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Musings

By the Editor

Another Memorial Day has come and gone. How well we remember another such day in 1917 when the boys were gathering for the big fight in France. Company Seven of the Oregon National Guard was expecting a call of any time to leave for active service. There were still quite a number of Civil War veterans active enough to march. So on that Memorial Day the parade was led by some twenty aged men, at their head the tall, erect figure of Comrade James C. Woods (who later moved to this city, where he resided until his death a couple of years ago) proudly carrying the colors they had fought to save. Behind them, beating time for their march, were a fifer and two drummers. It was an imposing sight.

Following the aged veterans came the new soldiers, led by their color bearer, who chanced that day to be the writer. And we want to say right here that that was the gosh-awfullest marching we have ever had a hand in. Those poor old fellows with their civil war drums kept stumbling over the street-car tracks and every time that happened they changed step—we who were trying to keep step with those drums must have looked like tap dancers. But somehow we didn't feel a bit like laughing. And that evening the paper carried a poem by Berton Braley which we have remembered ever since for it applies as well today:

"And now the test of OUR souls has come,
As soldiers march to life and drum,
To join in the thick of war;
And the young boys fight, as the old boys fought,
Willing to count their lives as naught,
In a cause worth dying for.
And somehow we know that in war's red hell,
These lads will battle as nobly well,
As the grand old boys we cheer,
Who falter by to a martial strain,
Or those who under the sod have lain,
For many a quiet year.

So we life our eyes to the flag that flies,
With its red and white and blue,
And we cheer again for the kind of men
Who have always seen us through;
For that stalwart breed, that meets our need,
For the Old Boys and the New."

♦ ♦ ♦
We were glad to meet in the hall at the courthouse the other day Lieutenant Ernest Pinkham who has just earned his wings and is visiting his mother here. Gosh! Wasn't it yesterday that he and that young "devil" Stanley Jones used to pester the life out of us on press nights? Now it's "Corporal Jones" and "Lieutenant Pinkham." Ernie (he's still "Ernie" to us home folks) is leaving in a few days for Texas to learn to fly the B-17s and no doubt before long will be dropping bombs on Tokyo, or somewhere. Go to it, old son!

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Also we were glad to note that our old red-headed friend, Billy Keizer, is fast recovering from the effects of the fighting he did in the South Pacific and will soon be his old self again. Bill had a hard struggle of it and we are glad to see him on the gain. We hear there are a number of the old gang visiting home folks this week, but so far they have kept out of our sight. Here's welcome home, fellers, anyway.

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We have been spending the day moving some of the heavy equipment in our shop today (Tuesday) and must be forgiven if we don't feel a whole lot like pounding a typewriter tonight. We may get rested before the paper goes to press and finish this junk, but if not—blame it on the manpower shortage, or what have you?



POST OFFICE LOBBY TO BE CLOSED AT 7:30

The Post Office lobby is now being closed at 7:30 P.M. Heretofore the lobby has been kept open until 9:00 P.M. but the earlier closing has become necessary due to the defacing of walls and woodwork in the lobby in the evenings. Most of this has been done by youths who, for several years have made it a practice of meeting their friends and loitering about the lobby in the evenings. I was informed by the post office inspector several months ago that unless proper police protection could be provided that the lobby should be closed earlier but as a number of the patrons come for their mail in the late evenings, I have hesitated to close the lobby earlier if we could put a stop to the vandalism. Several times recently we have found ink bottles turned over and ink spilled over the desk, waste paper torn up and scattered on the floor and lately some have even written obscene matter on the woodwork. Since it is impossible for the city to protect the lobby and as our appeals have been in vain we are closing the lobby earlier. There is an outside letter slot where letters may be mailed after the lobby is closed.

—C. W. Abbott, Postmaster

Swimming Party Enjoyed by Juniors

Taking the liberty of the afternoon which was given them for their swimming party the Junior Class started on their picnic. The party was planned for Twin Plunges, but that swimming pool being previously reserved, the Juniors went swimming at Helman's instead. After a swim, a welter roast picnic was held in the Park at Ashland. Everyone reported having a good time except for the poison oak acquired by some while running around the less civilized portions of the park.

—The Central Pointe

Letters From Our Boys in Service

May 25, 1944

Dear Mr. Powell:
I thought I would drop you a line thanking you for the paper. I sure enjoy it.
The sun is shining and the grass is green but it rained last night. This is a great country if you like the wide open spaces.
If any of my friends would like to write, I would answer them.
Well I will close for now. Again I thank you.

