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Musings

By the Editor

Well, guess we'll have to get back on the job again. We have been so busy planning how in heck we were going to build a shop with nothing to build it with that we have let this job go hang for the past few weeks.

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And take it from us, this building situation is sure a mess. Here the Administration is hollering "Build more homes for vets!" from one side of its mouth, and from the other shouting encouragement to the OPA in its much-advertised endeavor to "Hold that Line!" And plain horse sense (which Washington has sorely lacked for the past twelve years) shows that you can't have BOTH of these things. Just so long as the OPA continues to meddle where angels fear to tread, just so long we will be forced to do without building materials.

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Right now there are more saw mills in Southern Oregon that ever before in its history—more timber is being cut all over the country—yet this writer searched every lumber yard in this territory this week and couldn't find enough one-inch lumber anywhere to even build a Chick-Sales, if you get what we mean. And here's why: The OPA has set such a crazy ceiling price on such lumber that the mills find they can make about \$4 a thousand feet more for their timber by cutting two-inch stuff or heavier, and shipping it to other parts of the country for re-milling. Who can blame them if they take advantage of such a situation and refuse to cut inch stuff?

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How long, Oh Lord, how long are the American people going to stand for such things? Are we never going to have success from these government controls which are raising heck with our economy? If something isn't done pretty soon to put a stop to these strikes and to remove the shackles from the country's business by putting an end to OPA price fixing and the like, we are never going to get back to producing what people need. And unless we do get going mighty soon filling up the store shelves and store rooms we are going to see even harder times than we did in the early thirties.

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And while we hate to be classed as a "calamity howler," yet we have lived on this vale of tears for quite some years and have seen a lot of history in the making so we want to whisper in your ears this thought—What about that "unemployment" problem we used to hear so much about. If American factories can't produce; if American stores are forced to shut their doors for lack of anything to sell; if houses to shelter our heads, clothing to cover our nakedness, cannot be produced for lack of material, how long will it be before our laborers, our mechanics, our factory employees and all the rest will be "on the town?" Think that over, folks.

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Right this minute we'll bet there are at least forty buildings within rifle shot of this typewriter being held up for lack of some sort of material. Doesn't this mean that a lot of men are not working who might be if folks could get what they need right now. And can you see any prospect of matters getting any better so long as government regulations of everything under the sun remain? Let's keep the mails full between here and our Washington representatives with urgings to do all they possibly can to put an end to above all else, the OPA. That's the worst of all.

Three New Members Added to W.R.C.

The Women's Relief Corps met in a regular meeting in the Odd Fellow's Hall, at 2 p.m., last Saturday, with 27 members present.

Three candidates, Grace Shrier, Anna Watkins, and Flo Vincent, were initiated; and seven applications for membership were read.

It was planned that the ladies meet at the bus depot at 10:00 a.m. Thursday to attend the District Convention to be held at the Armory in Medford.

Cake and ice cream were served by Helene McDowell, Dora Jones, Emma Gleason, and Nora Hansen. Next meeting will be on April 6.

OREGON FARMERS WILLING TO ASSIST FOOD CAMPAIGN

Oregon farmers are prepared and willing to assist in every possible way in the emergency food campaign for famine relief in the opinion of W. A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college. Dean Schoenfeld has pledged the cooperation of the entire extension and station staffs both in aiding the immediate famine emergency conservation drive of the next four months, and in the all-out food production program for the entire year.

Recent world developments have made necessary the continuation of the food production and conservation programs on a wartime basis, but with some modifications, Dean Schoenfeld explained. Principal change is in volume of poultry production and in certain feeding practices to conserve wheat for use as direct human food.

Oregon poultry and turkey raisers have already indicated intentions of reducing chicken and turkey flocks fully as much as suggested in the goals for this state. Suggested reduction, first set at 15 percent for chickens, was changed to 19 percent, while the turkey goal now asks for a reduction of about 54,000 birds raised.

Recent changes in the wheat conservation order, allowing far western states to use up to 85 percent as much wheat in mixed feeds as last year, will provide adequate grain for full production up to these goals, extension men report. The same applies to livestock feeding in general, though efforts are being made to obtain more high protein feeds needed in this area.

The home garden program and preservation of a large share of the home food supply as recently announced, have taken on added importance in view of the famine conditions abroad and will be pressed with increased energy both in town and country.

Only slight crop goal changes have been suggested for Oregon, chief one being an increase in dry edible pea acreage which is expected to be met in the Blue mountain counties. Spring wheat expansion will be made mostly in states farther east, though ample soil moisture makes full planting of unused acres desirable and practical in this state.

