

Musings

By The Editor

Sometimes it is fairly easy to dig up something for this column—and then again we hate the thought of what is expected of us. So it is this week. There are rumors of strife in the volunteer fire department; there is the appointment of a new man in the city organization; there is the letting out of an older employee—and so it goes. What can we say about these things and yet not stick our old neck out too far? But here goes!

First let's take the fire department. That's our pet baby, for this writer had the honor of organizing the present volunteer group the first year we served as mayor of this city. We know how it was organized and what its constitution and by-laws are, for we wrote most of them. And one of our proudest possessions is our life membership in the organization. So, like any other dad, we hate to see trouble start there. As first organized, the fire chief was also a city councilman and chairman of the fire committee, Pearl Bonney. Then Mr. Bonney was elected Mayor of this city and a new fire chief had to be appointed. And the honor (and grief) fell to the lot of Mr. Jack Tharp, then assistant chief, who has spent countless hours since that time in building up the department. So now we just want to say—stick to your guns, old boy, don't let anyone get your goat. We—and a few hundred other of your old friends—will stick to you like a burdock burr in a cow's tail—in other words, 'til the last dog is hung.

And then take the matter of the letting out, or canning, if you like that word better, of one of the city employees to make room for new blood. As everyone knows, this writer has sat on the side lines as the "innocent bystander" and watched the wheels of our city government go round and round for many years. And say what you will, the feller who thus just sits and waits as the feller said, sometimes has a clearer vision of affairs than those who work within those wheels. And for months we have sensed a feeling of unrest and unhappiness among the members of our city administration and have almost held our breath waiting for the explosion. Just who was to blame is not for us to say, but something just had to "burst". And poor Oscar just happened to be too near the firing line when the "burst" did come.

So now we have a new man at the wheel among the city workmen. A young, energetic sort of feller who won't let much grass grow about his heels. Both he and his helper are to be given a trial to see if they cannot pull things out of a rut. They have our sincere good wishes and best hopes for their luck on the job.

New Second Hand Store Being Built

Another new business is preparing to open in Central Point. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baker have started work on a new building on lots recently purchased on the east side of the highway between Manzanita and Laurel streets, next to the Adams Garage. The building is designed to house a new second hand store, with temporary living rooms in the rear.

The new structure is to be 60 by 50 feet, with stucco finish and composition roof. Later the Bakers plan to build a house adjoining the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker are old hands in the second hand business, having built the old Berrydale Second Hand store in 1930 and operating for thirteen years, finally selling out to Mr. Clarence Eads, who operated the place until his death a few years later.

Nevita Chapter Holds Pot Luck Dinner Thurs.

The social club of Nevita Chapter O.E.S. held a potluck dinner for members and their husbands, Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Freeland, Beall Lane.

The dinner was served buffet style from a beautiful appointed table to thirty members and guests.

After dinner the evening was spent in visiting, playing cards, singing and viewing the beautiful flowers in the greenhouse and yard of the hostess.

The next meeting of Social Club will be in August, the exact time and date to be announced later.

HISTORICAL GROUP GUESTS JOHN DAY, HISTORIAN SPEAKS

Members of the Southern Oregon Historical society and others interested in the history of the valley were dinner guests at the John Day home, Table Rock Estates, Tuesday evening, where they were asked to meet Dr. Howard R. Drigg, president of the American Pioneer Trails association and noted historian, of New York City, who is making a trip across the continent in the interest of his association.

Accompanying Dr. Drigg on this trip are several teachers from New York who are interested in the early day history of America, and especially the West. The party arrived in the valley Sunday from Klamath Falls by way of Crater Lake and were taken on to Grants Pass Tuesday evening following the dinner.

Following a bounteous buffet lunch served in the spacious dining room the guests gathered on the long porch fronting an artificial lake to listen to an informal talk by Dr. Drigg, which was of much interest to all present.

The speaker urged the stressing of the romantic stories often coming from those with first-hand knowledge of the life and adventures of the men and women who made up the first settlers of the new country. He said if we are to really teach the history of America to the youth of today we must first get their interest in the subject and there is no better way to arouse such interest than to tell them more about how these pioneers lived. Make them see how grandpa and grandma really lived and show them the kind of things they used every day. He complimented the members of the historical society on their plans to establish a pioneer museum in the old courthouse in Jacksonville and stated that such a museum open to the children of the valley at all times would do much to arouse intense interest among the children, and even the adults, in the romantic story of the first settlement of this fair land.

