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Musings

By the Editor

There is a movement under way in the 11 Western states, (which contain, by the way, the most of the public domain left in existence) to secure passage of a law requiring the federal government to pay to the counties a small percentage in lieu of taxes of the fair value of all federal owned lands in each county. In Oregon roughly half of the entire acreage within the state is federally owned and thus tax-free. In 14 of the 36 counties in the state more than half of the land in these counties belongs to Uncle Sam. And on top of that about 4.04% of the land within the state has been taken over by the counties for delinquent taxes.

In Jackson county 51.1 per cent of the county's area is federally owned, while 2.8 per cent is county owned. Thus 46.1 per cent of the land within the county has to bear the tax burden to keep up our roads, schools, county government, etc. Is it to be wondered at that taxes are high?

Gosh! It sure seemed good to see Judge Coleman come walking into the office this week. It has been nearly a month since he had to lay off and the old courthouse seemed mighty lonesome without his genial presence. It has been many a year since "Blin" has been so long off the job and we all hope he will soon regain his strength so he can be with us again every day.

Commissioner Bill sneaked off on the early morning plane to Portland again last Saturday. He says the trip was for the purpose of attending a meeting of the executive committee of the O. & C. counties association, but we have a hunch Bill enjoys riding the ozone just a bit. And as to whether he saw that blonde he had his eye on when he and the writer were in Portland last fall, dependent on the wind. Anyway, he failed for the first time to spend the day at the Gold Hill Fair.

As for us, we too sneaked out of the county that day. We had been promising our son to come over to Klamath Falls to see how his new house was getting along for a long time, so as our foreman son and his wife were going over to the Windy City to attend a party given by some deaf friends, we piled in and went along. All of which shows how much reliance we have in our efficient lady secretary up at the court house. We fellows just beat it whenever we get the chance and leave the county court matters up to her. Which no doubt, is a dirty, low-down, shanty-Irish trick, but that girl sure has something on the ball.

The annual budget-making time for the county, cities and school districts is fast approaching and maybe that darned legislature didn't hand us all plenty of headaches. They changed the time for the annual assessment from March to January; changed the fiscal year to run from July 1st to June 30, instead of following the calendar year, as in the past. And to get going on the new schedule we must make up a budget for a six-month period to carry us until next July, and then next spring make another for a full year from July 1 to June 30, 1943.

And we'll bet those so-called "Solons" up at Salem never had the slightest bit of experience in the actual making of county budgets, either, for they provided in the new law that the above mentioned six months budget must be for exactly one-half of what a full year's budget might be and not one cent more. The blamed idiots never realized that some of the county departments are compelled to spend about 75 per cent of their annual budget in the first three months of the year.

And how those fellows are going to stretch that 50% to take the place of the 75% usually required, is going to be some headache for some one. But from what we hear, every county in the state is in the same fix, so we aren't alone in our grief, thank goodness.

Mrs. Jack Tharp called on the newest arrival in her family, Miss Aris Lee Muse, born to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Muse at Ashland hospital Aug. 26, 11:58 P.M. or August 21, 12:02 A.M. The little Miss will be able to decide which day she prefers for a birthday. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 8TH WITH 2 NEW TEACHERS

According to present plans Central Point Schools will open on September 8th. High school students who are working will be given an opportunity to make up work missed if they work beyond that date. There will be two changes in the faculty. Mr. Russell Werner has been engaged to teach the seventh grade and to assist with athletics. Mr. Werner is a graduate of the Southern Oregon College of Education. Miss Elizabeth Wilson has been secured to teach science in the high school. Miss Wilson will also direct the girls' chorus. This arrangement has been made to give Mr. Meyers more time with the band. Miss Wilson is a graduate of Whitman College of Walla Walla, Washington. She has done graduate work at the University of Idaho and the University of Oregon.

Considerable repair work and remodeling has been done about the buildings and grounds. The lunchroom in the grade school has been painted and some improvements made in the kitchen. The grade school gymnasium has been repainted and a very efficient heating plant has been installed. As a result of these improvements together with the remodeling which was done following the fire, Central Point now has one of the best grade school gymnasiums in the county.

Arrangements have been made with John Bohnert to grade the grounds in front of the new gymnasium and also a parking space south of the gym. Work on landscaping has been delayed all summer due to the difficulty of finding satisfactory material to make the necessary fill in front of the building. Plans are now under way to secure help from the county in making the fill. The county has agreed to furnish trucks and their steam shovel at cost to do the work provided they can find time to do it.

Jim Ross Home from Portland in Time to Attend Son's Party

Mr. Jim Ross returned home from Portland Wednesday afternoon where he had been at the Veteran's Hospital. Jim Jr. was happy that his father returned home in time for his fourth birthday which is today. Eight little friends from Central Point and Medford have been invited to help him celebrate. Besides the birthday cake and ice cream, Jimmy has requested that his mother gets lots and lots of blooms.

Mrs. James Harrison Operated on Tues.