Girl Scout News

March 12 was the Girl Scout birthday. Troop 12 celebrated this event with a party at the Church of Christ. Gloria Sharp and Esther Snook had charge of the games. Mrs. John Bohnert baked a birthday cake which the girls enjoyed very much. Four of the girls baked peanut butter cookies for the party.

Mrs. Lester Harris of Medford entertained two representatives from each troop of the Medford Council, on March 16. Those attending from Troop 12 were Mary Henson and Esther Snook.

Marilyn Bohnert and Carolyn Hoover attended a Girl Scout Camp planning conference Saturday at the Medford Scout House.

AT BROTHER'S HOME

Chief Petty Officer, John Riley Matthews, of Washington, D. C., visited last week at the home of his brother, Mr. Len Matthews. With the exception of three days in 1942, this was the first time that the brothers have seen each other in 18 years. They had a grand time talking over old times; and early Sunday morning they called their mother, who lives in Virginia, and enjoyed a visit with her. Mary Jane talked to her grandmother over the telephone, making the first time that they had ever heard each other's voices.

NOTICE

Those who are interested in seeing the advertising of alcoholic beverages prohibited over the radio, should write to the senators in regard to the bill known as the S. 623, The Johnson Bill, which is for this purpose. Letters may be written to Senator Wayne Morse, or Senator Guy Gordon, Washington, D. C.

Juvenile Grangers Entertain Seniors

Central Point Juvenile Grange gave the program for the Sub-ordinate Grange, Friday evening, entertaining with the following numbers: accordion selections by Robert Fisher, and Marilyn Bohnert; Readings and Piano Solos by Alberta Publ, and Ruth Fisher; Life Sketch of St. Patrick by Doreen Bohnert; Recitation by Carl Dobrot; a potato race by two men, and News Items from a Pioneer Newspaper, by Mrs. Wilson. The Quizz contest was conducted by Edyth Bohnert; and the recreation was led by Edyth Bohnert and Lulu Floux.

After the program, the children enjoyed a party at the home of the Matron, Mrs. Wilson, in honor of the birthdays of their Master, Marilyn Bohnert, and their Steward, Robert Fisher.

Members of the Juvenile Grange plan to enter the State Juvenile Scrapbook Contest on Oregon wild life, and would appreciate the donation of any cast off magazines on these subjects. Magazines may be left at Mrs. O. T. Wilson's, or at Patron, Bill Fisher's. Sales slips may be left at either of these places, also.

Mrs. Bigham New American Reporter

Mrs. Joy Bigham is reporting for The Central Point American. She will be pleased for you to give her local news. Any news worth writing to your friends is of interest to your community. Do you have company? Go to a party, visit friends, have the mumps or measles? Make a trip, buy a home or sell a lot, have a new auto, etc., it's all news. Phone these items to 5-8-2, Central Point.

Leverette To Head County Fair Board

A new Jackson county fair board composed of Walter Leverette, of Medford, William Bigham of Eagle Point and R. G. Fowler of Medford, has been named by the Jackson county court. Leverette was named chairman of the board when the three members met for an organization meeting at Leverette's home. Fowler, county agent of Jackson county, was named secretary.

The new fair board replaces the old board which was composed of many members, and will have complete charge and control of the Jackson county fairgrounds, and of any fairs held there.

Last county fair held at the fairgrounds was in 1932, and the next year the Civilian Conservation Corps took over the buildings, to be followed in a few years by the army. The army still has charge of the buildings, but negotiations are now underway to turn the buildings over to the county, Fowler said.

Fowler said that the new board members had not entered into any discussion on the possibility of holding a county fair this year, but that it was his personal opinion that no fair would be attempted this year, other than the regular Four-H club fair and stock show. This show has been held annually despite the fact that the army was in charge of the fairgrounds, as some of the stock buildings at the north end of the fairgrounds remained in county control.

MARRIED SUNDAY

Miss Esther Davis became the bride of Orval Mose Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Rolf Hansen performing the ceremony, at the home of the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Mose on South Amy street. Mrs. Cleo Roberts was matron of honor. A group of close friends and relatives were present. Mr. Mose received his discharge from the service recently. Mr. and Mrs. Mose left for Payette, Idaho where they will make their home. The American joins their friends in congratulations and all good wishes.

FAMILY DINNER ENJOYED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones entertained with a family dinner Sunday, honoring the birthday of their daughter Mrs. Roger Yost. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chet Elde and son Stuart of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton and sons Theron and David from near Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and sons Dickie, Donald and Craig of Montague, Mr. Don Stanley, Stanley Jones and the host and hostess. Stanley Jones has recently been discharged from service.

