

Musings

By the Editor

Lest we forget—there is an election coming up which is of very important to the city of Central Point and all the people therein. That is the election to be held one week from this coming Saturday for the purpose of deciding the question of whether or not we want a more adequate water supply for the city and whether we want to have a water distributing system which will handle that water under a pressure which will give us better fire protection. We can think of no more important thing than plenty of good water if we expect the city to grow and prosper.

This newspaper has been an ardent advocate of getting the Medford water and for years we talked it early and late. Now we are glad to again express our conviction that the most important question confronting the people of this city at this time is that of a better and more abundant water supply. And there can be no question but that there exists no better source of water than the Big Butte Springs water now owned by the city of Medford. If our readers are at all acquainted with Jackson County and its various sources of water supply fit for human consumption they will readily see that such sources are strictly limited. Even the city of Medford spent years trying to get along with different water systems before they took the bull by the horns, as it were, and went in debt to the tune of one million dollars to put in their present system to Big Butte Springs.

As soon as they secured this wonderful water system all the various districts surrounding the city wanted to get on the bandwagon and get some of that water. Berrydale, Oak Grove, Eagle Point, as well as the thousands of scattered homes surrounding the city limits took steps to get this water and are happy today that they did. But Central Point "missed the bus" as the feller said. They muffed their first chance seven years ago to get this water at a very low cost, and cannot expect such an opportunity to come again. But even if it does cost more today than then, it is still worth the price.

And as for the arguments pro and con (mostly "con") about the condition of the old water mains now in use in this city, we ask our readers to remember that many of these arguments seem to stem from comparatively new comers who haven't lived here long enough to rate very strongly as competent judges. Those of us who have lived here for years and who have made a study of water conditions know better. While no one absolutely KNOWS for sure just how badly these water mains have deteriorated, we do know that patching leaks has been for years the biggest job our water department has had. We know that these mains were all re-conditioned pipe, bought at the same time (about 34 years ago) and all laid at the same time. We know that whenever it has been necessary for the past ten years to dig up one of these pipes to repair a leak, the old pipe always showed signs of deterioration caused by rust and the chemical action of the soil. We all saw many feet of this pipe exposed when the city put in new mains from the tower through the business districts to the highway and remember that the contractor on that job offered to throw off part of his contract price if the city would consent to leaving the old pipes in the ground, instead of pulling them out.

It just looks like common sense that if so much of this old pipe was in such poor condition seven years ago, it hasn't got any better since then. Are we going to be darned fools enough to muff another chance to get a REAL water system by trying to be niggardly about this important portion of the proposition? One of the very things we hope to get from connecting to the Medford system is more pressure in our mains to give us better fire protection. Is it sensible to try to save a few shekels on part of the job and ruin the whole thing?

It is our hope that the people of Central Point will take a long view of this whole matter and vote favorably for both propositions on the coming ballot. Let's do a REAL job while we are at it. Let's get the

FORMER OFFICER OF COUNTY DIES AT FAMILY HOME

George Alford, for many years a resident of Fern Valley, passed away at his home there Wednesday morning after a long illness. Mr. Alford was born near Harrisburg, Ore., on Oct. 27, 1873. He lived for several years at Talent. He was a farmer by occupation.

Mr. Alford was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Payne on Jan. 1, 1902, at Ashland.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Amanda Alford, he is survived by two children, Miss Echo Alford, at home, and Mrs. Lester Carr, of Medford; three grandchildren, George, Robert and David Carr.

Mr. Alford served as a Jackson county commissioner for two terms. Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Friday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. W. A. Dawes officiating. Interment will take place in Phoenix cemetery.

SWEENEYS TO LEAVE

Doctor and Mrs. Charles T. Sweeney, who have made their home in the valley for the past 35 years, plan to leave Medford this week to make their home in Portland and Carmel, Calif. The doctor is retiring from practice and the family home and office, located on the Central Point highway, have been purchased by Dr. C. E. Kunz, local dentist. Dr. and Mrs. Kunz will reside there and he will install his dental office there soon.

RETURNS FROM SEATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. John Obenchain and son, Vickie, returned home Saturday from Seattle, where Mr. Obenchain has worked for the Boeing aircraft plant for at least three years. Just what he will do now, he has not decided. He may stay in Seattle, Mrs. Obenchain report that twenty-eight thousand men were released in one day. The Obenchains left their trailer house in Seattle and whatever they do or wherever they settle, they will go back after the trailer.

VETS TO MEET

District No. 11, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold the 1945 session in the Medford armory Friday at 8 p.m. It was announced today. Presiding will be District Commander Vincent J. Moran, formerly of Grants Pass and now of Portland, assisted by Francis H. Walker, Medford, district senior vice-commander and Floyd Crosslin, Ashland, junior vice-commander.

