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The Weather

Continued cold, with light clouds today and tomorrow.

Temperature
Highest 40
Lowest 20

Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Well, folks, this week has seemed almost like old times. No longer do we have to rush around in the morning to get to the courthouse or time. For we're back at our old battered-up desk in the print shop once more. And when we get straightened around a bit and find out where to find things, it's going to be fun, too.

And it's going to be nice to get acquainted with the Central Point business men again. We feel almost like a stranger in our own town. There have been a lot of changes in this burg in the past eight years. Why, it's getting so we have trouble to find a place to park the old sedan. Time was Old Lizzie had the whole street to herself most of the time. That was when the Central Point streets were not graded as they are now and it was a real adventure to try to deliver this paper to every house in town, as we sometimes did in those days.

Speaking of desks, may we tell you of something that occurred the other day at the courthouse. It happened to be our last afternoon on the old job and we were just killing time about the office. Commissioner Lytle got us interested in a little puzzle he had been given for Christmas. We had our back turned to the main office as we monkeyed with the thing. Then we were told we were wanted out in the other room. When we came through the door we found the room jammed with the "courtroom gang." We were backed up in a corner and told to just stand there and listen. Mr. Lytle delivered a very flowery address, telling of our long association with them all and how much they had enjoyed it. Then he presented us with the most gorgeous private desk it has ever been out lot to see, together with a lovely card signed by every elected official in the county and most of the clerks.

It sorta broke a feller all up, and hasn't gotten over it yet. It more than compensated for all the trials and tribulations of the job and makes life seem much brighter. We tried to do what was right and to be as cheerful as possible at all times. Bless their dear thoughtful hearts.

It was good to sit in our old place at the city council meeting the other night, just a reporter again. And in that regard may we say that The American has always stood behind any project or person working for the betterment of our little city. Making Central Point a better place to live in has and will be our slogan. Just so long as we believe the city dads are working toward that end we will back them to the limit. But we reserve the "unalienable" right of the free press to criticize when we feel like it or believe such criticism needed.

So as we start the new year let's all get in and boost, first, last and all the time. May we all highly resolve to do our part with all our might that Central Point may continue to grow and prosper.

Letter Received From Dr. W. H. Heckman

Mr. Edward Jones received a letter this week from Dr. W. H. Heckman of Portland, who formerly had the office at the Motel now occupied by Dr. Roberts. Dr. Heckman practiced in this vicinity for many years and will be remembered by his ever cheery greeting and ready smile.

He writes that he is getting old and shaky but tries to keep up mentally. He says he would like to look in and see Central Point as she man who is up and doing in Central now is. He thinks the progressive Point will succeed.

We feel sure he would be pleased to hear from his old friends. His address is, W. H. Heckman, M.D., 827 N. W. 25th Ave., Portland 101, Oregon.

NOTICE

The all day meeting of the Central Point Navy Mothers' Club No. 466 will be at the home of Mrs. M. A. Adams, Upton Road. Pot luck dinner. Installation of officers and plans for the year's work will take up the business hour.

Members are asked to bring hand work as no layette articles are ready for stitching.

NEW COUNCIL SWORN IN AT MONDAY MEETING

The old city council met for the last time Monday night to finish up the final business for December. All December bills were audited and paid and final reports for the year received. Mayor Scott then swore in Recorder Arden Pinkham, who was re-elected last fall. The council listened to talks by several retiring councilmen who told of the work of the past two years, and then adjourned, sine-die.

Mayor Scott then asked the new councilmen to take their places, together with the two men who were re-elected. All then stood and were sworn in a body by Recorder Pinkham. The members of the new council are alphabetically, C. W. Abbott, Lester Bigham, Truman Brenner, John Cupp, Roy Kelly and Al Setness. Roy Kelly was elected chairman of the council. He will serve as acting mayor in the absence of the regular mayor.

