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Musings

By the Editor

There are several measures on the ballot for the coming election which we think should be voted down emphatically. First of these is the proposed 6% limitation amendment. We can see no real need for this proposal at this time. Our advice is to leave the old law alone and vote "No" on this one.

The next measure we don't like is that providing for a boy's camp over in the rainy belt of Washington county. The bill is not carefully drawn, does not cover the real needs in the care and reformation of delinquent boys, will be costly in its administration and we feel the money could better be used to provide additional facilities at the present training school. They had trouble enough keeping the CCC camps morally clean when they had oceans of money to carry on with and we feel that such a camp is not the answer to the problem. Vote 505 X No.

In the matter of allowing non-property owners to vote in bond elections for school districts we believe that people who do not own real property should not be permitted to vote to saddle indebtedness on those who do. It is argued that such non-property owners may vote on county and city bond issues and therefore should be allowed to vote at school elections. In our humble opinion, the whole thing is wrong. We think any voter who does not own real property should not be allowed to vote at ANY bond election, school, city or county. We are "agin' " this one, too.

As for Joe Dunne's eternal old age pension bill, it is just as crazy as the others the people of this state have turned down. If this measure carries the present old age assistance law will be superseded and federal participation will stop. The whole burden will fall upon the state, and it is a well known fact that state revenues for welfare are decreasing and the new burden would be entirely impossible to meet. Also the bill provides for an entirely new one-man commission to administer the law, which would mean two welfare commissions in the state, both with their staffs of clerks, bookkeepers, medical advisors, etc. The whole thing is absolutely screwy and should be snowed under. Vote 311 X No.

In the writer's opinion the "liquor-by-the-glass" bill means just opening the door wider for the return of the old saloon. The Knox Law has done a good job in Oregon in holding down the lid on liquor and should be strengthened, if anything, and not weakened. Let's leave well enough alone. Vote "No" on this one.

And finally may we say that the veteran's bonus amendment is another screwy thing. In the first place why have not the various veterans' organizations backed the bill? Why is it fathered entirely by a political candidate who is using it for his own political use and benefit? And why are the men of the Oregon National Guard who were called into service prior to Pearl Harbor and who remained in service longer than any other division left out under this bill? And if the income tax revenues ever come down from their present high level, the cost of such a law might easily wreck the state. Again, vote "No."

High School Carnival!!

High School Gym
OCTOBER 22, 1948
7:30 P.M.

Admission Free!

Bingo Raffles Concessions
DOOR PRIZE

NEW BRIDGE TO CARRY NAME OF VALLEY PIONEER

Yesterday the county court passed a resolution fixing a name for the new cement bridge across Bear Creek on the Central Point market road east of this city. The huge structure will hereafter be known as the "Isaac Constant Bridge" in honor of the man who first took up a Donation Land Claim on the land upon which the bridge stands in 1852. This is in accordance with the present custom of the court in naming major county bridges in honor of some pioneer who lived in the vicinity in the early days of the county's history.

The naming of this bridge is particularly appropriate on account of the fact that both roads leading to the new bridge from the east city limits of Central Point and from the Hamrick road, as well as the bridge itself, are upon land once a part of the Constant claim.

Isaac Constant was born in Clark county, Kentucky on April 5, 1839. In 1812 his parents started for Illinois, but stopped for several years in Ohio, finally settling in Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1820. Here Isaac grew to manhood on a farm and was married in 1833 to Lucinda Merriman. To this union eight children were born, two dying in infancy in Illinois.

In 1849, having been told by his physician to seek a milder climate, he, with a friend, set out on horseback for the Oregon country. On arriving safely in Oregon City the two young men spent some months looking over the country, coming as far south as the Rogue River valley, where he was specially struck with farming possibilities of the Bear Creek basin. Both men then returned to Illinois to get their families.

Setting out from Independence, Mo., with a large wagon train the Constants spent a hazardous summer crossing the plains and arrived in Jackson county late in the fall of 1852. Here he took up a Donation Land claim lying east of what was later to become the city of Central Point. He later acquired a tract of land west of the county road and now included in the present city limits (known as the Constant Tract).

