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Musings

By the Editor

The mills of the gods grind slowly— if our memory serves, it has been something like twenty-five years since the American Legion first advocated the idea of a universal draft law, and now President Roosevelt has stolen our thunder and asked Congress to pass such a law. It has always seemed to us that the only FAIR way to handle the manpower question in time of war is to draft EVERYBODY and then sort them out to serve where they can best fit. The young, able-bodied fellows to go into the Army, of course, and the rest scattered wherever they rightly belong. And all to receive the same rate of pay and allowances.

Such a plan might separate some families for a time, but that is still not like what the soldiers families have to face. Those who stayed at home would be safe from bullets, at least. Of course, they MAY help win the war, and then it may not. But at least it will be a long step in the right direction. At least, it will do away with strikes, for the time being, anyway.

There are rumors that Madame Perkins has once more handed in her resignation. If true, that's good news. Of all the misfits in public life, that woman takes the leather medal. How she can justify her recent report with the facts is just too much for our poor tired mind. How FDR, with all his sagacity can bear to have such a dumbbell in his official family has long been beyond our understanding.

Dorothy Thompson, who sometimes gets herself in trouble with her outspoken way of putting things, recently came out with this gem in the Ladies' Home Journal:

"All in all, I think what we need are fewer slogans and ideologies, and more plain horse sense. If we are going to live in a halfway reasonable world, we shall need reactionaries in our midst, all functioning and restraining one another. A whole human being—and a balanced society—has a left hand and a right hand, a heart and a brain, emotions and intellect, vision and experience."

Chester Bowles, head of the Office of Price Administration, in a recent letter holds forth at length on the value of food subsidies in the fight to "hold the line" as the president likes to call it. And the wonderful part of it is that he at last seems to have recognized the close tie-up between wages and prices. (Apparently he doesn't read The American, because we called attention to that plain fact some years ago and have harped on it from time to time ever since.)

President Roosevelt, in his first inaugural address (how many of our readers can remember that far back?) made this statement: "What our country needs today is higher commodity prices." Since that far-off day the New Deal has gone the whole limit. Now they want to raise it higher but held prices down, even if they have to pay big subsidies to do it. And it just can't be did, as the feller says. Here's what Ralph Robey, business analyst, has to say on the subject:

"The hourly wage rate in manufacturing has gone up twice as much as the cost of living since the outbreak of the war—and the weekly take-home wage by much more. Still the War Labor Board and President Roosevelt give ground on wage demands, as witness the railroad case last week. In view of this, it is rather naive to say 'the' least, to bring forth the argument that the WLB will not be able to hold wages if there is further small increase in the cost of living."

We hear that Jackson county has a new citizen. This week former County Judge Earl H. Fehl, who lost his American citizenship through being convicted of a felony and sentenced to the state penitentiary for plotting to rob the courthouse and destroy the election records to stop a check-up of such records in circuit court which might endanger his own right to hold office, filed with the county clerk a certificate of restoration of his citizenship signed by Governor Snell. Sorry, Governor, that act will cost you a lot of friends in this county.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FEATURES P. T. A. MEETING FRIDAY

Before a large number of parents-teachers and friends an interesting program on nutrition was presented Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium at the regular P.T.A. meeting.

Fourth grade students sang two songs and presented a skit on care of the teeth. The high school Home economics class was well received by an appreciative audience when they featured food prepared for the occasion in a 2-act play on how to serve an adequate meal.

There was a Mrs. Rankin in Red Cross uniform, who introduced Miss Bullis.

Miss Helen Bullis, of the Red Cross association, explained the requirements for starting a home nursing school of instruction, and pointed out the necessity for each home-maker to know how to care for illness in the family when doctors are almost unavailable.

Following a short business meeting, motion pictures on nutrition, from the Home Demonstration agents office were shown by Mr. Jewett and Mr. Parker.

Tea and cookies were served by the fourth mothers at the close of the meeting.

Davis-Bristow Wedding Of Local Interest

A Christmas wedding of local interest was that of Miss Loree Davis, daughter of Mrs. Rachel Davis of Portland and Corporal Sidney Bristow Jr. of Merced, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bristow Sr. of Central Point.

The ceremony took place 10:30 A.M. at the First Christian Church 27th and N. St. Sacramento, Calif., Rev. E. T. Cornelius reading the service.

For the wedding the bride wore a suit of wool-gabardine in beige, with British tan accessories of white gardenias.

They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Cahill, aunt and uncle of the bridegroom. The guests were the bride's mother of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Scott and Miss Rose Covola of Sacramento.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the Cahill home. The bride cut the traditional wedding cake, white with silver leaves.

The bride is a former Ashland girl graduating with the 1942 class.