As ever your friend,
Pvt. Norman Flaherty
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Warren, Wyoming.

Locals

Mrs. William Hilkey is staying with her son Charley Hilkey, wife and baby daughter, Patricia from Klamath Falls. The Hilkeys bought the Edington farm in Sams Valley and are making their home there.

The Wednesday sewing club met with Mrs. Zelma Hazen with ten present. It was decided to meetings until fall.

Mrs. Alta Kelly is having a week's vacation from her Camp White work. Her son, Shirley, will leave the fifth of June for the Navy and her other son Marshall is going away for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicerod of Ashland spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Young and helped to celebrate Mr. Young's birthday.

Mrs. Roberta Andren of San Diego arrived the 25 of May for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Betta Pankey. Mrs. Andren expects to return to San Diego the 12th of June.

Dora Jones, Martha Booth and Lorie Minnick decorated the soldiers' graves and put up the flags at the Central Point cemetery Monday evening for the W.R.C. Mr. A. E. Powell took the ladies out and Mr. Oscar Minnick brought them back to town.

Fifth War Loan Drive To Start June 12

This next week start the fifth War Loan Drive and as in every War Loan Drive newspaper advertising is considered essential to make the drive successful. A number of our readers among the business firms have already spoken for ads. We feel like the business houses and paternal organization have done fine in backing these ads. We are informed that the ads carry more weight when backed by well known firms.

The sales quota to individuals alone is six thousand million dollars. The treasury department says it is the toughest job they have had yet.

Class Day Program Given Monday, May 29

The Seniors gave their annual Class day program Monday, May 29, and it was greatly enjoyed by all the students.

Besides the Senior awards of the Honor Cup and the Faculty Awards, Mr. Jewett presented the Baseball letters to this year's baseball team. Those receiving letters were Paul Blumenstein, John Freeland, Glenn Shrier, Bob Lull, Dan Sage, Tom Colley, Don Holland, Wayne Shuler, and Melvin Ahnorn.

There was also a letter awarded to Kenneth Palen, the Business Manager this year, and to Shirley Kelly, the basketball manager. A yell leader's letter was presented to Carolyn Lees.

Next the student body secretary, Pat Langston, installed the officers for next school year. The new officers repeated the oath of office, and Kenneth Palen the new Student Body presented took charge of the meeting.

The Seniors then read their class will, their class horoscope, and class prophecy. The story of their senior skip day was read by Eric Johnson.

The best part of the program came when the new 1944 Annuals were distributed. These Annuals were well received by the students and the annual staff can be proud of publishing a very good book.

—The Central Pointe

Girl Scout News

Brownie Troop 18 and members of Girl Scout Troop 1 and 12 will meet Saturday evening, June 3, at 8 P.M. in the high school auditorium for their annual Fly-Up and Court of Awards ceremonies. Refreshments will be served by the Central Point Troop Committee. Parents and friends of the girls are cordially invited.

Girl Scouts of Troop 12 enjoyed a cook-out at the out-door fireplace of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Obenchain on May 25.

THANK YOU FOR

HAPPY SURPRISE

What could warm the cockles of one's heart more than the thought that some kind friend would think enough of one to pick a nice big serving of strawberries for them. We mean big enough to make a strawberry shortcake. Wonder if folks couldn't see the difference in our step as we walked up and down the street. The only reason we don't print your name, is that some other friend might feel slighted. Thanks here and again when we see you.

BACCALUREATE SERVICES

Baccalureate Services were held at the Eagle Point Grange hall last Sunday afternoon. Seniors graduating were Elva Chesnut, Lella Damon, Grant Hubbel, Harold Meyer, Wilma Russell and Gordon Stanley. Mr. E. Gilbert Cays gave the address and the grade school sextette sang two numbers. Invocation was given by Lloyd Whitford, who also sang a solo and gave the Benediction. Harold Meyer is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tetherow of Central Point.

MANY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jones enjoyed visits from many of their relatives this week end. Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Breeding from Prospect and daughter, Dora and friend, S/Sgt. Carroll Randleman, who recently returned from China and India, and Mrs. Jones' brother, Lloyd Breeding, were all guests at the Jones home, also Mr. Jones' brother David Jones, of Klamath Falls, who planned to spend the summer vacation here, but was called home on account of his mother's illness.

Mrs. Watkins went to Medford on the bus today to attend a birthday party on Mrs. Walker. She is expecting Ray home soon.

