

Musings

By The Editor

Certain criticism has come to our ears regarding the apparent attitude of the editor of this newspaper in writing of the growth of the city and her present needs. We seem to be accused of not being a booster for the community. Such an accusation seems rather strange at this late day. For the past nineteen years this writer has set the policy of the American and a careful perusal of the files of the paper for all that time will disclose that this paper has at all times taken a leading part in every endeavor to make Central Point a cleaner, friendlier, happier and more prosperous place in which to live.

It is true that we do not always see eye to eye with each and every one of the city councilmen nor with other city officials from time to time. We claim the right of any other free American to criticize the official acts of these men if we care so to do. But that does not seem to be the question right now. What we are being taken to task for is that we do not cheer vociferously every time a newcomer arrives in our midst, to add just that much more to an already overburdened labor situation. It would seem that we should have a conviction fit every time someone starts to build a chicken house—shouting to high heaven—"Just watch us grow!" Fiddlefaddle!

Of course we are glad to see the city grow—providing it is a healthy growth and can be maintained. But having lived through quite a number of "booms and busts" in the course of our rather long life we have a hunch that right now is a good time to do a bit of careful scrutinizing before we go all out over new projects. If they can pass this scrutiny—fine and dandy, go ahead and shout, we'll yell too.

This paper has always had a sort of ideal toward which we have striven in boosting our town—we have wanted a city of home owners; a clean city, where our children can have fun without being bothered with the restrictions which abound in large cities; where we can have good schools, good churches and happy lives with plenty of good neighbors and friends. Some way we never cared a whoop whether our folks were wealthy people—provided they could make a comfortable living here and were not taxed to death. Whether or not the city ever grew to big city size was and (is) the least of our troubles. But we did (and do) want the town filled with "just folks," not a lot of wealthy golfers or country club hangers on. Some way, the sort of folks we want here are mighty fine fellers to live amongst and have fun with.

But when all's said and done you can just bet your shirt that the Central Point American will always be found in the front ranks of those who have the welfare of this city at heart and who want to see it always prosper. So if we seem a bit critical at times it's because we do not want to see anything done which will tend to spoil that ideal town we spoke of above.

By the way—remember there's only a few short days left to get your name on the registration books for the coming primary election. If for any reason you failed to vote at the last two elections held in this county, your name has been taken off the registration books and you must re-register if you want to vote again. Also, you may have moved since the last election. If so, better check up and see just what voting precinct you now live in—and re-register.

We'll tell the world it looked mighty like old times to see Leon Taylor and Fred Hesselgrave working together roughing in the plumbing on the Mead building the other day. Both of those fellers could give most of the younger plumbers cards and spades and beat 'em a mile, when it comes to the know-how. They've forgotten more than many of the young lads'll ever learn.

The residential area on Taylor Road is taking on a new appearance. The Richard Krupps are landscaping their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson and family are moving into their home this week-end; their daughter Elaine is now with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Krupp until moving is finished. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith and son Ricky are soon to move into their new home here. Across the road the Don Bohnert home is taking shape; the outside is about finished and inside it is ready for plaster.

TEACHERS SPEND EASTER HOLIDAY IN MANY PLACES

Many teachers from the Central Point schools took advantage of the Easter vacation to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Education Association in Portland on Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4 at the Civic Auditorium. Dr. Holy from Ohio, on the state committee for re-organization of school districts of Oregon, was one of the main speakers. About 3500 teachers of Oregon were in attendance. Mr. Jewett and Mr. Meyer, school officials, as well as other teachers were there.

Some teachers took trips, visiting friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fleischer spent Easter vacation in Sheridan, Oregon where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morris. Mrs. Morris is Mrs. Fleischer's sister. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Meyer and Charla Jo visited grandparents, Barham and Meyer in Salem and Portland; Mr. Meyer was at O.E.A. and spent Wednesday and Thursday interviewing teachers from various colleges.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Davies visited in Myrtle Creek and Coquille. Miss Marjorie Anderson was at her home in Dilley. From there she attended O.E.A. and the Pacific U. luncheon; also she traveled to Astoria where she saw the homes being destroyed by the landslide.

