

Musings

By the Editor

Awful short summer, don't you think? Can the oldest settler tell us of such a rain as we had the other day—in JULY? We have seen lots of hail storms, thunder storms in the hills and such, but we cannot recall in the nearly forty years we have lived in this valley, such a drizzling rain. But, as the feller said, maybe we "ain't seen nothin' yet."

This evening (Tuesday) we drove over much of the northern part of town to see for ourselves just how the contractor was getting along with that touchy job of cutting over the fire hydrants and were well pleased to note that nearly all of the hydrants in that part of town were finished. That is, changed from the old mains to the new. That reduces the fire hazards for the city by just that much. Right now all of the mills are protected by the new system. A new and larger main has been put in (and the water turned on) along the highway from Pine street to the south city limits, with hydrants at every street intersection. An 8-inch main has been laid across the tracks near the Cheney mill to Amy street. At this point an 8-inch main has been laid at their own expense by the Florey company to a point well within the mill yards. This main will be used only in case of fire at the big mill.

From the point where the Florey main takes off the line is reduced to 6-inch as far as the old Archie Parker corner, where it is again reduced to the same size as the old main—4-inch. This is a great improvement in the system, as now, either of the mills in the city has protection from both the east and the west. All of the fire hydrants in this district have been connected to the new system and most of them are of the large "pumper" type, which will insure plenty of water if and when it should ever be needed—which we ardently hope never will be.

We have heard some complaints because the contractor had taken part of his equipment to Medford to take on a hurry-up job for the Medford water board. We can see no harm in that, at least so long as the work of cutting over of the fire hydrants is not delayed. Every house in the city now has the Medford water and no one is hurt. It is true the contractor has asked (and been given) a twenty-day extension in the time for the completion of the contract. But they were given no "time-out" for the time they were in Medford. The extra time was given on account of the extra work involved in laying more pipe than the original contract called for, that is all. Which, of course, they were entitled to.

We commend the action of the city council in accepting a three hundred dollar discount on the contract price offered by the contractors for not bothering to pull out the old valves along the old mains. To judge by those the writer has seen we would say those old valves had little or no salvage value and the

CITY COUNCIL PLANS TO SELL TWO OLD PUMPS

The city council at a special meeting Monday evening started plans for the disposal of the two big pumps which had been serving the city for a number of years in supplying water from the two older wells. A delegation from the city of Talent was present and asked that all data regarding the capacity of the pumps as well as the price the city wanted be sent to them as soon as possible as that city was in the market for a new pump for their city well.

There had been some talk of selling the two smaller deep-well pumps which were put in last year, but the present plans call for the use of the smaller of these to supply water for the irrigation of the city park. A two-inch pipe line will be laid from the pump house to the park and it can then be flooded whenever desired.

A delegation from Eagle Point appeared before the council and asked if the city desired to sell any of the four-inch water pipe which will not be needed to finish the water system here. They said they had heard that the city had bought more pipe than needed and wanted to get some of this surplus if available. The council decided that it would be for the best interest of the city to hold on to any such pipe, as there is talk of enlarging the present water system and in case that was done the pipe would be needed.

A letter was read from the contractors on the water system asking for an extension of time to complete the job. It was pointed out that several additions had been made to the system since the original contract was let and also that much extra work had been required of the contractor, all of which made it impossible to get the job done on time. The council voted to allow a twenty-day extension of time for the completion of this work. The contractors also made an offer to make a discount of \$300 in the original price of the contract if the city would allow them to leave the old valves alone and not remove them as the contract called for. These valves had been found to be in very bad condition and of little or no salvage value. The council voted to accept this offer as it was thought that it was as much or more than would be received for these valves by the time they were cleaned up and repaired, even if a sale for them could be made.

Mayor Scott instructed the police committee to report at the regular meeting next Monday evening in regard to the appointment of a night policeman. He stated that many complaints had been received of depredations occurring at night and the business men's association had urged that a night man be employed at once.

