

Musings

By the Editor

Sometimes it's hard, folks, to take the blame for what we haven't done. Just the other day a man came to us and said he thought the county court should get busy and see that the road from Eagle Point, through Brownsboro and up the North Fork of Little Butte Creek past McAllister Springs to Fish Lake and Lake of the Woods was finished. We asked him if he was aware of the fact that the road in question was a secondary state highway and therefore the county court has absolutely nothing to say in the matter? He said yes, but that he had heard from several people that the county court was using its influence with the state highway department, to see that the road was left "as is", and warned that we were getting ourselves disliked for taking such a stand.

Now it just happens that this writer has been a member of the county court for almost seven years and we KNOW there is absolutely no truth in such a rumor. To my certain knowledge the present county court, individually and collectively, has been—and now are, for that matter—using every means in our power to persuade State Engineer Baldock to put that road back on his list of priority roads and get the darned thing finished. In our mind the Little Butte Creek Secondary Highway will provide the very best route over the Cascades to the Klamath Basin. Again let me say WE'RE FOR IT and let there be no mistake about that. And our county engineer also has been constantly trying to get that particular road finished.

But there seems to be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere. In the first place the section of the road above McAllister Springs lies within the Rogue River National Forest. We have been trying to get that department to appropriate at least a share in the cost of construction. We thought we had it all fixed up when Pearl Harbor came along and knocked the socks off of all road building. Since the War—and especially since the present Congress took over—the cry has been "Economy." The appropriations for National Forest roads and trails was badly cut this year, with the natural result that only the more important roads (Primary highways) can be finished.

Right now the whole matter of getting that road finished is in the laps of the gods. If Mr. Baldock can be brought to see that we really need this road—if the highway commission agrees that it may be done—if there is any cash left after the cities and counties have had their share of the gas tax money—etc., etc. But one thing the people of Jackson County can be sure of—the county court is going to keep right on fighting for the project to the very best of our ability.

It just happens that this writer is a member of the roads and highways committee of the state association of county judges and commissioners and expects to be in Portland next week attending the annual convention of that body. While there we hope to have a chance to have a talk with Mr. Baldock and, if possible, will bring back a report on his present attitude toward this road.

And while we are at it we want to say a word about the matter of road taxes in this county. On account of the fact that the cost of county government has increased far more rapidly than in more normal times and also on account of the constitutional limitation on tax increases, it has been necessary to make the road department the "goat" and not make a levy at all for general roads. This is true both of last year's tax and this year's. So when you come to pay your taxes this fall remember you are paying NO ROAD TAXES AT ALL. Instead of a levy we are drawing on the post-war sinking fund we set up several years ago. And we don't know how long we can keep that up. So if you find your tax bill rather onerous this year don't come rarin' before the county court demanding that as you pay big taxes you think the county should get that mud-hole fixed right now. The fact is that you haven't contributed a plugged nickel to the road funds, either last year nor this.

Speaking of tax paying, we want to urge all citizens of this city who possibly can to pay their taxes as

SENIORS AT WORK ON ANNUAL PLAY TO BE NOVEMBER 21

A three-act comedy "The Family Upstairs" will be presented by a senior cast on the evening of November 21.

The play, a hilarious comedy, is the annual senior class entertainment. The cast is in daily rehearsal, working hard to prepare a performance on a par with plays of past years.

Members of the cast include Nancy Hunter, Bud Meadows, Jean Kincaid, Richard Bartley, Patsy Arnold, Rolly Clark, Shirley Holland, Kathleen Pleyer and Gerald Monroe.

Lever Hermann is stage manager; Mervyn Gleason, business manager; and Nola Willingham, property manager.

P.T.A. Hears Talk on Military Training

The proposed \$1,700,000,000.00 universal military training program was outlined by Otto Ewaldsen, at the Dad's night meeting of the Central Point P.T.A. held last Thursday evening in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Ewaldsen described his recent visit to F. Knox where he witnessed a test training course of a U.M.T. unit representing a cross section of army enlistees.