The groom spent his entire school years in Central Point graduating 1935 class.

He has been in U.S. Army Medical Detachment Service two years.

Letters From Our Boys in Service

January 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Powell: Received the Central Point American the last two weeks, okay, and want to thank you very much for sending it to me. I enjoy it a lot. Reading what other fellows in service are doing as well as all the happenings in the old home town.

This is supposed to be the sunny south, I thought, but we've been having cold weather ever since I arrived. Colder than Klamath Falls ever was, it seems. Wouldn't trade all the country I've seen on my trip across country for a single bit of good old Oregon. Of course we've been in detention ever since I arrived. Not too tough on us here and I'm waiting now for assignment to Naval Radio Technician training. The only trouble with this Seabee outfit is that I had to leave a wife and young son but we've got a mess to clean up and this is my part in the clean-up. Harder we all work at it now the sooner we'll all be back to the place we want to be.

I have a new address and would appreciate your changing it to facilitate my receiving the paper. It is William P. Grimes 5 2/c U S N C B Platoon 3352 Area D-11 Brks 101 Camp Peary, Va.

Thank you again and I'll be looking forward to receiving each copy of the paper.

Sincerely, Bill Grimes.

BREAKS KNEE CAP— Mrs. Tillie Maple had the misfortune to be bumped into at the old time dance, while dancing with Mrs. Eva Smith and fell breaking her knee cap. She was taken to the hospital, where an x-ray was taken. Mr. Maple reports that she is doing nicely and will be home soon.

Telephone Directors Hold Annual Meeting

The Delegate Board Central Point Mutual Telephone Company met Tuesday afternoon. E. C. Faber was re-elected President, Oscar Blackford re-elected Vice-president, Bert Peak was elected Secretary and Treasury taking Elmer Wilson's place. The telephone company has made a large increase in business during the year and showed a good financial condition, having done \$12,000 worth of business in the past year. They have 252 phones on the circuit with about 50 added this past year, with requests for many more, who are on the waiting list. The executive board consisting of the President, Vice president and Secretary and Treasury are to make arrangement for operating the telephone for the coming year. The past year has seen a large increase in the personnel of the office, with a night operator and a paid bookkeeper and a number of telephone operators.

Meeting for Men Held at Church

A school for elders and deacons was conducted in the local Church of Christ building Tuesday evening of this week. Fifty five men from the Churches of Christ in Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, and Central Point were in attendance.

Chaplain Virgil W. Jackson of Camp White was the guest speaker. He spoke for an hour on the qualifications, work, and problems of elders and deacons, after which there were forum discussions by the elders in one room and by the deacons in another room. The discussion by the elders was led by Everett McGee of Ashland, and discussion by the deacons was led by Ralph Cook of Medford.

The school was brought to a close by a brief service of rededication to the divine task to which the men have been called.

High School Gives Play for P.T.A.

A group of students presented a play at the monthly P.T.A. meeting as the high school's part in the program. The play was to illustrate the value of good food in keeping up the moral on the home front. The play was educational and was greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Those taking part in the production were, Anna Dale Coleman, Margaret Finley, Jack Homer, Flo Rogers, Helen Blumenstein, Shirley Brenner, and Kenneth Paten. It was directed by Mrs. Boone.

—The Central Pointer

HOLDS FIRST PRACTICE—

The P. T. A. Chorus held its first practice Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 in the fourth grade room with Miss Loyd Morris as leader of the group. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Chorus is invited to be present next week at the same place, same time.

Pfe Schroder and wife, who had an apartment at E. P. Stone's left Wednesday for Camp Adair, where Schroder will be stationed.

1944 TO DECIDE FUTURE OF WORLD, PATTERSON SAYS

By HONORABLE ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Under Secretary of War



The greatest strain in history is about to be put upon this country... on labor, on industry, on the entire population. There have been troubles and difficulties in the past and we have, in the main, overcome them. But the most difficult job of all lies ahead. That is the drive to Victory!

War in a democracy is, and must be, a partnership. It has been repeatedly proved in combat that the soldier who knows not only what he has to do but why he has to do it is the best soldier and the most dogged and determined fighter. He is a partner in the battle strategy.

Civilians, too, are partners in the war, and none more so than the men and women who make the weapons with which our soldiers fight. Victory is ahead but it is the considered judgment of our military leaders that we still have a long, hard fight.

The war has taken a turn in our favor. Recent campaigns have been successful. It would be impossible to over-estimate the part that American-made equipment has played in these victories.

Industry and labor have done a magnificent production job in this war. I know of no parallel to it. But we must do better and better. The big operations, the decisive operations, lie ahead. This is no time for patting ourselves on the back. The job ahead is too hard for that.