Mrs. S. H. Gay drove to Tacoma and Centralia where she visited her sister and mother. Mrs. G. Dizney rode with her to Portland for O.E.A.; during the sessions she with other teachers was taken on a tour of the Municipal and Army airports where Mrs. Dizney had her first plane ride. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eitemiller and daughter Nancy were in San Francisco, San Jose, Monterey in the Bay area.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuler spent the entire week in Portland with relatives and at O.E.A.

Mrs. Glen Downing attended O.E.A., visiting her parents, R. S. Derrick and sisters in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haskins drove to Portland for O.E.A., visiting her father, E. L. Armstrong in Corvallis and others through out the Willamette Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Schopfer and Sandra stayed with her sister in Forest Grove, attending O.E.A.; on their return to Central Point they traveled south to San Francisco.

Mrs. J. S. Richardson visited the family of son Donald, attending O.E.A. during the day. She reports the grandchildren Diane and Dennis are fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melbye were in Portland for O.E.A., visiting McMinnville and coastal points.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warner were also in Portland for O.E.A., staying at the home of Mrs. Warner's aunt, Miss Alma Gilliam; they stopped in Eugene with friends.

Mr. Kenneth Evans was in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for a mastoid operation, returning home Saturday. Mrs. Evans remained at home on Bush St.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gaspee remained at home where Mrs. Gaspee is convalescing from a recent operation.

Mrs. Lois Sullivan spent the time home with her sons who had chickenpox. Also, Mrs. Frances Willett was at home with her daughter Roberta who had chickenpox; Mrs. Willett took part in the Southern Oregon Bowling Tournament in Medford on Saturday.

Miss Mabel Dodson spent her time in the Rogue River Valley, visiting at Grants Pass and Ashland.

Spending time home were Mr. Viola Laird whose sons was home from college, Mrs. Julius Dorout on Scenic Drive, Miss Martha Boshears on Grape street in Medford, Mrs. Ruth Dunn and Mrs. H. P. Jewett. Also at home gardening was Mrs. Harry Tonn who will travel to Coquille this week-end with the Jobs Daughters.

Funsters to Sponsor Festival at Gym

The Central Point Federated Funsters Club will sponsor a Folk and Square Dance Festival Monday, May 1st. It will be held in the large gymnasium. The callers and orchestra have been arranged for. Tickets will soon be available for both dancers and spectators.

The club's regular practice will be held in the small gymnasium Monday, 7:45 p.m.

Both callers and orchestra will be there for rehearsal. All are invited to attend. A small charge is made for guests.

LADY LIONS

The Lady Lions held their last regular meeting Tuesday, April 4, at the home of Mrs. Bert Caster who was assisted by Mrs. Harry Elden with refreshments. Nominations for new officers were read and work was done on novelties for state convention.

On Tuesday, April 18, the Lions are entertaining the Lady Lions at Mon Desir. Formal initiation of several new members will be held.

First Annual Egg Hunt Is Huge Success

Central Point' city park was the gathering spot at 9:30 a.m. Saturday of about 750 children and several hundred parents for the Businessmen's first annual Easter egg hunt. The surprise of the morning was 2 dozen small white rabbits turned loose for the children to catch and take home.

Dr. Alvin Roberts in charge of Special Events, arranged for the first appearance of the Boy Scout Troop 40 Drum and Bugle Corps under the direction of Doug Sawtelle. Other Boy Scouts helped with the egg hunt. There were about 40 major prizes and 200 minor prizes donated by the businessmen. 2000 eggs and additional prizes were purchased from funds left from the Christmas party, which had been designated for the Easter party. The committee in charge reports that so much fun was had by the adults as well as the children that they wish to make it an annual affair and they hope for the continued support of the community.

