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Musings

By the Editor

Still the freakish weather continues. It would seem we cannot even have a Fourth of July celebration in this county without having it rain. And the trouble is that it has long since ceased to be funny. The fruit crop, on which so much of the prosperity of the valley depends, has been badly hurt by the hail storms of recent weeks. Farmers are having a hard time getting their hay crops harvested and we fear the price of hay this year will be out of sight. County road crews are more than a month behind in their work, which means that many of the road projects which had been planned for this summer may have to wait another year. All of which doesn't sound so well.

The Democrats seem to be having themselves quite a time trying to decide whether or not to support President Truman for renomination. They realize that he always has been a sort of weak sister and the Missouri gang he has gathered around him aren't helping much. Take it all in all the Democratic party seems to be mighty short of men of presidential caliber, anyway.

While it appears from this heck of the woods that the republicans have the chance of their lives to win this fall and so take over the reins once more, yet to our mind there is an element of danger in sight. If the GOP is going to forget the lesson of 1932 and try to just bring back "normalcy" as it was known then, we fear they are setting a trap for themselves which will be hard to beat. We cannot forget that the world has moved since then and if we, as a party, are to really do the job we are expected to do, we must assume the progressive side of the picture. America today has a far different role to play in world affairs than she used to have. In spite of ourselves we have been pushed to the front among the nations of the world and if the republican party is really to take the lead we must recognize that fact.

There will be a lot of things to be settled within the next few months. If Dewey and Warren win in November they are going to find plenty of headaches. But we have faith in those two men and believe they will find sensible solutions for most of the problems as they arise. At least, that has been the way they have been doing things in their home states.

We gladly second the motion of our old boss, George Putnam of the Capital Journal, who proposes the name of Guy Gordon to be the next Secretary of the Interior. We have known Guy for a long time and know of no man better fitted in every way for that job. What the West has always needed was a man at the head of that Department who really knew the West and its needs, and Senator Cordon is just the man. Here's hopin'!

Eagle Point Dairy Herd Tops List

The highest producing herd in the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for June is owned by Pete Auer, Eagle Point. This herd of twenty-five grade Guernseys produced an average of 45.2 pounds of butterfat in a thirty day period. All of these cows were milking but one.

Other herds in order of their production were owned by R. L. Wyant, Ashland. They produced 42.9 pounds of butterfat and all fourteen cows were in production. This is a herd of registered Jerseys.

A herd of grade Jerseys was third owned by Minear Brothers, Medford, with a production of 41.7 pounds of butterfat. Delbert Mengold's herd of registered Jerseys, Eagle Point, produced 40.2 pounds of butterfat for fourth place while a mixed grade herd of 58 cows owned by Ned Cahall, Eagle Point, produced 33.3 pounds of butterfat for fifth place.

RELATIVES HERE—

Relatives from out of town attending the funeral of Edward Hult Tuesday included two sisters of Mrs. Hult, Mrs. C. J. Doyle, Wedderburn, Ore., and Mrs. Gladys McKinnon, Bend, Ore. Also Mrs. Hult's brother, R. E. Miller, of Forest Grove, Ore., and her niece, Mrs. E. C. Collins of Arcata, Calif.

NEW BUILDING FOR LOCAL BANK TO BE BUILT

Construction of a new building for the Central Point branch of the First National Bank of Portland will begin on or about July 15, Frank N. Belgrano, president of the bank, has announced from Portland headquarters of the banking concern.

The modern one-story concrete structure will rise on property next to the present temporary location of the bank. The site was recently purchased from the Central Point municipality, he said, and consists of two lots between the city hall and library.

Cost of the new building and fixtures is estimated at \$35,000. M. O. Bessonet, Medford contractor, was awarded the principal building contract of \$23,000, and a sub-contract of \$2,000 for heating and ventilation went to the Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal company, Medford. The new branch was designed by Architect Frank C. Clark, also of Medford.