Cub Scout Troop Receives New Charter

Central Point Lions club entertained Cub Pack Committee members at its regular meeting Tuesday at Smitty's Ranch House.

Mr. R. M. Johnson, Neighborhood Commissioner of Boy Scouts of America, gave a brief address on Cubbing and Boy Scout work before presenting the official Cub Pack Charter to Lion President Al Setness for the Lions Club who are sponsoring them.

Members of the Cub Scout Committee are:

Al Setness, Institutional Representative; Joe R. Neil, chairman Cub Pack Scout Committee; Harry Elden, committeeman; S. M. Croucher; Al Setness, Thurman Barnes; Earl M. Root, cub master; and H. M. Von Stein Jr., asst. cub master. Den Mothers:

Mrs. Marie Setness, Mrs. Clifford Cordy, Mrs. C. S. Drummond, and Mrs. Dorothy Mayfield.

Central Point Cub Pack No. 49 now consist of 26 registered cubs and has a large number of boys interested when Den Mothers are available. Any one interested in becoming a Den Mother, can contact Mr. Al Setness at Setness Variety store for full information.

Lions Club meetings have been discontinued until the first Tuesday in September.

Remember the big Picnic Thursday, July 26, at Jackson Hot Springs.

4-H Livestock Club To Join Field Day

The Central Point 4-H Livestock Clubs in conjunction with the Howard Livestock Club will hold a judging and showmanship field day, Saturday, July 23, at the A. T. Lathrop ranch, one mile north of Central Point. Judging will start at 10:00 a.m.

A special invitation is extended to the business men and women of Central Point and community and to all parents who are interested in the youth of the community, to come and see what the children are doing, and to have lunch with them. The ladies of Central Point Grange and the parents of the 4-H Club members will serve lunch at 12:30 at a nominal charge, proceeds for the benefit of the clubs.

School District to Hold Election on Important Issues

A special school meeting has been called for August 4th, at one o'clock in the Central Point School gymnasium. Three important issues are to be voted on at this meeting by all the voters in the consolidated district. These issues are first, the authorization of the purchase of a site for the new high school building; second, removing the new consolidated district from the jurisdiction of the Rural School District; and third, voting for certain expenditures not included in the County Equalized Levy.

Voting on the levy is really a re-vote for items which were approved by each district last January when the itemized budgets were published after they were submitted to the Rural School Board and not included in the county budget. A recent ruling of the Attorney-General requires that these items be voted after they were submitted to the Rural School Board and no included in the equalized levy. The vote on this issue is a routine vote reaffirming a previous favorable vote. The items of expenditures are just as necessary now as they were when approved by the January vote.

A vote is being taken to remove the new consolidated district from the Rural School District because it is believed that it will be more advantageous to operate independently and outside the control of the Rural School Board. Under the present operation of the Rural School Law, which is an attempt to equalize the taxes throughout the county, it has been ruled that capital outlay must still be carried locally. Since this is a time of rapid growth in school population in certain areas, large capital outlay is necessary and the equalized levy has not brought relief where needed. It is necessary that this vote be taken now since there is only a ninety day period from the time a district becomes first-class in which it can vote on this issue.

One central voting place is required by law for voting on these issues. This is because the law requires that the voting be held at a Special School Meeting. This meeting must be called to order by the chairman and follow the usual procedures of a public meeting. It is not possible to have the meeting at several places at the same time. For these reasons the meeting and voting will be held at the Central Point gymnasium as previously stated. The meeting will open at one o'clock in the afternoon but the voting will continue until nine o'clock that evening.

Legal voters may vote on all three issues being considered. A legal voter is one who has been registered at least thirty days preceding the election and who has lived in the district six months.

The third important issue to be voted on, that of authorizing the board to purchase a site for a new high school building, will be explained in an article to be published soon.

BIBLE SCHOOL TO START—

Daily Vacation Bible School will begin Monday July 25th at 9 A.M. at the Church of Christ, due to illness among our teachers, only a limited number are able to help this year.

