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## Musings

By the Editor

Well, at last, by permission of the powers that be, we are permitted to tell you that it still knows how to rain in Oregon. For which the hunters are very thankful.

Tuesday we enjoyed a conference with Mr. MacGibbon, representing the district engineer's office, war department, in the matter of the building of flood control dams in this territory. He informed us that the long-looked-for report concerning the Debenger Gap dam on Rogue River is still being mulled over and has not been made public. He also gave us a more complete picture concerning this project and others in this territory.

It seems the survey at Debenger Gap was made to ascertain the feasibility of a dam at that point to serve a three-fold purpose—to provide irrigation for the Beagle and Sams Valley districts; to provide a reservoir to assist in flood control along the lower river, and, incidentally, for the manufacture of electric power. According to Mr. MacGibbon, the test boring done by the engineers showed that while such a dam could be built, the cost would probably be prohibitive. The engineers then undertook a survey of a dam site further up the river, with the idea of building the main dam there and using the Gebenger Gap site for a smaller diversion dam for irrigation.

Which all sounds lovely, but some way we are not sold on the need for the flood control part of the program. There is no doubt but what the irrigation project would be of much value to Sams Valley, and perhaps bring a more stable water supply to this valley also. But whether such a project would be worth the cost is something else again. And as for the need for more power dams on the Rogue, we also have serious doubts. To spend untold millions of dollars for flood control on such a stream as the Rogue sounds too much to us like playing Santa Claus to too few people.

But the main reason for the visit of Mr. MacGibbon to Jackson county at this time was to look into the matter of flood control along Bean creek, and that is getting right down to brass tacks. Here there is no question of power dams and very little irrigation. But such winters as last proves the real need for better protection for the city of Medford and the entire floor of the Bear Creek valley from Ashland to Tolo. And right here may we call attention to the fact that there are two branches of the federal government involved—the Bureau of Reclamation, which is interested in irrigation, and the army engineers, who handle such matters as flood control and both have been making investigations here.

There are many problems to be solved in such a project. First, it has been suggested that a dam be built above Ashland to control flood waters on the main creek. That is all right, but doesn't go far enough as we see the picture. Last winter the writer drove all over the valley during and after the big flood and the trouble as we saw it was that there was just more water coming down the various creeks than the choked-up channels could carry, with the result that the water overflowed the banks in thousands of places and flooded the fields everywhere. The greatest need, it seemed to us, was to clean out the main creek channels from one end to the other. It is our belief that if this is done, the ordinary flood waters will be carried off by the natural channels and little or no damage done.

There is another thing to be remembered, and that is that with the coming of irrigation to this valley, a system of main canals has been constructed along the hillsides along the entire length of the valley. These canals have spillways at all creek crossings which are opened at the close of the irrigation season, but the canal still picks up all water coming down the hillsides between creeks. Thus all water coming from the hills to the south and west is picked up by these canals and dumped into the regular creeks, with the result that such creeks are being asked to carry more water than the Almighty intended them to carry.

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## LOCAL GROUPS PARTICIPATE IN DRIVE FOR FUNDS

The Community Chest drive which started this week in Oregon is for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the work of six local organizations, as well as a large number of national organizations. The local organizations which depend upon the Community Chest for funds with which to carry on their work include

### SALVATION ARMY

The Work of the Salvation Army is too well known to need re-telling. Probably no other national organization has been such an understanding of the street man—the broken home—the prisoner and the underprivileged child as does the Salvation Army. Its two striking mottoes—"A man may be down, but not out" and "Others" are symbolical of its sympathetic attitude.

The Salvation Army is one of the six agencies in the National USO and the local corps in now in charge of the West Main street USO in Medford.

### BOY SCOUTS

In this time of unrest and war hysteria when juvenile delinquency has risen at such an alarming rate, nothing is more important than the extension of worth-while youth agencies. In the Boy Scouts we have such an agency which teaches its members love for freedom, democracy and Americanism. Your subscription to the Community Chest makes you a "stockholder" in an organization which has for its sole aim the good of the nation's best citizens—its future citizens.