Of the six children who came to the valley in 1852 with their parents, all but one grew to maturity on the old home place, were married and lived in the county many years, in fact all but one died in this county. These children were:

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Service Officer School At Legion Building

The Annual Service Officers' school conducted by the Department of Oregon, American Legion, will be held in the Legion Memorial Hall on Oct. 23, 1948.

Mr. Leslie T. St. Clair, assistant department service officer, will be in the city to conduct classes in all phases of Veterans Service Work. All service officers in the valley will be in attendance.

Any veteran or members of veterans' families are invited to attend if you have any question pertaining to Veterans' Compensation, G.I. Insurance, attending school, under either Public Law 16 which is for Veterans' camping disability, or Public Law 346—commonly called the G.I. Bill, you are urged to attend and have these questions answered.

Wedding of Local Couple Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hawley, recently announced the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to Mr. Mervin McAllister in Yuma, Arizona.

Both young people are well known in Central Point, having attended school here.

Mervin is the son of Mrs. Edna Hawley of this city.

The young couples are making their home in Pennis, Calif., where Mr. McAllister has employment.

Few men are lacking in capacity but they fail because they are lacking in application.—Calvin Coolidge.

Extension Agent Talks to Unit

Miss Eula Wintermote, County Extension Agent, presented the project, "Pattern Alteration" to the Central Point Extension Unit, Wednesday, October 20, at the home of Mrs. Stella Anderson. Miss Wintermote displayed charts showing methods of altering the several pattern pieces and demonstrated the correct way to take body measurements with the result that several members were measured for their own future reference. The importance of accurate measurements, measuring the pattern with individual measurements and carefully studying patterns before beginning a garment were emphasized.

Mrs. P. B. Snook, Chairman, began the business session with recreation in the form of group singing led by Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, followed by the drawing of the door prize which was won by Mrs. Eldon Holmes.

Mrs. T. J. Muse reported that Central Point Unit had won the gavel, an award given by the County Council, for being the most outstanding unit in the County during the past year.

Mrs. Chas. Jantzer, Finance Chairman, asked that members be preparing bazaar articles and collecting items for white elephant sale which is planned for December. The proceeds from this affair will go to the Azalea House fund and for other Unit activities.

Miss Martha Johnson was a visitor from Westside. Others visiting were Mrs. M. B. Caster, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. J. S. Lydiard, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Walter Childress and Mrs. Roger Dew. It is hoped that all of these ladies will join.

It was decided that, if possible, the November meeting will be in the Grange Hall in Central Point.

Keenan-Jantzer Wedding Event Of Interest

Miss Marilyn Keenan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keenan and Mr. Robert Jantzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer, both families of Central Point, were married Saturday, October 16, in the St. Luke's Lutheran church at Reno, Nevada. They returned home Sunday and for the present are staying with Mr. Jantzer's parents. They will soon move to Rupp's apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gordon accompanied the couple. Mrs. Gordon is a sister of Mrs. Jantzer.

Mrs. Jantzer wore a beige dress with brown accessories and wore pink carnations. Mrs. Gordon wore an aqua dress with black accessories and wore pink carnations.

Mrs. Jantzer graduated with the Central Point class of '48 and is now with Bordens.

The American joins their many friends in congratulation.

CARD OF THANKS

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us a precious memory. Our sincere thanks for all those comforting deeds, and also for the lovely flowers.

Ed Eldred
Paul Nitzschke & family
Mrs. Eber High

High School Carnival Coming Friday Night

The 1948 High School Carnival given by the Central Point High School students will be held in the Central Point High gym on Oct. 22, at 7:30 P.M.

The Central Point High School has chosen four candidates for queen, one from each class. They are Irene Bartley, freshman; Ernestine Conklin, sophomore; Jean Hamilton, junior and Ortha Trautman, senior. Tickets are being sold by the students of each class. Up to date the freshmen are leading in the votes.

