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Musings

By the Editor

And the next day it rained—and how! Once again Jackson county is suffering from overflowing creeks and rivers. Rogue River went on a rampage, leaving its banks in many places and flooding the fields and lowlands. All of the creeks in the eastern part of the valley boomed. Every slough and swale was full and running over. Bear creek was a raging torrent and much damage was done along its course. The rain was general all over the state and Southern Oregon was not alone in feeling its effects. The Pacific Highway was closed in several places by flood waters. It was a jim-dandy while it lasted.

To start at the upper end of this valley Ashland suffered the most damage from the flood. Ashland creek rose to a point which covered much of Lathia Park and several business buildings were undermined. The new city fire truck broke through a small bridge near the park and fell into the torrent. We have not learned if it has been pulled out and how badly it was damaged. The Emigrant dam above Ashland was filled to the brim and the water spilled over the top.

The highway bridge near Jackson Hot Springs was partly undermined and settled out of line. None of the county bridges along Bear creek were damaged, although the bridge on the Kirtland road was closed temporarily on account of deep water over the road on both ends. There were a number of places on various county roads where the water covered the road to such depth that travel had to be halted. However, with the exception of damaged shoulders and surfacing at these points the county roads suffered little damage.

Probably the worst damage along Bear Creek was to the new bridge east of this city. There the contractor had just finished pouring the concrete piers and also the posts and stringers to support the concrete forms. All of these posts, caps and stringers were washed away. It looked for a time that they might hold, but when the Lininger bridge above gave way it lodged against the center span in such a way as to destroy the whole structure. Only the first section on the west end of the bridge, which was practically complete, was undamaged.

So even the favored Rogue River Valley sometimes has its troubles and tribulations. But some way we haven't too much sympathy for folks who persist in building homes and business places along our mountain streams. At least for those who build right on the low banks. Floods HAVE always happened and no doubt always will, and if such folks lose their shirts, it's just too bad.

Garden Club To Show Colored Pictures

Next Wednesday evening, Jan. 14 at 8 o'clock in the Hi School Auditorium the Central Point Garden Club will show colored slides of their 4-H girls and their flower gardens. Also pictures of their recent flower show which was held in the Legion Hall will be shown.

Eddie Randall from Medford will be there and will show pictures of some very outstanding flowers and flower gardens, some of them taken from the beautiful gardens in Rogue River Valley.

The public is cordially invited to attend especially the family and friends of "the Garden Club 4-H girls."



Tip on bread storage

Using every slice of each loaf of bread helps reduce the number of loaves you buy each week.

Bread keeps fresh indefinitely, does not mold, when kept wrapped on a shelf in your refrigerator.

ATHLETIC ASSN. MAKING PLANS FOR 1948 SEASON

For the past month the Central Point Athletic Association has been meeting regularly and the achievements are amazing. The first week it was a Public meeting for all the citizens of Central Point, who were interested in sports in general. There was a very poor response for some reason. The books were opened for inspection and everything seemed in order. The previous baseball season was discussed and also the Girls' Softball teams and boys baseball teams including the American Legion Jr. Baseball team. Directors were nominated for the coming year and the meeting was closed. The next week the directors met at the city firehall to further discuss and plan the coming baseball season for the town team. Officers were elected as follows: Charles Bateman, Central Point, president; Al Setness, Central Point, secretary-treasurer; Ernie Alabama Harris, business manager, and Benny Fagone, publicity.

The meeting progressed and these things were decided upon that there would be two baseball teams if possible. One for the Southern Oregon League and a team for the smaller circuit for the smaller towns. The ball park would be improved and the stands completed. To give the soft ball league the proper help and assistance and for the field to be used for any sport event to benefit the community. It was brought out that the park is a city park and was not to be dominated by any one individual team or organization.

A manager is being sought for the town team and a manager for the younger boys team. Anyone who thinks that he is capable of either job is welcome to apply. We would like to stress that there will be a public meeting of the association for the purpose of enlarging the Board of Directors and we would like the opinion of the town folks in regard to the sports activity of this town.

The date will be announced some time next week and the public is urged to attend.

The Central Point Athletic Association is a non-profitable organization and the purpose is to promote sports in this community and with the help of the town folks behind us we can accomplish a lot for the Youth of Central Point and vicinity.

So if you are at all interested in the Youth of the vicinity, please attend the public meeting when it meets.

Written by Benny Fagone.

