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Musings

By the Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Today is the first day of the new year—1948. The old year, with all its mistakes, its trials and tribulations, with all its joys and sorrows, is as water over the dam, a memory. And as we turn to the new clean page, what shall the record be? Have we really learned any lessons? Are we ready to take up the burdens of the coming year with courage and faith—courage to do whatever job comes to our hand as it should be done, and with faith in ourselves, our country and our God?

Today the whole world is full of big question marks. What about Russia? What about Palestine? Are the Arabs getting ready to start a religious war? Is the UN going to prove a fizzle as did the League of Nations? These, and a lot more questions are to be settled. Can America survive and get rid of communism? Can we feed starving Europe and still have plenty ourselves? There is no end to the problems we must face in the coming year. And upon how well we solve these problems hangs the fate of the Peace we all want so badly.

And the coming year will see the question answered as to who shall be the next president of the United States and of what party. Our own state of Oregon must select a new governor and secretary of state. In our own county we must choose a new set of county officers (or at least decide whether or not we want new ones or retain the old ones.) The offices of district attorney, one commissioner, the county clerk, treasurer, assessor, school superintendent and coroner must be filled. All in all there will be plenty to think about before this time next year.

In our own town there are a number of very serious problems to be settled. There is the question of a sewage disposal plant. We aren't going to get away with dumping open sewers into Bear Creek within four miles of Rogue River much longer. It's going to hurt to have such a bill to pay, but it's either pay it or shut up the town and no one wants to do that. And there are other problems to settle. Shall we have better street lighting, do we want more done on our streets, shall we build curbs and sidewalks so we can get daily mail deliveries? All these things are nice, but they all cost plenty of spindulicks.

And in the meantime this county is going to have to decide whether or not we want more adequate irrigation water. Can such water be supplied without building dams on the river? Who's got the answer to all these questions Gosh, fellers, it gives us the shivers just to think of finding right solutions to these questions. We'll all have to "put our brains in steep" as the feller said to even get started.

But somehow we have faith that we shall somehow "muddle through" as America has always done. In the words of the immortal Lincoln, "With malice toward none, with charity for all. With firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us go on in the work we are in. To bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who has borne the battle and for his widow and orphans; and to do all to achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

And in that spirit may we again wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends who so loyally befriended us after the loss of our home.

Mrs. & Mrs. Bill Coleman and Margaret

Mrs. Elmer Greer left for Klamath Falls last Tuesday where she joined her son and family, all leaving the following day for Tulsa, Okla., for a visit with other relatives.

COMMUNICATION

To The Editor:

The Central Point Navy Mothers' Club, No. 466, wishes to thank the Central Point American for the splendid publicity and cooperation given the club throughout the year. Grace Hsrier, Adjutant.

ANTELOPE AREA OF CAMP WHITE OFFERED FOR SALE

15,000 acres of Government Surplus Land at Camp White, Oregon, is being advertised for sale to former owners, veterans, and other priority holders by the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation through its Spokane Office at 610 Main Avenue. This covers all of the Antelope Area of the camp, with the exception of land reserved for use by the Oregon National Guard and one or two tracts that overlap into the Building Area.

Government Agencies, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for Resale to Small Business, and state and local governments have first priority for a period of ten days following December 30. Former owners or their tenants at the time the land was acquired have next priority for a period of ninety days subsequent to December 30 to file their offers with the Project Office, which is located in Building T-223 near the main gate at the camp. Information on priorities and procedure in submitting offers for both priority and non-priority holders may be obtained at the project office or by writing Mr. E. A. Lintz, Project Manager, P.O. Box 1547, Medford, Oregon.

Veterans or owner-operators (the latter being defined as, "A person who seeks to acquire land classified as agricultural and represents that he expects to cultivate and operate the land for a livelihood") may establish their priorities on this sale by writing the Project Manager and stating that they are interested in acquiring a tract or tracts of the lands being advertised December 30. This notice must be filed within the 90-day priority period.

Following the expiration of the 90-day priority for former owners, lands not disposed of will be grouped into economic farm units as far as possible and veterans filing the statement will be advised what lands are available under their priority, and the price they must bid under their Veterans' priority. If more than one veteran bids on a tract so offered, lots will be drawn to determine the successful bidder. Any tracts not sold to veterans will then be offered to owner-operators who have filed with the Project Office during the 90-day priority period.

Certain tax exempt institutions have the last priority after which any lands not disposed of will be offered for sale to non-priority holders through sealed bids.