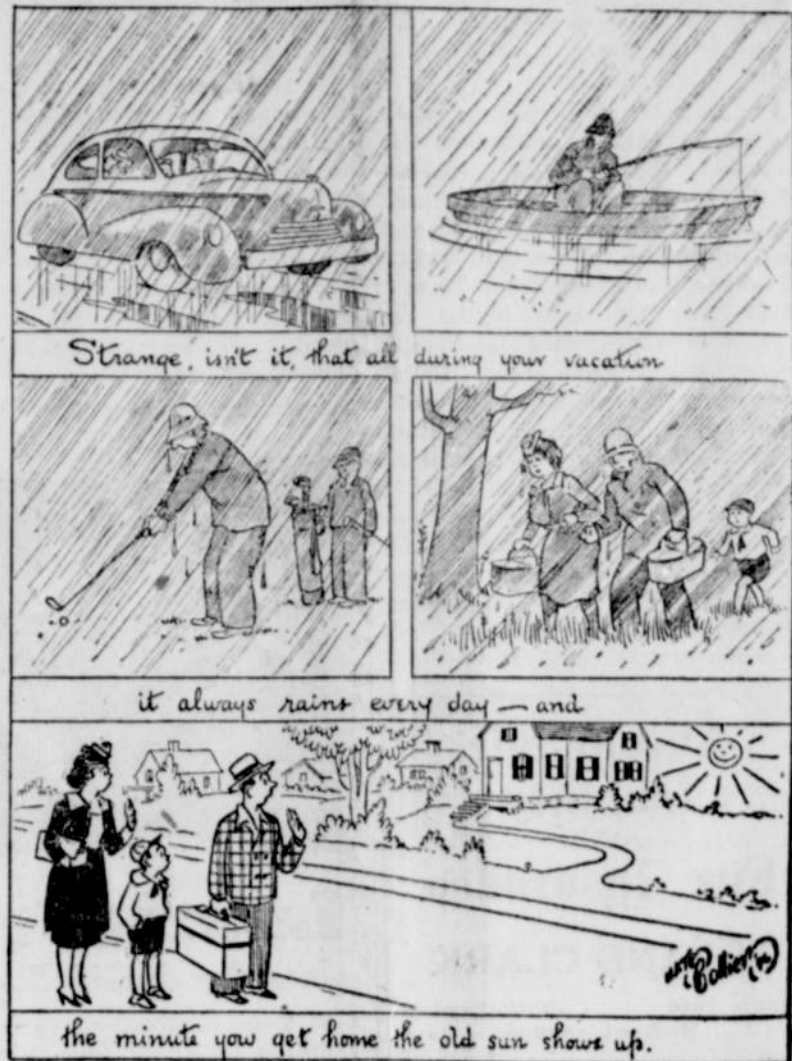
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones returned Sunday from several months in California where they visited relatives and tried to find a location. At present they are visiting Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Floyd Conrad, on Scenic Avenue, but will be moving to Medford soon where both will be employed.

city is just as well off to take the \$300. Also we believe the city dads were wise in not selling any of the 4-inch pipe now on hand. When the entire job is finished there may be some of this pipe left, but it will keep, and if the city should decide to extend the present system to take in some of the sub-divisions not now covered by the present system it will come in mighty handy.

When we take everything into consideration we have a feeling that Mr. Rynning, as engineer in charge, Mr. Cooley, contractor's foreman, and the rest have done a very creditable job here this year. It has been a mighty hard thing to plan to keep the work going and at the same time not interrupt the use of water by the people of the city. That made it impossible to just go right along and finish up as they went. The job has been a disagreeable one but we haven't suffered to amount to anything. So let's just be patient a few weeks longer and it will be all over and can then be forgotten.

VACATION DAYS

By NATE COLLIER



Gebhard Family Enjoy Visit To Old Home

Keokuk, Iowa July 21, 1946

Central Point Friends:
I guess I wrote your paper a few lines when we were in Canada, which is now over a month ago.

After that we spent a short time in Glacier Park where it was quite cool but we sure enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

We then spent 10 days in Yellowstone Park where we did considerable fishing as well as trying to see all the different points of interest.

Later we spent a few days around Custer, S. Dak. in the Black Hills. We were fortunate in being there at the time of the Buffalo Round-up by the Sioux Indians in the State Park. The chiefs entertained with their traditional Grass Dance previous to the hunt. The Bad Lands were beautiful in their different colors and so wonderfully named.

After a week-end visit with relatives at Pipestone, Minn., we went to Minneapolis and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ruffer. We met Edwin's boat, the A. H. Truax, that he is Chief Engineer on, and we made a 45 mi. cruise down the Mississippi overnight returning to St. Paul the next morning. Edwin had a 10-day vacation which he spent with us. We went to Bay Lake, 110 miles north of Minneapolis fishing for a week and we sure had good luck. We caught croppies, perch, northern pike, bass, different varieties, etc.

Recently we drove to Keokuk, Iowa and then took Edwin to meet his boat at Canton, Mo., Sunday evening. The fall corn in that area and all through Iowa and Minnesota is a wonderful sight.

We will now visit relatives in Nebraska, and Kansas, and planned to get home in Sept., but may make our visit a little shorter and get back sooner to help with our pear harvest.

