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## Musings

By the Editor

The writer of this column has been careful not to say much of anything about the water situation in this city for the reason that he has long believed that the greatest mistake this city ever made was the failure to secure Medford water when they had a chance. During the days when the agitation to secure that water was at its height we did our best to convince the people of the city that it would be for the best interest of the city if a contract with Medford could be made so we could have a gravity system instead of a well and pump. But we did not succeed and the whole thing blew up.

During that campaign we used to hear it said by our opponents that it was nonsense to go in debt so heavily for Medford Water when all that was necessary was to go over west of the tracks and dig a new well and have plenty of good, soft water. We were told of several wells in that part of town which supplied the best water in the county. All of which may or not have been true, but the fact is that all of the old wells in the west end were DUG wells not over thirty feet deep and at the time they were used to any great extent there was no irrigation in the valley and therefore little or no surface water to contend with.

It has been well known for a number of years that the old well up at the pump house will not supply an unlimited amount of water for the needs of a city the size of Central Point and that if the city continued to grow an additional supply would have to be found. That being the case no one can blame the city council for making such an attempt. They were only doing their duty as conscientious officials. And neither can they be blamed if they listened to those who had made such claims about wells on the west side of town. The situation was desperate and they felt that something should be done at once. Whether or not they made a mistake in the purchase of so large a tract for this purpose is neither here nor there and has nothing to do with the real question. That's all water over the dam.

Neither is it pertinent that instead of digging a shallow well and thereby taking a chance of getting impure water, it was decided to drill a deeper well and thereby be sure of purer water. They were doing what they considered best for the city under the circumstances and should not be blamed if the whole thing proved a failure. For failure it is, there is no doubt about that. The water in the new well is AWFUL! If anyone doubts that, just come over to our house and taste it—or try to drink coffee made from it! Water that will curdle milk or rust kitchen utensils overnight, certainly is not fit for household use. Whether or not it is fit for human consumption is a question. (We doubt if anyone will drink enough of the darned stuff to hurt them much.)

To judge from the comments heard on the streets and in the homes about town concerning the new water, it would appear that there is a prevalent feeling that the stuff is going to do much harm to electric water heaters, coils and boilers, which are almost irreplaceable these days. People who have spent hundreds of dollars for such things do not want to take chances on their being ruined. We hear it said on all sides that rather than take such chances they would sell out and move to some other community. No one wants that to happen, of course, but the feeling is there and cannot be denied.

Now comes the question as to what to do about it. We MUST have adequate fire protection—there is no doubt about that. And we believe that the city officials are taking a step in the right direction in placing restrictions on the use of city water for irrigation. It is hoped that by so doing it will be possible to secure enough water from the old well for household use at least, without using water from the new well at all. If this experiment proves workable and we can get along with the old well for the time being all will be "well." We feel sure the people of the city as a whole would much rather put up with the inconvenience of having to conserve their water for the hot months than to be compelled to put up with what we are getting from the new well.

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## LOCAL TEAM TO MEET WPRC ON SUN. AFTERNOON

Central Point baseball nine will tangle with Western Personal Relocation Center from Camp White Sunday at 2:30 on local field.

W.P.R.C. team is now tied with the Medford Craters for first place in the league.

Lefty Bengold will pitch and Hoag will catch for W.P.R.C.

Clyde Lees and Don Sage will be the battery for Central Point.

This game should be a mound battle as both pitches specialize in speed ball pitching.

Game time 2:30 P.M. Sunday. Everybody come out and enjoy this game.

## Former Local Girl Married in Texas

Miss Janice L. Clark, daughter of Mrs. Arlene Clark of Medford, formerly of Central Point, became the bride of Pvt. Richard L. McMullen of Camp Bowie, Texas, Sunday, June 30 at Brownwood, Texas. The service took place at the home of the Rev. Russell Dennis, pastor of the Brownwood Baptist church, with the Rev. Dennis performing the ceremony.

Miss Clark's wedding costume was a light green suit worn with brown accessories.

Pvt. and Mrs. McMullen are residing at 1109 Main street in Brownwood.