Mayor Scott then announced the following standing committees and also the appointive officers:

Finance—Kelly, chairman; Cupp and Brenner.

Fire and Police—Abbott, chairman; Bigham and Setness.

Street and Lights—Bigham, chairman; Abbott and Kelly.

Health and Water—Brenner, chairman; Cupp and Kelly.

Ordinances—Setness, chairman; Abbott and Brenner.

Parks and Building—Cupp, chairman; Setness and Bigham.

Appointive officers were: Marshall, Gay M. Anderson.

Deputy Marshall—(temporarily) M. Garwood.

Street Superintendent—O. M. Minnick.

Water Superintendent—G. M. Anderson.

Fire Chief—C. A. Tharp.

Health Officer—Dr. Alvin Roberts.

City Attorney—to be filled later.

Consulting Engineer—Paul B. Rynning.

One of the communications considered by the old council before adjourning was the resignation of Fire Chief Tharp. The council voted to reject the resignation and to leave the matter up to the mayor. After the new council had been organized the matter was brought up again. Mr. Tharp, having come in during the interval, was asked as to his reasons for the resignation. He explained that there seemed to be some dissatisfaction among the men recently and he thought perhaps if he got out matters would straighten themselves out.

After all members of the council, as well as Mayor Scott had expressed their entire satisfaction with the way Tharp had handled the fire department and their confidence in his ability to get things going again, Mayor Scott announced that he was appointing him as Fire Chief for the ensuing year anyway and he would have to try again to get off the job.

Another matter which came as a surprise to the city council was the refusal of City Attorney Harry Skyrman to accept the appointment for another year. He stated that although he had served the city for many years and had always enjoyed the work, he felt that on account of the rush of his other business and the fact that he was now a member of the Medford Water Board, with which the council had many dealings which necessitated the services of an attorney, he felt that he must quit. Mayor Scott told the council that he felt very sorry to lose the services of Mr. Skyrman, but would abide by his decision.

Watch Party Held Church of Christ

Seventy-one members and friends of the Church of Christ met in the Bible school rooms New Years Eve for the annual church meeting, election of officers and a watch party. Few changes were made among the church officers except M. A. Adams was made an elder and Cecil Warner was elected song director of the Bible School. Following the election, Mrs. Joe Swain, who recently returned from Central America, gave a very interesting talk on the customs, habits and religious life of the Indians. She displayed many beautiful pieces of their handicraft.

Following her demonstration, a worship service was held and then lunch was served by several of the men. At midnight, the bell rang and everyone departed for home.

NOTICE

The Past Noble Grand Club will meet at the home of Mrs. August Wheeler on Thursday afternoon, January 13th.

Anyone having news items of interest to our readers (and you all do) phone 27 x 2 or 621 or leave or mail to the Central Point American. We are always glad to give publicity to the doings of our churches, schools, lodges, civic organizations, etc. So phone, bring or send it in.

Nevita Chapter to Install New Officers

Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. will hold the annual installation of Officers Tuesday evening at 8:45 P.M. The ceremonies will be public and will follow the regular Chapter meeting. Mrs. Chester McKibben will be installed Worthy Matron and Lawrence Smith of Gold Hill, Worthy Patron. Members and friends of the Chapter are cordially invited to attend.

Legion Posts to Hear Report of V. A. Domiciliary

The Myers-Holland Post No. 129 and Rogue Valley Women's Post No. 13 of Medford, will hold a joint meeting in the Legion Memorial Hall the evening of Jan. 13—8:00 p.m.

They will have as special guests, Mr. Paul Hatton, manager of the Camp White Veterans Administration Domiciliary, and his staff.

Commander Gebhard, of the local Post urges all members of the Post, and all veterans in the Central Point area to be present to hear and meet the manager and staff of Camp White.

These guests are directly responsible for the care and well being of our comrades, who are disabled and unable to help themselves, so Commander Gebhard wishes a large crowd out to hear what is being done and will be done for our disabled veterans.