Need for adequate universal training program to insure proper national defense and strengthen U.S. foreign diplomacy was stressed by the speaker. Ewaldsen emphasized the need for a reserve or stockpile of manpower in case of future national emergency. The importance of improving the health of American youth and the spiritual and moral fiber of young citizens was pointed out.

Ewaldsen outlined the procedure of U.M.T. in which young men are not actually in the army but are given educational, spiritual and health building training in U.M.T. camps under carefully trained and selected army officers. Athletic, hobby training musical group participation, education in etiquette and a wide range of lectures are available to U.M.T. Youth. Alternate training programs were also mentioned.

Other features of the program were a vocal solo by Ann Bohnert accompanied by Patsy Faber. A talk by Coach Cecil Warner outlining the local high school physical education program and the competitive athletic contests with other schools, and a piano solo by Patsy Faber.

Memberships in the P.T.A. are still being accepted. Mrs. Parsons announced the 1947 membership as near 270. Mrs. Richardson's and Mrs. Downing's rooms were announced as 100% membership winners—awards going to both rooms.

At the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the 7th and 8th grade mothers. Mrs. Kilborn and Mrs. Schuler poured.

Relief Corps Gift Box Still Open

The Wm. H. Harrison Women's Relief Corps met Tuesday night, November 4th, with President Helene McDowell presiding, and twenty four members present.

The gift box for the Veterans' hospital will be left open until the next meeting. Every member, who hasn't brought their contribution, please bring it so the box can be mailed.

Mrs. Florence Rose and Mrs. Wilma Stratton were initiated.

Lovely refreshments were served in the birthday theme in honor of those having birthdays recently. Serving on this committee were Hattie Thompson, Lulu Glenn, Jennie Jones and Eva Kight.

Next meeting will begin promptly at 7:30. Be there on time and remember to bring a gift for some hospitalized veterans.

As soon as possible. The city ran out of cash some time ago and has been running on a warrant basis for several months. The sooner this year's taxes come in the sooner the city can take up these outstanding warrants and save just that much interest. And remember you get a 3% discount if you pay your taxes in full before November 15, (Saturday.)

SKYSTREAKS TO RECORD



The Navy captured the world's speed record in August, 1947, and, five days later, broke it with the jet-propelled "Skystreak," shown above. Piloted by Comdr. Turner E. Caldwell, Jr., USN, the plane flew 640.7 miles per hour in the first test at Muroc Field, Calif. Within a week Maj. Marion Carl, USMC, set a new mark of 659.6 miles per hour in the same plane.

(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

Postmaster Urges Early Xmas Mailing

In view of the steady increase in the volume of mail being handled at the local postoffice this year the employees at the local office are expecting the largest Christmas mailing on record.

Postmaster Bill Abbott states that during the last six years there has been a steady increase in the volume of mail handled and that postal receipts have increased from \$5850.14 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942 to \$12,682.73 for the year ending June 30, 1947.

Mr. Abbott states that if the Christmas mails are to be handled properly this year and delivery made in time for Christmas it is absolutely necessary that parcels and greeting cards be mailed well in advance as there has been a great influx of population on the west coast and that all postoffices and railroads in the west will have an unusually heavy volume of mail to be handled.

The postmaster urges everyone to prepare and mail Christmas parcels as soon as possible and endorse the parcels, "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS." Parcels must be well packed and wrapped with heavy wrapping paper and securely tied with stout cord. All parcels must bear the return address of the sender and should be addressed plainly in ink on only one side.

Extension Unit to Meet Wednesday A.M.

Central Point Extension Unit will meet November 19, 10:30 A.M. at the American Legion Hall for a business meeting and for the project on "Alteration and fitting of ready made garments."

Luncheon will be served at noon. All those attending are requested to bring table service.

Children will be cared for at the hall for a small charge.

All members are urged to attend. Newcomers are extended a special invitation to come and get acquainted with local home makers.

Mrs. Dale Kiser Is Honored at Party

Mrs. Dale Kiser, of Ashland, was honor guest at a dinner party given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weidman, of Central Point Nov. 5th, it being her birthday. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Rickard and son Mike, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, daughter, Loraine and son, Lee.