We shall all carry a heavy burden during the coming twelve months. It will be a costly year, costly in blood and men, but it is a year that will determine the future of the world. The stakes are worth fighting for. On my trip to the Pacific I saw many things. I saw the lonely grays in the jungle. I saw the wounded and sick in the hospitals. I saw thousands of brave American and Australian soldiers winning under the hardest conditions. We have pledged those men and the men fighting on other fronts the full resources of the nation to support them. We must not fail.

FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE TO START NEXT WEEK

We have received information from the war board facts that we all should know that the success of the Fourth War Loan is vital to the war effort, also that extensive newspaper advertising is essential to the successful sale of the 4th war loan. We feel that what ever help the newspapers give is thru the cooperation of the merchants and business men, who make it possible for the newspaper to give so much space to the drive. Next week will be the start of the campaign. If there is any one interested in these layouts for the fourth war loan ads, call at this office or phone 601 evenings, if for any reason we fail to contact you.

A BABY SON BORN—

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Orth Miller, Dec. 6th at the St. Vincent hospital, Portland, a baby son Gerald Lynn weighting 8 lb. 8 oz. All three are doing fine. Mr. Miller is in defense work. This is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

COMMUNITY PARTY JAN. 27 —

The Grange and Service club are having a community party Jan. 27 for the soldiers. Every one is invited, each lady-attending is requested to bring a pie. All girls under 15 must be accompanied by their parents.

LEAVE FOR PORTLAND—

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine are leaving this morning with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Noel and will travel as far as Portland with them, then will visit their son Mr. George Marine and wife until Sunday, when they expect to continue on to Wheeler, where Mrs. Marine will be under the doctor's care. Mrs. Marine was there for treatments last year and thought she received much benefit from them. Mr. Marine will stay with her. They expect to be gone for four or five weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Noel will return to their home after spending Mr. Noel's vacation visiting friends ad relatives in the valley.

TERMINAL CLEANERS OPEN—

The Terminal Cleaners at the bus terminal in Medford is now ready for business and will do your work while you wait. This is conventionally located and will save carrying your cleaning around town. Step off the bus and leave it to be taken care of while doing your shopping, picking it up when ready to take the bus home.

Mrs. Judy Owen plans to return to Los Angeles soon. Her husband Staff Sgt. Owens, who is stationed at Camp White, will leave soon.

First Grade News

14 girls are here, 21 boys are here, 35 children are here, 14 children are out. The new girl is Pearl Butler. We see a new boy. The new boy is Kenneth Martin. See the sun comes out. We can play. We can run. We can jump. We work. We play. We help Mother.

Young Peoples' Rally To Be Held Jan. 16

The next Central Point Christian Youth Rally will be held January 16, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock in the Federated Church. The young people of the Christian Church are to be in charge of the service.

If you enjoy singing and fellowship with other Christian young people, be sure to come, bring your friends, and be prepared to receive a real blessing from the service.

SAD NEWS RECEIVED—

Mr. Harry Sturgis received the sad news of the death and burial of his brother Pfc. Forrest Sturgis, who was buried where he was killed in action in September being wounded through Guadalcanal. He had been through Guadalcanal. Mr. Sturgis lived in Fresno and was the youngest of 10 children, who are all living.

Service Calendar

Sunday P.T.A.
Monday Rebecca
Tuesday Lodge Nite, not open
Wednesday Eastern Star
Thursday Kings Messenger Club
Friday Friday Club
Saturday Civic Club

Churches

FEDERATED CHURCH OF CENTRAL POINT

The Brick Church

REV. R. D. BENDER, PASTOR

9:45 A.M. Bible School, Mr. Robert Merritt, Supt.

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship, Sermon on "Portrait of Jesus Christ."

6:30 P.M. Christian Youth Fellowship.

7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service, Sermon "Conditions That Bring Revival."

Special music at both services, Tuesday 2:30 P.M. Bible Study Class at home of Mrs. Minnick.

Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Midweek Prayer service.

NOTES: The Sunday School content began last Sunday. It is in the nature of a two-part series. Come and enjoy a trip to the atmosphere of a Sunday School. Make a date with the church on this night. Pot Luck supper with special guests, the new members of the church. Surprise! Chaplain Leonard DeMoor who preached for us last spring is again at Camp White, and will be the speaker for the evening. Special features will be presented during the evening. Plan to come, every one is invited.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. Gilbert Cays, Minister

10:00 A.M.—Bible School, W. K. Davis, Supt. Classes for all ages led by competent teachers.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Observance of the Lord's Supper, Special music, Sermon, "Factors of A Successful Evangelistic Campaign."