Dimensions of the building are 35 by 85 feet. Plans call for a main banking floor, 61 by 34 feet, which is to include a generous lobby. A special feature of the projected structure will be a reinforced concrete vault, 14 by 24 feet, equipped with a new Mosler vault door. The vault will provide cash storage and safe deposit boxes.

"First National has planned its new branch with facilities adequate to keep pace with Central Point growth," Belgrano stated. Officers' quarters are spacious and there are six paying and receiving windows, which will serve customers on both commercial and savings accounts. A conference room, available to customers, stationary and supply room, and booths for safe deposit customers will be included.

The date tentatively set for opening of a Central Point branch, is November, a year after the first account was opened November 15, 1947, in the present temporary quarters made available by the city.

Loan Volume Double Since Last Quarter Is Bank Report

Deposits of \$529,457.21 and loans of \$413,256.02 at the Central Point branch of First National Bank of Portland are shown by the June 30 report which answers the mid-year call of the comptroller of currency, according to R. C. Isaacs, branch manager.

Loan volume has nearly doubled since the quarterly report issued April 12, and is almost seven times that recorded at the first of the year. Deposits are slightly lower than in April, but still more than twice the amount reported in January. \$262,880.82, Isaacs points out that the figures prove the value of banking facilities to Central Point, and the prosperity of the community. The Central Point branch was opened November 15.

A similar if less spectacular rise in loan volume for First National bank of Portland including all 44 branches throughout Oregon is reported in the current financial statement. This is the third consecutive quarterly report in which First National and branches has set a new Oregon banking record for volume of loans and discounts, according to word sent to Isaacs by Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., president of First National. The June 30 figures are loans, \$146,626,437.93, and deposits, \$480,910,106.10. Loan figures show an increase of \$38,479,440.15 over the total last year, which was \$108,146,996.98.

Isaacs quotes Belgrano as saying that these increased loans not only reflect generally higher price levels, but also represent added investment in the resources and economic expansion of Oregon. They are therefore an indication of the state's prosperity.

Mrs. E. B. Stanley of Roseburg, visited all of last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eldon Gleason.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the kind friends in Central Point who sent such beautiful flowers and cards of sympathy to me in my late bereavement.

Josephine Whaley.

Improvement Ass'n To Meet July 21

The Civic Improvement Association of Central Point will meet at the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on July 21 to take up new business and plans for the campaign to make Central Point the best residential community in the Rogue River Valley.

President E. O. Waterman will call for nominations and election of the Advisory Board, consisting of five members, three of which will serve 1 year and two serve 2 years. This board, according to Waterman, is the group designated to make investigations of needed improvements suggested to it by the membership and to make recommendations as to the most effective way of getting the required results.

It has been pointed out by some members that the fire department needs new quarters and that the City Hall has long since inured to a state of innocuous desuetude and needs replacing and that something should be done about these conditions.

There is need for the city to survey street grades and curb lines so that property owners desiring to install curbs and sidewalks according to an existing ordinance can do so. House to house mail delivery service can be assumed for Central Point when sufficient sidewalks are in place.

It is requested that all persons now holding membership cards attend this meeting and bring friends and neighbors to hear what can and will be done to improve Central Point as a community.

Oregon's Auto Count Up 27% Since 1944

CINCINNATI—Oregon, with its automobile population up 27.2 per cent since 1944, ranks seventeenth among the states in recovering from the wartime low in car registrations. Powel Crosley, Jr., pioneer light-weight car manufacturer, pointed out here today.

"Such a gain in the Beaver State is partly traceable to important shifts in population in recent years from the industrial east, midwest and grain states to the south, southwest and Pacific Coast," Crosley said, benefited from this trend but also "Oregon appears not only to have to have improved the economy of its people."

Motor vehicle ownership in this state rose from 410,663 in 1944 to 522,500 last year. Continued progress in this direction, Crosley said, is reflected in the growing demand for small cars which provide economical transportation for many families who have hitherto been priced out of the automotive market.

Based on recent census figures, there is one passenger car for every 3.74 persons in Oregon, the state ranking ninth in the nation in this respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and three sons Rex, Bradford and Sanford, of Roseburg spent the Fourth of July vacation as guests of Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Smith. This was the first visit of the twin baby boys at their grandparents. Mrs. Smith's father, Mr. Joe Rhoads, accompanied them.