The table was centered by a lovely birthday cake. Several lovely gifts were presented Mrs. Kiser by her parents and sisters. After she returned to Ashland, a surprise party was tendered her and another birthday cake was presented.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED

The fire department was called to the Ed Sullivan home Thursday about 2 p.m. to extinguish a fire caused from a defective flue. Neighbors saw smoke coming through the roof and Jack Arnold, the Sullivans' son-in-law, happened home at the same time and called the department, who responded in a moment of time so it seemed, and the fire was very quickly put out. Slight damage was done, other than water soaked walls and floors.

NOTICE

Nevita Social club will hold a bazaar at Anders Photo shop, Medford, Saturday, Nov. 15th.

Basketball Schedule For "A" League Given

Coach Cecil Warner began sending the Central Point High School Basketball squad through intensive conditioning drills and fundamentals this week. 35 boys are reporting daily for practice and those from the football squad will report for practice Monday, November 17. The "Pointers" are again in the Southern Oregon "A" League, but have been left off the regular schedule of the "A" league teams. Consequently games are being scheduled to fit into the open dates of Medford, Ashland, and Grants Pass. The schedule as it now stands is as follows:

Dec. 9—Medford at Central Point.
Dec. 12—Myrtle Creek at Central Point.
Dec. 16—Medford at Medford.
Dec. 19—Ashland at Ashland.
Dec. 20—Ashland at Central Point.
Dec. 30—Redmond at Central Point.
Jan. 3—Ashland at Ashland.
Jan. 22—Grants Pass at Grants Pass.
Jan. 24—Medford at Central Point.
Feb. 12—Grants Pass at Central Point.
Feb. 14—Medford at Medford.
Feb. 17—Ashland at Central Point.

Gold Hill Extension Unit Meets Friday

The Gold Hill Extension Unit will meet Friday, November 14, 10:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. Daniel Stewart. Business meeting at 10:30 prompt and Mrs. Daniel Stewart, chairman, wishes all her committee chairmen to be present and give reports. Lunch at noon and bring your table service. The project will be "Alteration and Fitting of ready made Garments" with Mrs. Cleo Ghchrist and Mrs. Walter McLean as project leaders. Bring material and sewing equipment if you want the pattern and how to make the new shoulder pad. If you have a ready-made garment and wish suggestions on alteration, bring it.

NOTICE

Any Oddfellow or Rebekah wishing transportation to the party at Gold Hill on November 18th and anyone going that can take an extra passenger, call W. U. Kight, Phone 583, Central Point.

NOTICE

Nevita Social club will meet at the home at Mrs. Edwin Anden Friday, Nov. 14th at 7:30 p.m.

"LOON" EXPERIMENT



The above photo shows the Navy experimenting with the "Loon," a radiocontrolled, jet-powered guided missile copied from the original German designs. Known as the KUV-1, this weapon is roaring into the air with the aid of four Mossauto rockets and soon wings its way over the Pacific seeking its target.

(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

New Bank to Have Temporary Quarters at Present City Hall

Chaplain McCue Now Stationed in Denver

The following letter was received this week from Mrs. Bernice McCue, now living in Denver. She states that the Chaplain's address is now: Leslie L. McCue, care Chaplain's Office, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver 7, Colorado.
Central Point American
Dear Friends:

Since we now have a permanent address we want the home paper sent to the above address.

Chaplain McCue likes his work very much and is surely busy. He broadcasts over hospital radio each morning of the week and has from three to four services on Sunday, besides calling in certain wards assigned to him each week. You know he is busy when there are but four Protestant, one Catholic, chaplains for 3000 to 4000 patients.

We like Denver very much and awakened this morning to find everything covered with snow, and plenty deep, too. Greet the friends in Oregon.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Bernice McCue.
Nov. 6, 1947

ARMISTICE DAY PARADE

A great number of Central Point residents attended the Armistice day parade in Medford at 11 a.m. Nov. 11. The parade was one of the very best. The floats were exceptionally appropriate. As one viewed the marching units of past wars one could not help but realize that "time marches on." Only one man was seen wearing the uniform of World War I. After an hour's appearance before the public, the veterans laid away their caps to await another year.

