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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

We hear lots of grumbling on the part of people who have come to this city in recent years who complain that "it's all the fault of the city council" (or perhaps the fault of former city councils) that our city is not keeping up with the procession in the matter of street improvement, better street lighting, and what have you? It seems to the writer that such complaining is all wet and shows the ignorance of whoever is doing the complaining. To our mind what is needed is a study of the history of this city, from its founding to the present time. Space will not permit us to give more than a very brief outline of such history, but even a little insight into the past may help.

We shall not go into the days from the first laying out of the townsite way back in the 80's. Let us start with what happened to the town when the "Big Boom" hit the Rogue river valley in the early years of this century, to-wit: From 1905 to 1911. Let us remember that Medford itself grew during those years from a village of perhaps 1800 people, to a city of 10,000. Literally miles of street improvements in the way of paving, curbs and sidewalks were put in, and of course charged against abutting property. Any purchaser of a lot in that city then (and now, for that matter) had to include such cost in figuring the cost of his new property. (By the way, along with the rest, was the matter of water mains, sewers, etc., which also had to be paid for.)

The natural result of all this was that whenever someone who felt he couldn't afford so much outlay came along he was informed that he had better go down to Central Point where he could find cheaper lots. This city had been bitten with the boom bug also and had put in a new water system, a sewer system and had paved Pine street for almost its whole length and had also charged that expense against the abutting property. We had gone in debt some \$165,000 to pay for what little we did do. But what little we had done wasn't a drop in the bucket compared with Medford's outlay, so land was still cheaper here than there. Thus our city became a sort of working man's sub-division of the big town—and still is.

When the boom fizzled out (as booms have a habit of doing) our town—and the city council of that day—found itself in a rather difficult situation. Hundreds of people were out of work and had to move away. Literally hundreds of lots and even houses had to go to the county for taxes. Some of the lots here were taken over by the city from the county to protect the lien the city had against them. The whole country just sorta drifted along, hoping for better things which never came. Wages—if you were fortunate enough to have a job—

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RECORDER'S COURT

The following fines were assessed in the Recorder's court for Central Point during the month of April:

James Hill, violation of basic rule and no operator's license, fine, \$12.50.

Thais Gordon, arrested on complaint, reckless driving, fine \$25.00, \$15.00 suspended.

L. Lull, Bert Davison, violation basic rule, fined \$10.00 each.

W. W. Bateman, failure to stop at stop sign, fined \$5.00.

Geo. Horton, Orval Ross, Bob Hill, Paul Miller, J. A. Pyle, and R. L. Mitchell, illegal parking, fined \$1.00 each.

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER

Mrs. Gordon Fry of Medford was the honored guest at a pink and blue shower Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. A. Tharp, Taylor road. Co-hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Lloyd Livingston and Mrs. T. J. Muse.

Those attending were Mrs. Bessie Tharp, Mrs. G. V. Vincent, Mrs. A. M. Hoover, Mrs. A. F. Muse, Mrs. Edith Walden, the honored guest and the hostesses.

Mrs. Fry received many lovely gifts and the evening was spent playing games appropriate to the occasion, and refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

SPRING IS TIME TO CLEAN UP AROUND HOMES

In the spring time, as we have finished the cold winter season we find many things requiring our attention—fishing, picnicking sports, sitting in the sun, and the rest. In addition to these pleasant things which we enjoy, the spring is the time when we must pick up and clean up around our homes.

These things become more important in the Spring because season for insects and pests is just around the corner. For this reason, the Central Point Lions Club has sponsored a "Clean-up Week" for the end of April.

We are accustomed to think of barnyards and open sewers as a breeding place for flies and a source of disease. However, it is a good thing to remember that disease-carrying insects are small and do not require large breeding areas. The smallest amount of decaying matted is ample room for flies to breed. In addition to breeding in decaying waste, these flies carry, on their hairy feet, millions of bacteria which they love to track about on walls and food; or a matter of fact, wherever they please.

The smallest tin can with a bit of rain water is ideal for a mosquito nursery. They do not need swamps. Mosquitoes seldom travel more than a quarter of a mile!

Rubbish heaps are a great encouragement to the rat population. These scavengers are found in large numbers only where there are favorable conditions. Where garbage is left uncovered and there is rubbish piled about—this to a rat is "home, sweet home." The rat plays host to a number of diseases.

