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## Musings

By the Editor

### In re: SERVICE OFFICER

Representatives of various agencies recently met in Portland in anticipation of the increasing number of personnel who will be discharged from the services even before the war ends and made plans for the coordinating all services to the discharged veteran. The agencies represented were the war manpower commission, army and navy, selective service, the veteran's facility, Oregon Mental Hygiene society, Red Cross, Portland Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. A fact finding committee was appointed and has made its report.

In its report the committee stated: "We believe it is our first duty as a community to give every aid possible toward replacing veterans in our social structure, because in the first place, they are entitled to that service, and secondly, it will help make more secure our type of government. It is further accepted as a fact that, in order to do this most effectively, there must be one central information office, where any veteran may come for help and service."

Principal among the needs of the returning service men, the committee decided are:

"Reinstatement to former position, which may involve much work.

"Adjustment of controversies with the employer.

"Utilization of the various facilities of the federal and the state governments.

"Medical attention to those who need it, which would include rehabilitation or any other form of physical care.

"Solution of financial problems involving pensions and allowances.

"Vocational rehabilitation and apprenticeship training.

"Assistance in educational problems."

The committee further recommended that a centrally located office be established in Portland under the supervision of the state office of the war veterans service commission, and that various selected agencies be invited to place in this central office representatives to handle promptly as possible the cases coming within their respective jurisdictions.

There, fellows, is just our idea of what is needed in Jackson county, only in a smaller scale, of course. Several weeks ago representatives of various veterans organizations called upon the county court and asked that body to take over the job of establishing such an office in Medford, the expense to be borne by the county. The court now is earnestly considering the problem and hope to be ready to make an announcement in the very near future. All members of the court, including the writer, feel that the problem is becoming more and more acute and that something must be done without undue delay. One of the questions which must be answered is "how can such a program be financed and from what fund? It is probable that the matter will be placed before the budget committee when it meets next month.

While calling on friends in a nearby town this week (and incidentally leaving a few bits of cardboard reminding them we would like the privilege of staying on the job for a while longer) we heard something that set us thinking. One man told us that he had almost forgotten there was such a thing as a county court—there were no scraps nor recriminations and their work are being done so quietly that even the newspapers laid off. All of which may be true, for we have been going along very peacefully (can't even scare up a fight with those two poor lone Democrats in the courthouse, Sweeney and Brown) although the records show we have not been entirely idle. While Blin marries soldiers, reads probate papers or signs marriage license waivers, Bill and the writer sell land, talk over road matters, discuss (and often, cuss) welfare problems, or, in a pinch, just sit and think, or maybe look up some question of law regarding court procedure. And in between times, "sign a few papers and go to lunch," as Bro. Hampton so kindly said.

Mr. Mosher, who has been ill in bed for a number of days, is improving and able to sit up in bed for his meals.

## MAYOR EXPLAINS WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT WELL

That is a question that has been in the minds of the people of Central Point for the past year. And a question that has not been clear in the minds of the mayor, recorder, and city council.

Beginning at the first of the story: There has been a crying need of more water for Central Point for years and about a year ago the present council decided to make an attempt to satisfy that need by drilling a new well, realizing that when you stick a drill in the ground, no living human being knows what the result will be whether it will be water, plenty of water, good water, poor water, gas, oil or a dry hole.

The well was drilled. And the driller reported that we had a wonderful flow of water which raised our hopes almost to the exciting stage. Now the only question in our minds was the kind of water as to purity and hardness. Those two tests were ordered by the council and the purity test was made which proved "A". But something happened that we failed to get the chemical test but it was guessed by some that it was soft and that idea prevailed but was not substantiated.

Finally in spite of our shortage of help and supplies we got the water into the mains. You know that part of the story. Did you like it or did you not? Anyway at the meeting of the last council it was ordered that its use be discontinued except in an emergency until the chemical test is made and it is determined definitely by the best authority and tests what kind and flow of water we have.

P. A. BONNEY, Mayor.

## P. T. A. NOTES

In a varied program of musical selections, group singing, and a one act play, second grade pupils showed much talent when they entertained at the April 6th meeting of the Central Point P.T.A. A chorus of seventh and eighth grade girls presented three numbers which were well received.