There will be all types of concessions from raffles to refreshments and including a door prize.

The queen contest will close at 8:30, but the crowning of the queen will come later in the evening.

The High School band will play during the queen coronation and follow with a short musical program.

The proceeds from this carnival will go toward athletic expenses and the buying of new equipment.

Legion to Entertain All Valley Posts

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129 American Legion, will be hosts to all Legion Posts in the Rogue River Valley, the evening of Oct. 23, 8:00 p.m.

Area Commander Harry Pinkerton, of Medford, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Pinkerton, who has just returned from the Legion National convention, will give the high lights of the convention activities.

All veterans in the valley are urged to attend.

The carnival committee have the plans for the 3rd annual carnival well advanced and it looks like this annual affair will be bigger and better than ever.

The grand door prize will be a \$350.00 complete bed-room suite, see it in the John Cupp window.

There will be plenty of prizes, lots of entertainment, and fun for everybody.

Remember the date Nov. 11, 12 and 13.

22 Members Attend District Convention Of Garden Clubs

Twenty members of the local Garden Club attended the district convention held at Cave Junction Monday. The meeting was held in the Illinois Valley grange hall.

The local club won first prize in attendance having 50% of their membership.

Mrs. Ed Vincent and Mrs. Roy Kelly received their past presidents' pins. With Mrs. Effie Smith, past state president, presiding.

A demonstration of flower arranging was an interesting part of the day's program.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Randall, of Redwood Falls, Minn., recruit missionaries to South Africa, arrived at the Medford airport Tuesday afternoon in their private plane and were guests in the L. H. Camp home until Thursday. They spoke at the Church of Christ Wednesday evening. This is their first visit to Oregon and Washington.

Coming Sunday



The Kansas City Gospel singers, a group of six colored men, will present a concert at the new Community Bible church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

These singers are radio artists and this promises to be a real treat for the people of Central Point. The public is cordially invited.

Navy Mothers to Hold All-day Meet

The all-day meeting of the Central Point Navy Mothers Club No. 466 will be at the home of Mrs. Henry Kilburn, at Oak and Fourth on Wednesday, October 27, which is Navy Day. When would be a more appropriate time for all Navy Mothers to come to a meeting with the local club? The slogan, "Once a Navy Mother always a Navy Mother," is meant for you and you and you.

If your boy is home, safe and well, think of the mothers who will never see their sons again, or of the boys who came back and are going through a living torture in the thousands of hospitals in our land. Much can be done to help make the days more pleasant for these dear ones, just some writing paper, stamps, magazines, books, beside games or money for slides. Don't we feel a little selfish when we see a mother and loved ones attending the final services for a son whose body has been returned home for burial? Can't all Navy Mothers give a day or two a month to come out and help the club carry on a worthwhile project for our boys who did so much for us and now ask so little and get less. With the reopening of the hospital at Camp White there will be lots to do but till then we can help other hospitals.

Don't forget the date, Wednesday, Oct. 27. Potluck dinner at noon. Stork shower after a business meeting. Members are asked to bring some interesting item about Navy Day. All mothers who have had sons in any branch of the Navy, or has sons in now or in the Naval Reserve are urged to attend.

Schools Close for Teachers Conference

Central Point Schools will be closed on November 4th and 5th, to permit the teachers to attend the annual regional educational conference to be held at Ashland. This is an educational conference for all teachers of Jackson, Josephine, Lake, and Klamath counties. There will be over 1000 teachers in attendance.

Ray C. Smith, of Portland, field worker for the Northwestern Christian Home for the aged, located at Beaverton, Oregon, was a guest speaker at the Church of Christ Sunday, arriving on the morning train and leaving for Klamath Falls in the afternoon.

