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Musings

By the Editor

The other day it was brought home to the writer that perhaps he had lost his old-time skill in finding his way about the woods and as he was beginning to fear that he was losing too much ability to walk on account of spending so much time at the wheel of a car, we decided to take a hike up in the hills in an endeavor to re-locate an old, long-abandoned (or at least long unused) county road which at one time led from the Meadows district to the head of Ramsey Canyon.

This old road was marked on the map as extending from the top of the divide at the head of Ramsey Canyon down the canyon for a half mile or so, to a point where another canyon branched off, and winding its way up that canyon and over the hills and coming out near the old covered bridge on the East Fork of Evans Creek.

On account of the fact that the proposed army cantonment would cut off both of the main roads to the Meadows district on Evans Creek, leaving the residents of the upper part of that valley without an outlet to the county seat without going a long way around, it was proposed to rebuild the old road if possible. So we drove out to Sams Valley past the store and turned off up Sams Creek, past the Pelton Orchards and up to the top of the divide. This road was rebuilt by the county several years ago and was in very good condition.

Parking the car under a tree beside the road on top of the hill, we started off down the other side on what we believed to be the old roadway. After going down the hill for about half a mile we came to a well-used logging road running along the hillside. Where now, was the question. Should we go right or left? Well, we decided to go right, and slugged our way along the hill through the dust for about a mile, looking for some sign of the old road leading to the north.

Suddenly the silence of the forest was broken by the sound of a car, and looking over our shoulder we saw a huge cloud of dust approaching from the west. Stepping to the side of the road, we stuck up our hand. The car stopped and peering through the dust cloud we made out the figures of two young men who appeared to be somewhat flabbergasted at finding a hitch-hiker so far from the beaten paths. Inquiry disclosed that they were two of Captain Beans' army surveyors looking for a way to get up on some of the high points to take sights across the valley.

They offered to give us a lift so we piled in. We can't say as to their ability as surveyors, but that had could sure herd a fliover up a mountain trail! We drove for what seemed miles and just as we were beginning to worry about the long, dusty way back to where we had left our own car, we came out on an open point and discovered we were coming out into the valley just west of the Beagle store, which the Lord knows is a long way from Ramsey Canyon. The boys decided to drive over to Evans Creek and as that was where the other end of the road we were searching for was supposed to be, we said we would go along.

On reaching the old covered bridge, we thanked the boys for the ride and started off in what was the proper direction to reach Ramsey Canyon. And we hadn't gone half a mile until we came to what appeared to be the just the road we had been looking for. This road led off up a valley, past old abandoned log cabins, weed-choked orchards, through lanes where the old home-made split picket fences had long fallen to ruins—but always in the direction we wanted to go, unless we had entirely forgotten our woodcraft.

At last we reached the top of a little divide where the road appeared to fork, one way going off down into a big canyon and the other keeping up along the hillside. Again it was a question, which way to go? Finally, after sizing up the lay of the land as best we could through the trees and taking a parting squint at the fast setting sun, we decided that the way down the canyon was the right way home. After going what seemed miles down that dim trail we came

P.T.A. MEMBERS FOR 2 COUNTIES TO HOLD MEET

Parent Teacher Associations of Jackson and Josephine counties will meet at the summer home of Mrs. J. K. Hoey near Rogue Elk, Tuesday, August 12 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Mrs. F. W. Blum, Oregon State P.T.A. president, will conduct the annual school of instruction, which is being held in August instead of September. Mrs. Blum has had years of experience with P.T.A. problems, aims, and ideals, and is especially well qualified to assist the units at a time when P.T.A. responsibilities and opportunities are unusually great. Mrs. Blum's presence at this meeting, coupled with the attendance of Josephine P.T.A. members, will be a rare treat and every member who possibly can should take advantage of this opportunity to participate in discussions of county, state, and national P.T.A. activities.

A special invitation is extended to all teachers. Their assistance is definitely needed in working out a well balanced P.T.A. program.

Central Point P.T.A. members who would like transportation to Mrs. Hoey's cabin may contact Mrs. P. A. Tracy or Mrs. John Bohnert.