The bride is a graduate of the Central Point high school with the class of 1943 and for the past several months has been employed in the office of the Bear Creek orchards.

Mrs. McMullen accompanied by her mother left Medford, June 12 for Texas. Mrs. Clark is enjoying herself and may spend the summer there and visiting friends in various places before returning home.

## ASKS ADDRESSES—

Mrs. Norman Hansen received a letter from her son S/Sgt. Norman Hansen saying he was now in Italy, that it was much hotter there than it had been in Russia where he was stationed before. He wrote that Art Miller had found his (Norman) address in a Red Cross register and wrote to him, Art was stationed comparatively near and planned to visit Norman the first three days leave he has. Norman asked for the address of Roland Hoover and Cleo Young. The addresses are:

Sgt. Cleo H. Young, 39309776  
78th Ordnance Depot Co.,  
A.P.O. No. 782  
C/o P.M., New York City, N.Y.  
Cpl. Roland H. Hoover, 39092013  
Hqs & Hqs Co. 1st  
Replacement Depot  
A.P.O. 761, C/o P.M.,  
New York City, New York.

## LETTER FROM SON—

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson of Beall Lane recently received a letter from their son Sgt. John L. Wilson in Hawaii, in which John commented on the many write-ups his Division has been given by saying "We know our outfit is good and we are proud of it, but don't forget there are many good outfits and they are doing fine work, tho you may not read accounts of them."

## THE YOUNGER GENERATION

By Patsy Faber

Lollie Jewett spent the week end with her sister-in-law and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jewett of Medford.

Melvin Anhorn is working on the Fred Hall ranch in the Agate district. Donna Le Fevere is taking Barbara Root's place delivering the Oregonian.

Robert Kincaid is working for Claire Higinbotham driving the tractor for his combine.

Mildred Trautman is setting tables and helping in the kitchen at the Forest Service Fire Patrol Station on the Midway Road.

Donald Faber, who has been driving a tractor pulling a baler, is now operating his own new Farmall raking hay.

Anne Bohnert is painting and kementoning the upstairs of the Arnold Bohnert house.

The John Bohnert hay bayer is occupying Leo Trautman's time this summer.

## Notice to Water Users!

Owing to the increased shortage of city water, it is again necessary to place restrictions on the use of water for irrigation. Therefore I, Pearl A. Bonney, Mayor of the City of Central Point, do hereby order that beginning Sunday, July 16, 1944, water for irrigation purposes be used only according to the following schedule:

### IRRIGATION DAYS

All of the City north of Pine street shall irrigate Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sunday morning.

All of the City south of Pine street and including all west of the Pacific Highway shall irrigate Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sunday evening.

### IRRIGATION HOURS

WEEK DAYS—5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SUNDAYS—5 a.m. to 9 a.m. for north side and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for south and west side.

No irrigation will be permitted under any circumstances during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. anywhere in the city.

These restrictions to remain in force until further notice.

Signed: PEARL A. BONNEY,  
Mayor.

## Capt. Lee Pinkham to Attend Staff School

HQS. PANAMA CANAL DEPT., July 5—Selection of Capt. Lee D. Pinkham, of Central Point, Ore., to return to the United States this month to attend the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla., was announced today by the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

Upon completion of the staff officers course in air defense, Capt. Pinkham will be granted a 15 day leave. He expects to visit his family at Central Point.

While in the United States, Capt. Pinkham will be temporarily away from duty as commanding officer of a harbor defense battery. He has served with the Coast Artillery forces guarding the Panama Canal since Dec. 29, 1942.

## PRISONER OF GERMANY—

Word has been received by Mrs. Echo West that her brother, David Waterman, who was reported missing in action May 24, is a prisoner of the Germans.

## Locals

Mrs. W. A. Grant left July 5 for California to visit her niece, Mrs. Ted Williams and friends. Mrs. Williams accompanied Mrs. Grant to Seattle, Washington, to visit Mrs. Grant's nephew before they return to Central Point the last of July. Mrs. Pearl Grundeland of Seattle, a sister of Mrs. Grant, is house guest at the Grant home and looking after the home and cooking for Mr. Grant.