Day Camp for Girl Scouts Start June 7

Exciting plans are afoot for the Day Camp beginning with the very first day, June 7, and lasting through every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday up to June 29. All girls, regardless of whether they are a Girl Scout or not, are cordially invited to join the Girl Scout family at camp. Only requirement is that the girl be between seven and 18 years old and have a permission blank signed by her parents.

A bus will leave from South Central and Ninth street, Medford every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning (except June 6.) Transportation has been arranged for Oak Grove and Jacksonville on Wednesday. Central Point on Thursdays.

DINNER GUESTS

Dr. D. V. Polling of Corvallis was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stone this evening. Dr. Polling was a close friend of Mrs. Stone's family, having married her father and mother and all of her sisters as well as Mr. and Mrs. Stone themselves. Dr. Polling will give the commencement address this evening.

TO CLOSE FRI. & SAT.

The Central Point Beauty shop will be closed for redecorating Friday and Saturday of this week.

FOURTEEN PRESENT

The Red Cross surgical bandage class met Tuesday with fourteen present. This was better than the average attendance in spite of it being Memorial day and a holiday. The class met again this afternoon. Every one, who can possibly help, are urged to do so. The need for these dressing is increasing daily.

SECOND LIEUTENANT NEW

Marfa, Texas, May 23, 1944—Ernest James Pinkham son of Mrs. Alice M. Pinkham of Box 223, Central Point, Oregon received his silver wings today when he graduated as a second lieutenant from Marfa, Texas, AAF Advanced Two-engine Pilot School. It was announced by Col. Donald B. Phillips, commanding officer.

The new pilot, a former resident of Central Point completed a course in training in twin-engine aircraft. He was assigned here from Minter Field, Bakersfield, California.

He is a former student of Central Point High School.

The Pilot School at Marfa is a station of the AAF Training Command, history's largest educational system.

TO ENLIST

Miss Joyce Doreen Munn and sister Mrs. Flossie Franger daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Munn are both enlisting in the U.S. Service. Miss Munn is here from Los Angeles and is enlisting in the WAVES and will go to Portland June 17 for her examination. Mrs. Flossie Franger of Spokane is enlisting in the WAC and will leave for Des Moines June 5 for a refresher course. Mrs. Franger was a former WAC but was let out on account of the illness of her husband. Now that her husband has recovered she is re-enlisting. This makes three children the Munnas have in service, a son Lester Munn is in Hawaii.

NEW BALL TEAM TO PLAY

The Central Point ball team will play Gold Hill this Sunday, and is booked up for the following four Sundays. The Oregon Cheney Lumber Co. have promised to buy the members of the team uniforms, with a stud horse on the back. Ernest Harris is captain of the team. Mr. Ben Chalney reports that he likes Central Point and its people very much.

VISITS GRANDPARENTS

Flight Officer Lynn Hamilton made a one day visit last week with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buck of Central Point. Officer Hamilton graduated from the Air Corps, and received his wings on April 15th at Williams field, Chandler, Arizona. After spending a short furlough at Redmond, Oregon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamilton, he will go to Salinas, Cal. for replacement.

TO THE VOTERS OF JACKSON COUNTY

Thanks for the confidence reposed in nominating me for the office of County Treasurer.

I shall endeavor to merit that confidence by continued faithful service to Jackson County.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Sweeney.

Charles Taylor and Merylene Gehard are working in the Alexander hardware and implement store.

Legion Membership Reaches All-time High

American Legion membership in Oregon has reached an all time high of 15,880 compared with the previous record of 15,878 set in 1920, according to figures released this week by Vic Miceli, Department Vice Commander and Membership Chairman, of Roseburg.

Membership for the Department at this time last year totaled 12,293.

Included in the record enrollment for 1944, which is expected to exceed 16,000 in the near future, are approximately 1500 veterans of World War II.

In order to be prepared to meet the problems and to render service to this record membership, a Rehabilitation Conference will be held in Portland June 1st and 2nd, including representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. All Posts in Oregon will send representatives, according to Department Headquarters.

National Officers of The American Legion from Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis will be in Portland, Rehabilitation Chairman for Area E, and Carl Moser, member of the National Committee on World War II Liaison. Preparations for the Conference are being handled by June Vallant, National Field Secretary.

The 9th Service Command of the U.S. Army will also be represented.

On June 3rd a school for Service Officers and Adjutants will be held at the Veterans Administration in Portland, under the direction of R. C. Dillard, Department Service Officer.