### GIRL SCOUTS

Since Girl Scouting is the largest non-sectarian character building movement for girls in the United States it naturally is a strong force for training responsible, intelligent citizens; the kind of citizens the world must have if it is to survive the changes of the next few years. The work of the Girl Scouts contributes toward building self reliance and the ability to share in community life, besides providing a healthful, wholesome outlet for their energies.

### JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ASSN.

Realizing the greater need for preservation of health during war, this association, one of the agency members of the Community Chest, has placed health education at the top of its project list during the past two years and still greater emphasis will be given to this during the coming year. A new project, growing out of war, and partly supported by the association is the pre-natal clinic, conducted by the army personnel.

Space forbids going into all the many projects of the association, but the citizens of Jackson county will know that there is one unselfish, hard-working organization which is solely interested in the control and cure of any disease that threatens the public health and is worthy of our hearty support.

### JACKSON COUNTY RECREATION COMMITTEE

This is a new agency-member of the Community Chest. Coming into being with the coming of Camp White, this organization has for its aim the providing of clean, wholesome amusement and recreation for the boys and girls of the community. With the present crowded living conditions finding proper places of recreation for youth becomes very important and the work of this committee is a long step in the right direction.

### GIRLS COMMUNITY CLUB

This club is incorporated as a non-profit organization and its purpose is to provide recreational and housing facilities for the young business girl who is working in the low wage bracket group. It is purely local and has no national affiliations. Since its organization in 1933 over 250 girls have lived in the club house and not a single case of delinquency has ever been reported among its residents. That in itself should make the people of this county feel proud of the work of this club. The club is financed entirely through the Community Chest and is operated by volunteer workers, no executive salaries being paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilburn received a letter from Harold Monday. He writes that he is fine. They also report that Muriel and Len are fine.

## Navy Day to Be Celebrated Wed.

By Rev. R. D. Bender

Next Wednesday, Oct. 27th is Navy Day. It may not be known to the reader just how Navy Day started that it originated with Mrs. William H. Hamilton in 1922, when she wrote to the Secretary of the Navy and proposed such a day. Her motive was to instill in the hearts of civilians across the nation the love and respect for Navy men in service of their country. Since that first Navy Day of October 27, 1922, the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt, the observance has grown and with our country at war, and hundreds of Navy Mother's clubs all over the country, this year the significance of Navy Day is unbounded.

The local Navy Mother's club has been invited to attend church as a body at the Federated church this Sunday, Oct. 24th and have accepted the invitation to attend the morning service at 11:00 A.M. The following poem is a tribute to Navy Mothers written by "A NAVY MOTHER'S FRIEND."

I'm not a Navy Mother,  
But a Navy Mother's friend,  
I've been to your entertainments,  
And enjoyed them to the end.  
You mothers work so faithfully  
Your Home Defense is true blue,  
And when your boys come home  
again,  
They will be proud of you.

## Local Man Hurt In Car Accident

State police reported that a 1936 Ford truck driven by Robert C. Sanderson of Cold Hill went over the bank on the Pacific highway about five miles south of Ashland at 3 a.m. Tuesday and that Joseph Edwin Owens of Central Point, a passenger in the machine, suffered a broken right leg below the knee in the accident.

The driver of the truck, which was owned by C. W. Duggan of Sams Valley, was quoted by police as explaining that the steering apparatus "went haywire". The truck was almost completely demolished. Sanderson, police said, was not hurt.

The injured man was taken to Ashland Community hospital. Mr. Duggan suffered another accident a week or ten days ago, when a gas tank blew up and burnt his face and eyes quite badly. He has recovered now and is able to be up and around.

## GRANGE NOTES

Central Point Grange will be hostess to the Jackson County Pomona Grange Saturday for an all day meeting. Grange will open at ten o'clock a.m. with dinner at 12 noon. The session will open in 4th degree during the forenoon.

At the last meeting of the Central Point Grange the State Cooperative manager Mr. Wilcox was present and spoke on cooperative matters to the organization.

The members voted to give an armistice dinner November 11 to raise funds for the grange.

An interesting skit was put on by some of the children of the community and with the addition of other numbers rounded out a good program.

