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## Musings

By the Editor

What is the matter with the fathers and mothers of the Central Point school district? Have they no interest in the education of their children? Do they think that because this district is blessed with an exceptionally well qualified school board and a superintendent of long experience that they can just pass the buck to them in regard to the crowded condition of the schools and other unsatisfactory conditions in our educational set-up and say, "it's your baby. You take care of it?"

Last Tuesday evening a mass meeting of the parents of the district was held at the high school—attended by about thirty people, including the superintendent and at least three teachers, and the school board. What a shame! Can it be true that only about twenty fathers and mothers of the over 400 grade school children now attending our school CARE that some of these children have to run out in the rain and snow to get from their rooms to the toilet facilities located in the grade building? Or that every teacher up there has from one-third more to double the number of children under her care every day than she should have if she is to give them the proper supervision they need? Again we say, what is the matter with the fathers and mothers of the community?

The mass meeting (so-called) was proposed for the purpose of letting the parents of the district know just what the situation is and to assist the board in making plans to solve the problem. It didn't get to first base. Everyone seemed to be afraid to say a word. And if the board felt the way the writer did they probably murmured to themselves as they sadly left for home, "Aw if--!, what's the use!"

Come on, folks! Let's not let these men down. They are doing all that human beings can to take care of things, but they need our help. If you haven't the guts to drop your own affairs long enough to attend a public meeting, or if you think you just couldn't have stood up and said anything even if you had come, just try your best to do at least this much. The first time you are down town drop in at the Kincaid Implement store and tell Bob Kincaid how you feel, or if he should not be in, see Bud Adams at his garage, or watch for Otto Bohnert on the street and talk it over with them. Don't be afraid they will bite you—they are anxious to know how you feel and to tell you about it.

This situation is SERIOUS, folks, and something MUST be done about it. It is true that some new laws were passed at the recent election which will make some changes in time to come. But they won't change anything THIS YEAR. There has been some talk about trying to affect a consolidation with several adjoining school districts in order to make it easier to raise the necessary money to build a new school plant. That might help, but we have a hunch that unless the new law which will effect the 1947 tax rate for schools by making a uniform rate for the entire county, makes some difference in the feeling now existing in at least some of these districts in this matter, we cannot depend very much on such consolidation. We have our doubts, as the feller said.

There is another matter we want to call to the attention of our readers and that is the danger which we all face when we either walk or drive on the streets and highways these days. Take the case of the child killed on South Amy street last week. This tragedy has brought sorrow and despair to two families—and it might, but for the grace of God, been you or I. It behooves us all to watch ourselves—and our cars—daily. Check up on the mechanical condition of your car, right now, and if needs repair, have it done, or leave it at home. Parents should not allow little children to play on ANY street at ANY TIME. Pedestrians should watch their step—and where they walk. QUIT CROSSING STREETS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK. It won't kill you to go to the nearest corner—but if you

## HOW TO COOK FROZEN FOODS TOLD TO CLUB

Martha Parsons and Fanny Snooks gave an interesting demonstration upon "Cooking of Frozen Foods" at the Central Point Home Extension Unit meeting at the home of Mrs. Parson November 20. Many helpful suggestions were given in regard to the storage of meats and vegetables as well as to the cooking of them.

Miss Claire Hanley spoke briefly in regard to the prospective Girls Dormitory to be built by members of the Home Extension Units throughout the state. Financing this building will take the place of the scholarships formerly given by the Home Extension Units to girls chosen from the 4-H. The building is planned to be a model dormitory equipped to care for from 30-50 girls, and also would be available to girls of the 4H attending summer school at Corvallis. Mrs. Thelma Dobrot was appointed chairman of a committee to care for raising some funds for this purpose to be sent from the Central Point Unit. Suggestions for names were made, and the most popular was Opportunity Hall or Opportunity Home.