There will be entertainment and a free drawing for a nice prize. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Health Assn. Thanks Public for Support

The Jackson County Health association wishes to take this means of expressing their thanks to all who have helped to make the Christmas Seal drive in Central Point successful. Complete returns are not in as yet. Especial thanks go to Larry Shull and Loren Guyer for putting up the posters. Also to the American for publicity. Anyone wishing may still send in their money to the committee.

Part of this money goes toward paying for the free Chest X-Ray, which was the largest this year since the program started. One hundred and fifty-six were asked to have large X-Rays taken.

Miss Dorothy Hams & Howard Holden Wed

A very pretty service at the Methodist church, wedded Miss Dorothy Eleanor Hams, of Medford, and Howard Curtis Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Holden, of this city. With Rev. Meredith Groves reading the service and Miss Merle Groves furnished the organ music. Mr. and Mrs. Russel Brendel were the attendants. The service was read in the presence of about twenty relatives and friends of the couple. The bride was attired in a purple suit and carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

A reception followed in the church parlors, many and lovely gifts were received. They plan to leave soon for a short honeymoon trip to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Holden is employed by the Medford Corporation and Mr. Holden does carpenter work. They will reside at Eighteenth and Hawthorne in Medford.

Central Point Business Firms

Last week we promised that we would start a new department this week and would tell about many business concerns now doing business in this city, taking them alphabetically. Thus the first on the program is the ADAMS GARAGE, located on the east side of Highway 99 in the middle of the block between Manzanita and Laurel streets.

ADAMS GARAGE

This institution, owned and operated by Art Adams, is a punice block building, especially designed for automobile repair work, with room for three cars at a time on the floor. Windows on both the front and rear give plenty of light.

Mr. Adams was born in Dawson, Minn., where he resided until going into the Army. His parents now reside in Hazel, S.D. In Dawson he was shop foreman for an International Harvester dealer. He spent four years and nine months in service in World War II, being discharged as a Master Sergeant.

Game Heads Meet In Medford Tonight

Local recreational interests have been advised that Medford will be the site selected for a meeting of the administrative staff of the Oregon State Game Commission with Jackson County groups and individuals, at 8:00 P.M. Thursday, Jan. 6 in the Medford Hotel Basement. Included in the party will be Chas. Lockwood, Supervisor of the Commission, Phil Schneider, Game Coordinator, John McKeown, Director of Upland Birds, Bob Holloway, Chief Fish Biologist, C. et Kebbe Beaver Manager and Director of Fur Bearers, A. V. Meyers, Director of Waterfowl, Bob Mace, Director of Big Game, Charles Campbell, Chief of River Basin Studies, Clark Walsh, Director of Public Relations, and Kenneth Martin, Game Commissioner. All interested parties, including the public are invited to attend the meeting at which the Commission's functions will be explained and current activities discussed to bring out local reaction to projected legislation and regulations for the coming fishing and hunting seasons. The meeting has been arranged by the Jackson County Chapter, Izaak Walton League to afford Valley residents the opportunity to meet with the entire administrative staff of the State Game Commission. Seasons, bag limits, and other important phases of Fish and Game management of paramount interest to the region are expected to come into thorough discussion. Those wishing to have dinner with the visiting group are requested to make their own reservations for 6:30 P.M. dinner at the Medford Hotel in advance, the committee advised.

C.P. Millers Play Rogue River Friday

The Central Point Millers will play the Rogue River town team, Friday January 7th at the Central Point High School gymnasium. Game time 8:00 p.m.

This contest, with its keen rivalry between these two good ball clubs promises the spectators some fast exciting basketball, what with the Central Point Millers, an improved club over their early season showings and Rogue River Sporting a classy team.

So for you basketball fans that are not planning to follow our championship bound high school team over to Eagle Point, there's some top quality basket ball right here in town tomorrow night at the high school gym. Admission 50c for the adults and 25c for the kids.