The clean-up campaign is for the benefit of every citizen and resident of the community. Won't you do your part?

Mrs. Henry Mueller Hostess Berean Class

Mrs. Henry Mueller was hostess to the Berean Bible class of the Community Bible church April 14th, with thirteen members attending. The class chose as their year project, the buying of silver for the church dining room, a silver offering to be donated the second week of each month.

Mrs. Booth led in the devotions, the subject was, "The Resurrection." Roll call was answered with a scripture verse containing the word "Saviour."

Flowers, cards, and Sunday School papers have been given to the sick and shut-ins during the past month.

Our hostess, Mrs. Mueller, presented each member with a scripture book mark.

An enjoyable program and delicious refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Mueller and Mrs. Ruth Helfrish.

Lodge Members Join Cleaning up Cemetery

The annual clean up has been conducted by the Odd Fellows. The past two weeks members of the Central Point Lodge have gathered together at the Cemetery, all working at one thing or the other. Cleaning the trees of mistletoe and trimming of some of them. Also with the help of a tractor the roads have been rebuilt. With painting and stenciling of waste containers the Cemetery will be in fairly good shape for Memorial Day this year.

Job's Daughters Hold Potluck Dinner

Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 38 entertained many parents and friends with a potluck dinner Wednesday evening, April 13 in the Masonic temple.

After a brief Bethel meeting, members of the Bethel, guardian council and guests attended the installation of officers of the Medford DeMolay.

The next regular meeting of Central Point Bethel will be held in the Masonic temple Wednesday evening April 27 at 7:30.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good clean living conditions, and

WHEREAS, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by the cluttered conditions in homes, factories, alleys and streets, and

WHEREAS, unity of effort is required for the future development of our community.

THEREFORE, I ERNEST E. SCOTT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT, do hereby designate April 18, as official opening day of the CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP, FIX-UP CAMPAIGN, sponsored by the Central Point Lions Club, and call upon all departments of the city, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches, boys' and girls' clubs, and all other associations, and our people in general to take an active part in this constructive program for community improvement to insure its success.

This, the 11th day of April, 1948.

MAYOR ERNEST E. SCOTT,
City of Central Point.

(This proclamation was received for publication last week, but on account of the fact that mechanical troubles at our office upset the usual routine of our work, it was somewhat left out of the paper. Our sincere apologies to Mayor Scott and the Clean-up committees.—Editor.)

Grand Council of Job's Daughters Held in Ashland

Of special interest to members and friends of the International Order of Job's Daughters is the Grand Guardian Council Session which is being held this week in Ashland. The convocation will attract more than four hundred Bethel Daughters and Guardians to this part of the State. Mrs. Felicia Ehler of Portland, Grand Guardian, and Charles Cooley, of Grants Pass Associate Grand Guardian, will preside over this the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session. Mrs. Lulu Leyda of Spokane, Wash., Supreme Guardian will be a special guest.

Starting with a Formal Banquet Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Elks Club, to be followed by the crowning of the State Honored Queen and Queen's Ball in the Masonic Temple. Friday Sessions will include civic and fraternal welcomes, a Memorial Service and the Ritualistic ceremony will be conducted by Honored Queens from all parts of Oregon. Miss Shirley Pederson, Honored Queen of Bethel No. 13 Grants Pass will be the Sr. Princess and Miss Margaret Wagner, Honored Queen of Bethel No. 22 of Ashland will be the Jr. Princess. Miss Jean Lavin, Honored Queen of Bethel No. 38, of Central Point will be a candidate.

A sight seeing trip around the valley and a trip to the House of Mystery has been arranged for the visitors for early Saturday morning. The aDaughters Hour and Luncheon will begin at 11 A.M.

A feature of the session will be the competitive drill contest Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. at the Junior High School Gymnasium. This is open to the public. Bethel No. 38 of Central Point is entering a drill in the Novelty Division.

The Grand Session ends with the Installation of Grand Officers beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Mrs. C. D. Elhart of Ashland will be installed the Grand Guardian of Oregon.

A display of pictures of Honored Queens from all of Oregon has been arranged in the window of the Shangle Studios. Members are urged to see these within the next few days.