Relief Corps Holds Annual Installation

W. H. Harrison Relief Corps held its installation Tuesday evening, with Martha Booth as installing officer. The officers elect are: Mae Robinson, president; Viola Troutman, senior vice president; Nora Hansen, junior vice president; Elizabeth Faber, chaplain; Susie Wadlow, treasurer; Cecil Vincent, conductor and Effie Glenn, guard.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Faber and Mrs. Harsh.

The next meeting will be Jan. 20 with a covered dish lunch at 6:30. All members are asked to be present.

So what?

Between sorrow and joy the difference is but as between a gladness, enlightened acceptance of life and a hostile, gloomy submission, between a large and a narrow conception of life and one that is stubborn and narrow.—Maurice Maeterlinck.

Arthur F. well stuck in the mud in his own yard even if he has been studying roads in the county for a number of years.

A certain C.P. Miss being such embarrassed on being told she looked like Shirley Temple.

Oscar Minnick stuck in the mud near the Mayor's home. Seeing that Oscar takes care of the street, he ought to know the bad spot.

We missed our efficient delivery girl, who has been attending a conference in Ohio.

New Bank Makes Big Showing in Month

The new Central Point Branch of the First National Bank of Portland has shown a remarkable growth in the first month of its existence, according to a statement by Richard C. (Dick) Isaacs, manager, this week. Loans and discounts at the close of business December 31 amounted to \$80,232.11. Deposits of the month of December totalled \$246,551.03.

Mr. Isaacs reports that the bank officials are more than pleased at the reception given the new branch and says he hopes to give even better service to the community in the future.

George F. Wright, 75, Dies in Hospital

George Francis Wright, a resident of southern Oregon for almost 50 years, passed away at a local hospital Tuesday. He was born in Kansas on November 7, 1872.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, were early pioneers of Jackson county, and took up a homestead near Phoenix, where the children lived for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian, of Central Point; one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Bowman, Merrill; one brother, Will, Central Point; three granddaughters and four great grand-children.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl funeral home Friday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Williams of Pilgrims Holiness church of Central Point officiating. Interment will take place in the Central Point cemetery.

Medford Lady Tells Of Bulbs to Club

A most interesting meeting was enjoyed by the Central Point Garden club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dale Burns, with an attendance of thirty including the guest speaker and three visitors.

Mrs. Harvey LeRoy Gonyon of Medford was guest speaker and went deep into the subject of herbs, giving their benefit as medicines, foods and many other uses. The speaker illustrated her talk by well presented charts, and the flower lovers learned that many of their favorite flowers were delectable foods as well as pleasing to the eye.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Mary Langston and Mrs. O. T. Wilson.

The herb luncheon will be held at the February meeting and Mrs. Bernice Gordon is chairman of the menu planning for that day.

Glenn Jackson To Address Lions Club

Glen Jackson, president of Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Prominent Valley businessmen will be the guest speaker at the Lions club meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Jackson has not announced his topic for the evening but we can rest assured he will have something of interest to all.

We are very fortunate in securing Mr. Jackson and urge all Lions to come out to hear him.

NOTICE

Stated Meeting, Nevita Chapter No. 93, O.E.S., Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 8 p.m. Friends of Nevita Chapter members are cordially invited to attend the installation of 1948 officers at 9 p.m. Jan. 13th.

FUNERAL SERVICES—

Funeral services for William A. Fickley, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Perl Funeral Home with Rev. Rolf Hansen officiating. The remains were shipped to Sigourney, Iowa, for burial. A complete obituary will be published next week.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14—

The regular business meeting of the Central Point Navy Mothers club No. 466 will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. at home of Susie Myers.

All members are urged to attend and help plan the work for the year. Installation of officers.

GOLD HILL EXTENSION UNIT—

Gold Hill Extension Unit will meet Friday, January 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Paul Thompson on Highway 99 north.

The subject of the meeting will be "Insect Pest Control" and the speaker will be Mr. C. B. Cordy, of Medford, County Horticulture agent.

Impressions of Trip To Youth Conference Given by Delegate

The American asked the local delegates who attended the Methodist Youth Conference at Cleveland, Ohio, to write a story of their impressions of the trip. Below we publish the story of that trip as written by Miss Patsy Faber of this city. Next week we will give the same story as written by Miss Alice Howard of Medford, who will be remembered as being the daughter of the former Miss Jennie Elcher, formerly of this city. The third delegate from Jackson County was Miss Elinor Meeker, daughter of Mayor Clarence Meeker of Medford.