Sportsmen's Club Elects New Officers

The Central Point Sportsmen's Club held their regular monthly meeting March 7, at which time the annual election of officers for 1946 were held.

The following officers were elected and will guide the destinies of the Club for the coming year: Harry Elden, President; Ray Watkins, Vice president; and James C. Ross, Secretary-treasurer. Committees for the year will be appointed at the next meeting, April 4.

Bert Peck, the retiring president, has held that office since the club was organized about 5 years ago, and under his leadership the organization has grown from about 20 members to 118 at the present. In addition to the large increase in membership, he was primarily responsible for the present location of the club through a lease with the city, acquired the property and erection of the clubhouse.

The club now has a modern automatic trap with concrete walks for the trap shooters.

The club not only has a keen interest in trap-shooting, but in all wild life, fish and game conservation and protection.

They also are ready to sponsor or co-operate with other organizations, in sponsorship of other sports for the good of the youth in this community.

We feel sure that under the leadership of the new officers the Club will continue its progress.

It is hoped that another shoot can be held in March 31.

Outside Finish for Legion Building Has Been Secured

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

The report of the building committee was very encouraging as material had been purchased to complete the entire outside of the building, and also knotty pine for the entire interior finish, and flooring has been purchased.

Non-interest bearing bonds were voted by the Post in denominations of \$5 and \$10 to be sold to members of the Post, to complete and finish the building.

These bonds are now ready and will be offered to Post members the first meeting in April.

Other routine business was transacted, after which the meeting was adjourned some members could attend the basketball games at the gym between the Legion team and Butte Falls.

After the game, members returned for refreshments.

Sunday, March 17, was not only St. Patrick's Day, but a red letter day in the Legion Building program.

Fourteen members turned out for work and really accomplished something. The entire west end of the building downstairs was entirely sealed with knotty pine, and part of the East end completed.

The choice rose bushes which were donated by Mrs. McCaskey, were set out on the west side of the building.

The following comrades worked all day Sunday: Commander Joe Krupp, Bob Kincaid, Lloyd Seymour, Harvey Cassman, L. P. Mathes, Lloyd Palen, John Elstead, Darrell Palmer, Bob Booth, Frank Glenn, Don Faber, Hugo Wehmann, and Don Ebbe.

The next meeting of the Myers-Holland Post No. 129, American Legion and Auxillary will be held in the Oddfellows Hall in Gold Hill, March 28.

Members of the Post and Auxillary will meet at the Legion Building at 7:00 p.m. and go to Gold Hill in a caravan.

All veterans and their wives or mothers are extended an invitation to attend this meeting. Transportation will be available for all who desire to go.

We wish to call attention to the businessmen and citizens of this vicinity to guard themselves against solicitors of advertising and contributions to any Veterans' magazines or papers without first having proof that the said magazines and newspapers are authentic and backed by one of the known Veteran's organizations.

Extension Unit Holds Meet at Jantzer Home

The Home Extension Unit met at the home of Mrs. Freida Jantzer, Wednesday at 10:30 A.M., with 18 members and 3 visitors present.

Mrs. Stella Anderson, and Mrs. Myrtle Patterson demonstrated "Good Grace at the Dining Table." Ruth Clark taught the group how to make Tussy-Mussys, which are used for corsages, or table decoration depending upon the size and style.

After a delightful luncheon served by the committee in charge, the business meeting was opened by chairman, Lulu Floux. Reports of various committees were made, and a nominating committee was appointed.

Those attending were Evelyn Meadows, Merle Obenchain, Lulu Floux, Neola Goehrin, Stella Anderson, Bessie Brenner, Loretta Lefler, Beth Wheeler, Fannie Snooks, Ruth Ellis, Martha Parsons, Ethel Lathrop, Ruth Clark, Ruby Downing, Myrtle Patterson, Neida Tharp, Thelma Dobrot and Joy Bigham, Grace Kinder, of Palo Alto, Nell Webster, of Medford, and Mrs. Ralph Ellis, and the hostess Freida Jantzer.

Ruby Downing won the door prize.

THINK IT OVER---

Support your local paper. Every new property owner in Central Point should be a subscriber. (many are.) It will help you get acquainted, keeps you informed as to the best places to buy where to get a carpenter, cabinet worker, electrician, plumber, painter, etc. Where to buy your merchandise. Keep you informed on various social activities, church and school news, Grange, P.T.A., lodges and so forth, when and where there various organization will meet. The local paper always supports every enterprise for the betterment of the community, thereby raising the value of your property. Subscribe to your local paper. Do it now.

