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Musings

By the Editor

How the old days come back when we sometimes take part in present-day affairs. This was especially true for the writer this week when we assisted in the dedication of the old Seventh Company flag at the Court-house as a memorial to the boys of the company who gave their lives in '17 or '18 in the service of their country. How well we recalled that day when the old company left Medford for Fort Stevens to begin actual war service. We could picture in our mind just how the boys looked and acted; how they joked and laughed to hide the tears. And it made us a bit lonesome to think how many of them are gone. Out of the 113 men in that line that day not more than a score are left in the county.

But we are proud of the record of the men that are left. Among the most prominent business men of Medford today were members of that company. Our Second Lieutenant recently completed a very successful term as mayor of his city besides being co-owner of a flourishing fuel business. And look at this list: Roland Hubbard, John Moffatt, Dr. Russell Sherwood, Diamond Flynn, Don Newbury, George Gates—aw, heck! We'd have to hunt up the old roster to remember half their names. But they all turned out to be mighty fine fellows.

This week there came to us the good news that they had struck water in the new city well and that there seemed to be a plentiful supply of good water. If this proves to be true, it will be the best news this city has had for many a year. For the city has long needed a better water system. You will remember that this writer was a booster for the plan to get Medford water here. In fact we were sharply criticized for not doing more to bring this about when we were mayor several years ago. Now we are glad that plan failed. For we are told that since the army is getting Medford water that is danger of a shortage and that outlying communities are apt to be cut off. So we are happy that the new well has turned out as well. Of course they are going to have to get the water tested and try the well out to see if the supply is sufficient, but so far as we know at this time, there is every prospect that we will soon have plenty of SOFT water, which will help a lot.

As you all know, for years the biggest drawback this city has had to face was the fact that our city water was so hard. It has cost our people hundreds of dollars a year for water softeners and soap powders, to say nothing of the wear and tear on our clothes. So we are all hoping that the new supply will prove soft. If nothing else. So if the new well turns out as hoped, guess we will have to forgive the council for what we used to consider their extravagance in buying that tract of land on the west side, after all.

This is the time of year when all public bodies are working hard preparing their budgets for the coming fiscal year which starts July 1. And take it from us, it is no small job. The war and all its accompanying problems add immensely to this work, for there are so many new angles to be considered. The increased cost of living, together with increased wages and salaries which are being paid all around us, makes it imperative that the salaries of public servants also must be increased if the cities, schools and counties are to keep competent help. Yet the levying boards must try not to increase the total tax. It sure is a headache.

Not to accuse the New Dealers of playing politics—you know we would not be guilty of such a thing—we want to say a word about their latest move. That is to subsidize the free press of America by placing large ads in the weekly papers at government expense. This is for the purpose of helping the poor fellows out on account of the loss of their ordinary advertising accounts caused by the fact that so many merchants have nothing to advertise. Now isn't that a dandy scheme? Of course they wouldn't expect the papers to keep their mouths shut so as to keep on the good side of Santa Claus. Oh

BIG FLOW WATER HIT

L. THOMPSON BUYS DUBUQUE HOME EAST OF TOWN

Mr. Lester Thompson, owner and manager of the Military cleaners on North Riverside, Medford, has purchased the lovely country home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry DuBuque east of Central Point. Mr. Thompson was a former Klamath Falls man and had a cleaning establishment there, which he has rented. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and children Lester, 15, Shirley Ann, 10, and Little Bonnie Jean, who will be three on July 4th, will take possession the first of June. The Harry DuBuques have bought Dr. Miller's place near Phoenix. The community regrets to see the DuBuques leave but feel that they will still be near enough to visit their friends in Central Point often. The community extends a welcome to the Thompsons and hope they will be happy in their new home.

Revival to Start At Church of God



Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Hartson

The Pentecostal Church of God, located at 5th and Pine Streets, announced today that they would be starting a revival campaign on Sunday, May 16 with Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Hartson, former pastors of Taft, California.

Rev. Hartson is well known pastor and revivalist and has conducted old fashioned meetings and divine healing services throughout the Middle West and west coast areas.

A hearty invitation is extended to everyone to come out and hear and enjoy The Word of God in song and in message. And to have your pains prayed away.

—Rev. N. A. Parsons, Pastor

A. Throckmorton, Pioneer Resident Called by Death

Ar's Throckmorton, one of Jackson county's oldest pioneers, passed away at Central Point last Tuesday night. Mr. Throckmorton, who as a child crossed the plains twice in an ox-drawn wagon, celebrated his 90th birthday last month.