A preliminary game will be arranged if possible, so come on out, you casaba fans for a night of good exciting basketball.

The other night, Tuesday, January 4th, the Millers were called upon, with only a scant 4 hours notice to furnish the opposition in a preliminary game against the Green Confectionary team of Medford. This was to have been the prelude to the Hawaiian all star-Rogue River Chevrolet all star game which, as it turned out, didn't materialize. However, the Millers played a bang up ball game, their best to date, but finally losing out 39-35 to the Green's in the last couple minutes.

Evelyn Nill and Elilins Osterhout Wed

Miss Evelyn Ruth Nill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nill, 25 Myers court, became the bride of John Elilins Osterhout at a service read Sunday, December 26, at the First Methodist church. The bridegroom is a son of G. E. Osterhout, Eagle Point, and the late Mrs. Osterhout.

Mr. Osterhout and his bride made a wedding trip to the coast and will be at home in Corvallis where the bridegroom is attending Oregon State college. He is an army veteran, having served in Japan.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stone Jan. 4 at the Osteopathic hospital.

Mrs. Clark Entertains Doorkeepers Class

Mrs. John Clark entertained 11 members of the "Door Keepers" Sunday School class with a slumber party New Year Eve. Games and stories, popping corn, and making candy helped to pass the evening until the girls welcomed in the new year. Devotions, Bible study and prayer started the new year for the class. After breakfast the girls returned home to spend New Year's day. Those attending were Sandra Shure, Shirley Ann Jones, Donna Burns, Vicki Noel, Marla Jean Abbott, Evelyn Geyer, Barbara McGonagle, D'Ann Clark, Laurel Higinbotham, Nancy Higinbotham, and Noreen Davis.

C.P. Hoopters Win Over Etna 43-28

Central Point's high school basketball team continued on its victory tour of the 1948-49 season by trouncing Etna, Calif., high school 43 to 23 Tuesday night on the Etna floor. This gives the Pointers a record of but one loss and all the rest victories.

Lester Hansen with 19 points paced the C.P. quintet to victory, spreading his total over the entire game. Wally West with nine counters was second. Coach Cecil Warner said Central Point "played real basketball" in that second half to pull away to victory.

The Pointers led at the half by 17 to 15.

Central Point travels to Eagle Point for a Jackson-Douglas-Josephine county league game Friday night; the first for the new league made up of small class "A" schools.

Service Held for Paul Kenneth Jones

After a lingering illness and intense suffering Paul Kenneth Jones, son of John and Carolyn Jones, passed away in the Sacred Heart hospital Monday morning. He was born March 28, 1910 in Gold Hill and had lived his entire life in the valley. His parents and one brother, Harvel Wesley had preceded him in death. He had worked as a painter for many years.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his widow, Elvia Eunice whom he had married August 14, 1932; five half sisters namely—Mrs. Mattie Favrar, Roscoe, Calif.; Mrs. Hazel Affeld, of Medford; Mrs. U. G. Coleman, of El Cojon, Calif.; Mrs. Ray Steves and Mrs. T. L. Ward, both of LaVerne, Calif. Also five young children, Elva Dorene, Lois Evelyn, Ronald Gale, Donald Dale and Pauline Olivia.

Services were held Thursday 3 p.m. with Elder J. Brown in charge at the Conger Morris Funeral home. Interment took place at Sams Valley.

BEST TEACHER—

Mrs. Mae Richardson, first grade teacher, has received a certificate of Honor from the Quiz-Kids Best Teacher Contest.

The certificate was sent in response to a letter written by Alice Arlene Thompson, one of Mrs. Richardson's first grade girls. In her letter Alice gave her reasons for thinking Mrs. Richardson should be nominated for a "best teacher."

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas Painter, Dec. 29, at a Medford hospital. Mrs. Painter and son returned to their home Tuesday.