Officers for the coming year, elected during the business meeting were: President, Mrs. Dorothy Williams; First Vice, Mrs. Irene Anhorn; Second Vice, Mrs. Dorothy Morris; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Clark; Treasurer, Mrs. Jay Bigham.

It was voted to donate \$20 to the Red Cross fund. State convention is to be held the later part of this month and Mrs. Edyth Bohnert was selected alternate representative, in the event that the newly elected president might be unable to attend. The second grade won the room prize for most mothers present. Seventh grade mothers served cookies and tea at the close of the meeting.

Regular meeting of the Jackson County P.T.A. Council will be held April 19, in the recreation hall, at the Housing Project on West Jackson Street in Medford. Those wishing transportation are to meet at Stone's drug store at 9:45. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be served. All you can drink for 5c. The octette under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Morris will sing two numbers. Members are Mrs. Ruth Clark, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Mrs. Ruth Hoover, Mrs. Joy Bigham, Mrs. George Upton and Mrs. John Bohnert.

## Post Office Lobby Abused by Youngsters

The treatment our Post Office Lobby is receiving, is disgraceful. Government posters and notices as well as the walls are being defaced in many different ways, ink and pencil marks are also on the lobby desk. The floor is littered with paper in spite of a receptacle placed there for its disposal. Aside from the fact that we should be public spirited enough to take pride in our Post Office, there is a heavy penalty attached to any one found defacing it in any way. It would be well for parents to check with their children to see if they realize the seriousness of this. If a government agent should happen to be in the Post Office and catch any one in the act it would just be too bad for them.

## To The Republican Voters of Jackson County:

As a candidate for the nomination for

## County Commissioner

*I wish to say that my work as your present Commissioner, together with the gasoline shortage, will prevent my traveling about the county to any great extent to call upon you personally. I shall see as many of you as possible, but if I do not, I hope you will understand.*

*I am asking for re-election because I feel that my experience during my first term will enable me to give even better service if re-elected. And also I would like to have the opportunity to assist in carrying out the plans now being made for post-war work.*

*Your support will be much appreciated.*

Sincerely yours,

Arthur E. Powell

## Seven Ladies Hike To Lathrop Home

Seven of the service men's wives accompanied by Mrs. Minnick hiked out to the Lathrop home Wednesday afternoon. They arrived there just before the rain and hail. They spent a delightful afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served. When they started home they were met at the lane by Oscar Minnick and Cpl. Daves, who brought them into Central Point. More jaunts like this are planned whenever the weather permits. A number more planned to be present but owing to the weather, didn't come.

The Service Club will be opened to Service men's wives the same as always next Wednesday afternoon. All service wives are invited to come and get acquainted.

## Large Acreage Early Potatoes Planted Here

The warehouse in the old Theils building is nearly empty of seed potatoes. There were about six tons there and two thirds have been planted either by John Bohnert or Harry Dunn, who are planting about ten acres. We didn't learn just how the acreage is divided between them.

In former years they shipped in the early seed potatoes but last year in July Otto Bohnert planted early seed potatoes which grew to large size, nice looking, potatoes. These have been mostly cut and treated for planting. If the weather permits, the balance will soon be in the ground.

## HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. C. W. Abbott returned home last Sunday from the hospital where she had undergone a major operation. Mr. Abbott took her and their small daughter, Marla Jean, to Grants Pass to visit Mrs. Abbott's mother, Mrs. F. E. Oxner for a week. Mr. Abbott's sister, Mrs. Evelyn Ransden and daughters, Darlene and Glenda, arrived the first of the week from Springfield and another sister Mrs. Mamie Rose and daughter, Barbara of Klamath Falls arrived Wednesday and are visiting at the Abbott home and with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Moore. Mr. Abbott had never seen his little two years old niece, Glenda. Mrs. Abbott and Marla Jean will return home Sunday.

## NOTICE

The next meeting of the W.R.C. is to be held on Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 P.M.

This is a very important meeting and all members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Ann Lambert returned home from the Camp White hospital Saturday. The little daughter Patricia Ann remained at the hospital for a short time. She may be brought home this week end.