A short memorial service was held at the Legion Memorial building at 9:30 A.M.

Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
(Temporary Location:
C.P. Grange Hall)
Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

SUNDAY:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. Bring your Bible.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
6:45 p.m.—Young People's Meeting.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Service
MONDAY:
8:00 p.m.—Men's Prayer Meeting in the new Sunday School unit—4th and Alder.
WEDNESDAY:
8:00 p.m.—Cottage Prayer Meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

L. H. Camp, Minister
9:45 Bible School
11:00 Morning Worship. "What Happened at Golgotha?"—B. Ross Evans.
6:30 Youth Groups.
7:45 Evangelistic Service. "Why so much Unbelief in the World?"—B. Ross Evans.
Evangelistic Services each night except Monday.

Friday Night: "The Conversion of the Dying Thief."
Saturday Night: "Must a Man Be a Member of the Church to be Saved?"

Sunday A.M.—"What Happened at Golgotha?"

Sunday P.M.—"Why so Much Unbelief in the World Today?"

Tuesday—"What Crucified Jesus?"

Wednesday—"Short Beds and Scanty Covers."

Thursday—"Central Point's Blackest Sin."

Friday—"God's T.N.T."

Saturday—"How to Handle the Old Man."

Sunday A.M.—"The True Test of Discipleship."

Sunday P.M.—"Time Marches On."

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Lee Gray
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning worship 11:00 A.M.
Sermon "Its News"
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:30 P.M.
Cub Scouts Friday 8:45 P.M.
You are welcome.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

5th and Pine
Sunday School—9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.
Evangelistic Services—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.
Evening Service—7:30 P.M.

Will Open When New Equipment Can Be Secured

The First National Bank of Portland will open a branch at Central Point as soon as the necessary equipment can be assembled, announces Frank L. Belgrano, Jr., president, who received notice of permission from the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., last Thursday morning. The comptroller's approval of the application was speeded by a petition signed by 600 Central Point residents and business men showing urgent need for banking facilities in the community, Belgrano said.

A lease was signed this morning for joint use of the front room at the city hall for temporary quarters for the bank. A new counter will be installed at once, with one window reserved for the city recorder's use. Part of the city records will be stored temporarily in the old vault in the fire hall so as to make room for the bank records and cash in the present vault. The cashier of the parent bank in Portland will be here tomorrow to check up as to adding machines, bookkeeping machines and the like, as well as a new safe for bank use. This equipment will be placed on "rush order" and as soon as it arrives and the new counter installed and the room re-decorated, the new branch is expected to open for business.

A new bank building is to be erected as soon as possible on one of two sites now under consideration.

Central Point, north of Medford, has enjoyed substantial all-around growth, and is rapidly becoming the industrial center of Jackson County, according to Eugene Thorndike, manager of the Medford branch of First National, who is representing the bank at Central Point until a regular staff is appointed.

"There are five lumber mills and other industries at Central Point," Thorndike commented. "It is also trading center for 60% of the rich Jackson County farm area, with a cooperative grange of 2200 members. Farming is well diversified, with orchards and dairies the leading specialties."

"The town itself has a growing population, now 1200, and its school, drawing pupils from rural districts, already requires 26 teachers," Thorndike declared.

The Central Point branch will employ five people to handle the large amount of business expected. Three of these are residents of this city now employed at the Medford Branch. Thorndike stated this morning. Just who will be placed in charge for the present has not been decided.

Belgrano assured people of Central Point that banking service here will be as complete and modern as in Portland.

Grade School Program Enjoyed by Many

The program presented by four elementary grades of the local school on Monday evening was very well received by the large assembly present.

It would be quite difficult to judge which grade presented the better part of the performance.

The two girls from sixth grade namely: Patricia Perry and Dorothy Lawton, who were the accompanist for the folk songs and dances, also Dennis Bateman, who played the accordion were exceptionally good.

The entire performance showed many hours of hard work by both teachers and pupils and was appreciated by all who were privileged to attend.

TURKEY SHOOT

At Central Point sportsmen's Club
NOVEMBER 16
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.