Leland Dysinger with the help of Ed Colpitts were up at 6 o'clock to fence off the park. Don Paulson and Ed Colpitts were in charge of prizes. Division chairmen were Ed Colpitts, 1-4 year group; Paul Hopkins, 5-6-7 year group; and Don Paulson, 8-10 year group. Don Burelson was in charge of the egg dyeing. Businessmen had a gigantic party at the school Friday night, coloring the eggs, which had been previously boiled in the vats of the Medford Domestic Laundry under the direction of Lester Higinbotham. The committee sen thanks to him for his interest and help to the egg hunt.

Don Faber, general chairman took his loudspeaker and wishes to thank the Gleasons who furnished the "juice." He wishes to thank the committee chairmen and everyone who helped to make the Easter Egg hunt a success.

The city park was in excellent condition and the city officials cooperated to the fullest extent (Mayor Al Setness was the starter), and the committee wish to thank them.

Unit To Hear Talk On Home Lighting

Miss Eula Wintermote will present the project "Improved Home Lighting" to the Central Point Extension Unit Wednesday, April 19 at 10:30 A.M. in the home of Mrs. E. K. Ogilvie, 34 Western Avenue, Medford.

Members are reminded to bring articles for the linen sale to be featured at the "spring jamboree" which is scheduled for the evening of April 23, for the purpose of raising funds for Azalea House.

Those attending are to meet at the Grange hall at 10:00 for transportation. Children will be cared for by Mrs. Eunice Jones, Third and Laurel streets. Everyone is to bring table service.

Girl Scout Day Observed by P. T. A.

Girl Scout Day was observed by the Central Point P.T.A. April 11. Mrs. W. T. Parsons, Mrs. Don Patterson, and the troop leaders planned an interesting program on the "History of Scouting". Mrs. Sawtelle's Brownie troop No. 101 did a Russian Dance. Mrs. Stocton's Brownies No. 102 sang "Molly Maloney" and "The Crocodile". A History of Scouting, written and directed by Mrs. W. I. Parsons, was given by all the troops. Guests were Mrs. M. N. Hogan, Regional Director; Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, scout executive; and Mrs. Rossi, chairman of the program planning committee.

All the past leaders of the Central Point troops were presented "World Peace" pins.

The music were in charge of Mr. Harry Meyers of the Music department of the school. Jerry Kessler played a cornet solo, and Miss Claire Skyman, a clarinet solo. Both were accompanied by Miss Patty Perry.

New officers for the 1950-1951 years are: President, Mrs. Arnold Bohnert; First vice president, Mrs. C. B. Cordy; second vice president, Mrs. Claude Thompson; secretary, Mrs. Glenn Downing; Treasurer, Mrs. Otto Bohnert. Delegates to the convention is Mrs. Arnold Bohnert with Mrs. C. B. Cordy as alternate.

Mrs. H. P. Jewett's second grade room won the banner. Supt. H. P. Jewett urged every registered voter in the district to vote at the coming bond election Monday, April 24th. Polls are to be open from 2 to 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

Refreshments were served by the second grade mothers.

Annual Spring Concert To Be Given April, 21

The Annual Spring Concert of the Central Point Schools, will be presented Friday evening, April 21, at 8:15 p.m., in the High School gym.

The orchestra will present three numbers, "Andante Cantabile," by Tschalkowsky; "Selection from H.M.S. Pinafore," from the Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera; and the "Emperor Waltz," by Johan Strauss.

The chorus will sing "Bali Hai," from the Rodgers and Hammerstein hit, South Pacific; Ride the Chariot," a negro spiritual; the ever popular "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," with incidental solos by Ruth Powell and Lucy Harnish; and "Halelujah," by Lewondowski.

The Junior High Band, composed of 65 members, will participate for the first time in the Revue. They will render the "Blue Eagle March"; "Magnus Overture"; "Moonlight and Roses," an old favorite; "Under Tropical Skies," a waltz; and "Trail Blazer March."

The High School Band will present a program somewhat different than is usually given at the Revue. The program consists of "El Capitlan," a march by Sousa; "Grand Festival Overture"; "Tea for Two," a popular piece by Vincent Youmans; the well known "Morning" from the Peer Gynt Suite; Washington Post March," another by Sousa; "Overture Argentina," a very unusual piece with a Latin American flavor; and finally, "God of our Fathers," presented by the combined band, orchestra, and chorus, something which has never been done here before. So, be sure to come out, for I am sure you will enjoy this unusual presentation which is greatly different from the usual run of the annual Spring Revue.