It is expected that the portion of the building area not heretofore disposed of will be assigned to the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation in the near future and subsequent sales after the first of the year will include the Beagle and Building Areas under the same priorities.

Meeting to Promote Relief Ship Held

A "kick off" meeting was held Monday noon in Holland Hotel in Medford for some forty persons interested in the Pacific Northwest Relief ship for Europe. Wm. Gates, Medford merchant, stated: "This is not charity, but a battle in self defense." The heads of civic organizations, mayors of all cities in the county were given instructions how to best handle the donations.

Trucks, trains and ships have been donated for transportation. \$6.25 contribution will keep one child alive until next June. Will citizens of Central Point be willing to save a life? Make plans soon through your civic organizations and churches to help in this worthy cause.

Do not fear that any donations will get into unreliable hands. Let Central Point get behind this act of mercy and do her part.

MEETING CHANGED

The Central Point PTA will meet at the high school Thursday evening, January 8, at 7:30 instead of in the afternoon. C. C. Haggard will talk on the "Foundation of Safer Communities." Pictures of safe driving will be shown. The 6th grade mothers will serve. The public is invited.



Why should children in western Europe be hungry when we can help by sacrificing so little? ... Don't eat meat on Tuesdays, don't eat eggs on Thursdays, and save on bread every day.

Cordial GREETINGS for the New Year

May it hold for you many pleasant moments—truly the happiest year of them all

—THE PUBLISHERS.

Watch Night Service at Church of Christ

The Church of Christ will conduct watch night activities Wednesday evening from 8:00 till midnight.

There will be group singing, special musical features; moving pictures of Centra America; games; and refreshments.

These will climax in a worship service at 11:45. Bring your friends and enjoy New Year's Eve in a Christian environment.

Christmas Party at Willow Springs

More than one hundred neighbors and friends of the Willow Springs Community gathered at the School House Saturday evening for a Christmas party. The program and decorations were arranged by Mrs. Lloyd Hammond and her committee. Most of the children of the community appeared in the program. Santa arrived with gifts for everyone. Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served by the committee. The kitchen has been remodeled and a sink and cupboards installed. These add greatly to the convenience of serving at the community parties. Several members brought gifts for the kitchen.

The next meeting will be a potluck supper which is planned for Saturday evening, January 24th.

NOTICE

There will be a New Year's Eve party at the Agate School for the community. A potluck supper and dance is planned. The ladies are to bring a hot dish and sandwiches. Doors open at eight P.M. No admission. Please bring own service.

Death entered and took Mrs. Minnie Paige, route 1 near Central Point in a local hospital Friday.

Girl Scouts Hold Party Monday Eve

The Girl Scouts of Troop 12 enjoyed a party at their regular meeting Monday, December 22, at the home of Linda Obenchain. Twelve girls were present and their leaders and the troop committee members. Gifts were exchanged and games played. The next regular meeting will be on January 5. A skating party for all Girl Scouts of the Medford council will be held at the Armory on January 3rd at 2:00 o'clock. The girls of Troop 12 are planning to attend.

More High Schools Offer Driver Training

Oregon high schools conducting full courses in driver training and education have grown in number from three to 29 since the start of the school year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has announced.

Each of the 29 schools are offering behind-the-wheel training with dual-controlled cars as a feature of the course.

At least five more high schools have definitely planned to include driver training as part of the regular academic work, during the coming term, with further increases expected upon completion of the special course to be held for teachers in Portland next February.

"The record speaks for itself," Newby said. "Schools everywhere are recognizing the need for teaching young persons their responsibility to society as drivers."

Under an arrangement with the American Automobile Association and the General Motors corporation, schools with qualified teachers are eligible to receive free dual-controlled training cars as a supplement to class-room instruction.

Navy Mothers Enjoy Delightful Day

A most delightful day was enjoyed by members of the Central Point Navy Mothers' Club No. 466 at the home of Reva Gregg Tuesday, Dec. 23. Fifteen members and two husbands were present. A lovely dinner was enjoyed by all.

Serving on a layette and the cutting of more garments filled the afternoon. Gifts on the Christmas tree were distributed at close of meeting.

Next meeting will be regular business session, Wednesday afternoon, January 14 at home of Susie Myers. Mae Robinson and Ina Adams, co-hostesses.

Installation of officers.

Southern Pacific Makes Achievement

In spite of a nation-wide equipment shortage Southern Pacific rolled up a record of great achievement in 1947, according to President A. T. Mercier.