Birthday Surprise For Mrs. Jim Ross

Mrs. Jim Ross was honored with a birthday surprise party Monday evening, July 28 at the home of her sister Mrs. Ted Goin. Refreshments were served. She received many lovely gifts. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Clatous McCredie, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross and daughter Donna Lee, Margaret Bowman, Mrs. T. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross and daughter Vivienne and son Jimmie, Ronnie Pinkham and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Goin and daughter Gwen

Thanks

We wish to thank all who sent in their ideas about blowing of the siren at nine o'clock. They were very well expressed and we notice they were all against it. A number of others stopped in and expressed their sentiment against same. Many other ask what could be done about it.

The latest protest to be handed in was a verbal one by Archie Parker who wishes his name to be added to the total against blowing of the siren. Mr. Parker says that his wife has a weak heart and that blowing of the siren always upsets her. Many other parties have called and expressed their opinions against blowing of the siren and one party wonder if there is a law requiring the siren to be blown so often, how come the Central Point fire department had been breaking it for so many years and also expressed the thought, that there was no law requiring a city to even have a fire department as far as he knew. If there is another side let us hear from it. We have many elderly people in our town who practically object to the siren.

Our columns are still open to any who wish to use them either about the siren or any other subject they wish to discuss.

out into a much larger canyon, where the road again seemed to fork—one way leading down the big canyon and the other up. Knowing that our car was on top of the divide, we chose the way up canyon and soon came to where some ambitious miner had torn the whole landscape up.

Making our tired way over the piles of tailings and along ditch banks we suddenly arrived at a place where the trail was blocked with a huge fallen tree. Climbing over this, we were amazed to find we had arrived at the exact point where we had found that logging road earlier in the afternoon. There was the road up to the car right before our eyes. Maybe we didn't feel relieved and refreshed! It didn't take long to hike up that hill and it's your guess if those soft cushions in the old Buick didn't feel good once more. But we had proved to our own satisfaction that we hadn't entirely forgotten what our old pioneer, Dad had taught us about finding our way about the woods.

Bithers Family Hold Pleasant Reunion

Friday evening Mrs. Bithers accompanied her son Harold Bithers and wife to Monroe to attend a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Bither's nephew Guy Eachus. This reunion is held every August but a number were unable to attend on account of the harvest work. Only two children were present this year, Shirley, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bither of Medford and Guy Eachus Urbach, great grand nephew of Mrs. Bithers. Nineteen adults were present. The Bithers returned home by way of the new Willamette highway and by Diamond Lake Sunday evening.

Shower Honors Margaret Tyrrell

Miss Lucille Magerle and Mrs. Fay Stehl entertained Friday evening with a surprise shower honoring Miss Margaret Tyrrell, bride-elect of Jos. A. Bowdoin of Rogue River, Ore.

Fifty-six guests were present and after an evening of games the honored guest was presented a number of gifts. The marriage of Miss Tyrrell and Mr. Bowdoin will be an event of early fall.—Mail Tribune.

Miss Tyrrell is well known here, having lived in the Central Point district.

Comedy Mule to Star at Fair

Special attractions for the horse show at the Oregon state fair at Salem September 1-7 will feature the Taximeter mule act starring "Beewax", rated America's greatest comedy mule act by Billboard magazine. "Beewax" has been trained by Sonny Moore, North Hollywood, who is already considered a "veteran" trainer though he is but 17 years old. This act is a hilarious routine that finds a mule not stubborn and moose but up and coming enough to chase the whole cast of four actors participating in the comedy.

Carol Henry and her handsome trick horse "Sweetheart" and the Animal Athletes, three ponies and 10 dogs, complete the non-competitive attractions for the horse show.

\$1 Check Brings \$80 for U.S.O.

GRINNEL, Iowa, August 2.—(Special to The American)—A One Dollar check yesterday brought \$80 to the United Service Organizations for National Defense.

The check represented the two-billionth dollar loaned by farmers to farmers (correct) through the nation's 525 local farmer-controlled and farmer-operated credit organizations, known as production credit associations. Martin Paulson of Grinnel, a member of the Newton Production Credit Association, was the recipient of the check.

The presentation was made at a meeting in Newton, Iowa, of farmers from all parts of the country, gathered to celebrate the loan of the two-billionth dollar.

At Mr. Paulson's request, the check was put on the auction block and sold to Lynn Grant for \$80, the proceeds going to the U.S.O. Grant represented production credit groups in New York, New Jersey and New England at the meeting.