## SUNDAY DINNER ENJOYED

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minnick entertained with Sunday dinner, three W.A.C. from Camp White, Miss Lila Iverson, Miss Evelyn Flores, and Miss Agonia Deaze, the girls were from Maine, New Mexico and Mississippi. Mrs. Lona Hill and daughter Zoe were also invited guests.

## NAVY MOTHERS TO MEET

The Central Point Navy Mothers club will meet next Wednesday afternoon, Navy Day, at the home of Mrs. Walter Gebhard, 2 to 5. Special invitations to all mothers of men in the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard.

## NOTICE

All who are interested in the Community Service club for the boys in service, are requested to meet at the club rooms Monday evening at 7:30.

## ARRIVES IN MEDFORD

Milton Holmes of Toledo, Ohio, has arrived in Medford and has assumed his duties as assistant to George Upton, director of the Riverside USO. Mr. Upton lives Central Point in the Lloyd Rupp house.

## 165 NAMES PLACED ON HONOR ROLL AT CITY HALL

One hundred and sixty five names have been placed on the Honor Roll in the city hall park. There is room for many more names. Some names have not been handed in and in order to have them right, each family have boys or relatives in service are requested to leave the names at the city hall. Also names that have been placed on the board that are lacking in both initials, if relatives or friends, who are sure of correct initials, please leave at hall. For example there are two H. Weldy's so another initial is needed to tell they are not the same boy.

## Funeral Service for Mrs. Pearl McCredie Held on Monday

Funeral Services for Mrs. Pearl McCredie were held Monday, Oct. 18 at 2 P.M. at the Perl Funeral Home. Beautiful flowers banked and covered the casket and many sorrowing relatives and friends were present to show their love and sorrow at her passing. Those attending the services from away was her brother, Mr. Floyd Ross, wife and son John from Prineville. State and city police were present in a body and also employees of Adrienne's. Pall bearers were Hugh Ford, B. L. Sanderson, Lewis Ulrich, Elmer Kyle, A. O. Tolson, Cole Holmes, William Holloway and C. T. Stewart.

Interment was in Jacksonville cemetery.

Mrs. Pearl McCredie, who passed away at the Community Hospital, Wednesday evening at 7:45, was born September 1, 1890, in Seattle, Wash., she returned at an early age to Central Point with her parents, the late Thos. D. Ross and Mrs. Anna Ross, early pioneers of Oregon.

Mrs. McCredie spent most of her early life in Central Point, where she was employed by the telephone company for several years. Later she accepted a position with the chamber of commerce in Portland and on Dec. 31, 1918, she was united in marriage to Clatus McCredie in Tacoma, Wash.

For the past eighteen years Mrs. McCredie has been associated with Adrienne's, acting in the capacity of manager for many years. Her gracious personality and fine character won her many friends who will feel her loss deeply.

Mrs. McCredie was a member of Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Clatus McCredie of Medford, her mother, Mrs. Anna Ross of Central Point and two brothers, Floyd Ross of Prineville, Oregon, and James Ross of Central Point. Two nieces, Janet Ross and Mrs. Fred Keith, and two nephews, Edgar and John Ross also one great nephew, Frederick James LaBar Keith.

## Birthdays Honored By W.R.C. Ladies

The W.R.C. held their regular meeting Saturday. Mrs. Hattie Taylor was initiated into the order. At the next meeting November 6, it was decided to hold a bulb and plant sale on the lot between the C. P. Blacksmith shop and the hall. This sale will be open to the public. The corps is invited to attend the Grants Pass corp meeting this coming Saturday. There will also be a meeting of the corps ladies at the Edna Kilburn home this Friday to the quilts for the Lawton family which was burnt out Monday. After the business meeting, the birthdays of Mrs. Lorlie Minnick and Mrs. Iva Copinger was honored. Mrs. Emma Gleason and Mrs. Hattie Thompson served the refreshments. Mrs. Gleason baking the lovely birthday cake. Every one reported a jolly time.

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## Lawton Home Is Destroyed by Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Lawton was completely destroyed by fire Monday noon in spite of the gallant efforts made by the volunteer fire department. The fire was well under way before an alarm was turned in. A son Lyse Lawton was home from working in the ship yard and will stay with them for a while. The Lawton's daughter, Mrs. Maud Rainey and children Donna and Dickie make their home with the Lawton but at this time Mrs. Rainey is visiting her husband, who is in Service in San Francisco. The property was partly covered by insurance. The Lawton plan to fix up a shed on the place, which was not burnt and live there, while they build a new house. At present Mr. and Mrs. Lawton and the children are living with the L. P. Mathes.