Reviewing the railroad's activities in a year-end statement, he revealed that Southern Pacific carried its largest peacetime freight load in the past 12 months, setting an all-time record for efficiency as measured by gross ton-miles per train-hour—a factor involving both the train load and the speed with which it is carried. This feat was performed, he said, through teamwork of railroad men and shippers.

However, net earnings in 1947 were a third less than the six per cent considered a fair minimum for industry in general, Mr. Mercier disclosed. This was due, he said, to the fact that although wages and prices of all materials have greatly increased, passengers fares and freight charges remain less on the average than they were 25 years ago.

Southern Pacific has ordered or authorized more than \$152,000,000 equipment since the end of the war, worth of new freight and passenger cars, 107 streamlined passenger cars, 48 Diesel-electric locomotives for main line use and 43 additional Diesel-electric switch engines.

"Shortages of materials and construction difficulties in railroad equipment builders' plants have held back deliveries of new rolling stock so urgently needed to replace worn-out cars and augment the overall supply," Mr. Mercier said. "We are carrying on as best we can with the equipment now available to the railroads," he continued, "and we are glad to report that new freight cars are now reaching us at a rate faster than old, war-weary cars are being retired."

Airway Passenger Traffic Declines

November passenger traffic on Southwest Airways' Pacific Coast feeder airline system followed the general winter season decline common throughout the air transportation industry by dropping 18 percent below that of the preceding month, General Traffic Manager Michael Cole has disclosed.

Air mail dispatches, however, climbed to record heights during November, 12th month of Southwest's operations, Cole announced. The 25 California and Oregon cities comprising the feeder system generated 47,706 pounds, or approximately 1,335,000 individual letters. This was an 11 percent gain over October.

Both air express and air freight system totals reflected industry trends, the former dropping to 34,099 pounds and the latter to 26,510 pounds, Cole said.

Medford was one of the few cities on Southwest's system to record a passenger traffic gain in November over October, local Station Manager Richard Day reported, the local increases being 12 percent.

Day added that Medford air mail and air express dispatchings to Southwest's system last month recovered most of the unseasonable losses experienced in October. November's total of 1,165 pounds of air mail, or approximately 35,000 individual letters, was within 100 pounds of August's all-time record. The month's 743-pound total of air express also came within a few pounds of setting a new high mark. Day declared.

EASTERN STAR HONORS OFFICERS WITH "DIPLOMAS"

Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. met at Masonic Temple Tuesday, Dec. 23. This was last meeting of this year, and was also Christmas party. At close of session the Curtis girls gave the addendum, "Graduation," marching to the East, cap and gown was put on Worthy Matron, Donna Brenner, and Worthy Patron Marshall Day, and each was presented with a diploma. Linden Launed, (brother of Beulah Faber) played the March and also sang a beautiful carol. The Worthy Matron and Patron was presented a beautiful gift, by their officers, who also praised them for faithful work done, and wished them the best for the future.

Worthy Matron presented each officer with a beautiful gift and thanked them for loyal support given throughout the year.

The Star Point girls had charge of decorations in Chapter room and Christmas tree decorations. Old Santa left gifts for every one and Ray Anders showed moving pictures to the delight of all.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Clara Vincent and her committee. Tables were very pretty with Christmas decorations, snow, Santa, reindeer and all was very much enjoyed.

Portland Man Is "Driver of Year"

Winner of Oregon's 1947 "driver of the year" contest is Ralph Sheah, of Portland, contest officials have announced.

Sheah, driver for Consolidated Freightways, received a \$500 cash prize as the outstanding contestant among the "Driver of the month" winners selected during the past year. Sponsored by the Oregon Motor Transport association, the contest is open to all commercial drivers in the state who have performed some act of courtesy or heroism, or who have long records of safe driving.

"Anybody can nominate a deserving commercial driver," emphasized Secretary of state Earl T. Newby, one of the contest judges. "Nominations will be received by any chamber of commerce or the OMTA office in Portland."

He lauded the program for the recognition it gives to the consistently accident-free operation of commercial drivers.

November's "driver of the month" was Byron Bell, Portland, whose 18 years without an accident netted him a 17-jewel wrist watch.

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.
6:15 Youth Groups.
7:30 Evening Service.
4:00 Tuesday and Thursday KMD

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. W. Lee Gray

Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Sermon: Message for the Year 1948.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 P.M.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD 5th and Pine

Sunday School—9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.
Evangelistic Service—7:45 P.M.

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH 6th & Pine Sts.

H. L. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Come and worship with one of these growing classes.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.