Are O.K.

W. J. Gebhards.

RETURNS FROM CALIF.

Ray Allred, clerk in the post office, and postmaster Wm. Abbott just returned from a week's vacation in San Francisco where they attended the National Shrine convention. Both are members of the Hillah Temple Shrines band. They reported a very pleasant time and that the people of the Bay area did everything possible to show the 25000 visiting Shriners a good time. The Hillah Temple band, drum and bugle corps and patrol received many compliments on their performance in the three parades held during the convention.

It took more than three hours for the big night parade to pass the reviewing stand and the parade route was 3 1/2 miles long in downtown San Francisco.

So what?—

Three members of the election board were quite astonished when they received notice that the election board was to serve on bond election board as they didn't know there was to be an election.

Central Point Mill Not to Be Rebuilt

The Jackson Creek Lumber Company, Inc., Dorothy E. Dowson, President, have purchased the sawmill and timber holdings of the DeArmond Lumber Company of Medford, Oregon. The President of the new concern has appointed A. C. Cleek as General Manager, and operations were started under the control of the new organization August 1.

The mill will be run on a two shift basis with an anticipated production of 110,000 feet per day.

Sufficient timber is held by the concern to assure a long term operation. A steady sawing program is planned for the winter months with the decking of several million feet of logs.

It is stated that the company also plans in the near future the installation of modern dry kiln equipment together with additional milling facilities so that the full product of the log may be utilized.

Sales for the new organization will be handled exclusively by the Rogue Lumber Sales Company, V. E. Johnson, Manager.

It is reported that the Central Point saw mill east of this city, which was recently entirely destroyed by fire, will not be rebuilt.

Deer Season Set for Sept. 28 to Oct. 25

The 1946 hunting regulations were finally adopted by the Oregon State Game Commission on July 27.

The general deer season will extend from September 28 to October 25 inclusive, with a bag limit of one deer having not less than forked antlers. Five special antlerless deer seasons have been authorized on problem ranges.

The general elk season will extend from October 23 to November 20 inclusive in Eastern Oregon and close one week earlier in Western Oregon. Hte bag limits differ by areas.

BOND ELECTION SATURDAY—

A special election for the purpose of voting bonds for the construction of a sewage disposal system for this city will be held Saturday of this week. The voting place will be at the city fire hall with the polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The proposal calls for the issuance of \$70,000 in general obligation bonds, which is the amount estimated as the cost of the plant by a Portland firm of consulting engineers. A copy of the call for the election will be found on the bulletin board at the city hall.

FAREWELL DINNER HELD—

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCue were guests of honor at a farewell dinner Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Anders. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCue and daughter, Patty; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Noel and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dressler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anders, and children, Jim and Barbara, and Mr. Anders' mother, Mr. and Mrs. McCue and Patty left Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Legion Plans To Observe Armistice Day

At the last meeting of the Myers-Holland Post No. 129 American Legion, July 25, the post voted to observe the 1946 Armistice Day with the dedication of their new Memorial building.

The plans call for the largest celebration ever held in the city.

Prominent Legionnaires from all over the nation, as well as other notable will be invited to participate.

Commander Lee Pinkham appointed the following comrades on this special committee: Past Commander Joe Krupp, chairman; Harvey Cassan; Wm. B. Kelzur, Sr.; W. B. Kincaid, Bob Vincent and Dick Wyatt.

This committee will have full charge of the all-day celebration.

The post heard a very interesting report on the State Convention by the delegates, Commander Pinkham and Adjutant Frenger.

Comrade Arden Pinkham, chairman of the building committee, made a comprehensive report on the progress of the building, and urged more members to come out and help complete the work.

After the meeting adjourned the members joined the Auxiliary for a social hour.

The Saturday night socials are proving very popular with the post members, all veterans are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the Post and Auxiliary will be the evening of August 8—8:00 P.M.

All veterans of Central Point and vicinity are invited to attend these meetings.

Greyhound Lowers Fares Between Oregon Cities and California

New low bus fares between Oregon cities and California were announced today by M. C. Fralley, General Traffic Manager of Pacific Greyhound Lines.

Reduced fares and more frequent service between cities in this territory is a part of Greyhound's program of continual improvement. Mr. Fralley said. New schedules in many instances call for the operation of more buses, he added.

The Greyhound agent here is Joe Krupp of the Associated Service, he can give full information on fares and departures.

NOTICE
The third degree will be conferred at the I.O.O.F. hall next Monday night. All Odd Fellows welcome.

Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY:
9:45 A.M.—Bible School, Roland Hoover, Sup't.
11:00 A.M.—Morning worship, solo by Joy Bigham.
12:30 P.M.—Meeting of Elders & Deacons.
3:00 P.M.—Workers Conference.
6:45 P.M.—Junior Bible Club, and Teen Age Group.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Preaching service. Number by male sextet.
TUESDAY & THURSDAY:
4:00 & 8 P.M.—"Gospel Meditations" over KMED.
WEDNESDAY:
8:00 P.M.—Mid-week service.
9:00 P.M.—Choir practice.
"The truth of Jehovah endureth forever"

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor
"The Neighborhood Church"
SUNDAY, JULY 28:
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Service.
6:45 P.M.—High School Young People's Meeting and Adult Young People's Meeting.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Evangelistic Service.
MONDAY:
8:00 P.M.—Men's Prayer Meeting.
WEDNESDAY:
8:00 P.M.—Mid-week Prayer Service.

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.

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.

COPCO TO BUILD NEW PLANT ON NORTH UMPQUA

Confirmation has just been received from the Federal Power Commission of license granted to The California Oregon Power Company on July 19 to build the Tokete Falls Project on the North Umpqua River, first unit of a comprehensive six-project development of that river and its tributaries. Estimated cost of the plant, including transmission line to Dixonville near Roseburg, is \$3,200,000, according to Mr. A. S. Cummins, president of the company. Approximately two years will be required for its completion.

The Tokete Project was selected as the first phase of the development of the North Umpqua River because of its greater potential capacity, Cummins said. It is based upon a modification of original application submitted to the Hydro-electric Commission of Oregon and the Federal Power Commission, and calls for a 25,000 Kilowatt plant to be operated on a stream flow basis.

Other projects included in the Umpqua development program, upon which preliminary surveys and engineering studies have been made, include the Slide Creek Project, below Tokete; two above Tokete on the North Umpqua River known as Lemolo No. 1 and Lemolo No. 2, and two are situated on Clearwater River, a tributary of the North Umpqua, to be known as Clearwater No. 1 and Clearwater No. 2.

At the location of the Tokete Falls plant, 80 miles by road from Roseburg and 25 miles below Diamond Lake, the North Umpqua River flows through a rugged canyon from 500 to 1000 feet in depth. The fall is more than 100 feet per mile for a distance of four miles. The diversion dam will consist of a main earth fill section having a crest length of 350 feet and a maximum height of 45 feet. Connecting this dam with the power house will be 880 feet of wood stave pipe nine feet, six inches in diameter; 5600 feet of concrete lined tunnel of the same diameter and approximately 1500 feet of steel penstock. A surge tank will be constructed near the head of the penstock.

The Tokete power house will be equipped with two vertical generating units and all necessary electrical and switching apparatus. An outside substation immediately adjacent to the power house will step up the voltage for transmission of the output into the system. The plant's two turbines, each delivering 18,000 B.H.P., will be directly connected with alternating current generators and direct connected exciters and pilot exciters. Switchboard, switch-gear and other control equipment will be housed in a two story electrical bay. Emergency station power will be provided by a Diesel-driven generator.

The transmission line from the new plant will extend along the north side of the North Umpqua River to the company's 125 kv substation at Dixonville, approximately 47 miles distant. It will be generally of H-frame wood pole construction. Access roads and sectionalizing switches will be located at convenient points.

Legion Auxiliary Holds Meeting Thurs.

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 25, with 14 members present.

A beautiful American flag given to the auxiliary by the Women Relief Corps was presented by Mrs. Minnick, who also gave a few rules of counsel that should be observed regarding the American flag.

Two accordion numbers were presented by Miss Thale Gordon as a part of the presentation program.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, August 8, and is the social meeting. All members are especially urged to come if possible.

WANTED:

15 members of Myers-Holland Post No. 129 American Legion, Sunday, August 4 to work on building.

Arden Pinkham, Chairman, Bldg. Com.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"O boy—it's a girl!"—Kenneth Hinds, Tilton, N. H., on birth of a daughter, first girl in Hinds family in 95 years.

"Americans gesticulate more with their legs than hands."—Russian journalist Ilya Ehrenburg, after visiting us.

"Farming today is one of the most hazardous of all occupations."—Mrs. Young and Ghormley of Mayo clinic, re. accidents on farms.

"Competition is the only price control that works!"—Pres. J. Howard Pew, Sun Oil Co.

"We must refrain from causing any interruption of production, because it alone can save us."—Pres. William Green, AFL.

"It's a victory for my art."—Fan dancer Sally Rand, after being freed by San Francisco police.