Mrs. James Harrison was rushed to the Community hospital Tuesday morning and an emergency operation for appendicitis was performed. Mr. Harrison was in Klamath Falls but returned home at once. Mrs. Harrison is doing as well as possible. It was necessary for Mr. Harrison to return to his work at Klamath Falls.

So what?—

I steadier step when I recall
That, if I slip, Thou dost not fall.
—Arthur Hugh Clough

John Tharp, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Johnson getting up high in the world.

Mrs. Jack Tharp threatening to wear wool socks if this weather keeps it up. It might help the threatened silk stocking shortage.

Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Pankey taking a fryer and a pie with them when they went for an all day visit in Ashland and after they arrived found a chicken frying on the stove and a pie ready to take out of the oven.

A Greek scholar, visiting a women's college, was asked whether he would do the institution the compliment of translating their college motto into Greek. He agreed, and asked what the motto was.

It was paced before him, and he read the words: "Pep without purpose is piffle."—Tit-Bits.

Special Bargains

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80th State Fair to Open Labor Day

Another Oregon state fair—the 80th—will be unfolded to the public early next Monday morning, Labor day, when gates are unlocked on the seven-day agricultural exposition at Salem.

Fair officials have set their sights for an attendance record that will definitely scrap everything that has gone before, and indications in the few days before the opening are that they will not be disappointed. Officials promise that the fair, in turn, will not disappoint the patrons. Literally thousands of exhibits will be on hand to compete for the \$42,000 premium money; and there will be also a wide variety of special displays.

Crowded livestock shows, and especially cattle, augur stiff competition in the judging ring. Out-of-state cattle entries have themselves set a record, which means Oregon breeders will have more feathers in their caps if they come off with championships.

On the entertainment side, the fair goes superlative too, for special attractions and features arranged for the week hit a high not only in quality but also in quantity. Popular program for each day will be "Funza-poppin", the nightly revue at the grandstand with a cast of 75 name performers. And each day except the closing Sunday there will be the part-musical races, night horse show and dancing to Leon Mojica's orchestra. Other daily events will be special free acts on the grounds; music concerts by the Oregon Federation of Music clubs; band concerts; free educational and industrial movies.

A variety of special events are on the bill for special days, including the state fair Blondes' contest Tuesday afternoon; the grange song contest Friday morning; the children's day program Saturday morning; editors' luncheon Saturday morning; and Townsend program Tuesday afternoon.

Special displays in the textile department will feature samplers and hooked rugs, the work of Oregon needle artists. Another Oregon artist, Fred Gong, a young Chinese student who recently won a \$1000 prize for his paintings in national competition, will have a special display in the art department.

George McCullen of Ritzville, Washington, a son-in-law of Mr. J. C. Woods, called to see Mr. Woods the other day. Mr. McCullen is visiting his brother in Medford.

High School Students May Register Now

Students wishing to register early in order to have more time to discuss their courses may do so any time next week, according to announcement made by Supt. Jewett.

Central Point High School offers a wide field of courses and provides for a great variety of interests and abilities. Courses in science, mathematics, English, and the social studies, i. e., history, economics, and sociology, provide a good cultural foundation. In addition to these will be found home making courses, shop work for the boys, commercial courses such as shorthand, book-keeping, typing, and office training, and both vocal and instrumental music. The new gymnasium makes possible and interesting and helpful course in physical education, and provides for a variety of athletic activities. Many new instruments have been added for the band and before the year is over Central Point will have a band of which they can be proud.

The book loan system which was started some time ago has been made a part of the activities of the student association of the high school, and membership in this association will entitle a student to all the privileges of the loan system, to voting privileges in the association, and admission to all athletic contests at home, and by mutual agreement to all contests at other schools. The membership fee for the year will be \$3.50.

Mrs. Stansbie's Home Damaged by Fire

Sunday afternoon fire damaged the residence of Mrs. Mary Stansbie. Assistant Fire Chief Harry Powell was first on the scene, the fire truck and volunteer firemen arriving almost as soon as the siren sounded. The fire was soon under control but a great deal of damage was done. Mrs. Stansbie lost most of her clothes and some beddings. She is living in what is left of the building. Plans are being made to fix up the house to make it comfortable for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty Called by Illness of Father in Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flaherty left hurriedly for Asotin, Washington, called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Flaherty's father. The following card was received from them:

Asotin, Wash., Aug. 25
To our friends in Central Point:

We arrived O.K. at 6 P.M., Aug. 24 and found Mrs. Flaherty's father very bad. We did not have any car trouble on the 580 miles trip. Best regards to all our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flaherty.
Mrs. Flaherty visited her parents for a number of weeks earlier this year.

Portland Paper Tells of Curfew

The following was clipped from the Portland Oregon Journal by the Allen's Press Clipping Bureau and sent to the American:

Whistle, Dong for Curfew?

