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EDITORIALS

A SUGGESTION

Arthur Gordon Perry, "Art" the inimitable creator of the Smudge Pot in the Medford Mail Tribune is gone. And with him goes the Smudge Pot. A hole is left in the editorial page of this Southern Oregon daily that cannot be filled.

We notice that the ten, twenty and thirty four years ago items have been moved into the space formerly occupied by 'Ye Smudge Pot.'

Now, this writer has no desire to be added to the editorial staff of the Mail Tribune, but we would like to make a suggestion. We believe that the writings of Mr. Perry through the past thirty five years contain much that is of interest to the people of today.

Why not reprint some of these writings under the suggested heading—Ye Smudge Pot—by Arthur Perry, and the date they were written. We believe they would create as much interest, (perhaps more) than any of the other items that are gleaned from the files of the past issues of the Medford daily.

We do not believe that the reprinting of these paragraphs would show disrespect and we can think of no finer memorial of Arthur Gordon Perry and "Ye Smudge Pot."

—C. W. P.

WAR IS ON

War is breaking out again on the home front. Hamburger wars. Used car wars. Grocery wars. And we understand that some stores are having their buildings bought out from under them.

And then there is the war for employment. They say if a man finds himself out of a job now it is hard to find another one.

It looks like America is going to get back on a sound, competitive basis. Cut the other fellow's throat before he cuts yours.

We do not believe that it is wise to take sides in these little business

wars, but we do want to state that it is wise to take sides in these little business wars, but we do want to state that we are 100% on the side of the consumer and that we will consume our share of cheaper hamburger, cheaper groceries and we might even buy a used car. (Dealers, please do not call.)

—C. W. P.

Oregon Payrolls Show Big Increase

Douglas County's pay rolls of \$7,200,039 for the third quarter of 1947 were greater than for the entire years of 1933, 1939 and 1940 combined. It's \$5,379,830 wage bill for lumbering output alone in that same three months exceeded the county's total for any two pre-war years.

These amazing figures are revealed in the latest tabulation of employers' reports to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. Other counties also made giant strides, but none equalled Douglas' leap from \$1,605,071 in 1936 to an estimated \$25 millions eleven years later.

During the same period the Southern Oregon county's covered workers increased from 1,966 to 9,219 while wood products employment went from 1,258 to 6,296.

For the state tremendous gains also were recorded. With upwards of \$850 millions wage paid to an average of over 300,000 employees in 1947 as reported by over 16,000 employers, pre-war highs of \$259 millions to 194,500 workers were left far behind. Even war-time peaks of nearly \$800 millions were surpassed. In the third quarter, pay rolls reached \$223 millions, an average of \$236 a month for each worker, breaking all Oregon records.

Multnomah county's 1947 pay roll of about \$400 millions will fall short of its all-time record of \$544 millions in the shipbuilding years of 1943 and 1944, but every other county is expected to establish new marks when final tabulations for last year have been completed.

Nearly half of Oregon's 36 counties reported higher pay rolls for the third quarter of 1947 than for the entire year of 1940. Besides Douglas, here are 16 others: Benton, Clackamas, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Morrow, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wheeler and Yamhill. In addition Walla and Malheur may pass their pre-war highs when all returns have been compiled.

Dr. and Mrs. Bert Elliott drove up to Eugene last week where the doctor entered the Sacred Heart hospital for an operation. Mrs. Elliott returned Monday and the doctor is expected home the latter part of this week.

Burl C. Johnson Weds Oklahoma Girl

Before an altar banked with fern and palms in the Central Point grange hall, Miss Maxine Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Wyatt of Broken Arrow, Okla., became the bride of Burl Clayton Johnson of Central Point on Saturday, January 17. Officiating at the services was the Rev. Rolf H. Hansen.