The Throckmorton family have resided at Ruch since 1883.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Elmo of Applegate, Lester of Medford and one daughter, Mrs. William McDaniel of Applegate. In addition nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive. The deceased was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, April 3, 1853 and as a child came to Knight's Landing, California with his parents.

He was married to Sarah Ellen Bostwick in 1874.

Funeral services will be conducted from Perl funeral home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Harry Hansen in charge. Interment will be in the family plot in Jacksonville cemetery.

ne, certainly not, not for a moment. They just want to be good fellows. You know.

New Well on West Main St. Brings Plentiful Supply

The big drill operated by Robert Burns of Grants Pass, which has been sinking a new city well on the property purchased by the city last fall on West Main street, broke through the solid rock formation Monday morning into what apparently is an underground stream and the water rushed into the big pipe almost to the top of the ground.

The city purchased the site last fall for recreational purposes and as a site for a new city well. A contract was let to Mr. Burns to drill an eight-inch well near the corner opposite the Jewett home and work was started a couple of weeks ago. The city council voted to sink the well to a depth of at least 240 feet unless water in sufficient quantity was struck before. As the work progressed, it seemed at times that the whole thing was going to be a failure, as there was so little water that it was necessary to prime the well in order to make the drill work properly.

When the 240-ft. level was reached no water of any importance had been found and the council was almost ready to call the whole thing off. But finally it was decided to try a while longer and finally at 291 feet the

drill broke through into the big stream. The pressure was so great as to almost lift the drill from the hole. Within a very few minutes the water had reached within twenty feet of the surface. The mayor and council were very jubilant over the success of the project and started work of having the water tested and getting in touch with a pump engineer to assist in making plans for connecting the new well to the city mains.

We are told that the engineer will be here today to make a check of the well and to decide the type and kind of pump necessary. We understand that it is planned to connect the new well directly to the city mains, and if the flow is sufficient, to cut off the old well entirely, except as a standby service in case of emergency.

Preliminary tests of the water shows that it contains practically no lime or other impurities and is very soft—just a trace of salt. If it is found to be safe for human consumption (and there can be little doubt that it will be) the city will have a supply of soft water at last. The principal drawback of the old system was the hardness of the water, as well as the limited supply.

Vivienne Keith received a telegram this morning from her husband, who is a merchant marine. All he could tell her was that he was in Australia.

So what?

The world turns aside to let any man pass, who knows where he is going.—David Star Jordan.

Mrs. George Wright insisting she was sick in bed—all the time standing behind the counter at Faber's Market.

Mrs. Skinner being sure that she always gets all the points on every thing at Lum and Abners.

Mrs. Watkins hurrying home with an arm full of packages from P. O. Monday, anxious to see what her belated Mother's Day gifts were.

Family driving by a trailer, when the young daughter remarks "oh look, there are two tires."

Dec Booth daring to walk down the street carrying two new tires. How does he rate?

Attention women. Cheese factory looking all over for a man, couldn't find one, so hired five women. (Contributed by businessman.)

Local Situation Tense—A stick of wood fell into the intersection between the Krupp and Pendleton Service stations. Pendleton was the fastest sprinter and salvaged the wood. If unable to compromise, the only resort left for Krupp is to sue. He might get a lawyer, who would go 50-50.

Wednesday afternoon was the day for Jim Gregg to stay out of the house. It was full of Navy mothers.

What do you suppose W. Hiley was doing on the east side of town Wednesday morning?

Al was worried because he couldn't think of anything to do to get his name in the So Whats. So he staged a mouse hunt in the Faber's store more fun. The mouse was caught and the sausage machine is grinding again.

Mrs. Taggart is not the only one to have a little mother banta hen. Vestal Tharp has one with some big Plymouth Rock babies which will soon outgrow their mother.

T. A. Marine wondering why the frost took all of his beans and the Buckman beans grew inches during the same frost.

No News Reported Yet About Dorsey Flaherty



Private Dorsey U. Flaherty

There has been no further news of Dorsey Flaherty. The following was clipped from a local paper at Salt Lake City and sent to Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty:

Salvage crews from Ogden air depot, Hill field, directed by Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Hanson and including divers from a west coast naval base, left early Monday for Great Salt lake, in western Box Elder county, to make further attempts to raise any army B-25 bomber which crashed recently in the lake and to search for the body of Private Dorsey U. Flaherty, Oakland, Cal., only member of the crew of five whose body has not been found. It is believed Dorsey's body still is in the cabin of the plane, under 19 feet of water.