Churches

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

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, January 9th:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Junior Choir Practice 11:00 a.m.
Westminster Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
(Meet for transportation to Jacksonville)
J. K. Swank, Pastor
Box 166, Jacksonville phone 891.

STONE'S DRUG STORE SOLD TO G. PASS MAN

Coming as a surprise to the people of this community was the sale this week of the local drug store, known for nearly 20 years as "Stone's", to Mr. E. F. Heinrich of Grants Pass. The deal had been pending for some time, but nothing had been said until the new proprietor took charge the 1st of the year.

Ewin P. Stone came to Central Point in 1929 and purchased the business of the Paxton Drug company, then located in the east room of the Cowley building. Prior to coming here he was connected with several drug stores in Medford as a registered Pharmacist. Several years ago he purchased the old passenger depot from the Southern Pacific company and moved it onto the lot adjoining the old building and remodeled it into a modern drug store building, with fountain.

Mr. Stone served several years as city councilman and one term on the local school board. He has always shown an interest in civic affairs and in the betterment of the town. His wife, Mrs. Marie Stone, assisted him in the store for many years until illness forced her to give up much of that work.

Mr. Heinrich is a registered pharmacist of many years' experience. He was connected with the National Pharmacy in Grants Pass before coming to this city. He purchased the stock and fixtures of the store and has a lease on the building. Mr. Stone retains the garage building on the rear of the lot and will move his shop and tools there. He and Mrs. Stone plan to remain in Central Point and will do some building on their lots near his home at Fourth and Hazel streets.

Mr. Heinrich states that he hopes to continue to deserve the good will and confidence of the public. He invites everyone to come in and get acquainted.

"Winter Wonderland" Theme Queen's Ball

"Winter Wonderland" was the theme of the queen's ball December 29 in the Central Point Masonic temple given by the local betel. The ball honored Miss Patsy Ann Faber, retiring queen. Miss Jean Lavin, newly installed queen, was chairman, assisted by Miss Jean Hamilton, senior princess.

Music for the evening was provided by C. W. Abbott, Jerry Philbrook and Mrs. C. A. Meyer. Specialty numbers were given by Helene Blumenstefn and Patsy Charley, accompanied by Pat Perry, Marimaba solos were given by Miss Erma Dalrymple, Medford and vocal solos by Linden R. Launer, of Portland, uncle of Miss Faber.

Silvered fir trees stood around the room and large white bells hung from the walls and ceiling. On the decoration committee were Misses Caroline Freeland, Aylene Hopkins, Sheryl Jensen, Wanda Glenn and Jean Hamilton with Mrs. Wallace Freeland as advisor.

Serving on the program committee were the Misses Aylene Hopkins and Jean Hamilton; on the refreshment committee, Misses Harriet Wheeler, Caryl Daniels, Joyce Russell, Donna Lavin, Dorene Jones, Melva and Belva Chew, Linda Obenchain, Shirley Lyman, Mary Kay Heintzelman and Cherril Wheeler and on the serving committee were Misses Laurel Jewett, Marilyn Jantzer and Marian Smith.

The clean-up committee was composed of Misses Joyce Russell, Linda Obenchain, Donna Lavin, Donna Nealon, Dorene Jones, Laurel Jewett, Jean Hamilton and Jean Lavin.

Patrons and Patronesses for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Freeland.

LIONS CLUB NOTES

50 Lions from Central Point and Medford traveled to Rogue River to meet with Lions from Prospect. One of the purposes was to advertise the new radio show (KYJC) at 8 P.M. Thursday, sponsored by Medford Lions to benefit the swimming pool fund. A very enjoyable meeting was had by all. Among those attending were Past District Governor Larry Neely, Zone Chairman Frank Runtz of Medford. Attending from Central Point were President Lloyd Rupp, Don Burelson, Larry South, Art Rupp, Les Gelman and Bill Abbott.