—Neil Richardson

Local Bethel Group Attend Council Meet

Members of Bethel No. 38 of the International Order of Job's Daughters who are in Coquille this week to attend the Grand Guardian Council Session include: Honored Queen, Jan Freeman; Senior Princess, Laura Jewett; Junior Princess, Caroline Freeland; Guide, Esther Snook; Marshal, Nancy Mallon and Carlene von Buskirk and Lucile Harnish. Special delegates include Miss Jean Hamilton, Jr. Past Queen, who has been selected as a candidate for Honored Queen and Marion Smith, a candidate for appointive offices of the Honorary State Bethel.

Miss Jan Freeman, Honored Queen, will serve as Recorder for the model Bethel conducted by Honored Queens on Friday night of the Session.

Mrs. Leonard Freeman and Mrs. Orville Hamilton will accompany the girls to Coquille.

On Saturday of the Session Bethel 38 will participate in the annual drill contest. Thirty four members of the Bethel will be in Coquille to take part in this event.

The next meeting of Bethel No. 38 will be April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. C. A. Meyer will act as Bethel Guardian for the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Everett Faer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a meeting of all members of the Central Point Community Chest on Tuesday, April 25th, at 8:00 P. M. in the Central Point City Hall. All persons who contributed to the Community Chest for the year 1950 are members. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Central Point Community Chest Committee and to elect Central Point members to the board of directors of the Jackson County Community Chest.

NOTICE

Miss Celia Lee, Economic Demonstration, of the Crown Mills Company, of Portland, will give a demonstration of yeast bread at 7:30, April 17 in the Home Economic room of the High School.

Anyone interested is invited to attend this demonstration. Miss Lee will be sponsored by the Home Economic Club of the Central Point Grange.

TO PARTICIPATE

Troop 40 of Central Point will participate in the Scouting Exposition at the Medford Armory, Saturday, April 15. The Drum and Bugle Corps of Troop 40 will participate in the opening and closing ceremonies. All of the Scout Troops and cub packs of the Medford area will be include in the exposition.

4-H NEWS

The Central Point Sewing and Cooking clubs held their meeting April 6, at the home of Mrs. W. T. Parsons. We sewed on our projects between the lessons in bread-making, taught to us by Mrs. P. B. Snook. Most members attended. —Club Reporter

Well Baby Clinic To Be Held April 17

A well-baby conference and immunization clinic for children up to six years of age will be held in Central Point on April 17, Monday, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by the Jackson county health department, the examining physician will be Dr. A. Erin Merkel, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Hardy, public health nurse. Complete physical examinations will be given; and protection against small pox, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered.

Appointments may be made and transportation arranged for by calling Mrs. John Clark at Central Point 642. It is not necessary to make appointments if immunizations only are wanted.

Members of the Central Point health group will assist at the clinic.

Garden Club Meets At Cornutt Home

Central Point Garden Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. James Cornutt on Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30. A dessert lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. Lloyd Seymon and Mrs. John Holmes.

An interesting talk on conservation was given by Mrs. Lewis Kilbourn, using the topic "Wake Up America!"

Miss Claire Hanley showed colored slides taken on her recent trip to Guatemala. Events of interest to be held soon are the Flower Show in Rogue River, April 13 and 14 and the Primrose Show at Jerome Prairie on April 15.

The next meeting will be held on May 4th instead of the usual first Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Henry Conger.

Churches

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School.

11:00 A.M.—Worship.

6:45 p.m. Young People's & children's meetings

7:45 p.m. Evangelistic Service.

Monday:

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

Wednesday:

7:45 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting.

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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.

2:30 P.M.—Sunday KWIN.

CENTRAL POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

J. K. Swank, Pastor

Sunday, April 16th:

Sunday school and worship service, with nursery for kiddies, 10 a.m.