The district auxiliary will meet at the same time, with Mrs. Etha Wall, Medford, district president, in charge. Marie Dana, Portland, department president, and Edith Alderman, Portland, district secretary, are expected to attend.

Lt. Ernest Pinkham will leave Sunday to report back for duty after a furlough spent at home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Askwith and daughter, Linda Kay, left this morning for Seattle for a vacation. Their small son, Jimmy, is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tex.

Mr. L. C. Scott is giving the Kingsbury house, where the Claude Blankenship are living, a new coat of white paint. It looks fine.

Walter Painter of the Applegate is visiting Central Point friends.

Ernest Parker left Tuesday evening to report at Fort Lewis. Ernest has enough points to stay in the states but he doesn't know, just where he will be.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith and daughter, Meloday, arrived Tuesday from Corpus Christi, Texas. They planned to surprise Mr. Smith's sister, Mrs. Marie Stone and family, but a letter they had forwarded, let the cat out of the bag. Mr. Smith is in the navy and we understand he plans to stay in service.

Big Butte Springs water while we have a chance and at the same time put in a distributing system which will properly handle the water when we get it. Vote "yes" on BOTH propositions

Many New People Contribute to Community Auction

More and more items are coming in for the American Legion auction to be held in conjunction with the election to vote bonds for the Medford water, a list of which will be published next week.

Evidently people realize the good advertising value in the Central Point district besides helping out with the Legion memorial building. You do not need to be in business to help with the auction. Any article in good condition that may have been outmoded in your home—boxes of fruit, chickens, turkey, any stock, half of the proceeds would be returned to the party furnishing same if they request it. Phone or call any member of the Legion or business men association and the articles will be picked up. An electric refrigerator is the first prize.

Bear Which Bit Woman Seen by Local People

The local daily and the Oregon Journal carried stories of a woman being bitten by a bear at the picnic grounds at Crater Lake Saturday, Sept. 1. It just happens that Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell, accompanied friends, Mr. and Mrs. Will McCall from Southern California to the lake that same day. A lunch had been prepared and it was to be eaten in the picnic ground. While enjoying the first sight of the lake and walking near, the party noticed a bear making itself very much at home among the picnicers and many feeding it. The women in the party being a little timid, the lunch was taken over into a different part of the picnic grounds out of sight of the bear. The men in the party thought the women rather silly to be afraid of the friendly bear that was stopping at all tables for a handout and tipping over every garbage can.

Until the story came out the next day in the papers, it seems like Pvt. Glen Sanders' and wife and two children of California motored into the park and spread their dinner on a park table. While Pvt. Sanders went for water, Mrs. Sanders went to the car to tend her three weeks old baby. While both were gone, the bear took possession. Guess he thought first come, first served and when Mrs. Sanders returned and tried to scare him away. The bear grabbed her extended hand making a deep wound. When she screamed the bear released her arm and knocked her down returning to the picnic table. It was reported that Mrs. Sanders did not feed the bear, but many people did. It is getting to be a quite a problem to protect the people and also the bears in the Crater Lake park.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Blumenstein that their son, Paul, was in the hospital with an injured knee he received in a motorcycle accident.

Mr. Arthur Webster received a telegram message from his son, Lt. Lorne Webster still in England that he was putting forth every effort to get home. He sent a beautiful wreath home for his mother's grave. Friends regret the fact that he was unable to be home sooner.

Word was received by the Harvey Cussmans that Loren was on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lees have moved to Empire to make their home.

Harold Kilburn has made his rating as Gunner Mate 3rd class. Franklin Hal Gebhard, who has spent the past few months in the Philippine Islands, was recently transferred to the Hawaiian Islands, covering the distance in 31 hours flying time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cowden, August 23, a boy, 7 lbs. 9 oz., Robert Wesley.

The Golden Link class party will be held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Fleischer tomorrow, Friday afternoon.

Herman Pence, Jr. left Wednesday morning for Klamath Falls where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pence, Sr. He has been visiting his grandmothers, the Ed Pences for a couple of days.

ANTELOPE BEEF CLUB WINS 4-H HONORS

Lulu Mae Cahall of the Antelope Beef Club was high scoring individual at the annual Jackson county 4-H club livestock judging tour held September 8. Lulu Mae scored 676 from a possible score of 700. Following close in second place was Bernice Bigham, also of Antelope Beef Club, with 672. Allene Owens of Valleyview placed third with 666 points.

