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Musings

By the Editor

Talk about the changes brought by time—and other things! We well remember the day our old friend "Con" Leever, long-time mayor of Central Point, got so mad because the PWA officials kept boosting the ante on the price they thought a sewage disposal plant for this city should cost. Our engineer had first made an estimate of \$12,000. Then the next week he came back and said he had made a mistake and the price ought to be \$14,000. When the papers went to Portland to the PWA officials we were informed that in their judgment we should allow at least \$18,000. So finally new papers were drawn up at that figure and returned to Portland. The PWA engineer took one look at them and again raised his sights to \$22,000—and Mayor Leever blew up! Now the estimate for the job (admittedly somewhat bigger) is \$76,000. And the price of everything used on such a project is still going up.

If this sort of thing continues the people of America are going to be compelled to mortgage their hope of Heaven and their future welfare on Earth to keep the ordinary things of life going.

It appears that Jackson county can't keep vacant delinquent tax property under any circumstances. We had a sale of such property July 17th and no one bid on the three Central Point lots offered. But this week along came a feller and bought 'em up. It just happens that the lots are in our own back yard and we have been burning off the dead grass and weeds there for the past fifteen years just for self-protection. Now we shall jump the new owner's collar if he don't take that miserable job off our hands.

Vehicle Registrations At All-time High

Oregon motor vehicle registrations have climbed to a total of 549,671 cars, trucks, busses, and motorcycles for a new all-time high at the mid-year point, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has announced.

Registrations for the first six months of the year are 10 percent higher than the total for the same period in 1947. More than 12 thousand additional vehicles were registered in June. Passenger cars, now listed at 418,198, accounted for the greatest share of the increase, Newbry said.

The gain in Oregon-owned vehicles to be off setting the reported slump in tourist travel to produce the heaviest summer traffic volume in the state's history. Total car mileage figures, based on gasoline consumption, are running approximately six percent above the total for last year at this time.

June travel claimed 42 lives, over three-fourths of them lost in rural area smash-ups in which highway speed was the major death-dealing factor.

"The steady gain in traffic volume is ample warning to be doubly alert while driving," Newbry declared. "Taking it easy, especially on the open highways, is one of the best methods for keeping the accident odds in your favor."

The Debunker

BY JOHN HARVEY FURBAY PH.D.

HUMMINGBIRDS HAVE LARGER BRAINS FOR THEIR BODIES THAN DO MEN



It is a mistake to suppose that, because the head of a hummingbird is small, its brain is too little to count, for actually these birds have brains nearly three times as large as human brains in proportion to the size of their bodies. The brain of a hummingbird is approximately one-twelfth its body weight, while human beings have brains about one-thirty-sixth of their weight. Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly forward and backward at will.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS CHANGE OF PLAN SEWAGE DISPOSAL

At an adjourned meeting of the city council last evening the matter of laying a new sewer in the eastern part of town was discussed. A survey of the new line had been made and the engineer reported that he had estimated the total cost of the project at approximately \$3700 and that the properties served by new line had a front footage of about 1150 feet, which would necessitate an assessment of about \$3,00 per front foot on the various properties affected to pay for the cost.

There was some question as to whether or not to extend the new line to take in several additional properties further south and the whole matter was laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the council next Monday evening to enable the engineer to check up on the exact amount of property affected if the line is extended.

The completed plans and specifications for the sewage disposal plant were presented and explained by S. C. Watkins, a representative of A. D. Harvey & Associates, who have been working on the project for some time. Mr. Harvey himself was present and stated that at the time the original estimate of the cost of the project was made it was based on the average cost of such projects, but that when the actual plans were completed and a new estimate of cost made at present prices of materials and labor it was found that the cost would be much higher than had first been thought. He stated that in checking up the present cost it was found that it might be better to again consider connecting with the Medford line to the Camp White plant which has been secured by that city and bonds recently voted for the building of a connecting pipe line.

Mr. Harvey showed that at present prices the initial cost of building a connecting line to connect with the Medford line and putting in of the necessary pumps and motors would be less than the cost of building a new plant and that the cost of operating such a pumping system would be less than operating an adequate plant on Bear Creek.

City Attorney Skyrman stated that he would take the matter of using the bonds voted by the people of this city some time ago to build a new plant, to build a connecting pipe line to the Medford system instead, with the bond attorneys and report at a later meeting. In case the attorneys held that such a use of this money would not be permissible a new bond issue would have to be voted and the old one cancelled. In the meantime the matter will held in abeyance awaiting developments.

Pitching School For Kids Planned

A pitching school for kids is being sponsored in this city by the Central Point Athletic association, with John Miljus, former big league pitching star, as instructor and with Harry Tonn and Don Faber as expeditors. The school is for all youngsters in the valley 14 years of age and younger, and will continue for the next two weeks.

Miljus, who spent 16 years in major league baseball and played in four world series, is now a resident of Southern Oregon and is employed by the Elks Lumber company, which is cooperating with the association in sponsoring clean sports in this community. He is giving his time after hours to this school which will of great help to the youngsters in learning the game.

