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Musings

By the Editor

If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and just can repair—the event is in the hands of God.—George Washington.

Tomorrow we celebrate the birthday of the great man who penned the above bit of philosophy and in this day and age it is well for us to pause for just a moment and look about us to see just where we are drifting. Are we carrying the torch handed down to us by the men who conceived and first declared the principles upon which this nation has stood for more than a century and a half? Or are we gradually allowing ourselves to be led into a strange path and following strange doctrines?

Lincoln, you will recall, reminded us that "our Fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are equal." Recall, too, the words of that little band of men who met in old Independence Hall and signed a document which set forth their beliefs: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Do these words agree with the present-day trend of thought which holds that the government must be a beneficent government what to do and when?

What would George Washington think of government by "Authority," or "Commission" or "Administration"? Of turning everything over to Bureaus, the responsible heads of which are not in any way responsible to the people, but are appointed by the President and answerable only to him? Take the matter of the waters of all the rivers of the country. Was it the plan of the Founding Fathers to put all such things under Federal control, with some "Authority" telling the American people just what they can raise, and when and where, or how many acres of land they may own? We wot not.

And unless we common people awake and rise up in our wrath and kick all the advocates of such un-American ideas out of Washington we fear we will wake up some day to find that a great revolution has taken place in our country and in place of a government based on "Liberty, Equality and Justice" we will find ourselves saddled with a socialistic, or even a totalitarian, government. It well behooves us to take stock of what these "New Thinkers" are trying to do and to take steps to call a halt.

Navy Mothers Meet At Rena Gregg Home

The Central Point Navy Mothers' Club, No. 466, met at the home of Rena Gregg Wednesday, February 13 for an all day session. Fifteen members were present. First Vice Commander, Lola Ludwig of the Medford Navy Mothers' Club was a guest. She spoke very highly of the work put on by the local club. Adella Gregg was initiated as a member. To fill vacancies in offices Bernice Gordon as First Color Bearer, and Marrea Gebhard as Second Color Bearer were installed by Past Commander Richardson. Mae Robinson was also installed as Asst. Adjutant as she was absent the first meeting of the year.

Sewing on baby gowns and dresses was done by the ladies. A lovely luncheon was served at noon. Next meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, February 27 at two o'clock at the home of Bernice Gordon, at intersection of the Freeman Road and the old Pacific Highway. Adella Gregg and Marrea Gebhard will be co-hostesses. All Navy mothers, wives and sisters are urged to attend. Anyone wishing a ride see Grace Shrier.

COMMUNITY PARTY

There will be a community party at the Willow Springs School House, Saturday evening, February 23rd at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Alexander's Hawaiian Band will furnish music and there will be a short play. Please bring refreshments.

IN MEMORY OF W. E. ALEXANDER

(Sent by Emma Landon)
I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—He is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here:
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead—He is just away!
—James Whitcomb Riley

DINNER HELD IN HONOR OF MR. & MRS. CAYS

Nearly 90 people attended the chicken dinner served on Valentine's day, February 14, at the Church of Christ, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert Cays, whose ministry will close with that congregation next Sunday.

Included in the program which followed the dinner was an accordian solo by Alvin McQuigg; a vocal solo by Mary Jane Matthews; three numbers by the men's chorus; a selection by the orchestra, and some songs by the members of the Junior Bible Club.

Gifts were presented to the guests of honor from the church and from the Junior Bible Club.

Mrs. Cays cut the large decorated cake which was presented to them. The tables were decorated with red tapers, and scripture verse valentine place cards.

Wedding of Damon-Meyer Is Event of Week

Miss Lillian Damon, of Lake Creek and Mr. Harold Meyer were married in this city at the parsonage, by Mr. Rolf Hansen, minister of the Federated Church, last Tuesday evening.

The young couple are both graduates of the Eagle Point High School and are well known in southern Oregon. Harold Meyer lived in Central Point for 16 years before moving to Lake Creek.

Mr. Meyer came home on a ten day furlough, arriving here last Wednesday, February 13. He expects to receive his discharge from the navy within the next few months.

Abundant Water For Irrigation Certain Already

The best early prospects for ample irrigation water for Oregon in many years is forecast in the first report of the Soil Conservation Service and O.S.C. Experiment station on snow surveys and related data as of early February.

The snow in the mountains was so abundant at that time and reservoir storage so well along that the prediction was made that adequate water supplies are assured even though remaining snow in February and March should be deficient.

Mountain snow cover is considerably above average in all snow courses in Oregon with no exception. This uniformly good condition is in itself unusual over such a large area. Normal or above normal additions to flow comparable to 1943 when the snow supply will produce stream flood danger existed in a number of watersheds.

Soil on the watersheds under the snow is generally well saturated and not frozen, another favorable factor indicating sustained runoff from the spring snow pack. Valley precipitation throughout the state is also generally above normal for the period since October 1, the single exception being the Walla area where a slight deficiency existed on February 1.