Antelope Beef Club also had the winning team consisting of Lulu Mae Cahall, Bernice Bigham and Clara Mae Bigham. Eagle Point Dairy Club placed second. The team consists of Wayne Russell, Helen Harnish and Florence Russell. The third place team includes members of the Valleyview Beef Club—Allene Owens, Wayne Lemley and Glenn Williams.

Classes of dairy cattle were provided by Leonard Freeman of Central Point, E. B. Poyer of Ashland. A class of Hereford bulls and a class of Hereford heifers were judged at the G. E. Pierce ranch, Medford. Dale Franklin, Medford, provided a class of Hampshire ewes and C. P. Gassaway of Ashland provided a class of Duroc hogs.

The club members placed each of these classes and gave reasons for their placing on one class.

Official judges of the event was Jens Svith, county agent from Josephine county.

TO HOLD DANCE--

Central Point Business men association will hold a big dance at the orange hall Sept. 22, night of the big auction, for the benefit of the American Legion Memorial building.

Tickets are being handed out for prizes to be given away at the hall at nine o'clock. An electric refrigerator will be first prize. For more information in regard to this inquire at the Coffee Cup cafe, Leo's place or Damos cafe. Keep this date in mind. The auction will be in the afternoon starting at one o'clock on Pine street (Main.) You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are sold by all business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilburn received a nice letter from their son, Henry (Junior). He has no information as to when he may be home.

Mrs. Viola Spencer is staying at the Hanley home while the Misses Hanley are in Portland. She attended the Church of Christ last Sunday.

Harry Sturges spent the week end visiting his wife and daughters.

Mrs. Fred Hesselgrave and her family, Orin Glass and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smiley and family, Mrs. Thada Griffith and family spent Sunday at the Randolph Glass home in Medford at a farewell party for Gerald Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Glass. Gerald is leaving for Fort Lewis. Mr. Fred Hesselgrave took his daughter, Letha to Roseburg, where she will take two years in college, and was unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leever of Seattle, are visiting Mr. Leever's mother, Mrs. Isabel Leever, also his brother, Earl Leever in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pence enjoyed the following guests over the recent holidays: Their son, Mr. Harold Pence and wife, of Klamath Falls; Mr. Ralph Pence and wife from Eugene; their nephew Victor Warner from San Francisco and Mrs. Pence's brother, Robert Dawson and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buskirk and family, Carlené, Donald, Sherril and Bryan, have moved from Spokane and have bought what was known as the Stansbie house.

Bob Hamilton of Grants Pass, and Phyllis Furry visited at the Kilburn home. Phyllis reports that her sister, June Blair was married to a soldier.

First Lt. Lanse (Rolene) Pitts, left Friday to report to Santa Ana for reassignment after spending a 40 day furlough in Central Point. Lt. Pitts was accompanied by his wife and baby son, Jerry. Mrs. Pitts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleischer.

Secretary Thank Ladies for Aid In Sale of Food

By some grosserror on the part of persons unknown, the credit of the success of our Auxiliary sale held some time ago in connection at Eagle Point was unevenly distributed.

So I would, on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, like to thank those people who so graciously donated the food for sale. For without their excellent and appreciated cooperation, the sale would not have been possible.

Also would like to express deep gratitude to those ladies who have donated food, time, and effort in the furthering of our Monday night feeds for the Legion men.

The following members not mentioned are Frona Nitzschke, Elizabeth Faber, Opal Hoagland, Ruby Brown, Grace Shrier, Marie Stone, Sarah Culbertson, Virginia Powell, Jennie St. Arnold, Julia Williams, Violet Ross, Olive Goin, Lola Kincaid, Josephine Christensen, Leila Lamb, Luzella Cash, Helene McDowell, Lodi Crabb, Lucille Koski, Janice Holmer, Lenore Hill, Ruby Downing, Francis Wyatt, Theda Griffith and Mrs. Freeman.

Zoe A. Hill, Sec.
Am. Leg. Aux. 129
Mary E. Hawley, Pres.

CARD OF THANKS

The Central Point Businessmen's association wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all who have so kindly contributed articles for the auction to be held Saturday, September 22 or the benefit of the American Legion Memorial hall.

New articles are coming daily from various people and especially the Medford businessmen. They are always ready to help a good cause and especially the American Legion. A list of the new articles donated will be published next week.

Fuhrer's Bakery telephoned Tuesday evening and will give an order for a \$10 decorated cake that may be called for any time.

CORRECTION

In our last issue we made the statement that Wm. Schwarz had spent four and one half years overseas. This was incorrect as he did not get overseas.

Sgt. Donald Patterson arrived Tuesday from Ft. Sell and is visiting his wife and small daughter, Judith Ann and his parents.

Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. Gilbert Cays, Minister

SUNDAY:
10:00 A.M.—Bible school. Classes for all ages.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Observance of the Lord's Supper. Special music. Sermon, by James Chapman.
6:45 P.M.—Junior Bible Club.
7:00 P.M.—Youth Fellowship.
8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic service. Good singing. Special music. Sermon by James Chapman.
TUESDAY & THURSDAY:
8:00 A.M.—"Gospel Meditations" broadcast over KMED.
WEDNESDAY:
8:00 P.M.—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

HOLINESS CHURCH

(Wesleyan)
Corner 6th and Pine Sts.

Rev. Clifford W. Thomas, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship, 11:00. Sermon by Clifford W. Thomas.
Mid-week Prayer & Praise Service Wednesday, 7:45.

FEDERATED CHURCH OF CENTRAL POINT

The Brick Church
Rev. Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

SUNDAY:
9:45 A.M. Sunday School. Classes for all ages.
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship. The pastor will speak. You are invited to share with this growing congregation the hour of worship.
6:45 P.M. Young People's meeting.
8:00 P.M. Evening Evangelistic Hour. Everybody welcome.
MONDAY:
8:00 P.M. Men's Prayer meeting.
WEDNESDAY:
8:00 P.M. Mid-week Prayer meeting.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

W. A. Parsons, Pastor

9:45 Sunday School.
11:00 Morning Worship
8:00 Evangelistic Services.
8:00 Tues. Eve. Bible Study.
8:00 Wed. Eve. Young People Serv.
8:00 Fri. Eve. Prayer and Praise.
You are invited to attend any and all of these services.

HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRESENT FULL SCHEDULE

The Central Point High School will open Monday with the most complete program of studies ever offered in the history of the school. Courses will be offered to meet the needs and interest of every type of student. The Industrial Arts course has been strengthened by the addition of a course in Mechanical Drawing. This subject together with the first and second year Woodworking classes will be taught by H. C. Rude. Mr. Rude is a graduate of the University of Missouri with a major in industrial arts. An advanced course in Homemaking has been added in the Home Economics department. This will be open to Junior and Senior girls only. The science work will be given under the instruction of Miss Wilson who majored in this work in college. Courses will be offered in general science, biology, and physics. The social studies work will be handled by Mrs. Parker who is a social science major.

Central Point High School has one of the best commercial departments in the county and the previous high standard of work in typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping will continue under the direction of Miss Boshears. Mrs. Fleischer will again direct the English work and will bring to her department new ideas and direction as a result of her summer school attendance at the University of Washington. Mr. Jewett will instruct the class in Speech this year, and will also give instruction in advanced mathematics. Mr. Meyers will again direct the band, orchestra and high school chorus. All of the high school physical education work including the coaching will be handled by Mr. Boner.

Both grade and high school will run a shortened schedule Monday. The buses will run Monday following much the same route as last year. Each bus will make two trips in the morning and after school is dismissed.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. John Bohnert and daughters, Marilyn and Doreen with Mrs. P. A. Tracy returned Tuesday from a vacation trip to the coast. They rented a cottage at White Rocks and from there roved up and down the coast visiting numerous points of interest, among these Cape Sebastian, the mouth of the Rogue River, (visited with Grandmother Grimes and Mrs. L. C. Grimes at Gold Beach, too) they always managed to be on some wonderful sandy beach when the tides came in, which was really the most fascinating part of the trip. They saw the mouth of Chetco, (closed by a huge sand bar, Pistol River,) picniced on the Winchuck, and Smith Rivers, visited the Trees of Mystery, fifteen miles south of Crescent City, picniced on a beach near there, and bade farewell to the Pacific Ocean, and its entrancing beauties, to return home.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a very important meeting of the Central Point Business Men's Association Friday night, Sept. 14th at 8:00 o'clock.
Meeting place in Cooper's upstairs hall. All members are urged to attend.

So what?—

Little Len Jr. chasing butterflies.
Wana Johnson and Loyce Cameron comparing notes as to, who could stand up first, Melvin Jr. or Marilyn and finding they both could stand. These mammas with their first babies.

Thada Griffith on being asked if lemon cucumbers would do for pickling, replying by asking if you could make cucumbers out of them?

Every one held up at the railroad crossing in Central Point, waiting for a long freight train to switch and back and switch. Mr. Staple, Zadia Obenchain, Argus Colley, Mrs. Powell and Louis Salade. Mr. Salade remarked that he hoped he staid here forever, but he evidently didn't turn at the crossing for he soon turned around and went to Medford the other way.