During the business session, conducted by chairman Evelyn Meadows, plans were made for a rummage sale. Contributions may be left at the Lowry Service Station as soon as possible and the date of the sale will be announced later. Donations of clothing, nicknacks, books—anything that the owner doesn't want and someone else might—will be acceptable.

Eudora Bohnert led an interesting period of games, and gave some helpful suggestions for recreation in family or larger groups.

A committee was appointed to attend the Child Care meeting to be held this afternoon at the Methodist Church from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. Mrs. Elizabeth Little of Oregon State College to be guest speaker. As many members of the unit who can be requested to bring a 5 cent paint brush and any suitable weeds or gourds to the home of Bonnie Higginbotham Monday evening at 8 o'clock, where some magic will be wrought and many beautiful winter bouquets and decorations will emerge. These will be sold at the rummage sale.

The December meeting will be at the home of Neola Goehring.

## Annual Trap Shoot Outstanding Success

The annual Thanksgiving trap shoot of the Central Point Sportsmen's Club held last Sunday at the local grounds, was an outstanding success, with about 200 people attending.

There were plenty of turkeys, hams and bacon as prizes, 61 turkeys being given as prizes.

Some high scores in trapshooting were made, which will be published later.

The Medford Gun Club will hold their annual Thanksgiving turkey shoot at the Gun Club grounds on the Four Corner road, Sunday, Nov. 24, starting at 9:30 A.M.

Every one is invited to attend. There will be plenty of ammunition available for those who wish to shoot.

Hot lunches served all day.

## Thanksgiving Service At Church of Christ

There will be a public Thanksgiving service in the Church of Christ Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:30 P.M.

There will be appropriate music by the church choir, special solo numbers and a Thanksgiving message by the minister.

This service is provided by the Church for the entire community and all will receive a cordial welcome. Let us show our gratitude to God for the many manifestations of His abounding love by attending this service of Thanksgiving.

step out from between parked cars, YOU MAY BE KILLED.

This isn't a country village in the horse-and-buggy days. Hundreds of cars daily pass up and down our main street—but still one can see hundreds of men, women and little children crossing at all hours from the post office and back across the street. Just the same night that little girl was killed the writer was driving north on Fourth street and having stopped at the Pine street intersection as required by law, made a left-hand turn onto Pine street—and missed by a hair striking a small boy who suddenly ran across our path on his way to a parked car in front of the post office. That's the most dangerous spot in town today and extreme care should be taken by everyone passing there.

## Lion's Club Is Organized in City

The number of local men met at Rupp's Wednesday evening and organized a Central Point Lion's Club with twenty-five charter members. Officers were elected for the following year: Billy Abbott, president; Don Burelson, secretary; V. E. Dixon, treasurer; Richard Krupp, tall twister. Those present besides the elected officers were: Charles Bateman, Lloyd Rupp, Ernest Lowry and Charley Smith. Next meeting will be a 6:30 p.m. on November 29 at Rupp's. Meetings are planned to be limited to an hour. A Lady Lion's club is to be organized soon.

Guests at the meeting were Mr. Hickey, Lion's International representative and Larry Neely of Medford, Deputy Dist. Governor of Lions, who were instrumental in organizing our local Lion's Club.

## Legion to Sponsor Party for Students

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129, American Legion, will sponsor a party for the student body of Central Point High school in the Legion Memorial hall, Saturday evening, November 23 at 8:30 P.M.

All students of the high school are invited to attend. Dancing, games and other entertainment will be featured. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

## 1947 Officers Elected For Juvenile Grange

The Central Point Juvenile Grange elected officers for 1947 at their last meeting as follows: Master, Marvin Bohnert; overseer, Don Ceary; lecturer, Marilyn Bohnert; steward, Alan Jensen; assistant steward, Robert Fisher; secretary, Vera Colpits; treasurer, Betty Colpits; chaplain, Doreen Bohnert; ceres, Delores Dunn; Pomona, Ruth Fisher; Flora Rosemary Gekler; gatekeeper, Richard Puhl; lady assistant steward, Marla Jean Abbott.

