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Pine Street Needles

By Carroll Powell

Hats off to Bert Smith, who has done so much work on the baseball field and has sparked plugged the Athletic Association this spring. Smith took a few materials and went out in a pear orchard with a welding outfit and built one of the finest batting cages in Southern Oregon. He bought the wheels for it himself which set him back no small sum.

And we might add that Smith is building himself a home just north of Central Point. That he is retired. That he formerly owned the Bert Smith corporation of Los Angeles, where he did general contracting.

Mrs. Waite, of the Shamrock Cafe, assures us that spring is here. She says she knows because Irwin has washed all the windows.

There is a good deal of spring clean up activity going on at the Nebraska Motel. Edna Mattern and Gen Datchuck seem to be doing most of the work and all of the painting. Wes Datchuck was seen putting in a few good licks with the pruning shears. Mr. Mattern seemed to have everything under control with the women doing most of the work for which we admire him.

Another place which has made a good start on clean up is Alexander's. They dug out all the grass and cleaned up on the west side of their building which improves the looks one hundred percent.

Geo. A. Dawson, chief of Police in Gold Hill was a visitor in Central Point this week. He was seeking information on collecting amusement taxes. They seem to be having some trouble making collections in that town.

State Highway engineers were in town today testing the pavement with a little hammer and were asked to spend about fifty thousand on our main street. They said they were going to spend some of it. Probably about fifteen thousand.

Three events should be well supported this week end. Friday night the wrestling and boxing show at the High School gym. Saturday afternoon the Medford-Central Point high school baseball game. And Sunday afternoon the practice game between Central Point and Medford teams of the Southern Oregon League.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY—

The Central Point Garden Club will meet Wednesday, April 7th, at the home of Mrs. Henry Conger in West Side District.

Mrs. Kay Burns will talk on cuttings, layering and slips.

There will be a question box by the members.

Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. Roland Hoyer.

TROOP No. 12 NEWS

Our present badge work is on the Sewing Badge. Mrs. Obenchain and Mrs. Perry are in charge of the group in the absence of Mrs. Hoyer. In the near future we are going to give a luncheon for our Mothers, showing the work we have learned in Hostess, Housekeeper, and Cook Badges. We will then have earned three badges.

Mr. Debunker

BY JOHN HARVEY FURBAY PH. D.

THE SUN DOES NOT RISE IN THE ATLANTIC AND SET IN THE PACIFIC AT PANAMA



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If you have ever visited Panama City, you have seen a strange sight for the Western Hemisphere: the sun rises in the Pacific and sets in the Atlantic. A good place to observe this is at the Century Club with its sweeping view. The Pacific Ocean extends far east of Panama City, and the Atlantic Ocean extends far west of it. This is probably the only place in the Americas where such a thing is true. And the Pacific entrance to the canal itself is east of the Atlantic entrance!

LARGE CROWDS WILL ATTEND ATHLETIC BOUTS

A big turn out is expected for the boxing and wrestling matches to be held Friday night at the local High School Gym. About eight wrestling matches and at least 12 boxing bouts are on the menu presented by the Central Point Athletic Association.

All proceeds will go to the association for use in the summer athletic program, which includes sponsoring the Central Point team in the Southern Oregon League. The association is also sponsoring a girls soft ball team.

All the boys taking part in the matches Friday night have been attending the classes held twice each week, Wednesday night at the grade school gym and Friday night at the Legion hall.

Committees Report To Business Men

Otto Bohnert brought a clear and understandable report to the Businessmen association on the Rogue dam question. Mr. Bohnert said that although he was disappointed in the cost of irrigation and power in the plans of the engineers, the need of water was acute in the valley and that of two plans offered it was his opinion that plan A would be better.

The businessmen voted to furnish the prizes and to aid the American Legion in every way possible in putting on the boy scout soap derby. It was brought out that the name Soap Box Derby had been copyrighted and that some other name would have to be used for the event.