CENTRAL POINT ISSUE UP
"Shall curfew ring or blow tonight?" That is the question in the city of Central Point, where the fire whistle has succeeded the ding dong of the bell in warning youth to get off the streets at 9 o'clock. The curfew itself apparently meets the approval of Central Point parents, but they don't like the form it takes. Using the fire siren for such a purpose, some maintain, is just like hollering "wolf, wolf" and will result in the fire department sleeping at the switch, when a real conflagration breaks out.

Others claim it interrupts preaching with its startling sound and A. W. Ayers, former member of a volunteer fire department, says he wants to start out on the jump every time it sounds, then has to stop and wait and see if it is an alarm or curfew. He advocates a tap or two on the old town hall bell, in preference to playing such tricks on an old fire horse.

What the "small fry" think about it hasn't been brought to public attention, but whatever action the council takes will not erase the curfew, communications would indicate. All favors a curfew, and some even suggest raising the age limit two or three years.

Miss Pearl Hover Weds Dorman Mose

Miss Pearl Hover, daughter of Mr. W. U. Hover, became the bride of Dorman Mose at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, August 21. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hart at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Arthur Hover in Vancouver.

The bride was charming in a pink wedding dress with a yoke and a corsage of pink rosebuds and carnations. After the wedding breakfast the newly weds, accompanied by the bride's father, returned to Central Point to the Hover home. Mr. and Mrs. Mose continue on to Crescent City for a few days. They are now at home at the Hover ranch.

Miss Maxine Moore to Run Beauty Salon

Miss Maxine Moore has taken over Ethel's Beauty Salon and will be pleased to meet all of Ethel's former patrons there. She will give the same personal interest and thought to your beauty problems that has made the Salon a favorite shop during Ethel's time.

Miss Moore is a local girl. She graduated from the local high school and from the Medford School of Beauty Culture in 1940 and has been in Thelma's Beauty Shoppe in Grants Pass since that time, which she left to come back to her home town and took over Ethel's Salon Monday morning. Maxine is well pleased with the work and glad to be back home.

From now on the shop will be known as Maxine's Beauty Shop.

The Churches

FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Luther Pastor
Telephone 73
9:45 A.M. Bible School, Wm. Kamberg, Supt.

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship, Message by the Pastor, Subject "The One And Only Sin That Keep You Out of Heaven."

7:00 P.M. Senior C. E.

8:00 P.M. Evening Services. Studies in The Book of Job.

Monday 7:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Meeting.

Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Women's Bible Class.

Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Church Board Meeting.

Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Prayer Service.

Thursday 2:00 P.M. Ladies Aid.

Thursday 7:30 P.M. Choir practice. Come and worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Minister—Carlos Brown

Bible Study 10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. Sermon "Christ's Charge to Christians."

Young People 7:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. Sermon.

Tuesday 8:00 P.M. Orchestra practice.

Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Bible Study.

ARMY DEFERMENT ONLY BY ORDER OF LOCAL BOARD

There seems to be a number of commercial schools offering training for defense work which are making false representations to the young men of Jackson county. Instances are reported of agents for such schools collecting large sums of money from young men of draft age with the promise that if the young man will enroll in their school they will find him a job after graduating and that he will be placed in a deferred classification in the draft.

The headquarters of the local registration boards this week issued a formal statement regarding this situation.

"It has come to the attention of the local selective service boards that the representatives of certain schools training selectees for defense service are using as an extra inducement to the prospective student the promise that they will secure deferment for him if he enrolls for the course with their school," the statement said.

"Selective service headquarters want to make this definite statement: '1. The selective service act does not permit of group deferments.

'2. No agency excepting the local board with which the selectee is registered has any authority to promise or grant deferment.

'3. Selective service local boards request all registrants to contact their headquarters at 204 West Main street or the city school superintendent's office in Medford city hall before enrolling with any organization which is promising to train selectees for defense industry and to secure deferment for them so that they may complete their training course."

Statement from board headquarters followed closely the issuance of similar counsel from E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, who advised all youths to investigate the many defense courses being offered by the government without charge before signing up for any course offered by private schools at certain fees.

Last Rites Held for Jeremiah Cooley In Grants Pass

Last rites for Jeremiah Henry Cooley were held in Grants Pass last Tuesday.

Jeremiah Henry Cooley was born August 14, 1856 in Balasore, India. His parents, Rev. Ruel Cooley and Harriett Baldwin Cooley, both graduates of Oberlin college, were Baptist missionaries in India for 12 years.

He was keenly interested in civic enterprises and was a factor in the upbuilding of the church and the community. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Medford, and of the several branches of the Masonic lodge.

His daughter, Harriett A. Moore, preceded him in death in April, 1939. Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Allen H. Cooley and Charles R. Cooley, both of Grants Pass, and Grace C. Collins of Medford, and two grand sons, Cornelius B. Collins and John C. Collins, both of Medford.

Mrs. Margaret Yost and Dickie and Donald accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Corbitt to the top of Mt. Ashland Sunday.

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