Youth practice, 11 a.m.

Westminster Fellowship, 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.

HI-WAY GOSPEL TABERNACLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

between Medford and Central Point, opposite Elk Lumber Co. on 99.

Albert M. Skelley, Pastor

Sunday Services:

9:45 A.M.—Classes for all ages.

11:00 a.m. Worship.

7:45 P.M.—Evangelistic

Midweek Service:

7:45 P.M. Wed.—Bible study.

Load your car and come worship with us. Everyone welcome.

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

Harry Heck, Pastor

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

Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.

Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday—7:30 P.M.

You are welcome to worship with us.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

5th & Pine Streets

H. H. Trautman, Pastor

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship—11 a.m.

Evangelical Services—7:45 p.m.

Midweek service Wednesday, night at 7:45 p.m.

JR. RED CROSS COUNCIL HOSTS LUNCHEON TUES.

Junior Red Cross council members of the Central Point Schools were host at a luncheon for about 35 members of the Jackson County Red Cross Council of High Schools Tuesday, April 11 at 12:45 in the school cafeteria. The luncheon was followed by a business meeting in the room of Mrs. Frances Willett, advisor to the Central Point council. Discussed was the Junior Red Cross training center at Silver Creek Falls; Miss Joyce Phelps of Gold Hill spoke on this camp; Central Point, Talent and Butte Falls are the schools eligible this year to send a delegate to this camp. Also preparations were made for a party at Camp White.

Speaking at this meeting was Mrs. Charlette Rodgers of Camp White. Also attending were Mrs. Eva Harper, Josephine county chairman of Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Mary Roberts, Josephine county council; Miss Vera Humphrey, Jackson county Junior Red Cross director and Mrs. C. Reese Braley of Jackson County council. Present were representatives from the schools of Phoenix, Ashland, Talent, Medford, Eagle Point, Rogue River, and Gold Hill. From the Central Point schools were Student Body president, Herb Colley; class presidents, Tom Rupp, Bert Simmons and Ronald Brood; Grade School Student Body president Bob King and Larry Bigham.

Mrs. Day Chairman County Cancer Group

Mrs. John S. Day of Medford has been named Jackson county chairman for the annual campaign of the Oregon division, American Cancer Society, George W. Schoeffel, Portland, state chairman, has announced.

Mrs. Day has been active in Jackson county civic affairs and served campaigns of various organizations. She was chairman of staff assistants for the Red Cross during the war.

In accepting the chairmanship for Jackson county, Mrs. Day asserted that "we must go all-out in our efforts to find the answer to cancer."

Mrs. Day pointed out that if present rates continue, 22 million Americans alive now will eventually die of cancer—a ratio of one out of every eight persons. She explained that cancer is the nation's second worst killer.

The cancer society's campaign is held annually during April, which has been designated as cancer control month by the U. S. congress.

This Week Set As Sunday School Week

The Church of Christ is fitting into the Sunday School Week set aside by Governor Douglas McKay. We are out to equal our Easter attendance on next Sunday. Will you help us? You need the church and the church needs you.

Come for Sunday School and stay for church. There will be good music, good fellowship, and a sermon on "Christ for a Time of Chaos".

The church is located at 3rd and Oak streets in Central Point and the Sunday School begins at 9:45. The Worship Service at 11:00.

The evening Youth Group meets at 6:30 and the Evangelistic Service starts at 8:00 o'clock.

The L. H. Camp family entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Malley at dinner Easter Sunday. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tomlin and Tommy who arrived from Portland early that morning; accompanying them was Mr. Tomlin's mother, Mrs. John Ensminger who visited her husband now at Camp White in the afternoon. They returned to Portland that evening.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks to the Central Point Fire Department and neighbors who did so much to save my property at the time of the recent fire. I feel that except for such prompt and willing service my loss would have been much greater than it was.

MRS. CORA KINNEY

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking all friends and neighbors for their kindness, cards and flowers in the loss of our little one.

Italo Marin
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Booth
Mr. and Mrs. John Marin