The matter of a clean up campaign was brought up and the organization voted to sponsor the event. Mr. Jewett, Wm. Crabb and Mr. Gilkey were appointed to a committee to set a day and call a meeting of the various organizations in Central Point that might be interested in helping out with this campaign.

About 24 members of the Association were present at the meeting. The next regular meeting will be the second Friday in April, which comes on the 9th day.

Navy Mother Notes

A very pleasant social meeting of the Central Point Navy Mothers' club No. 466 was held at the home of Mrs. Clara Oliver, Wednesday, March 24. Eight members and two guests were present.

Final plans were made for the bazaar to be held Saturday, April 17 at the Stetness Variety store. Members are urged to finish articles for the sale and bring to next meeting. A good assortment of things are in the making, such as pillow cases, girls' pinafores, tiny tots' sun suits, luncheon sets, aprons, dish towels and a green frog.

A lovely quilt was donated and is being raffled. See it in the window next week.

Regular business meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, April 14 at the home of Mrs. Margaret King, North Sixth St.

Susan Rainey

Death came Friday and took Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Rainey, aged 78, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Miller near Central Point.

She was born Dec. 12, 1869, in Santa Cruz, California, coming to this community when a small child, residing here the remainder of her life.

On Aug. 16, 1893, she was united in marriage to Thomas G. Rainey, who passed away in 1943.

Surviving besides Mrs. Miller is another daughter, Mrs. Jasper Hannah of Eagle Point, five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Conger Morris chapel with D. E. Millard officiating. Interment took place in the Central Point cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vincent, of Corvallis, Oregon, spent some time the past week visiting his parents, the Ed Vincents, also his paternal grandmother, Sarah Vincent, who has been confined to her bed for the past five months.

ROAD SITUATION EXPLAINED

It has come to my attention that rumors are being spread about the county that the reason people in outlying districts cannot get the roads in the vicinity built or repaired as fast as they would like is that the county court is putting the road money they should be spending on road construction and repairs into some sort of "sinking fund." I wish to bring the whole matter clearly before the people of the county.

In the winter of 1943 the Oregon Legislature passed a special act giving the counties the authority to set aside any unexpended balances in their road funds at the end of the fiscal year into what has since been known as a "post-war sinking fund." This act was a war measure and was limited to the duration of the war and three years thereafter. The purpose of the act was to make it possible for counties to save that portion of their road money which they were unable to spend on account of the war restrictions, to be used after these restrictions were removed.

Jackson county was one of a number of counties of Oregon which took advantage of this act. Out post-war sinking fund was first set up in the summer of 1943 and for several years monies not needed (or rather, which could not be spent on account of the war conditions) were placed in that account. Rather than leave the cash lying in the banks, war bonds were purchased, part of which are now on hand. Since then some of this money has had to be used to supplement the regular road funds, leaving a balance on hand as of March 31, 1948, of \$262,000. It was never the plan of the court to use this fund entirely in any one year, but rather to use it gradually each year to reduce the amount of taxes we would otherwise have to levy.

In preparing the budget for the current year and also that for last year it was found necessary to forego making ANY tax levy for the general road fund on account of the constitutional limitation on increased tax levies, and instead to draw upon the sinking fund to supplement the cash received from gas tax money, motor license fees, Forest Service payments, and the like, to carry on our road program, which covers the more than 1000 miles of county roads in our system. We have drawn already this year \$221,000 from this sinking fund to carry us through the rest of the fiscal year which ends June 30, 1948. Several Oregon counties did not

take advantage of the sinking fund act and are in bad shape in their road departments today. In some counties it has even been found necessary to discontinue all road work during the winter on account of the fact that their regular funds were exhausted and they had no sinking fund to fall back on. This sinking fund has been a god-send to this county.