All the Sessions are to be held in Ashland to which parents, guardians and Master Masons and their wives are invited.

TEX OFFICE MOVED

Guy Tex completed the moving of his insurance office this week into the new LaForce building next to the Alexander Hardware store. He says he is far from being settled but will be glad to see his old friends in his new quarters any time.

Central Point Business Firm

CENTRAL POINT SAW SHOP

In May, 1946, G. E. Kime and his two partners, Franklin and Jesse Jones, came to Central Point and purchased a lot on the highway next to the old Adams Garage and started building a corrugated iron building to house their business, that of saw filing, etc. They opened for business in May of that year. In November Mr. Kime bought out his partners and has since handled the business alone.

Mr. Kime was employed by the Medford Corporation for nine years

Baseball League Holds Meeting in Grants Pass

The Southern Oregon Baseball League held a meeting in Grants Pass Friday night, April 15th.

The local Athletic Ass'n. Vice President, Don Faber, directors: Ed Vincent, Bill Askwith and team manager, Paul Hoffard represented Central Point at the meeting.

The meeting was held at the Cave Shop with every club in the league represented. It was unanimously agreed to let the Camp White Domiciliary Center soldiers take in games free in the Southern Oregon League. Prospect's baseball team was admitted to the league. It was agreed that each club in the league should have the right to set their own admission rates. Central Point's admission rates have already been stated in a previous issue of this paper. The league's baseball schedule was drawn up and will probably be released for publication in time for next week's paper.

However, Central Point's opening game in this city has been set tentatively for May 22nd. The Southern Oregon Baseball League rules and umpires rules, etc. came in for their part of the discussion and modifications. The umpires will have a meeting in Grants Pass in the near future to thoroughly familiarize themselves with these modifications in playing rules.

The Central Point Athletic Ass'n. will hold their regular bi-monthly meeting at "Smitty's Ranch House" at noon, Monday, the 25th of April.

Central Point played Ashland last Sunday at the local baseball orchard, losing 7-6 in a practice till Bill Piland done the hurling duties for the local team.

The Central Point Baseball team will journey to Prospect for a pre-season tilt this coming Sunday.

Bad Luck Befalls Maple Family Here

First Allie Maple had his saxophone stolen then Mr. Maple cut the end off his thumb, then they got a wire Mrs. Maple's brother had a stroke at Cottage Grove. The same day they got another wire that her sister had a stroke in Everett, Wash. Then they got a wire that her brother at Cottage Grove had passed away and Sunday they got word that a son-in-law in Seattle had fallen off a ladder where he was building a house and broke his leg. The Maples left for Cottage Grove Monday to attend her brother's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Perry, two daughters, Betty Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shrier picnicked at Emigrant Lake Sunday and enjoyed boating in the afternoon.

SORRY!

This paper regrets very much the publication, one week ago, of inaccurate and erroneous information which was published as an announcement by Dr. Alvin Roberts. Much of this was published without his knowledge or consent.

Chief Tharp Urges All Rubbish Burning Be Completed Soon

"Anyone intending to burn the winter's accumulation of rubbish about their homes should do it soon," is the warning of Fire Chief Jack Tharp this week. Right now is the best time of the year to start fires while there is no danger of the fire spreading on account of dry grass and before the regulation in regard to burning permits starts, said the chief today.

The chief also stressed the fact that during the present "Clean-up" campaign attics should be cleared of inflammable materials, store rooms should be gone through for the same reason, all rubbish in or near buildings should be cleared away as a matter of safety from fire. Better be safe than sorry.

Tharp says that while it is true that the committee is making arrangements for the hauling away of rubbish free during the last week of this month, yet it will save them much time and effort if residents of the city would pile up all inflammable materials in their own back yards and burn themselves. Anything which did not burn could then be raked up and placed on the street for hauling.

Churches

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Teachers Prayer Meeting. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. A growing group of happy folk. If you don't go elsewhere join us next Sunday.

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship. A Christ-centered Bible message.

6:45 p.m. Children's, High School, and Young People's Meetings.

7:45 p.m. A Service of Fellowship and Evangelism. Everybody welcome.

MONDAY: 7:45 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting.

WEDNESDAY: 7:45 p.m. Mid-week Prayer Meeting for the whole family.