The school will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and all boys in Southern Oregon wishing to learn the fine points of baseball pitching are welcome to come out.

NOTICE

Everyone come out and enjoy yourself at the Bingo Party and Ice Cream Social to be held in the American Legion Hall August 3, at 8:00 P.M. This is sponsored by the Women's Relief Corps.

BASEBALL SUNDAY—

The Central Point Millers will tangle with Crescent City Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. This promises to be another fine game for the fans.

American Legion Junior Baseball team will play Crescent City Legion team after the main game.

Legion Post Plans 3rd Annual Carnival

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129 American Legion, held their regular meeting July 22 in the Legion Hall, with Commander Gebhard presiding.

Routine business was transacted and committees appointed.

Commander Gebhard appointed W. B. Kincaid, Lloyd Seymour and himself to work out details for the third annual carnival, to be held in November.

A report from the V.J. Day celebration was made, and plans are progressing to hold a real bang-up party, for all veterans and their wives.

Harry Pinkerton, of Post 15 was a visitor and asked the Post to turn out Sunday afternoon to hear National Executive Committeeman Alfred Kelly, of Portland.

The Post granted permission to Central Point Garden Club to use the hall on August 18 for their annual flower show.

The next meeting of the Post will be held in the Legion Hall the evening of August 12—8:00 p.m.

Lions Enjoy Evening At Jackson Springs

The Lions of Central Point Den, were guests of their ladies at a weiner roast, on the evening of July 22nd at Jackson Hot Springs. The evening's diversion consisted of swimming, singing around the camp fire, and some Hula dancing. Mrs. Alexander, of Medford and her "Hawaiian Orchestra" furnished the music.

Gladys Drews, Fredda Davison, and Ruth Rupp were in charge of this gala affair, at which about 50 attended.

H.E.C. LUNCHEON HELD—

The Home Economics Club of the Grange held a 1 o'clock luncheon on the Leonard Freeman lawn on Upton road Wednesday. About 20 members attended. Co-hostesses were Mesdames Stella Northey and Bertha Bursell. A general business meeting followed roll call. And plans were made for serving a luncheon Saturday at the Grange hall, at which time the local Aberdeen Angus breeders association will act as host to the motorcade which is due in Central Point on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scott and son Daniel of Santa Maria, Calif., have spent the past few weeks visiting at the Lloyd Rupp home. Mr. Scott and Mrs. Rupp are brother and sister. The Scotts bought the Whistle Stop Cafe in Medford and opened for business July 24th.

NOTICE

MEMBERS OF W.R.C. No. 27 Don't forget to bring your White Elephants August 3. Bring something suitable for prizes.

Advisory Board Is Chosen by Civic Association

Election of five members to the Advisory Board was held by the Civic Improvement Association of Central Point at a meeting held in the High School auditorium on July 21, 1948.

Members elected to serve 2 years were Alfred Korbel, L. H. South, and R. E. Harnish, with E. L. Lowry and K. C. Wernmark for 1 year term.

E. O. Waterman, president of the Civic Improvement Association is chairman of this Board, which is designated as the fact finding and investigating committee of the organization.

A membership drive has in two months netted 75 persons, reported Joe Edwards, chairman of the membership committee. Great interest is shown among citizens in the proposed work of the association.

The Lions club committee on football field, with Art Rupp as chairman reported need of assistance in obtaining lights for the High School field, and requested backing of the association.

President Waterman was instructed by a vote of the membership to appoint two committees for the purpose of getting information on the city charter and a committee to investigate a Civic Plan for Development of the city.

Appointment of these committees announces the beginning of a program of development for Central Point which should result in many much needed improvements—being obtained.

Discussion was held on the building code, and zoning ordinances, with the Advisors Board requested to determine from the city council what is delaying the passage of these ordinances.

CENTRAL POINT GARDEN CLUB

The Central Point Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. T. Parsons August 4th at 2 P.M.

Mrs. Sadie Nichols will be our guest, speaking on "Strange Behavior of Camellias." Mrs. Warren Patterson will also speak on "Moving Days for Ponies."

Hostesses are Mrs. August Wheeler and Mrs. A. T. Lathrop.

PICNIC & VESPER SERVICE—

Fifty-five members and friends of the Church of Christ motored to Lithia Park in Ashland last Sunday for a picnic and vesper service. About forty others from Medford and Ashland met and all ate together. Following the dinner the young people went swimming, the children played at the playground while the adults visited until five o'clock when a large number attended the vesper service.

AGATE TROUBLESHOOTERS—

The Agate Troubleshooters are sponsoring a barn dance at the Agate School Saturday, July 31, from 9 P.M. to 12. Admission is free and refreshments will be sold by the club members.

The club will hold these barn dances every other Saturday for the purpose of raising funds to improve the club and to buy some new equipment.