## LEFT OUT—

Several boys' names, which should have been on the Central Point high school honor roll was left out of the honor roll published in last week paper. Stanley Jones, Chester Grimes and Roland Hover are names that have been called to our attention. Undoubtedly other names have been omitted.

## Churches

### FEDERATED CHURCH OF CENTRAL POINT

#### The Brick Church

##### REV. R. D. BENDER, PASTOR

9:45 A.M. Sunday School. Classes for all. Come and enjoy this period of Bible instruction and fellowship. 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship. The "Navy Mother's Club" of Central Point will be our special guests today. The Pastor's sermon topic is "The Anchor of the Soul" and special music by the choir "Master the Tempest is Raging."

6:30 P.M. Christian Youth Fellowship. Half hour of "Sing-spiration," and discussion on another theme of prophecy led by the pastor.

7:30 P.M. Evangelistic service. "Minutes of Melody." Like to sing? You have plenty of opportunity to at this time. Rev. & Mrs. Rice, candidate Missionaries of the Central American Mission will be at the church to present their work.

Let us give them a good hearing. Wed. 7:30 P.M. Prayer meeting. Choir practice follows at 8:15 P.M. Thur. 7:30 P.M. Union Young People's party of all youth groups of the various churches at the Recreation tent.

Friday 7:30 P.M. Christian Youth Fellowship Party at the tent. A group of soldiers of Camp White is invited to attend.

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## RATION BOOK 4 TO BE ISSUED THURS. AND FRI.

Issuance of Ration Book 4 in the Central Point School District will take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons of next week from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. in the gymnasium. The public should note carefully the time. No books will be issued before this time and no books will be issued for sometime after the final date given above. In order to get Book 4 it will be necessary to bring book 3. One member of the family may bring all of the books and get the new books for his family.

Those ladies who so kindly assisted in the issuing of previous ration books and any others who are able to give some of their time are invited to assist with this rationing. If you can come even for a few hours your help will be greatly appreciated. There will be a meeting for instruction of registrars on next Thursday at 3:50 in Room 2 n the high school building. If you are not able to come to this meeting you can still be of help on Thursday and Friday.

H. P. Jewett.

## Navy Mothers

Rev. Bender has invited the Navy Mothers to attend the Federated church next Sunday in honor of Navy Day and in memory of Mrs. William H. Hamilton, who worked untiringly for the welfare of servicemen in the last war. Later Mrs. Hamilton suggested to the Navy Department that one day be set apart for Navy Day which was readily accepted. Mrs. Hamilton died just a few days before last Navy Day, 1942.

"A few weeks ago a gallant spirit died, Mrs. William H. Hamilton. She was the founder of Navy Day. She gave to America this day of Recognition to our first line of defense, and our First line of attack."

From speech of Secretary of Navy Knox, Oct. 27, 1942.

## BLOW YOUR OWN HORN—

A couple of weeks ago, a certain lady came in for a classified ad and made the remark, "When I advertise in your paper, I never fail to get answers from my ad. That's why I always do my advertising in the American." Last week another party said "Know that ad I ran in your paper 'Chickens for sale'. I sold them all before Friday noon and by Saturday noon I could have sold them a number of times. Your ad cost me a quarter, and I had spent several times that much and received no reply." Other party, advertising for unfurnished house or apt., was told that it might be very uncertain if she would get a reply, come in contact with owner of house and rented same inside of three or four days from time of insertion of ad.

## SERIOUSLY ILL—

City Recorder Guy Tex was taken to the hospital about midnight Wednesday night. This was to insure proper care as it was unable to get a doctor who would come to Central Point. Mr. Tex had been ill all day Wednesday, Mrs. Tex staying in the office for him. He became worse in the evening and as no doctor was available he was taken to the hospital. The remainder of the night was passed very comfortably by Mr. Tex.

## W. H. Wheeler

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