The check, a specially imprinted document, was part of a \$300 loan obtained by Paulson to increase pork production in cooperation with the department of agriculture's food for defense program.

Of the \$2,000,000,000 loaned by the production credit organizations that serve 300,000 members in every agricultural county in the nation, losses have been less than one-half of one per cent.

The \$80 raised by the check auction will help swell the total collections in the USO drive for a minimum of \$10,765,000 with which to operate more than 360 service clubs near military and naval camps and bases.

The USO was incorporated, at the request of the federal government, by The Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., National Catholic Community Service, Y.W.C.A., National Jewish Welfare Board and National Travelers' Aid Association. The government will build the clubhouses with a special appropriation of \$15,000,000. USO will staff and operate them.

Junior Kilburn and Paul Parks left for camp Saturday. They planned to stop at Vancouver and see Nell Stone and took Neal's bathing suit to him.

Club Gives \$52 to Buy Instruments

The Civic club met Wednesday with a good attendance. In the absence of the president, Vice-president Mrs. Edna Kilburn took charge. No new projects were started. \$52.00 was voted to be given to the school board to purchase musical instruments.

Mrs. Della Tex and Mrs. Fanny Lawrence served delicious refreshments of ice cream in cantaloupe rings, cookies and iced tea.

Gov. Sprague Is Appointed Chairman For Defense Savings

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Morgenthau announced today (Wednesday, July 30) that Governor Charles A. Sprague, of Oregon, has accepted Honorary Chairmanship of the State Committee for organization of the National Defense Savings Program.

This brings to twenty-six the number of Governors who are already serving in the program to sell Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

Governor Sprague was born at Lawrence, Kansas, November 12, 1887. On graduating from Monmouth (Ill.) College in 1910 he became a school teacher. From 1910 to 1913 he was Superintendent of Schools at Waukegan, Washington, then served as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Washington, from 1913 to 1915.

Entering the newspaper field, Mr. Sprague was editor and publisher of the Journal Times, Ritzville, Washington from 1915 to 1925. He became publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, in 1929, and was elected Governor of Oregon in November, 1938, for a four-year term.

GUESTS AT FLEISCHER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Winans of Seattle have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleischer, Mrs. Winans is Mrs. Fleischer's sister. Mr. Winans is the financial editor of the Seattle Times. They left for their home this morning. Mrs. Fleischer accompanied them to Seattle for a visit with her mother and sisters.

So what?

He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small; For the dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all.—Coleridge.

We are informed by a member of the Sheriff's posse that about 99% of what happened on their trip to Portland shouldn't be seen in print.

Prof. Jewett coming in when refreshments were being served at the Civic club and on being served, asked "Is that all you have?" We guess it was in reference to the large serving.

Blow your own horn. If you don't bring it in to the school board and they will find someone to blow it for you. Might even buy it of you for a small amount.

One prominent member of the fire department was fined by the company for driving over the fire hose and was required to put up a bottle of pop for each member of the fire department.

Elmer Wilson reports quite a rush for his 6-Qt. stepladders and 4-ft. canteens but he is all out of these articles. He even received orders from Eagle Point. But he has stepladders and canteens that will answer the purpose even better than those.

Fred Heselgrave pausing to pick a beautiful bouquet of seeded hollyhocks on Pine street and walking down the street with them.

It has been reported that Faber's dropped Gene Holt on his head—what's the joke?

Little Lloyd Bendickson telling his daddy that he was sure glad he took him on all these trips because he learn so much, such as bouncing a tire around, diving etc.

Medford News ribbing Kenneth Powell about landing fish on a No. 10 fly and passing him the smelling salts.

Army Band Enjoys Swim and Treat

Mrs. E. P. Stone received a letter from Neal saying that the Vancouver people gave the Band and Medics of the Eighteenth Engineers a real treat at six o'clock one evening recently. Cars called for them and took them to the Clark County park on the river where they enjoyed swimming, a program, and a lunch including wild blackberry pie. The only thing wrong about this was that Neal didn't have his bathing suit with him.

On July 31 the 18th Engineers under the leadership of Colonel Elliott helped put over a drive for USO at the Vancouver high school with a regular show of army equipment and life. This was the first show staged by the army itself anywhere in the nation to help the USO drive as far as was known in Vancouver.