REWARD

A reward of \$10 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the parties, guilty of scraping the sign off the window of the Coffee Cup Cafe.

C.P. Business Men's Ass'n.

Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY: 9:45 A.M.—Bible School. Roland Hoover, supt.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Observance of the Lord's Supper. Special music by the Choir. Sermon, "The Unity of Love", by Chaplain Clyde Roland.

6:15 P.M.—Junior Bible Club for boys and girls 8 to 12 years old. 7:30 P.M.—Evangelistic Service. Sermon, "The Art of Living", by Chaplain Roland. Special music by the Men's Chorus.

TUESDAY:

8:00 P.M. Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 P.M.—Mrs. Gladys H. Sjoedin will speak in the interest of China Christian Missions. The public is invited.

THURSDAY:

7:45 P.M.—Prayer meeting and Bible Study.

FRIDAY:

8:00 P.M.—Keystone class party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Adams.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

E. L. Bradburn, Pastor

5th and Pine

Invites you to attend these services:

SUNDAY:

Sunday School—9:45 A.M.

Sunday—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"

SUNDAY:

9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Service.

6:30 P.M.—"H-Y" and Adult Young People's meetings.

7:45 P.M.—Evening Service.

MONDAY:

7:45 P.M.—Men's Prayer meeting.

WEDNESDAY:

7:45 P.M.—Mid-week Prayer Service.

HOLINESS CHURCH (Wesleyan)

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.

EASTSIDERS AND CITY COUNCIL STUDY STREETS

At a special meeting of the city council Tuesday evening a delegation of residents of the North Constant Addition presented a petition asking that certain streets be laid out through that addition and that sewers be constructed to serve the people there. Mr. Les Bigham acted as spokesman for the group.

This section of the city has never been platted and no streets have ever laid out. When the present sewer system was put in all lots in the rest of the city were assessed to take care of the cost. At that time the owners of the property refused to join in the system and so were left out. Now, with a change in ownership and a big demand for lots, it is felt that streets should be laid out and water and sewers be put in so that lots may be sold here. The city had already planned to put in a new water line along Freeman road to the east of this property.

After explaining the reason for the meeting, Mayor Scott asked City Attorney Skyrman to explain the legal angles of the proposition and then asked City Engineer Rynning to make any recommendation he might see fit in the matter. Mr. Rynning stated that while he had not made a very complete study of the matter, he felt that any street laid out there should make direct connection with the present street system. He suggested one street that might be laid out and said that it should be at least sixty feet wide.

After some discussion and study of the map of the district, Mr. Bigham said he would take the matter up with his neighbors and see if such a right-of-way could be secured. If such a right-of-way is secured it will have to be properly surveyed and deeds secured before the city can do anything in the matter.

Chaplain McCue Home From European Service

Chaplain Captain Leslie McCue arrived Tuesday morning on the 9:30 bus, from Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington, where he received his 3 months terminal leave. Captain McCue was with the Ninth Armored Division since September 1943 until V.E. Day. Since V.E. Day, he has been with the fourth Armored Division. Captain McCue is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott.

Sewing Club Meets At Morris Home

The Sewing Club met at the home of Dorothy Morris last Thursday afternoon. The party was in the form of a stork shower in honor of Mrs. Irene Anhorn, who was presented with a lovely gift from the club.

Those invited were Irene Anhorn, the guest of honor, Donna Brenner, Beulah Faber, Gladys Jewett, Leola Faber, Alice Webb, Mae Curtis, Lucille Hulbert, Freida Jantzer, Alva Kelly, Gladys Muse, Laura Patterson, Ilene Pendleton, Bernice Gordon, and Ethel McCoy.

Former Prisoner on Wake Island Visits

Mr. Frank Barr visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. Samuel Cubertson and family on his way to San Francisco. Mr. Barr was taken prisoner on Wake Island. He was one of 100 prisoners left on Wake Island to work, the other 350 were taken on to Japan and later stood up before a firing squad. Mr. Barr is returning to Wake Island. His wife will join him in June.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Commander Martha Booth of the Central Point Navy Mothers' Club, No. 466, extends a special invitation to all mothers, wives or sisters of men in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Naval Reserve or the U.S. Coast Guard to attend the next meeting of the club, Wednesday afternoon, March 27, at two p.m. at the home of Arleigh McMillan on the Freeman Road.

Mrs. Ivan Skyrman, is still in the hospital, and although feeling much better, is still very weak. The baby is doing as well as could be expected.