By Patsy Faber

Dear Mrs. Powell,
Since I promised to tell you about my trip here goes—

On Saturday evening, December 27, about 75 of the youth of the Methodist Churches of Oregon left on the streamliner "The City of Portland" for a Methodist Youth Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

We arrived in Chicago about noon Monday and people certainly aren't kidding when they say it's the "windy city." That afternoon the whole delegation secured 2 special buses and went sightseeing, Lake Michigan was frozen over a short distance from the shoreline and people were ice skating and sledding in the sunken gardens of a park. We spent about an hour in the Museum of Industrial Science which is so large that it takes thirty-one 8 hour days to do it justice.

Since most of us had never been to the big city before we had to have the experience of riding on a subway and an elevated. You can imagine to how disgruntled the ticket agent was when we informed her we didn't know where we were going.

Late in the evening we left Chicago on a special train taking delegates from quite a few other states and since the Oregon car was loaded eleven of us were put in the car with the Oklahoma group.

Arriving in Cleveland early the next morning we had nearly all day to do the town after being assigned a place to stay. It was my luck along with 1299 other girls to be put in the basement dormitory of the Civic Auditorium. All the meetings were held in this building so it made it very handy.

After inspecting the Soldiers and Sailors Monument another girl and I went on a streetcar ride and ended up at the Museum of Natural History. Since we wanted just a little more excitement we headed for town. Mays Dept. Store attracted our attention. It really proved worthwhile since an escalator runs up and down between the basement and 7th floor. One of the outstanding events of the conference was the complimentary concert presented by Roland Hayes, world renowned negro tenor, to the 12,000 Youth in attendance.

The final address of the conference was given by E. Stanley Jones, missionary and author. As you probably know E. Stanley Jones is one of the outstanding leaders of this generation and his books have been read by more people and printed in more languages than any other Christian. I really believe I enjoyed his address more than any other because he came down to the facts which concern the Youth of America, in our every day living.

Other speakers of the conference included Dr. G. Baez-Camargo, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, Dr. Paul Quillian, Dr. Richard C. Raines and Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

Friday afternoon we took one of the 32 special trains leaving Cleveland. We arrived in Chicago too late for the big snow storm and also an hour and a half late for our train, the Oriental Limited, which was held for us.

In the Rocky Mountains we saw plenty of snow to make up for the east and the conductor even let us off the train at Whitefish, Montana to have a snowball fight.

This trip is the most wonderful thing I have ever done in my life and I am very thankful that I was one of the privileged who got to go.

VISIT IN SOUTH—

Mr. and Mrs. Don Faber, Bill Anhorn and Harry Dunn attended the East West game in San Francisco leaving Central Point Dec. 30 On their way south they called on Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost at Corning. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Anhorn returned home Friday, Dec. 2nd. Mr. and Mrs. Faber visited Mr. E. A. Quail, coach of a high school in San Francisco, also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell and small son, Donald in Berkeley. Mrs. Mitchell is Mr. Faber's sister.

4 Lions Clubs Join in Dinner and Initiation

Members of the Lions clubs of Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Central Point and their ladies will gather at Scotty's Ranch House Thursday evening, Jan. 15, for a dinner to be followed by a dance at the Legion Memorial Hall. The occasion is in honor of the first installation of officers by the newly organized Lady Lions Club of Central Point, which is being sponsored by the Grants Pass club.

The dinner will also honor the first anniversary of the organization of the local Lions club. All local Lions are urged to attend. Bring your wives.

Local People Help With Relief Ship

A large percentage of Central Point community are voicing their approval to the Pacific Northwest Relief ship. Many orders for food have been made at the different markets delivered to the Vern Pendleton and Joe Krupp service stations and Faber's Market, the Relief receiving stations.

The Lion's club of Central Point is in charge of the campaign, with the Masonic Lodge, the Grange, the Sportsmen's clubs, and churches co-operating with it. All donations must be in before Jan. 10th.

Considerable money has been turned over to Mayor Scott. Three dollars or more will provide a case of food on this Christina ship.

Classes in Child Evangelism Held

A very interesting class in child evangelism was held Friday, Jan. 2 at the home of Mrs. R. R. Lawton.

Mrs. R. B. Langston gave a flannel graph demonstration. Also Mrs. Smith, of Medford, gave helpful suggestions.