The Juveniles will initiate a class Dec. 6 with Marilyn Bohnert heading the team as master.

## Mrs. O. T. Wilson Hostess To Home Ec. Club Wed.

Mrs. O. T. Wilson was hostess to the Home Economics club of the Central Point Grange Wednesday. Other members of the serving committee included Mrs. Thora Ward, and Mrs. Harry Tonn. A dessert luncheon was served at 1:30. Twenty ladies attended including Mrs. Sadie Frink and Mrs. Glenn Spurlin of Sams Valley Grange and Mrs. Mary Moore of Lake Creek Grange.

Autumn leaf place cards of scrambled names gave the ladies some mental effort, with Mrs. Eula Foley winning the prize as first to unscramble her name.

During the business session plans were completed for the annual turkey dinner to be given Dec. 12.

Officers elected for 1947 included Mrs. A. L. Lathrop, chairman; Mrs. Eula Foley, vice-chairman; and Mrs. O. T. Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

The Christmas party will be held Dec. 18, when each lady is requested to bring a gift for exchange.

## FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES

The new fire truck purchased some time ago by the city from the Howard-Cooper Corporation was turned over to Fire Chief Jack Tharp this week. Tharp and one of the firemen drove the new truck down from Portland yesterday, arriving at about 11 P.M. The big vehicle will be placed in service as soon as possible, giving this city the best fire equipment of any small city in the valley. (Further details of the new equipment will be given next week.)

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Several well wishers met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shrier Sunday evening to wish little Jimmie a happy birthday and help him eat his prettily decorated cake which was topped with one candle. Little Elaine Wilson helped Jimmie blow out the candle. Ice Cream was served with the cake to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards and Bonnie, Mrs. Beverly Wilson and Elaine, Peggie Robison, Bob Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shrier and the hostess, Mrs. Bette Shrier.

## NOTICE

On account of the Thanksgiving holiday we will print next week's paper Wednesday. Please keep that in mind for church or lodge notices, also ads.

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## Law Regulating Fowls And Animals in City Passed by Council

A new ordinance regulating the keeping of animals and fowls in this city was passed by the city council at its November meeting. The new law makes it unlawful for "any person to keep any hog, horse, mule, cow, sheep, goat, or more than six adult rabbits or more than six adult turkeys, or more than two dozen adult chickens, or more than six adult ducks in any barn, building, enclosure or any premise in the city of Central Point without first obtaining the written consent of the owners of the adjoining property within the distance of 300 feet from the place where it is desired to keep any said animal or animals or fowls. The new ordinance carries the emergency clause and is now in effect.

## Service Officer School By Legion Officials Is Held in City

The District 4th conference and school for service officers of the American Legion was held in the Legion Memorial Building, Wednesday, November 20.

National Rehabilitation representative Robert C. Dillard, of Seattle, and Department Service Officer, Department of Oregon, Arthur Miller, conducted the school and conference. Veterans' legislation, pertaining to insurance, widow's pensions, and other problems confronting Post service officers were discussed and explained by the two department officers.

About 15 representatives of the different posts in District 4 were present to participate in the school.

Mr. Miller stressed the fact that War II veterans should keep up their G.I. insurance, and if they have let it lapse, may renew it by declaring they are healthy and pay one month's premium in arrears, and one month in advance.

Arrangements are being made by the Veterans Administration to pay the Insurance Premiums at the sub-regional V.A. office in Medford. Any veteran wishing further information on his insurance may contact the post service officer, Myers-Holland Post 129, American Legion, Memorial Bldg., Central Point.

Several veterans were present to take up matters pertaining to their claims, with the department service officer.

Mr. Dillard and Mr. Miller left last night for Coquille where a similar school will be held today.

## Auxiliary Meeting is Cancelled on Holiday

The American Legion Auxiliary, No. 129, met at the Legion Hall for its regular meeting, Thursday, October 14. There were 21 members and one visitor present.