As to the matter of whether or not the county court has been remiss in their duty regarding the county roads, I would like to bring to your attention the following figures:

There has been expended on the roads and bridges of Jackson county, together with what has been spent for new machinery, trucks, etc., the following sums:

General Road	
Budget	\$201,000.00
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Sinking Fund	65,027.27
Market Road Fund	71,613.27
Total	\$337,640.54

This expenditure was made in the period from July 1, 1947 to March 30, 1948.

Furthermore, I would like to say that much work has been done on various roads scattered all over the county in the past year. Witness the rebuilding of the Upper Evans Creek road, the Elk Creek road, the Anderson Creek road, the Upper Applegate road, as well as the re-surfacing of the roads in the Wimer district and many others. Our rock crushers have been busy all winter and will continue for a long time yet. Some of the work undertaken is incomplete, although the crew has been moved to other places. When dry weather comes (if ever) these jobs will be finished. The court is planning a number of other construction jobs this year, as well as a fairly large oiling program.

So far I have said nothing of the work that has been done on at least some of the 415 bridges in the county. The new concrete bridge at Tangle Point was built during this fiscal year. The Central Point bridge (also of concrete) will be finished before the end of the year, to say nothing of repairs and rebuilding of many of the smaller wooden bridges.

The figures given above are a matter of record and may be easily verified.

A. E. POWELL
County Commissioner.

Burelsons Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Burelson, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in Central Point last week to visit their son, Don Burelson and his family. They left Minneapolis Feb. 20 where the temperature was 22 degrees below zero, and took the southern route and visited friends and relatives in California before coming to Central Point.

The Burelsons are planning to leave Sunday for Minneapolis to attend the wedding of their daughter, April 23. They plan to make another round trip to the coast, starting about June 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Burelson stopped many places in their visit to the coast and report that they like Central Point better than any place they had visited.

Scout Committee

Ten members and one visitor were present at the committee meeting of the Cub Scouts last night at the Legion hall. Organization of more dens was discussed and it was pointed out that another den should be formed on the north side of town and one on the west side of the tracks.

There will be a committee meeting April 23 and the Cub Pack will meet April 28. All clubs should memorize the rules on the back of the application blank by April 28 in order to receive their Bobcat pins.

Members of the committee present were Mr. and Mrs. Lefler, Mr. and Mrs. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Burelson and Messrs. Kincaid, Tonn, Taylor and Stetness.

COUNCIL MEETS

The City Council met in an adjourned session Monday, March 22 to complete the city's contract with the engineers on the sewage disposal plant. A contract was authorized with Harvey and Associates of Medford for the engineering of the new plant.

Art Rupp and H. B. Jewett brought plans for a clean up campaign before the council and they voted to back the plan. This plan calls for united efforts of all the service clubs, lodges and civic organizations of the community.

The council agreed to buy a stencil to be used by the Businessmen's association for street signs. The association was authorized to go ahead and put up the signs.

Regular meeting of the council will be next Monday April 5th.

The City Council voted to discontinue the collection tin cans at their meeting last Monday. It was decided that as there was a pick up service already in town that would dispose of the cans and as it was hard to collect the money for this service that the city would abandon this service.

The City Sanitary Service of Medford is supplying the same service in Central Point as they do in Medford and arrangements may be made with them to pick up all garbage and tin cans, at a nominal charge.

C.P. - Medford to Tangle Saturday

Eighteen players have turned out for baseball practice this spring, among them, eight lettermen from last year, according to Coach Cecil Warner of the Central Point high school. Practice has been delayed on account of the bad weather, but the last few days the boys have been getting a good work out and are fast getting in shape for the opening game with Medford.

The first scheduled game of the season is with Medford and will be played Saturday at 2:00 P.M. on the new baseball field. The Central Point Athletic Association has put the new ball field and stand at the disposal of the high school team for their games and practice sessions.

The tentative line up for Saturday's game is: La Vere Hermann, P. Bud Meadows, Herb Colley, Ted Franks, Stan Snook, John Simon and Raymond Nitzschke out fielders; Byron Herbert C.; Ken Trautman lb.; Jack Burns ss.; Rolly Clark 2 B.; and either Milton Gordon or Milo Trautman 3 B.