Reservoir storage was reported 46 percent ahead of last year at this time and 15 percent above normal for the date. While it was not quite up to the 1943 total for the start of February, more than half of Oregon's reservoirs were half full or better. Ochoco, which quickly reflects poor "water years", already had 36,940 acre feet stored against a capacity of 46,000 and a total last year at the same date of only 1140 acre feet.

A few representative snow depth and water content reports from representative watersheds for February 1 follow:

Blue Mountain summit, 42.4 inches snow containing 9.5 inches water, compared with 5.2 inches water, 75.4 inches snow, 27.8 inches water, average for same date; Anthony lake, 75.4 inches snow, 27.8 inches water, compared 14.9 inches average; Hogg pass in Cascades, 111.6 inches snow, 42 inches water, compared 18.4 inches average.

W.R.C. MEETS

W.R.C. met Saturday, February 16 with 19 members present. All officers in the chairs. Six applications were read for membership after the business. All enjoyed games concerning Lincoln and Washington birthdays. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Wheeler.



C. H. Steinmann

Portland Man To Be Speaker at Brick Church Friday

Mr. C. H. Steinmann, of Portland, will be the speaker at the group-gathering being held today (Friday) at the Brick Church. Mr. Steinmann is a fine trumpet player as well as speaker and will be well worth-while hearing. A high-light of the afternoon service will be special singing by a colored quartet.

The day's meetings are attracting a number of church groups in the Rogue River valley. The public is cordially invited. A schedule of the services will be found in the church column.

180 Ex-servicemen Now Attend Schools

A total of 180 ex-servicemen are attending Oregon schools and colleges under the state educational aid program for veterans, Hugh E. Rosson, director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, announced this week.

These benefits amount to \$35 a month straight payments for 60 hours of classroom attendance per month in accredited schools for veterans who were Oregon residents for one year before entering service and who had 90 or more days in service. The benefits are for 36 calendar months.

About one third of the 180 are high school students and of this third, about one-half are enrolled in Lincoln high night classes in Portland, Rosson said. The remainder are attending state and other schools of higher learning, with medical and dental students heading the list.

The state program is proving especially beneficial to high school students who intend to go on to college, Rosson said, because it saves their GI benefits for the time when their expenses in school increases. The state and GI educational aid cannot be taken at the same time.

Cities in which high school students are receiving state veteran aid include Bend, Vale, Canby, Myrtle Creek, Cottage Grove, Philomath, Salem and Portland.

Most of the college students taking state aid either do not qualify for GI benefits, or intend to save that for later. State-aid students are enrolled at the state institutions, and at Linfield, University of Portland, Willamette, Reed, Multnomah college, and Lewis and Clark college.

Information on schools and application for state aid can be obtained by contacting the Departments of Veterans' Affairs, State Library building, Salem, or the Portland office at 101 Oregon building. County service officers, contact men for the Veterans Administration, and service organization officers also can counsel the veteran on his school problem.

SURPRISE DINNER

Mrs. Bessie Tharp was honored Saturday with a surprise birthday dinner at the home of her son, Mr. Jack Tharp and family. The lovely dinner was given the final touch with a beautiful birthday cake, decorated with a bouquet of sweet peas. Guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Higday and family. All report a lovely time.

TAG DAY

The Purple Heart organization in Jackson county will put on a "Tag Day" Saturday for this week for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the work of the organization in caring for the needs of wounded and disabled veterans. Everyone is urged to buy a tag on that day to help this worthy cause.

NOTICE

The Nevita Social Club will meet at the Masonic Hall, Central Point, Friday, February 22 at 10:00 A.M. Pot Luck.

Frank Lawrence, Long Resident In City Dies At Medford Hospital

The many friends of Mr. Frank Lawrence will be grieved to hear of his death, which occurred this morning at the Sacred Heart hospital, following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Lawrence had been a resident of Central Point for about 22 years and had been employed for practically all that time by the Medford Corporation. At the time of his death he was in charge of the company's railroad which brings logs from the Butte Falls district to the mill.

The deceased leaves to mourn his passing wife, Mrs. Fannie Lawrence; one son, Roger Lawrence, now in the army in the South Pacific, and one daughter, Mrs. Peggy Reich of Medford, and four grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are being made by the Perl Funeral Home, with the date to be announced later. So far the family have been unable to make cable connection with the son in the army.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the sorrowing family.

Appears Before School Assembly

Lieutenant-Colonel Agnes McKernan of the Salvation Army spoke to the upper grades and high school at an assembly at 11:15 Thursday. Col. McKernan served for many years in New York as a member of the prison board for women's and girls' penal institutions. She spoke in a most forceful and interesting manner of her work in helping these women and girls to live down their mistakes and to re-establish themselves in society. She stated that her first task was to secure jobs for the women. She told also of the important part played by the religious influence of the Salvation Army.