One new member, Mrs. Arden Pinkham was initiated into the auxiliary.

A number of unwrapped presents were brought by auxiliary members to be sent to the Christmas store in the veterans hospital in Portland. These presents are for the men to choose gifts from to be sent home to their families.

It was voted to send \$10.00 to the Child Welfare Center in Portland, and \$10.00 to the Hospital to buy gifts and Christmas cheer for the veterans that are confined in the hospital.

The next regular meeting will be cancelled, as it comes on Thanksgiving. The auxiliary social meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12. Every one is urged to be present if possible.

## NOTICE TO L.O.O.F. MEMBERS

There will be an initiation of two candidates Monday evening at the L.O.O.F. hall. Refreshments will be served.

## BENEFIT SHOW

A benefit show and matinee will be given for the V.F.W. by the Hill theatre in Gold Hill Tuesday afternoon and evening. Turkeys and groceries will be given away.

## So what?—

He who shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity will change the face of the world.—B. Franklin

Nita Stuard discovering Tuesday, that it was Farmer Frank, who lifted her off the truck at the big Halloween party at Faber, even if her husband was also on the truck.

Wanted: A cane for Ruth Helfrich since she has become great grandma!

A young lady purchased hamburger when left in charge while her parents were attending Grange in Portland because that was the best thing her little brother in the 5th grade could cook!

And some people look around for someone to tow their cars out of the mud, and find said car high and dry on a hilltop!

## Council To Be Asked To Take Measures For Child Protection

A delegation is expected to appear before the city council at its next meeting, December 2 for the purpose of asking that measures be taken at once to provide better protection for the children going to and from school. There has been a feeling among the citizens of the city for some time that on account of the rapid growth of the city and the increased number of cars on the streets new regulations would have to be put into effect if the lives of school children are to be saved.

During the past few years more than double numbers of automobiles travel the streets of this city than formerly. Then at least two streets crossing the ones the children have to travel in order to reach the schools are now used by "hysters", or lumber carriers, and the drivers of these vehicles sometimes seem to forget they are in a "school zone" and pay little attention to the children.

The council will be asked to make a careful study of the situation and to take whatever steps may be necessary to eliminate as much of the hazard as possible.

## Funeral Service Held Dorothy Fay Wright

Services for Dorothy Fay Wright, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wright, Central Point, who passed away there Thursday, was held at the graveside in Siskiyou Memorial Park at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Father Francis Black officiating. Arrangements were care of the Conger-Morris Funeral Parlors.

She was born in Bakersfield, Calif., on March 18, 1941, and came to Central Point with her parents about six months ago.

Besides her parents she leaves two brothers, Alfred and George, at home; a sister, Mrs. Ruff Holmes, Central Point; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wright, Central Point, and Mrs. Otto Garrison, Hornbrook, Calif.

## Churches

### THE FEDERATED CHURCH

(Temporary Location: C.P. Grange Hall)  
Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor  
9:45 A.M.—Sunday school for the whole family. Come!  
11:00 A.M.—Preaching service. Dedication of new pulpit. Pastor's theme: "And they that worship Him . . ." hTe public is cordially invited.  
6:30 P.M.—High School Young People's and eSnior Young People's meetings.  
7:45 P.M.—Evening Evangelistic Service.  
MONDAY:  
7:45 P.M.—Men's Praise and Prayer meeting at the Parsonage.  
WEDNESDAY:  
7:30 P.M.—Our church will be participating in the Union THANKSGIVING at the Church of Christ.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

L. H. Camp, Minister  
9:45 A.M.—Bible School. Our school is steadily increasing in attendance. Come and enjoy it with us.  
11:00 A.M.—Worship and communion. Sermon "God Touched Hearts".  
3:00 P.M.—Workers Conference.  
6:15 P.M.—A VERY SPECIAL MEETING. E. R. Moon, missionary to Africa will speak to the youth groups. Adults are invited to sit in.  
7:30 P.M.—Evening service. This service will be in charge of the Gideons from Medford.  
Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.—Public Thanksgiving Service.

### COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Lee Gray  
PRESBYTERIAN—  
Church school—9:45 A.M.  
Morning worship—11:00 A.M.  
Subject, "The Gospel."  
Prayer meeting—Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.  
Boys meeting Thursday 3:45 P.M.  
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

### PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

E. L. Bradburn, 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.

### PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

6th & Pine Sts.  
H. L. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School—9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.  
Sermon Topic "The Spirit of Jews."  
Evangelistic Service—7:30 P.M.  
A hearty welcome to all.

## LOCAL GRANGERS ATTEND NATIONAL MEETING OF ORDER

Nearly 6000 Grangers from 22 states, the largest class ever assembled west of Ohio, gathered in Portland November 14 to take the beautiful and impressive Seventh Degree, highest in the order, while many other Grangers were present just to see the Degree again. National officers were in costume continuously from 2 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and the huge Municipal auditorium was three times filled to capacity by candidates and spectators. Young Grangers from several states enjoyed the privilege of working with Charles M. Gardner, High Priest of Demeter and grand old-man of the Degree, as marching candidates. Among the three from Oregon were Anne Bohnert and Richard Krupp.

Other local Grangers taking or witnessing the Degree were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Al Puhl, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton, r. and Mrs. Chuck Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith, Bill Fisher, Ben Eckholm and Benton Boyce.

The municipal auditorium was again filled on Friday morning when Seventh Degree members gathered to witness the annual Assembly of Demeter. In fact, all Portland seemed to be filled with Grangers. Seen lurching one noon at the Oyster House, a novel dining room filled with antiques, specializing in sea foods and hidden away in the middle of obscure Ankeny Street, were the above mentioned ensens, Puhls, Taylors, Hamiltons, Bohnerts, Richard Krupp, Mr. and Mrs. John Peffley of Sams Valley and National Lecturer James C. Farmer. Said some native Portlanders, "Well look here! The Grangers have even found their way down here!"

The 80th annual convention of the National Grange opened Tuesday, November 12 with a banquet at which Oregon State Grange officers were hosts to National officers and delegates. All food served was Oregon grown, and menus were printed on Port Orford Cedar. On Saturday evening a similar banquet was given by Russellville Grange at which the program was presented by State Lecturer, Garnet Ruckman, with recreation in charge of Edyth Bohnert. Not to be outdone, Idaho State Grange also gave a banquet featuring roast Idaho elk, 'Paul Bunyan' baked potatoes and other Idaho products.

Outstanding speakers of the convention, besides National Master Albert E. Goss who recently returned from the last of a series of five international conferences on agricultural problems, were the Hon. Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, who also took Sixth and Seventh Degrees at Portland; Edw. P. Morgan, Inspector of FBI; Dr. Paul Raver, Bonneville Power Administration; and Lt. General J. Lawton Collins, U.S.A., Chief of Army Public Relations. Delegates are faced with the disposal of the largest number of resolutions ever presented at a national session. Resolutions dealing with problems of vital importance to agriculture and the nation. Keenly aware of their responsibilities, the delegates are giving careful study to the shaping of a long range program for national security and prosperity. The convention adjourns Thursday evening, November 21.

## PASSED AWAY—

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lula Floux, whose mother, Mrs. Martha Darnelle, Southern Oregon pioneer, passed away in Hayward, California, November 9. Mrs. Darnelle spent most of her life in Grants Pass and Medford. Mrs. Floux, who went to California at this time, has returned home.

## TURKEY SHOOT

At Medford Gun Club  
NOVEMBER 24  
PLENTY OF AMMUNITION Available at Grounds  
EVERYBODY WELCOME  
Come and win your THANKSGIVING TURKEY  
Pot-luck events for non-shooters Shooting starts at 9:30 A.M.