Bodies of other airmen were found by Salt Lake City C A P pilots a few days after the plane crashed into the lake seven miles off shore about 45 miles west of here April 24.

Hill field public relations officers said they believed the 13-ton ship would be raised with flotation gear before the end of this week and, with cooperation of the Southern Pacific railroad, the craft will be towed south through the lake to S. P. docks on Lucin cutoff where it can be lifted with a locomotive wrecking crane. Another large plane was lifted in this fashion at the docks about nine years ago.—Brigham City News.

A letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty from their son Norman in Alaska but up-to-date no word from their son James in Hawaii. Either he didn't receive the news of the plane crash or else his letters or messages have been delayed.

Garden Club Meets With Bandage Class

The Central Point Garden Club met at the Red Cross rooms Monday afternoon to fold surgical dressings and discuss gardening.

Members responded to roll call with garden facts.

Mrs. Lathrop thanked the club ladies for the lovely flowers given to Camp White for Mother's Day, which she delivered.

Our president told how spinach could be canned successfully, she also read articles on planting and care of corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans and the planting of melons. There was a general discussion on squash, when to plant it and what care squash needs after planting.

There were thirteen ladies present and 275 surgical dressings were folded.

Any one wishing to attend these interesting meetings are very welcome. The next meeting is to be held Monday June 14.

Bandage Class Notes

Mrs. Ben Harder of Medford visited the Red Cross surgical dressing class Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Harder found everything in fine shape and complemented the class on their nice work. There were only 12 present compared with 32 the week before. There is still a call for more bandages. Let every one, who possible can, come out and help.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hanscom, who recently sold their home in Eagle Point, have bought property on Beall Lane and expect to move to their new home this week.

JUNIORS READY FOR CLASS PLAY ON FRI. NIGHT

The 2-act comedy "Here Comes Charlie" is ready to be presented on Friday evening this week. A cast of ten hard working juniors have been in daily rehearsal for several weeks.

The story revolves around Larry Elliot, a young broker, a part taken by John Freeland. Thinking he is becoming guardian of a small boy, he is jolted to find he has taken a girl to raise, seventeen and pretty Charlotte is called Charlie, hence the error. The role of Charlie is taken by Lucille Torrey.

Larry is engaged to the imperious Vivian Smythe-Kersey, Jerry Morava, and is further hen-ridden by a snobbish aunt, Pat Langston.

To have another female in the house delights him not; neither does it delight Vivian nor the aunt.

Charlie arrives from Arkansas accompanied by Uncle Aleck Twigg, Kelta Henagin, a true product of the Ozarks.

Charlie starts by calling Larry, "Papa," and by displaying artless but warm affection.

The women of the family plan to oust the "hillbillies." Farcical situations develop from the social blunders of the new arrivals, especially when Aunt Farnham, determined to make Uncle Aleck earn his board and keep, tries to turn him into a society butler.

The Ozarkians finally leave only to return after some months, oh so different! Charlie is barely recognized in her glorious successor, Charlotte, who flutters all masculine hearts. Uncle Aleck, too, has undergone a change.

Other roles include Larry's cynical friend, Ted Hartley—played by Berkeley Pinkham; a naughty society matron Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey, La Vonne Newtown; her sappy son, Mortimer, Shirley Kelly; an Irish maid, Nora—Marjorie Jewett; and her Irish policeman fiancé, Tim McGrill—Lucius Lull.

Business Manager Paul Blumenstein reports a lively advance sale of tickets and reserved seats.

Lucius Lull is stage manager, and Ethel Banta and Betty Quigley are prompters.

Ushers include Carolyn Lees, Esther Davis, Lucille Sellars, Lucile Smith, Eloise Russell, Florence Blasing, and Marjorie Hiley.

Music throughout the evening will be furnished by the orchestra directed by Harry L. Meyers.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 P.M. Reserved seats are now on sale at Stone's Drug store.

Ronald Minear Dies From Injuries at Mill

Ronald Minear of Ashland, employed at the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company, who passed away this morning, suffered a fracture of both legs in an accident Monday.

Verne Pendleton 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 Night!—
Maria Montez and Jon Hall in "WHITE SAVAGE" In Technicolor

—Sunday—Monday—Tuesday—
Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara in "THIS LAND IS MINE" WEDNESDAY—4 DAYS

Paulette Goddard—Ray Milland "THE CRYSTAL BALL"

Please Call at The American Office For Your Guest Tickets If office closed, call across street at telephone office for ticket.