Col. McKernan was appointed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in 1937, to represent the United States at a conference in Berlin. Problems of women's penal institutions were considered at this meeting. Col. McKernan told the students of the German attitude toward Hitler at that time.

Adjutant Rosnick of the Salvation Army in Medford introduced Col. McKernan to the student assembly.

Automatic Firearms Must Be Registered

Firearms of the automatic type, such as machine guns, sub-machine guns, or any type of gun from which a number of shots or bullets may be discharged with one continuous pull of the trigger must be registered with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D.C., through the Alcohol Tax Unit in Oregon, with offices at Portland, La Grande, Klamath Falls, and Eugene.

Many of these firearms brought or sent into this country from aboard by members of the armed forces and merchant marine, either with or without certificates signed by commanding officers, have not been registered.

It is illegal to transfer firearms of the types described except by the payment of the \$200 tax as provided by law. However, if the firearms are rendered unserviceable, they may be transferred tax-free as war trophies upon submission of the proper form to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The National Firearms Act provides a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$2,000, or imprisonment not to exceed 5 years, or both, in the event any person is convicted on a charge of violating any provision of the Act, which includes failure to register a firearm of the type described and transfer of such firearms without payment of the \$200 tax.

CITY BUYS GRADER

The Adams road grader, recently purchased from Lloyd Silva of Graves Creek, is expected to arrive in this city today or tomorrow. Mr. Henry Waely, street superintendent, and James Cummings and L. H. Morris, councilmen went to Graves Creek Tuesday afternoon to make the necessary arrangements. The machine, while not new, is reported to be in good condition.

So what?

Wanted—a new alphabet, so when an item is scribbled at the last minute for the paper, it won't come out finally as HANK instead of HAWK, MORRIS instead of MANNIN, etc., etc.

A certain Central Point war bride bought a new outfit to wear when her husband returned from overseas. The husband was expected one day at about 6 o'clock, P.M., but arrived at the depot four hours early and phoned his wife. She met him at the depot in a very short time—in her house dress.

Mrs. Doc Houston almost claiming some one else's glove—then deciding she could only wear two gloves, anyway.

Mr. and Mrs. Cays to Leave Next Week for Evangelistic Work

E. Gilbert Cays, minister of the local Church of Christ, will close his ministry here this Sunday. During the three years of his ministry in Central Point, more than 140 people have come into the membership of the congregation, there has been a gratifying increase in the attendance, a new educational annex has been constructed as well as other improvements on the church building, and more than \$6000.00 has been given by the congregation for missions.

Mr. Cays will speak at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning on the subject, "The Good Confession." His farewell message to the congregation will be delivered at the 7:30 P.M. service on the subject, "A Minister and His Congregation."

Mr. and Mrs. Cays will leave Central Point next week to re-enter the general evangelistic field.

Home Extension Unit Holds Meeting Wed.

The Home Extension Unit met at the home of Mrs. L. J. Bigham, Wednesday, at 10:30, with about 20 members and one visitor present.

In addition to the main topic of the day, Main Dish meals, four of which were demonstrated and served by Mrs. Bigham and Mrs. Meadows, several other activities were discussed. One of which was the organization of a 4H Club of 9 year old girls, to be sponsored by the Unit. Ideas were discussed and presented for the Scrap Book. These include short cuts, timesavers, pet recipes and what have you. Plans were also made to do some Red Cross work, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Door prize was won by Mrs. Dobrot.

Girl Scout News

"Girl Scouts in Your Community" will be the subject of an address by Mrs. Charles Hopkins of Medford, Girl Scout Executive Secretary, before the P.T.A. in the Central Point High School auditorium on Friday, March 1st at 3:00 P.M.

A special musical number is being arranged and a program will be presented by the fifth grade.

Mrs. Roy Kelly and Mrs. W. T. Parsons are in charge of refreshments, assisted by mothers of the first grade.

Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. Gilbert Cays, Minister

FRIDAY: 8:00 P.M.—Keystone Class Party at the home of Mrs. Edw. Jones on N. Amy Street.

SUNDAY: 9:45 A.M.—Bible School. Roland Hoover, Supt. You are invited to attend this growing school.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Observance of the Lord's Supper. Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Cays. Sermon, "The Good Confession."

6:15 P.M.—Junior Bible Club. For boys and girls 8 to 12 years old.

7:30 P.M.—Evangelistic Service. Good singing. Solo by Mrs. Cays. Sermon, "A Minister and His Congregation."

TUESDAY & THURSDAY:

4:00 P.M.—"Gospel Meditations" broadcast over KMED.