Mrs. Ethel Smith of Lakeview is a guest of Mrs. L. F. Bingham. Mrs. Smith has been attending the Southern Oregon Normal and is a former schoolmate of Mrs. Bingham.

Lloyd Mosher, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Mosher and son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mosher, has been sent to St. Louis to study electricity. He has been in the navy for eight years. This is the second time he has been sent to Radio school. Lloyd Mosher and mother planned to visit here soon when he had furlough, but now he has no idea when they will come.

1/c petty officer Lloyd Dole is home on emergency leave, visiting his father, who is ill, and his mother in Seattle. He visited his sister, Mrs. Smith over the fourth. He is on another submarine when he reports back in service at San Diego. Pfc. Lawrence Dole, another brother, is also visiting his father. He is in the air corps stationed in Georgia.

Mrs. Arthur Ayres is visiting her husband in Brookings. Mr. and Mrs. John Tharp and children are staying at the Ayres home looking after things during their absence.

Muriel Weldman is visiting Charlotte Richardson in Toledo, Wash.

## Missionary To Speak at Church of Christ

Miss Grace Farnum, for several years a missionary to Japan, will be the special guest speaker for the 11:00 o'clock service at the local Church of Christ Sunday, July 16th. Miss Farnum was interned in an interment camp in Japan for more than a year. She returned a few months ago on the Grisholm.

The Church of Christ extends a cordial invitation to the people of Central Point and vicinity to hear Miss Farnum at the hour mentioned above.

Mrs. Mary Moore and granddaughter, Maxine Rose and small daughter, Barbara of Klamath Falls, Lottie Clineal of Eagle Point, Mr. and Mrs. W. Abbott and Marla Jean and Mayor and Mrs. Pearl Bonney spent July Fourth at Dead Indian Soda Springs.

## So what?—

Don Herbert, who burned up his soles at the fire in back of Faber's, thinks he'd rather be a grocery clerk than a fireman.

Al says "quick work" by the firemen. By the time he had called the fire department and he and Betty had got out the back door, the fire engine was there.

Mr. Homer Brown may have to suffer for want of cooler underthings this summer. Janette thinking that her father still wore the kind with long legs and sleeves took his new ones, which she thought were worn out ones (no sleeves nor legs) and cut out the back for a shoe polishing brush. Now he has a sun-back suit.

Nan Tharp saying if a certain thing doesn't stop pretty soon, she is going to blow a fuse. Then just how would we do our phoning.

Al having to buy a new pair of socks and even wash his feet after the fire.

Tom and Norman staging a fight in the Wilson hardware, but really it turned out that neither were fighting men, one too high and one too wide.

Think we'll change our name, Mr. B. wanting to put something in the "What Not."

John Ross, who was with his daughter a few days, was greatly puzzled when he returned home to find that some of his lady friends passed him by. Until he met John J., whom he supposed was a real friend, and found that John J. had had his face lifted, eye brows plucked, manicure and a wave set.

There is no punch in the Coffee Cup punch, so we are told.

## H. Brown & Clyde Lees To Start Shop Here

Mr. H. Brown and Clyde Lees have taken possession of the Obenchain garage building and will have it ready to start work Monday morning. They will do general repair work, electric repair work on washing machines, refrigerators, stoves, etc. They will also have a training school for arc welding. Clyde has the welding equipment and was lead man in the ship yard last year in Portland and later Art Miller and Clyde had a shop in Portland. Sawfiling and gunning will also be done.

## LEAVE FOR PORTLAND—

Mrs. Lola Kincaid accompanied by Clara Vincent left Sunday morning for Portland. Mrs. Kincaid had received a message from Portland that her brother, Henry Freeman's house had burned down and that her brother's wife had been burned her hands and feet (second degree burns), while helping Mr. Freeman out of the house. Mr. Freeman had just returned home from the hospital July 4th at noon and the fire occurred the next night. Everything they had was burned. Mr. Freeman and daughter, Ruth, and son, Billy, had on their night clothes on.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, daughter and son returned to Central Point with Mrs. Kincaid Wednesday night and will make their home with Mr. Freeman's father, W. J. Freeman.