Completing the program will be a meeting of the Department Executive Committee at the Imperial Hotel, June 4th.

BABY BOY BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale Johnson at Des Moines, Iowa, a baby son named Collins Dale weighing 8 lbs 4 oz. Mrs. Johnson is staying with her parents for the present and Sgt. Johnson is stationed in Louisiana. Mr. Johnson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson of Central Point.

Churches

FEDERATED CHURCH OF CENTRAL POINT The Brick Church

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, Supl. The school is growing rapidly. There were 132 present last Lord's Day. Come. You will enjoy it.
11:00 A.M.—Morning worship. Observance of the Lord's Supper. Choir anthem, "Let Him In." Sermon, "Christian Giving."
7:00 P.M.—Christian Endeavor. Two societies, Marjorie Jewett will lead the senior group, Louise McDowell will be the leader for the juniors. All boys and girls and young people are invited to come.
8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic Service. Happy congregational singing. Solo by Mrs. Joy Bigham. Sermon, "Living With The Dead."

7:30 A.M. Tuesday and Thursday—Gospel Meditations—broadcast over KMED. Be sure to tune in.
8:00 P.M. Wednesday—Mid-week, Bible study and prayer meeting. The book of 1 Corinthians is being studied. Bring your Bible.
8:00 P.M. Wednesday—Special study course for new members of the church.
9:00 P.M. Wednesday—Choir practice.
2:00 P.M. Friday—Golden Links class party at the home of Mrs. Earl Phillips.

A WORD FROM THE MINISTER:
The Lord's gracious invitation is, "Come unto me, all ye that are heaven laden, and I will give you rest." Whatever your burden may be, Jesus will take the heavy end of the load if you will call upon Him.

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. Message by the pastor.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:45 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 flannel board.
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship.
6:30 P.M. Young People Services.
7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Message.
Tues. Eve. 7:30 Prayer Services.
Fri. Eve. 7:30 Prayer and Praise.

PAUL BLUMENSTEIN WINS HONOR CUP AS 'FIRST' STUDENT

At the annual Senior Class day program on Monday, May 29, the Honor Cup and the four Faculty Awards were presented by Mr. Jewett.

The Honor Cup was presented to Paul Blumenstein. This award is considered the highest in the school, and is based on student vote plus the activities which the senior has taken part in during the four years of high school. The presentation of the Honor Cup is a tradition of C.P.H.S. which extends back to 1922. It was presented for the first time in 1922 to Eva Nealon. Last year it was presented to Edwin Froehlich. The student who is presented with the cup has his name and year of graduation engraved on the cup and the cup remains in the school trophy case.

The four Faculty Awards, chosen completely by the faculty, are engraved on a plaque which hangs by the trophy case. These awards were as follows: For outstanding scholarship, Eric Johnson; for outstanding work in various activities, Pat Langston; for school loyalty and citizenship, Marjorie Jewett; for outstanding ability and sportsmanship in athletics, Paul Blumenstein.

—The Central Pointe

SURPRISE VISIT

Miss Ernestine Tracy arrived Saturday 8:30 A.M. on a surprise visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Tracy and other relatives. They visited Helen and Doris Inman at Phoenix on Sunday and were dinner guests at the Wm Hewitt home there. But she likes the rush and noise of the city and wasn't sorry to leave for the return trip to Portland 7:30 P.M. Sunday.

Like the boys in service she was hungry for a "Mom cooked meal" so several of her favorite dishes were for the coming. The two days spent here were full of happiness for all concerned.

So what?—

Your circumstance may be unconventional, but they shall not long remain so if you but preceive an ideal and strive to reach it. You cannot travel within and stand still without.

—James Lane Allen.

Margaret startling Mrs. Vincent, when she hollered Clara, where you head scarf.

Mrs. Richardson saying if anyone found our note book, they would probably turn it over to the F.B.I.

Clara V. reading poems to the bandage class Tuesday afternoon.

Could it have been an election bet, that Edw. J. and Violet P. were pushing each other up Amy St. one day last week.

Service Calendar

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

L. S. Bashaw
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 Nite!—
Maureen O'Hara—Joel McCrea in
"BUFFALO BILL"
(Technicolor)
—Sunday—Monday—Tuesday—
Margaret Sullivan—Ann Southern
"HAVOC"
WEDNESDAY—4 DAYS
Rita Hayworth—Gene Kelly
"COVER GIRL"
(Technicolor)

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