## Bandage Class In Need of More Help

The bandage class is urgently in need of more workers, last Thursday there were only four present. Mrs. Ernest Parker, who has been never missed a class and Mrs. Lacy and Mrs. Richardson, who are two more of the faithful, were present. Thursday there were ten present. With the coming of spring, many helpers work in the fields and market gardens and home gardens, all necessary work. Everyone, who doesn't do this work, should make an extra effort to help out during the summer. No inducement is offered only the serious need of feeling that you have done your bit to help.

## John Ross Buys Building in City

The Oregon Trail building has changed hands rapidly in the past two weeks. Mr. John Jones bought it first then he sold to Mrs. Cash and now John Ross has bought it and put up his curtains and moved in his bed. Mr. Ross and his daughter, Mrs. Hunt and son, George, was in Central Point, Wednesday checking over the place. Mr. Ross wants a hideout where he can come and stay a few days when the spirit moves and visit with old friends. He says when he gets hungry, he will go back to his home with Mrs. Hunt and the boys.

George Lees, Gunners Mate 3/c, is attending advance gunner school in San Diego. He left last week after a leave, spent in Central Point.

## So what?

Dee Booth making a red streak as he mows the city hall lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Farra hurrying to the bus depot and seeing a bus about to depart, asked the driver if it went to Central Point. The driver answering in the affirmative, they got on. They enjoyed a nice ride to Camp White, even if they were a little late for their appointment in Central Point.

Mrs. Frank McManama says she couldn't go to Navy Mothers club, when she couldn't talk.

Grandpa Oscar Minnick is too old to go fishing any more.

Donna Lavin coming home from a big buying trip in Medford and saying I sure spent the money.

Jim Cummings wondering how Mrs. Buckman could be improving and having to live with Mr. B.

Did Lloyd R. say it takes a big boy to fold napkins.

## Fire Damages Home of H. P. Jewetts

Last Thursday evening about six o'clock the fire department was called out by a fire at the H. P. Jewett home. The fire department was at the scene in very short order. Fire chief Jack Sharp thinks that a few minutes delay might have meant the complete loss of the house and furniture. When the fire was first seen the flames were shooting out of roof. Practically all of the furniture except what was in Hal's room was saved. His things, keepsakes, clothes, etc. were all burned, also Lollies' clothes were burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett spent the night with Everett Fabers and were able to rent the Milton house just east of the Federated church. They plan to repair the damage as soon as possible to get a carpenter.

The loss was covered by insurance.

## Convention To Be Held at Ashland Fri.

The churches of Christ in Southern Oregon will meet in convention Friday April 14th in Ashland at the Church of Christ. All members and friends of the churches of Christ are invited to attend. This Southwestern Oregon District Convention is an annual gathering of members from the churches in Klamath Falls, Ashland, Phoenix, Medford, Central Point, and Grants Pass. Listed among the program speakers are Mr. C. F. Swander of Portland, Mr. Kenneth Johnston, of Eugene, and Mr. Howard Hutchins of Klamath Falls. E. Gilbert Cays, minister of the Central Point church of Christ, will be the chairman of the convention, and Mrs. Carl Hoover will be the convention song leader.

A covered dish dinner will be held at the noon hour. Supper will be served by the ladies of the Ashland church.

The Medford Gun Club meets at the Kyle Restaurant this evening. T. E. Daniels is president of the club. The Central Point club and also the Jackson county court is invited to meet with them.

## Churches

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF CENTRAL POINT**  
The Brick Church  
REV. R. D. BENDER, PASTOR  
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Preaching service 11:00 A.M. Message by the pastor.  
Evangelistic service 7:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mid-week prayer meeting.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
E. Gilbert Cays, Minister  
10:00 a.m.—Bible School. W. K. Davis, Supt. Competent teachers for all classes.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship. Observation of the Lord's Supper. Soprano solo by Evelyn Burns. Gospel sermon by Earl F. Downing, minister of Ashland Church of Christ.