Miss Wyatt, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in rose satin designed with a full skirt gathered into a long train and accented with puff sleeves and mitts of rose lace. Her finger-tip veil was held in place with a half-hat of lace. For something borrowed she wore a gold locket set with aquamarine stones and she carried a bouquet of blue iris and white carnations.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Charles L. Hughes, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a gown of pale blue net and false fashioned with a fitted bodice and full skirt. She carried a bouquet of pastel flowers.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Alfred Hoker, Medford, wearing a white dress and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Central Point, wearing a pale green gown. Both were made with full skirts and tight bodices. The bridesmaids carried old-fashioned nosegays of pink and white carnations.

Richard Simmons, was best man. Ushers were Claire L. Johnson, brother of the bridegroom, and Phyllis E. Simmons.

Mrs. John Clark was soloist and Mrs. Rolf H. Hansen played the wedding marches.

The reception, attended by approximately 60, was held in the home of Mrs. Mollie Johnson. The Johnson residence was decorated with white and pink snapdragons and centering the bride's table was a tiered wedding cake flanked with white tapers. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Wyatt served the cake and punch was served by Mesdames Claire L. Johnson and Phyllis Simons. Mrs. Simmons, sister of the bridegroom, was also in charge of the guest book.

The bride's mother chose for the occasion a light green dress with black accessories and the bridegroom's mother was attired in a black gown with black accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson made a wedding trip to various points along the coast and will reside at Fifth and Laurel street in Central Point.

Garden Club Holds "Herb Luncheon"

The Central Point Garden Club met Wednesday, February 4th, for an herb luncheon at the home of Mrs. James Cornutt. Nineteen members were present, each one brought a covered dish in which one or more kind of herbs were used. Some old favorite stand by recipes were served with new and interesting flavors.

Mrs. Frank Carter, president, of the Gold Hill Garden Club was guest visitor.

After the business meeting there was a discussion on a future plant sale. Interesting topics were given, on soil conservation by Mrs. E. W. Jermak and culture on camellia, daphne and rododendrons by Mrs. Bert Elliott.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. L. C. Gordon. Topic being roses, pruning and preparation for exhibit.

5 Years Ago

February 4, 1943

Contract let to Lininger to haul granite on city streets.

Camp White basket ball team to use high school gym every Monday night for practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Munn, of Grants Pass, have leased the Long property here and will open a store. Chester William McDonald, former partner of E. C. Faber, passed away in Medford.

SO WHAT—Joe Krupp holding a knife over Scott Hamilton's head and making him toe the mark.

10 Years Ago

February 3, 1938

Civic Club plans to erect fifty street signs.

L. A. Salade returns from sojourn in Honolulu.

Central Point High undefeated in Northern division of county basket ball league.

Pointers and Jacksonville to clash Friday.

Grocery prices—Deviled meat, 3 cans 10c; Honey, 5 lbs. 35c; Hamburger, 2 lbs. 19c; Bacon, 1 lb. 27c.

Many Wrecks Litter Oregon Highways

An estimated 62,000 wrecks littered Oregon highways in 1947, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry has announced. At least 430 persons met death in the accumulation of this figure.

Despite a slight increase in the accident total, fatalities were cut back approximately ten percent from the 482 killed in 1946. Final 1946 accident figure was 61,305.

Open highways continued to be the scene of most of the slaughter. Although urban areas account for nearly two-thirds of all accidents, rural locations exacted approximately four out of five deaths, according to compiled reports.

"One out of every five vehicles registered in Oregon will be in an accident during 1948 if the present rate continues," Newberry emphasized. "The only way we can reduce this appalling cost in lives and money is for every driver to practice the primary principles of safety at all times."

Nearly all accidents, he pointed out, can be attributed to some unsafe action on the part of driver or pedestrian.

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"Drums Along the Mohawk"
—Plus—

Penny Singleton—Arthur Lake in
"Blondie's Anniversary"

trian. Safety men name high speed on the highway as the single factor most responsible for making any accident fatal. Head on collisions, while occurring less frequently than any

other type, were well up front in the death parade. Danger from all types of collisions was said to have increased directly with higher speeds and greater traffic since the end of the war.

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