FRIDAY: 7:45 p.m. Ladies Missionary Meeting.

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
Albert M. Skelly, Pastor

Sunday: 9:45 A.M. Sunday School. 11:00 A.M. Worship. 7:30 P.M. Evangelistic.

Tuesday: 7:30 P.M. Bible Study. Thursday: 7:30 P.M. Preaching and Prayer.

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

6th & Pine Sts.
Harry Heck, Pastor

Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Classes of all ages. Boys and girls will love the Bible stories that live again when seen in figures.

Morning Worship—11:00 A.M. Evangelistic Service—7:30 P.M. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday—7:30 P.M.

You are welcome to worship with us.

CENTRAL POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

J. K. Swank, Pastor

Box 166, Jacksonville phone 801

Sunday: Sunday School and worship with nursery for kiddies 10 a.m. Fellowship meet for transportation to Jacksonville, 6 p.m. Thursday, 28th: Church Dinner, with pictures "Daybreak" and "No Greater Power" church parlor, 6:30 p.m.

SUNSHINE GOSPEL MISSION

Temporarily located at Townsend Hall, Central Point, Oregon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Morgan, Pastors

Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Surprise Contest for children. Morning Worship—11:00 a.m. Young People's Service—6:30 p.m. Evangelistic Services—7:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Service (Young People's)—7:45 p.m. Holy Ghost Rally Saturday—7:45 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

PETITIONS TO ASK VOTE ON SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

The school board members of Central Point, Gold Hill and surrounding districts met for a second meeting at Central Point last Thursday, and after several hours discussion of the overcrowded conditions in both the Gold Hill and Central Point schools, it was decided to circulate petitions calling for an election to vote on the consolidation of the six districts. These districts are Gold Hill, Central Point, Sams Valley, Tolo, Willow Springs, and Table Rock. When the necessary number of signers are secured in each district, the District Boundary Board will set a date for the election.

It was pointed out at this meeting that the Gold Hill School and the Central Point High School are the two high schools providing the educational facilities for pupils of this age in this area. At present both are crowded beyond their capacity. The greatly increased enrollment in the grade school is beginning to reach the high school and in the very near future it will be impossible for either of these high schools to properly provide for students within their own districts, to say nothing of taking those from outlying districts.

By consolidating and providing enough valuation to permit bonding to build a modern high school for 500-600 students, the present overload can be taken care of and provision be made for the future. Moving the high school enrolling into another building will provide more space for elementary grades and help to relieve the situation there. There are at present about 300 high school students in the six districts and this number will increase very soon.

Selection of a site for the school will be made by a vote of the people and this vote cannot be taken until after the districts are consolidated. Strong sentiment was expressed at the meeting in favor of a site within city limits where fire protection, water, and sewer are available. An excellent site meeting all these requirements is at present available at Central Point.

Valuation of the consolidation would be over \$5,000,000. This would be large enough to permit bonding for \$500,000, if necessary, and would keep the operating millage within reasonable limits.

As soon as a date for the election is set it is planned to call a public meeting in Central Point to explain to the voters of this district the various details involved.

NOTICE

Plants and Rummage still on hand after last Saturday's successful sale will be priced for quick disposal next Saturday, April 23rd, at Alexander Hardware. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church appreciate the interest shown last week.

9 to 1 is the time; Alexander Hardware is the place. Come in and look around. Plants include strawberries, loganberries, tomatoes, cabbages, flowers and shrubs.

VISIT IN WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Medford visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford J. (Sandy) Richardson at Toledo, Wash. Mr. Richardson is Mrs. Foster's son. They all four spent Easter day with Mrs. Foster's daughter, Christena Ward and family in Salem. Charlotte Richardson was home for the spring vacation from San Jose State college in San Jose, Calif., for one week. She is doing fine and enjoys college life very much.

The Richardsons are planning to visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend in Ferndale, Wash., and also in Central Point soon, as Sandy has his vacation now. They are thinking of building a new house, as the one they are living in has been sold.

Mrs. Struble of Sweet Home, Ore., has been visiting at the St. Buckman home. Sunday afternoon Mrs. Buckman and Mrs. Struble visited at the E. E. Scott home while Mr. Buckman took in the baseball game. After the game was over Mrs. Scott served ice cream and cake.