WEDNESDAY:

7:45 P.M.—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. The book of Romans is being studied. Come.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

E. L. Bradhurst, Pastor

5th and Pine

Invites you to attend these services:

SUNDAY:

Sunday School—9:45 A.M.

Sermon—11:00 A.M.

Evangelistic Service—7:45 P.M.

MID-WEEK SERVICES:

Tuesday—7:45 P.M.

Friday—7:45 P.M.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

"The Neighborhood Church"

FRIDAY

Washington's Birthday

Group-gathering

2:30 P.M.—Registration.

3:00 P.M.—Afternoon service. Colored quartet singing. C. H. Steinmann, Portland, speaking.

5:30 P.M.—Short business meeting.

6:15 P.M.—Supper. A supper will be provided for everyone. Come and eat!

7:30 P.M.—Evening Service. Special music. Eagle Point, Bly, and other groups taking part. Mr. Steinmann speaking. You're invited!

SUNDAY:

9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Service. Bible message. Special music.

6:30 P.M.—Young People's Meeting.

7:45 P.M.—Evening Service.

MONDAY:

7:45 P.M.—Men's Prayer Meeting.

HOLINESS CHURCH

(We-leyan)

Sunday School 9:45 P.M. Classes for all age groups. Come and see the illustrated lessons.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.

Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

FIRST MEET HELD BY LEGION IN NEW BUILDING

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129, American Legion, held their regular semi-monthly meeting on Feb. 14, 1946, in the new Legion Memorial Building.

The west end of the building has been enclosed for a meeting room, and one of the largest attendance of members since the installation of the Post were present.

A welcome guest at the meeting was Mrs. Flossie Fenser, a former Wac, and a member of the Spokane, Washington Post.

Daryl Palmer, recently discharged from the Navy was also a guest.

Routine business of the Post was transacted with a committee report from the Building Committee, which reported that all the windows but two have been installed.

The interior finish was discussed and it was decided to put up a wainscoting of 4 feet knotty pine with fir or other available interior material.

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129 takes great pride in the fact that they are the first Veteran organization in Jackson County to construct a Memorial Building and now to have it 75% complete, and that there is not one penny of indebtedness against it, and has been entirely constructed by volunteer labor.

A report was heard from the delegates to the District Conference held in Grants Pass, Feb. 2 and 3.

After the meeting a Dutch Lunch was served by the entertainment committee. Afterwards a motion picture of forest life was shown by Comrade Don Faber.

Next meeting of the Post will be February 28 in the Legion Building.

GRANGE NOTES

There was a large attendance at the Grange Friday evening.

A ceremony for the past masters was held, and Past Master pins were presented. All were present but one.

Mr. John Anderson, of Medford, was the first Past Master of the organization.

A sitting tableau was given, and a reading on the Statue of Liberty.

The Bazaar Committee, of the Grange, met at the home of Mrs. Ruby Downing Tuesday afternoon, to make plans for the bazaar that is held in connection with the annual Grange dinner.

The Home Economic Committee, will meet at the home of Harriett Lydlard on the New Crater Lake Highway on February 27. Each lady is requested to bring a bleached feed sack to be used in making tea towels for the bazaar.

HEADS YMCA BOARD

B. L. Nutting was elected president of the new Y.M.C.A. board of directors at a recent meeting. E. C. Niles was elected first vice president; Lester Harris, second vice president; Ralph Cook, treasurer, and Mrs. George Maddox, secretary.

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE

A number of prominent Democrats of the valley met with local party members in the Townsend hall in this city Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a local group to further the interests of their party. Officers for the group were L. L. Kihn, chairman; Lloyd Rupp, vice-chairman, and Mrs. E. E. Scott, secretary-treasurer. County Chairman Bert Miller of Ashland attended the meeting and assisted in the organization of the group.

Overnight Merchandise Rail Service Restored

Fast overnight merchandise rail service for less than carload shipments between Portland, Southern Oregon and Coos Bay area points is being restored effective immediately according to announcement by F. C. Helson, Freight Traffic Manager for Southern Pacific.

Inaugurate movements of the restored overnight service leave Portland February 4 and Southern Oregon and Coos Bay area points February 5. This overnight service was temporarily discontinued late in 1942 so equipment and crews could be used to expedite the war effort. The overnight freight movement coupled with store door pick-up and delivery which latter service has been available to patrons throughout the war period will result in greatly expedited freight service for local shippers. Overnight service will apply on calls received in Portland up to 3:00 P.M. Southbound overnight service is being inaugurated on train No. 329 from Portland to Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and intermediate points and on No. 334 from Eugene to the Coos Bay area.

Northbound shipments will be handled on No. 333 from Coos Bay and on No. 330 from Southern Oregon points to Portland. Distribution from Roseburg, Medford and Coos Bay for morning delivery to adjacent communities will be handled by the railroads sub-sidiary Pacific Motor Trucking Co.