Funeral Services for Edward T. Hult Held on Tuesday

Services for Edward T. Hult of this city, who passed away in a Bend hospital Thursday, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Conger-Morris chapel with Rev. Rolf Hansen of the Federated church officiating. Interment was in Siskiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Hult was born in Portland on November 12, 1881. He moved to Gold Beach many years ago, where he was engaged in the fishing industry for the old Hume cannery. Later he operated the power ferry across the Rogue River before the big bridge was constructed. He married Miss Ethel Miller and lived for a time on a ranch just north of Wedderburn. He and his wife moved from Gold Beach to Central Point about three years ago in order to be near his two sons and daughter who lived here then.

He was a man of sterling character who loved the outdoors and was never so happy as when he could be out in the mountains with his dogs and gun.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; two sons, Stephen and Marion, all of Central Point; a daughter, Mrs. Irene Powell, Redmond, Ore.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Fran and James, and three sisters, Mrs. Edith Strickler, Mrs. Grace Edwards and Mrs. Jessie Keller, all of Portland.

Annual Meeting of Red Cross July 16

Jackson County Chapter, American Red Cross, will hold the annual meeting Friday, July 16, at the Rogue Valley Country Club.

Mr. Donald Legg, State Relations Officer for Oregon will be the guest speaker. Mr. Legg will talk of the Vanport flood and the work of the Red Cross there.

Members of Red Cross and anyone interested may attend. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock noon and reservations for this must reach the Red Cross Office, Medford, not later than July 13. Reservations may be made either by phoning 4405 or by card. Anyone not wishing to attend the luncheon may come to the meeting only.

Mr. and Mrs. Reams Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reams, of Crater Lake Road celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 4, with an out-door picnic at their home. Those attending were their son Gene and family from Dunsmuir, California, their daughter, Roberta and two children, Mrs. Lilian Coleman, of Phoenix, Mrs. Elsie Christensen, of Stockton, California, sisters of Mr. Reams; Harry Reams and Paye Garver, of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christensen and children of Modesto, California and Mr. Karl Anderson, of Phoenix, cousin of Mrs. Reams.

COOKED FOOD SALE—

The Lady Lions of Central Point will hold a cooked food sale Saturday, July 10, at Burelson's Dry Goods Store, beginning at 10 A.M. All members are urged to bring something for this sale.

New Type Checking Account Inaugurated

A new type of checking account, for the convenience of customers whose use of checks is limited, is being offered by First National bank of Portland, and is obtainable at the Central Point branch.

The new checking account, called Low Cost Checkplan, gives the customers all the convenience and safety of doing business by check with no minimum balance, no service charge, and with the simplest kind of record keeping, according to R. C. Isaacs, manager of the Central Point branch.

The Low Cost Checkplan provides for purchase of checks in books of ten, Isaacs says. Thereafter the customer has no checking account costs or obligations other than writing the checks and making sure there is sufficient money on deposit to cover them.

The original purchase price of the ten checks takes care of all banking and bookkeeping costs, and eliminates many transaction records, Isaacs explains. Customers using this plan pay no other charges for writing checks or maintaining the account.

V.F.W. To Fill Vacancies in Office

To fill officer vacancies in Central Point post 4216, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Senior Vice Commander A. R. Bohannon has been automatically advanced to the post commandership. Junior Vice Commander Robert Vincent is now the Senior Vice Commander, and an election will be held Thursday evening, July 15th, to fill a vacancy for Junior Vice Commander, and for the post of Quartermaster, made vacant through Blue O'Conner leaving for California last week.

Commander Bohannon appointed H. B. Wales as Post Adjutant, and directed a more rigid system of post record keeping ordered a shipment of needed post equipment from the National Headquarters of the VFW, and announced that at the July 15th meeting, chairman for committees to handle a schedule of post activities will be appointed.