Two classes in Child Evangelism are held in Central Point at the present time. With about thirty-five children enrolled, with an average total attendance of 28 at 2:30 Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

This work is under the auspices of Child Evangelism Acc. of Oregon and is undenominational. Anyone interested in these classes or in an interesting meeting held Friday evening at the Presbyterian church in Medford, please call Mrs. R. R. Lawton.

Clarence Borah Still In Serious Condition

Mr. Clarence Borah, who was severely injured in a car accident December 19, is in a very serious condition. He suffered a number of broken bones, which they have been unable to set, owing to the condition of his heart. He suffers intensively.

Mr. L. H. Bates, of Ashland, who was in the same accident, is also in a serious condition.

I.E. INVITATIONAL LUNCHEON—

Mrs. Leonard Freeman was hostess to a Home Economics invitational luncheon at her home Friday.

Those enjoying the affair were Mesdames, Victor Bursell, Frank Ward, Warren Patterson, Harvey Walters, A. T. Lathrop, O. T. Wilson, and A. A. Hinseman. The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Jan.

To the People of this Community

The EAGLE to the Rescue!

Uncle Sam has loosed his mighty eagle again... not in clamor of battle, but in a race against suffering... against hunger... to save the peace. You and I can speed the eagle's mission... without sacrifice. We can and must do one more job to win the peace that means so much.

How? By saving on bread... by filling the garbage can less frequently... by using every bit of food... by cheerfully observing, instead of complaining about, a temporary readjustment in our eating habits. This job won't take long... if we take it to heart. Remember—the lives of kiddies like ours depend upon U. S. Can we fail them? Of course not. Let's Save Wheat... Save Meat... Save the Peace!

CITY COUNCIL TO EYE SITES SEWAGE PLANT

At its January meeting Monday evening the city council authorized a survey made of possible sites for the new sewage disposal plant to be built in the near future. Attending the meeting were City Attorney Harry Skyrman and Walter I. Sutherland, county sanitarian, who told the council of the need for prompt action in the matter. As soon as the committee has decided on the site, Mr. Skyrman is to start negotiations for the purchase of the ground and whatever rights of way may be necessary.

Also present at the meeting was a delegation from the Berrydale district consisting of Mrs. A. W. Hodgson, 236 DeBar Avenue, and Mrs. H. S. Lingren, 2386 Table Rock Road, who stated they were seeking improvement in the sewage situation in their district. They told the council it had been tentatively suggested that a sanitary district be formed for the purpose of financing the project, the area to be served to be bounded the Medford Corporation site, the Pacific highway, the Central Point city limits and the Table Rock road. About 400 homes would be served.

According to the women the conditions in the Howard or Berrydale district are very bad as septic tanks and cesspools are filled each winter by heavy rainfall and much sewage is running into open ditches.

The city council, while making no official commitment, said they would be glad to give the matter careful consideration. It is thought such a project would be feasible from an engineering standpoint as there is about a 30-foot fall in the water main which brings Medford water to this city. The necessary trunk sewer would be only a little over two miles in length.

A meeting is to be held at the Howard school next Monday at 8 p.m. for further consideration of the sanitary district proposal. Engineer S. C. Watkins, of A. D. Harvey Associates, Medford, is to attend the meeting for the purpose of answering questions as to technical phases of the project. Walter I. Sutherland, county sanitarian, will also be present. It has been announced.

Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

(Temporary Location: C.P. Grange Hall)

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

Sunday, January 11:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School. "A Bible in every hand, and Christ in every heart." Come next Sunday.

11:00 a.m. Worship. Bible message by the pastor. Newcomers are finding a happy church home here. Everyone welcome!

6:30 p.m. High School and Senior Y.P. groups.

7:30 p.m. Evening Service. Surprise illustrated message.

Monday:

7:30 p.m. SPECIAL NOTICE: The Annual Meeting of the Federated Church will be held at this time. Election of Officers; special speaker; god program; refreshments. All members and friends urged to attend.

Tuesday:

2:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study at Minnick home.

7:30 p.m. Sunday School Cabinet Meeting.

Wednesday:

7:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Meeting.

Thursday:

7:30 p.m. High School Prayer Meeting at new S.S. unit.

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 KMED

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at the usual time.

9:45 Sunday morning, Jan. 11, 1948.

Morning worship at 11 a.m.

M. W. Harsh, Supt. of Sunday School.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

5th & 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.