7:00 p.m.—Christian Endeavor. Two societies. All boys and girls and young people are invited.  
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service. Happy song service. Special music. Sermon by Earl F. Downing.  
7:30 a.m., Tues. and Thurs.—"Gospel Meditations" broadcast of KMED. Be sure to tune in.  
8:00 p.m. Wed.—Mid-week service. Ruth Hoover will be the leader. The book of Romans is being studied. Bring your Bible and a friend.  
8:00 p.m. Wed.—Special study class for new members of the church.  
9:00 p.m. Wed.—Choir rehearsal. We can use a few more singers in our choir.

Friday—District convention of churches of Christ in Ashland. Begins at 10:15 a.m. and continues until 9:20 p.m.  
A word from the minister; You are invited to attend any or all of the services of this growing congregation. There were 179 people in Bible school last Lord's Day, and a full house for the night service. Bring your friends and come. You will receive a hearty welcome.

**HOLINESS CHURCH**  
(Wesleyan)  
Corner 5th and Pine  
Rev. Clifford W. Thomas, Pastor  
Bible School 9:45 A.M. Mr. Don Little, Supt.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Evangelistic Service at 7:30 P.M.

**PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD**  
W. A. Parsons, Pastor  
North East Corner of 5th and Pine  
9:45 A.M. Sunday School Classes for all ages. Story on Hannel board.  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship.  
8:30 P.M. Young People Services.  
7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Message.  
Tues. Eve. 7:30 Prayer Services.  
Fri. Eve. 7:30 Prayer and Praise.

## OLIVE V. ROOT, 77, PIONEER, DIES AT SON'S HOME

Olive V. Root, 77, pioneer resident of Jackson county, passed away at the home of her son, Henry B. Kilburn in Central Point early Wednesday morning after a continuous residence here for the last 72 years.

She was born at Walla Walla, Wash., August 24, 1866, and came here with her parents when a child of six years. In her youth, she attended school at Table Rock. Her home was formerly in Medford, but for the last six years she had lived in Central Point.

Mrs. Root was a member of the Church of Christ in Central Point.

She leaves besides her husband, L. H. Root, three children, J. A. Kilburn, now in Hawaii; Henry B. Kilburn, Central Point and Mrs. Jack Hammel of Portland.

Funeral services will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel at 2:30 Saturday with the Rev. Gilbert Cays officiating. Interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

## NOTICE

Service men's wives please notice! The group, which has been meeting at the Bender home on Wednesday, has voted to change their date to Thursday, to avoid conflicting with the social meeting held at the Service club on that day. Next regular meeting will be held April 20, beginning with a potluck dinner at 12:30.

Election of officers will be held, and secret pals will draw names. Mrs. Imogene Smith will lead the lesson and Mrs. Virginia Gilbert singing.

## CARD OF THANKS

We are extremely grateful to the many friends who so efficiently and quickly removed our household goods and personal effects from the house at the time of the fire. Without your help our loss would have been very much greater. We wish also to express our thanks to the fire department for the splendid way in which they handled the fire. We firmly believe that we have the best volunteer fire department in the state of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett

## VIE AND JIM ROSS BUY PIONEER CLUB AGAIN

Vie and Jim Ross have bought the Pioneer Club which they formerly owned. They will be known again as Ross & Ross. Old customers, as well as new, will receive a hearty welcome. Former patrons will be glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ross back in the business. A number of boys in service have written to them requesting that they save an opening for them when they return home from service. The building has been remodeled and new linoleum laid.

Mrs. Helen Hostutler has moved into the former Flynn house.

## Service Calendar

Sunday ..... Undesignated  
Monday ..... W.R.C.  
Tuesday ..... M.W.A.  
Wednesday ..... Grange  
Thursday ..... Navy Mothers  
Friday ..... Firemen  
Saturday ..... Federated church

**Mary E. Moore**  
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!  
John Wayne—Susan Hayward in  
"THE FIGHTING SEABEES"  
—Sunday—Monday—Tuesday  
Orson Welles—Joan Fontaine  
"JANE AYRE"

**WEDNESDAY—4 DAYS**  
"SALUDOS AMIGOS"  
(Technicolor)  
A Disney, South American  
Feature  
plus  
A Double Feature Floor Show.

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For Your Guest Tickets  
If office closed, call across  
street at telephone office for  
ticket.