Churches

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
(Federated Church)
Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Teachers' Prayer Meeting
9:45 a.m. Sunday School. We're growing. Come and grow with us!
11:00 a.m. Morning Service. Special choir music. Bible sermon.
6:45 p.m. High School & Senior Young People groups.
7:45 p.m. Evangelistic Service. Enthusiastic Gospel Singing.
Monday:
8 p.m. Kansas city Gospel singers. Don't miss them.
Wednesday:
7:45 p.m. "The Hour of Power" Midweek Meeting for the whole family.

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.
9:00 A.M.—Sunday KWLN.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD
5th and Pine

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
6th & Pine Sts.
Harry Heck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:30 P.M.
Every One Welcome!

CENTRAL POINT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 24th:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Westminster Fellowship 6:30 p.m. (meeting with the Jacksonville group, at Central Point)
Monday, October 25th:
Choir Practice—7:30 p.m. in the church.
Friday, October 29th:
Congregational Dinner, (6:30 p.m. in church parlors. We expect to have a sound movie afterward.)
J. K. Swank, Pastor
Box 166, Jacksonville—Phone 801

ASSESSED VALUE JACKSON COUNTY NOW \$46,985,779

The county assessor's office has completed the 1948-1949 assessment rolls and turned them over to the sheriff for collection as announced today by C. A. Myers, assessor.

The rolls this year comprise ten volumes with over 22,000 parcels of property listed with the tax figured separated on each.

The total assessed value of the county is \$46,985,779.05, an increase of \$4,709,998.97 or slightly more than 11% over the previous year, a large part due to new construction.

The total amount of tax to be collected this year in Jackson county is \$2,713,554.00, an increase of \$619,132.09 or 26.5% over last year. This year's tax is divided as follows: schools, \$1,819,595.97 or 67.06%, county, \$328,170.44 or 12.09%; cities, \$329,991.53 or 12.16%; irrigation, \$197,459.85 or 7.28%; fire patrol, \$38,336.21 or 0.41%.

Oregon's 6% limitation law provides that taxes can not be increased more than 6% over the highest tax of any of the three previous years without a vote of the people but the taxpayers have the privilege of voting any amount of taxes on themselves that they wish however the amount voted will not change the tax base in future years.

This year every school district in the county voted to exceed the 6% limitation, while the county and most of the cities did not exceed this limitation.

There has been no state tax in Oregon since 1937 while on the other hand taxes have been substantially reduced by the state aid to schools which has been paid out of the state income tax for the past several years.

This year the schools of Jackson county will receive from the state \$826,569.00 which means an average saving of 17.1 mills on the county tax levy. Converting this millage into dollars it means a saving to the tax payers of the county of \$17.10 on every \$1,000 of assessed value.

New Cafe Opened Near High School

A new business enterprise opened its doors to the public last Monday morning at the corner of Fourth and Bush on the Old Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stringer are the owners and operators of a small cafe.

The building is made of the pumice stone and is a very neat looking affair.

An apartment is built in the back of the building which will serve as a home for the Stringers. Sandwiches, fountain service, popcorn, etc. will be sold. The cafe will serve the public from 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Mr. Stringer is the son of Mrs. Joe Foster of this community. He is a veteran of World War II serving as a Medic in the Army in the Philippine Islands and Japan.

Mrs. Stringer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terry. She's a native of Nebraska, but has lived on the west coast for eleven years. Coming to Central Point from Grants Pass.

Lady Lions Hold 2nd Dinner Meeting

The Central Point Lady Lions had their second meeting of the month Tuesday, October 19, 1948 with the usual dinner at Smitty's Ranch House.

The cedar chest and afghan drawing Friday, October 15th made Pink O'Connor of Central Point winner of the cedar chest and L. C. Reuter, of Medford, winner of the afghan. We wish to thank the people of the community, who helped to make this venture a success.

The Central Point Lady Lions are sponsoring the new chapter at Gold Hill—the date for the Gold Hill Charter Night is November 10, 1948 at 8 p.m. which will also include dinner and dancing.

Publicity Chairman,
Freda Davison

No one ever did anything worth doing, unless he was prepared to go on with it long after it became something of a bore.—Bishop Steere.