Hansen Meadows, Hermann, Glass, Burns, Ken Trautman, Colley and Nitzschke are the returning lettermen.

GRANGE NOTES

Central Point Grange will hold regular meeting Friday, April 2. The meeting is to start at 7:45 p.m. It will be short as the Minneapolis Motive Co. is putting on a show "Farming Around the World" with dancing from 10 to 12 p.m. afterward.

They are also furnishing cookies, ice cream and coffee. Bill Abbott's orchestra will play for the dance.

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time. All grange members and officers are asked to be on time.

Legion Auxiliary News

The next regular meeting of the Central Point American Legion Auxiliary will be held April 8 at the Legion hall.

There will be a pot luck dinner at 7 o'clock, followed by Bingo party for the Legion and Auxiliary. This is national child welfare month and the money raised at this party will be sent to the child welfare centers at Roseburg and Portland.

All Legion and Auxiliary members are invited to attend both the dinner and Bingo party.

DOG NEARLY DIES FROM "SAFE" RAT POISON

Because they had been told that red squill rat poison is harmful only to rodents, the owners of a Collie were unconcerned when they saw him eating some of the poison. Severe illness followed, and the dog was saved from death only by prompt treatment. The case was reported in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association as a warning to all dog owners.

HIGHWAY DEPT. TO START WORK ON PINE STREET

State Highway engineers Forrest Cooper, of Roseburg and Harold C. Ayers of Salem were in Central Point today examining the pavement on Pine street. The highway department will do some work on the street this year but just how much work can be done has not been determined yet.

Some preliminary surveys will be made in the next few days and some sections will be cut across the street to find out what is under neath and what needs to be done to make a good pavement. After the surveys are completed some definite plans can be made and the work will be started.

Cooper is the assistant Division Engineer stationed at Roseburg and Ayers is assistant engineer, county and city relations out of the Salem office.

Liquor Big Help To Traffic Death

One of out of every ten drivers involved in a fatal accident in Oregon during 1947 definitely had been drinking, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry has revealed. Driver violations and drinking figured in 58 percent of all traffic deaths.

Accident summaries for the year list 51 of a total of 519 drivers in fatal smash-ups as definitely drinking, with an additional 77 in the "not stated" class, Newberry said. Only 250 were clearly not in violation of traffic regulations at the time of the accident.

The secretary emphasized that drinking drivers are not only more prone to have trouble, but that likelihood of a fatality is more than doubled. Only one in 200 non-drinking accidents are fatal, but the chance of death becomes one in 70 when alcohol is involved.

Because of the difficulty of proving the presence of alcohol as a contributing factor in fatal accidents, the National Safety Council believes that liquor's part in national traffic deaths has been understated, Newberry said. The Council estimates that alcohol is involved in one fatality out of four.

ORE. ADV. CLUB—

Portland, March 25 (Special)—Mr. Herbert G. Grey, of Medford has been appointed Jackson County Area Chairman for the third annual campaign of the Oregon Advertising Club's intrastate tourist promotion, which is set to reach its peak during the week of April 11 to 17.

Churches

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

(Temporary Location: C.P. Grange Hall)

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Young People's Meetings 6:30 P.M.
Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
High School Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 P.M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

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 KMEI

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 21, 1948
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

5th & Pine

The Pentecostal Church of God 5th and Pine St. invites you to come and worship with them.

Sunday School at 9:45. Morning worship at 11:00 a.m.

Broadcast 4 to 4:30 over KWIN Ashland.

Young Folk service at 6:45, also Junior and children church.

Evangelistic Service 7:45.

Tuesday—7:45 Prayer meeting and Divine Healing service.

Friday—7:45 Young Folk Meeting.

Rev. J. O. Morgan, Pastor

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

6th & Pine Sts.

H. L. Williams, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Come and worship with one of these growth classes.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.