Legion Auxiliary Plan Rummage Sale

The American Legion Auxiliary No. 129 held its regular meeting Thursday, July 22, with eleven members present. Meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Nelson. The Auxiliary made final plans for the Rummage Sale to be held on Saturday, July 31, at 28 South Bartlett in Medford. Anyone wishing to donate rummage, are requested to leave some at the American Legion hall or the home of Nettie Cassman.

A special meeting was called for Thursday, July 29.

The next regular meeting of the Auxiliary, will be August 12 at which time Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Kincaid will serve refreshments.

At the regular meeting of Myers Holland Post No. 129 further plans were made for the V.J. day party to be held Saturday evening, August 14 for all veterans and their ladies. The committee is still working and planning and are open for suggestions to make this a truly good party.

McCue Family Visit With Relatives Here

Chaplain and Mrs. Leslie McCue and daughter, Patty, of Denver, Colo., arrived at the parental E. E. Scott home Wednesday evening.

The chaplain has been stationed for more than a year, at the Fitzsimmon Veterans hospital in Denver. But has been transferred to the 279th unit and is on call to go any place in the world.

Mrs. McCue and Patty will reside in their home on Freeman road.

The trip from Denver was made by car and they visited enroute at the home of a sister of the chaplain, in Wyoming. They spent several days in Yellowstone National Park, also visiting in the home of an uncle at Vale, Oregon.

The chaplain will remain until the first of next week and will return to Denver.

NOTICE

The American Legion Auxiliary No. 129 will hold a Rummage Sale at 28 South Bartlett in Medford on Saturday, July 31, beginning at 9 A.M.

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 7:30 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 and Pine

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
First & Oak Streets
Central Point, Oregon
August 1, 1948
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. (DST)
Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m. (DST)

Let's get ready for the Westminister Fellowship Summer Conference, at Fir Point, August 23-30th. This is for our young people of high-school age, and adults who wish training in youth leadership. The curriculum includes Worship Bible study, Studies in Christian Faith, Vocations (choosing), Drama, Crafts, and Youth Leadership. Consult your pastor for further information.

The Pastor's Consultation Hour will be on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. instead of Thursdays.
J. K. Swank, Pastor
Box 166, Jacksonville, Oregon.
Phone Jacksonville, 801.

RESTRICTIONS ON WATER USE SET BY COUNCIL

In compliance with a request of the Medford water commission the city council last night adopted a resolution putting Central Point water users on a restricted basis for the present. It appears that on account of the fact that the amount of water needed to supply the increased population of the various communities using Medford water as well as the city itself takes practically all the water the big pipe line can supply during most of the day and night and the reservoirs do not fill up at night, a dangerous situation has arisen.

Medford city water users also have been put on a restricted basis so far as using the water for garden and lawn irrigation is concerned. The same restrictions as are to be in effect in Central Point are now being followed in Medford.

Only by putting in of a new pipe line to the springs can enough water be assured for all people now demanding the water. It is said that the Medford water commission now has a large number of pending applications for water which cannot be supplied. It is estimated that more than 25,000 people are at present dependant upon the Medford system for their water.

The new restrictions are as follows, effective immediately:

Residences north of Pine street use water for irrigation only between 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and on Sundays from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Residences south of Pine street use water for irrigation only between 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and on Sundays from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

2 Week-end Games Won by C.P. Millers

By defeating Tri City last Saturday with a score of 15 to 5 and knocking off Ashland last Sunday with the score of 11 to 6, the Millers have put the league's wise men guessing. The Millers have won the last 6 out of 7 games.

Last Saturday with Sid Whidden pitching 6 hit balls, the Millers jumped on John Wilkeson, an out-cast of the Cheney Studs, and cut loose for 17 hits. In the first inning the Millers came across with six runs before Tri City was able to get a pitcher in the bull pen.

Johnny Bruzga led the club in hitting with four hits for five times up. The entire club hustled the whole game and everyone was responsible for the win.

Last Sunday, the Millers jumped on Martindale, the ace pitcher, of the Ashland club collecting 17 hits which produced 11 runs.

Bill McCord pitched good ball, allowed 8 hits to Ashland.

The Millers went ahead in the second with a score 4 to 0. Heid the lead until the fifth inning when Ashland went ahead 6 to 4. In the 8th inning, the Millers pushed ahead, with the score 11 to 6. The entire club played heads up ball, out hit, out hustled and show the Ashland club that if they meet them in the play-off, to get ready for another drumming.

Well folks, the Millers are playing great ball but still at the home games, only the few and I mean few loyal fans are on hand. Well, this Sunday, all ladies will be admitted free accompanied by a man. Kids free also.

What is the matter with you folks, don't you like baseball, do you appreciate having a ball club that is rated one of the best in the league or do you want the league to vote Central Point out of the league next year? It's up to you people that are letting the ball club and the Central Point athletic association down.

If you people that don't like the set up, get out to the park and let it be known.

Well, I know the loyal few will be out Sunday when the Millers play Crescent City at the Central Point ball park at 2 p.m. and the rest can make up your mind, to back the club so it will be in the league next season or voted out.

CAUGHT!