So only children of primary and beginners age can attend. All children of the community who have not already attended a D.V.B.S. are urged to be present Monday Morning, Mrs. L. H. Camp will supervise.

Central Point Business Firms

KYLE'S RESTAURANT

(This is No. 30th of a series of articles about the various concerns doing business in Central Point at the present time. These articles are arranged alphabetically and are presented as a public service to acquaint the people with the number and kind of business concerns in the city.)

In April, 1942, Mr. Elmer Kyle opened the first restaurant along the highway in this city. The place was at first planned for drive-in service, but conditions were such that this idea was soon given up and the place was operated as a straight restaurant.

With the building of Camp White and the coming of the soldiers there was a demand for longer night serv-

ing hours and Kyle's soon was changed over to a night tavern and restaurant, which it still remains. The present hours for this popular dining and dancing place are from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Several years ago a new room was added on the north end of the main building to provide more dancing space. The whole building is prominent as one enters the city from the north and has plenty of parking space off the highway.

Elmer Kyle, proprietor, has lived in the Rogue River valley most of his life. He was formerly employed as superintendent of the Modoc Orchards. He is a brother of Mr. Robert Kyle, manager of the First Federal Savings & Loan association of Medford.

NOTICE!

It is necessary that the residents of Central Point comply with the regulations, concerning use of City water, which have been imposed by the Medford Water Commission.

The primary purpose of a City water system is to furnish water for control of fires. Any surplus water may be used for domestic and irrigation purposes.

During the present dry spell, excessive irrigation has caused a dangerous situation, by lowering the water reserves in Medford's storage reservoirs, forcing the Medford Water Commission to further restrict the use of water.

While the emergency exists, the following restrictions are in effect in Central Point:

RESIDENCES NORTH OF PINE STREET, USE WATER FOR IRRIGATION ONLY FROM 7 A.M. TO 11 A.M., AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AND ON SUNDAYS FROM 7 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

RESIDENCES SOUTH OF PINE STREET, USE WATER FOR IRRIGATION ONLY FROM 7 A.M. TO 11 A.M., AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS, AND ON SUNDAYS FROM 4 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

ARDEN R. PINKHAM, Recorder

Navy Mothers Hold Big Chicken Dinner

Eleven members and two guests enjoyed a delicious fried chicken dinner at the home of Mrs. Jake Myers Wednesday July 13. Mrs. John Grover of the Eugene Navy Mothers and Harry Tearey of Veteran Domiciliary Center were guests.

Mrs. Campbell was given the obligation of membership. The picture "Valley of Pleasant Living" painted by "Ty" Tearey was awarded to Mrs. Barbara Gordon of Central Point. The officers of the club wish to thank the public for their generous help in this ways and means project. A committee will visit the Center, to see what help can be given the members.

Some of the Navy Mothers will assist at the watermelon feed at Tou Velle Park on Tuesday, July 26 for men at the Center.

Because only one meeting is held each month during the summer, a special social is planned for Wednesday afternoon, July 27, at the home of Mrs. Marrea Gebhard, when a layette shower will be given Mrs. Franklin Gebhard. All members are urged to attend.

Next regular social and business meeting will be August 10 at the home of Mrs. Ray Burns. Pot luck will be picnic style.

Residents Reminded Of Water Regulations

For the information of the people who have recently moved to Central Point, and the ones among the long time residents, who have forgotten, there are rules which must be complied with, when the fire whistle sounds.

All sprinklers, soil soakers, etc., must be turned off as soon as the alarm sounds and not again turned on until the all clear signal is given by the Fire Department. After the fire is out, and the Fire trucks have returned to the Fire Hall, the old fire bell is rung to indicate that irrigating may be started again.

Irrigating with an open hose, that is without a sprinkler or nozzle of some kind, attached to the hose, is prohibited at all times.

NOTICE

Central Point Shoe Shop will be closed every Saturday afternoon until further notice.

Gibbon Acres News

Mr. John Lockhart of Porterville, California is visiting at the home of Frank P. Shipley. Mr. Lockhart is Mrs. Shipley's father.

Mr. Theo. Glass is very busy building cabinets for the H. C. Hutter home.

The California Oregon Power Co. is extending the power line on Orr Drive.

New Rural Carrier May Be Added Here

Word was received this week from the First Assistant Postmaster General, Washington D.C., that adding an additional rural carrier has been approved.

