study however, for during the afternoon recreation periods the YGA'ers enjoyed hiking, boating, and swimming.

Attending YGA institute from Jackson county were Marlon Borg, Mary Elliott, and Mrs. Edyth Bohnert.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciations to all who so kindly extend acts of kindness and helped in so many ways during the death of our beloved husband, father, son, and brother. Also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Nora Hansen
Mrs. Helen McDowell
Ardis Hansen
Cecile Hansen
Verne Hansen, Jr.
Norman Hansen
Lester Hansen
Mrs. Paul Johnson
Mrs. Daye Sears
Mrs. Claire Pitblado

Arthur Miller
And Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of
The American
and
Craterian Theatre
To See Their Choice of
The Following
CRATERIAN THEATRE
PROGRAMS:
Ends Saturday Nite!
Bud Abbott and Lou Costello
the "Buck Privates" in
"IN THE NAVY"
—or—
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
The Marx Brothers in
"THE BIG STORE"
Please Call at The American Office
For Your Guest Tickets

THE EXTRA HELPER HE NEEDS



NEWS ITEM: Industrial Research is contributing in ever increasing measure to the defense production of the nation.