Miss Ruth Freeman has leave of absence from her position with the United States Lines and will remain here until her mother has recovered.

## FOR A VISIT—

Mrs. Annabell Smith of Santiago, Chili and her sister, Mrs. Ila Watkins of San Francisco arrived last Friday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Walker. Mrs. Smith traveled by plane from Chili and stopped off at San Francisco to join her sister, losing her priority and having to wait in San Francisco six days and then standing in line two hours waiting for the bus. It has been over six years since Mrs. Smith was home. Mrs. Watkins works for the Western Union in San Francisco.

## 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, Supt. Classes for all ages. Come and study God's Word.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship. Special music. Observance of the Lord's Supper. Missionary message by Miss Grace Farnum of Japan.  
7:00 p.m.—Junior Christian Endeavor.

8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service. Happy song-fest. Special music. Sermon, "One Thing Thou Lackest."  
7:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday—"Gospel Meditations" broadcast over KMED. In the absence of the regular speakers, Ward A. Rice, minister of First Christian Church in Medford, will speak both mornings.

8:00 p.m. Wed.—Mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting. The book of 2 Corinthians is being studied. Come and bring your Bible.

2:00 p.m. Friday—Regular monthly missionary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Hare on S. 10th Street. Lysie Gregory will be the leader. All ladies of the church are urged to attend. A word from the minister: We are looking forward to a great dedication day (July 23rd) upon the completion of our church building. You are invited to enjoy this special day with us, including the basket dinner at 1:30 p.m.

### HOLINESS CHURCH (Wesleyan)

Corner 5th and Pine  
Rev. Clifford W. Thomas, Pastor  
Sunday School—9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.  
Evangelistic Service—7:45 P.M.  
Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday—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.

## WOMEN URGED TO ASSIST IN BANDAGE WORK

Mrs. Mary Parker and Mrs. Merle Obenchain had charge at the bandage class Tuesday as Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Kincaid were absent, having made a trip to Portland. There was not as many out as usual and the need for these dressing is as great as ever, even increasing every hour. Each one of us should deem it a privilege to do this work to ease, in any way, the hardship our boys have to undergo. The boys are not only giving unlimited time regardless of what life held for them at home, and many even giving their lives. Why should we let our housework or other unnecessary duties keep us from giving a few hours every week to this work. The quota for our district is large and is to be in by August 1st.

When Central Point women make up their minds to put something over, they do it. Come on, let's go. Young girls and young women. Young mothers form a club and take turns caring for the babies while the other mothers work. The class meet every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, starting at one o'clock at the high school. You may come any time during the afternoon, even if you only have an hour to work. Soon after the invasion there were more members out than expected and it took a little time to make places for them. It was fine and as many as come will be put to work. There is plenty of room and tables in the school house, it was only that so many were not planned for.

## GRANGE NOTES

Central Point Grange met Friday, July 7th with Master John Bohnert presiding.

The members voted to purchase the lot from the city adjoining the Grange property on the east. The purchase was voted in view of the future construction of a juvenile Grange hall.

The program was sponsored by Margaret Jensen and consisted of a flag drill by the Juveniles; a paper by Mrs. Fred Sander; and patriotic tableau by 6 members.

An interesting letter was read from Elmer Olson who is stationed at Hawaii.

## BUISNESSMAN TALKS—

A drygoods customer was heard asking Faber why he has no sheeting, the answer followed like this: "The War Production Board is asking the mills to provide for the third quarter of this year, that is up to October 1st—50,000,000 yards of seventy-two inch sheeting." Do you wonder that sheets, pillow cases and muslin are scarce, replied Faber. For general information it is known that India has provided United States forces with 170,000 pairs of socks, 300,000 yards of cloth, 175,000 pairs of trousers, 200,000 sets of underwear—this is lend-lease in reverse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyngre sold their farm to Walter Mang, who had already taken possession. The Dyngre bought a place on northeast of Central Point. Mr. and Mrs. Dyngre left Tuesday for Seattle, where they will visit. They will then go to Soap Lake for treatment for Mr. Dyngre's arthritis.

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