3:00 P.M.—Central Point Christian Youth Rally in the brick church. The young people of the Church of Christ will be in charge of the program. Chaplain Virgil W. Jackson of Camp White will speak.

7:00 P.M.—Christian Endeavor. All young people are invited.

8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic Service. Do you like to sing? You will enjoy the sing-spiration. Special music, Sermon, "In Time of Need."

Tues. and Thurs. 7:30 A.M.—"Gospel Meditations" broadcast over KMED. Notice that the time has been changed to 7:30 A.M.

Wed. 8:00 p.m.—Mid-week Service. The study of the Gospel of John will be concluded.

Wed. 9:00 p.m.—Choir rehearsal. We need more singers for our Easter cantata. If you sing, come whether you belong to this church or not.

Fri. 2:00 p.m.—Golden Links class party at the home of E. E. Scott.

A WORD FROM THE MINISTER: One of the greatest blessings this community has ever had is in store in the evangelistic meeting which will begin at the Church of Christ one week from Sunday, January 23rd. We are fortunate in being able to bring to this community one who, although still a young man, has already earned for himself a national reputation as an outstanding evangelist. Plan to attend every service of the meeting if you possibly can.

HOLINESS CHURCH

(Wesleyan)

Corner 5th and Pine

Rev. Clifford W. Thomas, Pastor

SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

OF GOD

W. A. Parsons, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Ruby Bradford, Supt.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Young People 6:45 P.M. Johnny Jackson will be in charge of the young people.

Evangelistic Service 7:45 P.M.

Bible Study Tuesday 7:45 P.M.

Prayer Service Friday 7:45 P.M.

MEETING WITH NEW 1944 OFFICERS IS HELD BY GRANGE

Central Point Grange opened Friday night with new officers in their chairs. John Bohnert, newly installed master, read his list of committee appointments which will be published soon.

Retiring Home Economics chairman, Ethel Lathrop advised the master of the choice of Juanita McKibben as new chairman for 1944.

The matter of the work carried on at the experiment station was discussed pro and con with advice that grangers attend the next grange agricultural meeting where the matter will be taken up again.

During the lecture hour letters were read from boys in the service, after which recreational numbers were put on by Edyth Bohnert.

The relief committee reported Sgt. Paul Smith, home on furlough, ill in the Camp White hospital.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Tweedell, Mr. and Mrs. Gish, Mr. and Mrs. McKibben, Mabel Johnson and Mr. Eckholm.

The Grange voted to hold party for soldiers with the Central Point Civic club January 27.

WEDDING SUPPER—

Mr. and Mrs. William Feckley who were married in Reno, Nevada, Dec. 20, were honored at a wedding supper given new year's eve at the home of the Rev. Anna Rath, 5 E. Third St., Medford. Mrs. Feckley is the former Mrs. Louise Vestal of Glendale, Oregon where she resided for 16 years. Mr. Feckley is a brother of Mrs. Paul Nitzscheke of Central Point. Mr. Feckley made his home with the Nitzscheke for about ten years until about three years ago when the transportation question made it best for him to move to Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Munn received word from their son L. C. Munn that he had been promoted to 1st Machinist Mate ad transferred to Rhode Island.

So what?—

Success is the result of mental attitude, and the right mental attitude will bring success in everything you undertake.—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Mrs. Weldman leaving a Portland hospital after visiting her husband, met Mr. Frank Homer leaving a neighboring hospital after visiting his wife, who had recently underwent an operation. They were both traveling on same bus to down town Portland.

J. E. Vincent telling the Central Point lodge members that they better go back o school and learn how to count as none of them seemed to able to count over five.

Jimmy Ross starting out early telling people not to tell the reporter any news after his teacher sent him home after reading in the paper that Jimmy had the chicken pox.

While Dale Kilburn was visiting his sister they went to a big skating rink where no one was allowed on the floor alone. It was a problem until Dale remember his big navy doll, it wasn't a wave either.

Some one asking Wilson if the wind blew like this all the time in Central Point and he tell him that "No some time it blows worse".

Jack Sharp ad Dee Booth up on the tower on City Hall in the big wind this morning. Trying to hold up the tower?

Jonathan Jackson saying that when he was about 15, he knew more than both of his parents. For some time now he hasn't been sure of it.

Al wanting a story full of gore, head and brain's like he said was split on C.P. street the other night.

Clarence Earl

And Companion
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and
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To See Their Choice of
The Following
CRATERIAN THEATRE
PROGRAMS:

—Ends Saturday Nite!

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"IN OLD OKLAHOMA"

—Sunday—Monday—Tuesday—

Charles Coburn—Isabel Elson in
"MY KINGDOM FOR A COOK"

WEDNESDAY—4 DAYS

Ruddy McDowall—Edmund Gwenn
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