Col. Ted Hopkins, VFW Department Chief of Staff and District Commander, will install the new post officers next Thursday evening.

HILARIOUS GAME—

Monday evening there will be a hilarious donkey baseball game played between the Central Point Lions Club and Medford Lions Club. Reasonable admittance charge will be made.

The Lions Club urge all people of this city to turn out in full and see this funny game.

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 for all ages.
11:00 Morning Worship. Communion and Sermon.
7:00 Youth Groups.
8:00 Evening Service.
8:00 Wednesday, Mid-week Service
4:00 Tuesday and Thursday, Gospel Meditations KMED.

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.

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

6th & Pine Sts.
H. L. Williams, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Revival Meetings beginning May 12th to and including May 23rd.
Service each evening at 7:30 except Saturday.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. R. H. Swank, pastor
June 20th
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Church 10:00 a.m.

GARDEN CLUB PLANNING NEW PROJECT FOR YEAR

The Central Point Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. B. R. Elliott at eleven o'clock on July 7th, for brunch. The ladies enjoyed eating at picnic tables in the yard. At one o'clock the meeting was called to order by the new president, Mrs. Edith Jermark. Splendid reports on the State Convention held at Gearheart were given by Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Jermark. Plans were made at this time for the summer flower show to be held in the Legion Hall on August 19th. The public is invited to attend and the hall will be open from 10 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 10 o'clock in the evening.

The club decided to sponsor a new project in handiwork for boys from the ages of 9 to 15 years. Mrs. Lewis Kilbourne is the chairman of this committee and boys of these ages interested in building bird-houses are asked to see Mrs. Kilbourne.

At the close of the meeting the ladies received their year books which were greatly admired by all. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Elliott were Miss Lois Dorlin and the Mesdames Cornutt, Conger, E. Gleason, Russell, Vincent, Jermark, Reames, Jones M. Gleason, Swing, Krupp Stansberry Grenbemer, Wilson, Obenchain, Taylor, Hover, Grant, Kincaid, Pinkham, Gordon, Anderson, Snook, Parsons, Wheeler, Drew, Kelly and Jantzer.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. T. Parsons on August 4, 1948.

Boy Scout Camp To Open July 11

The Boy Scouts of the Crater Lake Area Council will open their camp for three weeks starting July 11. Scout representing the whole Council Siskiyou, Jackson and Josephine counties are attending. Mr. Vernon Thorpe, camping chairman for the Crater Lake Area Council announced that Larry Lundin, Assistant Scout Executive will serve as Camp Director assisted by Jim Harpole, Field Scout Executive. Mr. Thorpe also stated this year's camp plans will reach a new high for Scouting in this area. Planned along the new realigned scout requirements, the program will offer archery, hiking, knot tying, handicraft, cooking and a challenging adventure trail. A new outstanding feature will be instructions in fishing and fish life by the State Fish and Wild Life Service. Swimming, Life Saving and Boating will be stressed under the direction of Don Waldron, a graduate of the National Aquatic School with an aim that every scout will become a swimmer.

Other camp staff include Bob Beach of Jacksonville as activities director and Bob Bechtel of Dunsmuir, California as advancement and camp fire director. Young men from Cave Junction, Yreka, Grants Pass and Medford will assist as Junior Staff Members.

Clifford J. Hanson, Scout Executive of the Crater Lake Area Council reported that registrations are expected to reach 85 scouts per period. He states that only a few openings for campers of each period are available now.

Transportation will be furnished from Medford through Ashland to the camp and Boy Scouts of the Council are urged to complete their camping plans soon. A new attractively embroidered emblem will be awarded to the scouts who attend Camp McLoughlin this year.

James H. Whaley To Last Reward

Services for James H. Whaley, 67, Central Point, who passed away Friday, were held in Conger-Morris chapel Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Interment was in Siskiyou Memorial park. He was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and came to the U.S. 38 years ago. He moved to Central Point eight months ago from Lakeview. He was a charter member of the Lakeview Eagle lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Josephine, and a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Alfier, Oakland, California.

A SHORTAGE OF BUILDING MATERIAL!