Route No. 1 has served the Central Point community since 1930. Their route is over seventy miles long and serves 734 families. The number of rural patrons has increased considerably in the last several years. With the heavy increase in postal business it has been rather difficult for the rural carrier to render and maintain the highest level of service.

The present carrier, Mr. Kilbourne and the former carrier Mr. Vincent have worked many long extra hours in order to serve the rural patrons.

The date of change is not yet known but will be published as soon as this information is available.

After the change is made two carriers will leave on their routes at 9:30 a.m. and return by 2:00 p.m. This schedule will enable all patrons to receive their mail early in the day.

This will be quite an improvement over the present set-up, we are happy to announce.

Churches

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m. Preparatory Prayer.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.

6:45 p.m. Children's & Young People's Meetings.

7:45 p.m. Evening Service.

MONDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY:

7:45 p.m. Mid-week Family Prayer Service.

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 & Pine

Albert M. Skelly, Pastor

SUNDAY:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Worship Hour

7:30 P.M. Evangelistic meeting

TUESDAY:

7:30 P.M. Bible Study

THURSDAY:

7:30 P.M. Prayer and Preaching

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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 891

Sunday School and Morning Worship, with Nursery for kiddies, 10 a.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.

COUNCIL ORDERS NEW SIDEWALKS, MINNICK OUSTED

The city council met at the city hall last evening for the purpose of hearing any objections which might have been filed in regard to the proposed building of sidewalks along East Pine streets from Sixth street to 10th street. City Recorder Arden Pinkham reported that he had received no such objections and the council then proceeded to pass the necessary ordinance ordering that 4-foot cement sidewalks be built on both sides of that street and the cost assessed against the adjacent property owners.

It appeared that some of these property owners desire to build their own walks and were told that they might do so, but that the city would expect that such walks would be built within sixty days.

A delegation of property owners living along Freeman Road came before the council and stated that it had been found that the cost of building the proposed sewer line would be more than had been anticipated and they were having difficulty in raising the funds necessary. Several members of the council stated that they felt that they had done their full duty in the matter. The city had completed the portion of the job they had agreed upon and thought it no more than right and fair to expect the interested property owners to do their part as promised.

City Attorney Bengtson told the delegation that so far as the city was concerned there were two things to do—either float a bond issue to pay the cost and have such cost assessed as a lien against all property involved, or for the property owners to get together and subscribe the necessary funds, and at the same time for them to make some arrangement between those who advanced the money for those unable to pay at this time and the rest, to pay this money back at some later date.

After much debate the matter was held up until such time as these property owners can decide what to do.

A representative of the Pentecostal Church of God appeared before the council and asked if the

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Ball Game Scheduled Local Park Sunday

This Sunday on the Central Point diamond at 2:00 p.m., Central Point will meet the Ashland Lithians in a game that should be the classic of the season. These two teams played previously at Ashland with Central Point winning 5-4. This was one of the best played games of the season for each club.

Ashland walloped the Medford Craters last Sunday 22-13 and will have their big bats gunning for Central Point's scalp. The Central Point pitching staff will be out to curb the slugging Lithians. Central Point now has the strongest pitching staff in the league consisting of Paul Gehrman, Cliff Pfland and Joe Chez.

The Central Point line-up will consist of either Hal Adams or George Gitzen catching; Whitey Dumont, 1st base; Dale Graham 2nd base; Denny Cox, shortstop and Alex McDonald, 3rd base. In the outfield: Don Fawcett, Curt Richmond, Al Kriebler and Joe Chez. Manager Hoosier Hoffard states that the ball club should not lose another game this season as he has a hustling team who are out to win.

Game time this Sunday is 2:00 P.M. at the Central Point field and as usual prizes for the fans will be drawn during the game.

MILLERS SCHEDULE

Here is the baseball schedule of the Central Point Millers:
July 24—Cave Junction (away)
July 31—Rogue River (here)
August 7—Crescent City (away)
August 14—Eagle Point (here)
August 21—Crescent City (here)
August 28—Butte Falls (here)
Sept. 4—Prospect—(here)

So what?—

Go up to your fears and speak to them, and they will generally fade away.—Ian MacLaren.

How did three auxiliary ladies rate refreshments after the meeting when none was served at the hall?