Gold Hill to Have Lighted Courts

Gold Hill makes the announcement that they are to have their tennis court lighted. They have a modern cement court at the high school. Work has not been started yet but expect to be soon. The light will be on a meter and anyone playing will pay a nominal fee. Gold Hill is the first small city in southern Oregon to make plans for a lighted court. Gold Hill also have a new diving board at the swimming hole. It was built by the "Kids" under the directions of Vern Walker. The Gold Hill businessmen donated the money for the expenses.

NYA Supervisor Named for County

Miss Anne Dean of Medford was appointed National Youth Administration supervisor for Jackson and Josephine counties by State Administrator Ivan G. Munro last week. Working under Area Director Chester I. Nelson of Eugene, Miss Dean will manage NYA work projects and youth personnel in these counties.

Mrs. Weston Barnett Passes To Reward

Mrs. Weston Barnett passed away Wednesday afternoon August 6 at the Seldon Hill home in Central Point. Services will be at the graveside in the Jacksonville cemetery Saturday at 2:00 P.M. August 9.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS—The school board met Tuesday evening and voted to furnish money enough to buy six or seven musical instruments added to the \$52.00 given them for this purpose by the Civic club. Anyone have instruments, not in use, could help out by allowing the schools to use them. A new hot air furnace is being installed in the grammar school gym and roof of the high school is finished.

CARD OF THANKS—Mrs. Jack Tharp wishes to express her sincere thanks and appreciation for the many beautiful flowers and cards she received during her recent stay in the Sacred Heart hospital.

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 Service. Subject, "The Righteousness of God".
5:00 P.M. Junior C. E.
7:00 P.M. Senior C. E.
8:00 P.M. Evening Service. Subject, "Our Trust in God."
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.
Everyone cordially invited to worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Minister—Carlos Brown
Bible School 10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M. Sermon—"Something A Christian Must Do".
Young People 7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M. Sermon by Bill Jessup.
President of San Jose Bible College.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Orchestra practice.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Bible Study.

NEW FISH LADDERS BEING BUILT AT GOLD RAY DAM

Sportsmen of the Rogue River Valley will be interested to know that two new fish ladders are in the process of construction at Gold Ray dam on the Rogue River. This construction is preceeding the rebuilding of the present dam at Gold Ray. One of the ladders will replace the north ladder and the other one will be an entirely new feature and will empty into the river in the tail-race below the powerhouse. The State Game Commission has surveyed the matter and approved the plans, and from all indications the migration of fish will be taken care of satisfactorily when such ladders are completed. The California-Oregon Power Company is cooperating in this matter and are constructing such ladders.

Because of the present stage of construction, it has been necessary to shut the water out of both old fish ladders at the dam. Much discussion and speculation has arisen amongst the sportsmen because of the shut-down of these ladders. However, the same has been approved by the State Game Commission since, at the present time, there is no substantial amount of steelhead at Gold Ray. Also, from all information available, and as furnished by the power company, such shut down will not continue more than a week or ten days at the end of which time it is anticipated that at least one of the ladders will be finished and the water turned back into the river. Every effort is being made to complete one ladder as soon as possible so as to not cause any greater delay than is necessary. From all information available, the summer run of steelhead has not yet appeared in large numbers in the upper river and for that reason it is hoped that there will be no serious stoppage of fish. It has also been pointed out by the power company that if a substantial run of steelhead appears at Gold Ray that it will be possible to shut off the powerhouse and run the water through a by-pass channel through which the steelhead could make their way up the river.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Rogue River Sportsmen Club was held August 1st at the home of Kenneth G. Denman, president, and it was the consensus of opinion that the construction of these new ladders was very vital to the conservation program in the Rogue River and that the sportsmen should cooperate and not become impatient on account of a short delay in the operation of the fish ladders.

Shower Given for Mr. and Mrs. Masters

A shower was given at the D. M. Grisham home Wednesday night by the members of the Four Square Church of Medford in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Masters of Central Point. A program consisting of prayer, and address by Rev. Worlitz, group singing, duets, choruses and readings, was given. Mr. and Mrs. Masters received many nice and useful gifts. Refreshments of cake and punch were served.

All joined hands around the room and sang "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds", and were dismissed by prayer by W. R. Bullock.

Mrs. Nora Strauss and Companion Are Invited to Be Guests of The American and Craterian Theatre

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