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HE IS AN AMERICAN

(From the New York Sun of Sept. 4, 1939)

He is an American. He hears an airplane overhead, and if he looks up at all, does so in curiosity, neither in fear nor in the hope of seeing a protector.

His wife goes marketing, and her purchases are limited by her needs, her tastes, her budget, but not by decree.

He comes home of an evening through streets which are well lighted, not dimly in blue.

He reads his newspaper and knows that what it says is not concocted by a bureau, but an honest, untrammelled effort to present the truth.

He has never had a gas mask on. He has never been in a bomb-proof shelter.

His military training, an ROTC course in college, he took because it excused him from the gym course, and it was not compulsory.

He belongs to such fraternal organizations and clubs as he wishes.

He adheres to a political party to the extent that he desires—the dominant one, if that be his choice, but with the distinct reservation that he may criticize any of its policies with all the vigor which to him seems proper—any other as his convictions dictate, even, if it be his decision, one which holds that the theory of government of the country is wrong and should be scrapped.

He does not believe, if his party is out of power, that the only way in which it can come into power is through a bloody revolution.

He converses with friends, even with chance acquaintances, expressing freely his opinion on any subject without fear.

He does not expect his mail to be opened between posting and receipt nor his telephone to be tapped.

He changes his place of dwelling and does not report so doing to the police.

He has not registered with the police.

He carries an identification card only in case he should be the victim of a traffic accident.

He thinks of his neighbors across international borders—of those to the north as though they were across a State line rather than as foreigners—of those to the south more as strangers, since they speak a language different from his, and with the knowledge that there are now matters of difference between his Government and theirs, but of neither with an expectancy of war.

He worships God in the fashion of his choice, without let.

His children are with him in his home, neither removed to a place of greater safety, if young, nor, if older, ordered ready to serve the state with sacrifice of limb or life.

He has his problems, his troubles, his uncertainties, but all others are not overshadowed by the imminence of battle and sudden death.

He should struggle to preserve his Americanism with its priceless privileges.

He is a fortunate man.

He is an American.

CELEBRATES 5th BIRTHDAY—

Saturday afternoon Miss Jill Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Anderson, was helped to celebrate her fifth birthday by Loral Setness, Judy and Donnie Patterson, Bryon Von Buskirk, Charla-Jo Meyer, Bill, Jeff, Mike, and J. B. Anhorn, Lindsay Darnielle, her cousin from Medford, and Sharon and Dickie Anderson, her sister and brother.

Following games, the group enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream at tables decorated with Valentine favors.

Also present were Mrs. Gaston Floux, Jill's grandmother, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Al Setness and Mrs. Anhorn.

CORRECTION—

Scott Rupp, formerly of Central Point, is now enrolled in the Pilgrim Evangelistic Institute of El Monte, California.

Letter Tells of Fire Destruction in Fairbanks

The following is parts of a letter from Fairbanks, Alaska:

Friday, Jan. 26th.

Fairbanks has been a city of fires and ice this week. With a cold snap of fiftyfour below zero the danger of fires is much more acute.

The air is as dry as with extremely high temperatures, and of course, people have such hot fires. During the period from Sunday till Thursday the firemen answered 19 calls!

Sunday evening about 10:00 P.M. fire started in the largest drug store in town. By the time the firemen arrived it was an inferno—all the alcohol in medicines, films, etc. The streams of water were ineffective—seemed to explode into more flame.

The fire spread to a large bakery, then to a jewelry store. It seemed for a while that about a fourth of downtown Fairbanks was doomed. (We listened to a report on the radio).

The fire was finally checked some time in the wee small hours—we turned off the radio and went to bed at 1:00 A.M. Monday. Firemen were busy all day Monday and late Tuesday. Then another big fire in the Carpenters' hall and another—log rooming house—broke out within 5 minutes of each other.

While the firemen were busy on those two a couple of private houses caught fire—one from overheated stove and one from a blow-torch trying to thaw pipes. A man and woman were badly burned at one of the houses while an old man was suffocated to death at the rooming house.

And during all this excitement the ice-fog was so thick visibility was only a few feet—and the water froze on everything in just a few minutes. Remember—it was 54°!

Bryan went to town Thursday and 2nd Ave. (the main street of Fairbanks) was sure a mess. Ice on the street about a foot thick—fire hoses froze over with ice running every where. It will take quite a while to chip them out. Buildings near the fire are solid sheets of ice.

The bakery saved quite a few tons of flour and hundreds of trays of fresh baked bread was stacked across the street. Of course it froze but that doesn't hurt bread.

The street across from the drugstore was a jumble of goods from the burning buildings—jewelry, flour, bread, beauty apparatus from a beauty shop, clothing and furniture from upstairs apartments, dental equipment from a dentist's office—guess it was quite a sight. If it hadn't been so cold Bryan and I would have gone down. But who wants to walk a mile in 54 degrees below zero just to watch a fire? Not us.

Ken, how'd you like to be a volunteer fireman up here?

The cold spell has broken now, it warmed up today to 15° below and the sun seemed so bright with the fog gone. The days are lengthening seven minutes a day now—already longer than two hours more than the shortest.

It's time to get supper started so guess I'd better close.

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Don Faber Appointed As Dist. Commissioner

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—The appointment of Don Faber of Central Point to be district basketball commissioner for Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties for the Oregon association of the Amateur Athletic union has been announced by Charles B. Walker, chairman of basketball for the association.

Each district will send its basketball champion to Oregon association playoffs, which are scheduled this year at McMinnville from March 3 to 7.

The winning team among the 16 district champions will then be sent to Denver to compete in the national AAU championships late in March.

As district commissioner Faber will have charge of the district playoffs which will determine the entrant in the McMinnville tourney or the state crown.

All inquiries regarding the basketball playoffs in District 10 should be directed to Faber at Central Point high school.

Meet Our Teachers

To better acquaint the parents with the teachers of Central Point High School we are beginning a series of short items about each of these teachers.

Finishing her second year as teacher of the girls' physical education and health classes is Miss Marjorie Anderson; besides these subjects, she also has a class in English I and is advisor to the freshman class and the Girls' Athletic Association. Following her graduation from Pacific University at Forest Grove, where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and the Women's Athletic Association, Miss Anderson began her teaching career in Central Point. In the summer she makes her home in Dilley, Ore. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, although last summer was spent in Corvallis at the home of a sister while attending a few classes at Oregon State college.

Mrs. Frances (Wm.) Ruck is directing the high school chorus this year, besides teaching some English classes. Mrs. Ruck claims Boise, Idaho as her hometown, although she now makes her home at 106 S. Holly, Medford, with her husband and six year old daughter, Kay. Since her graduation from the University of North Dakota, she has taken additional work at University of Oregon, and has taught schools in Idaho, Minnesota and Oregon for six years.

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NOTICE

Central Point Navy Mothers will hold a regular business meeting on Wednesday, February 14, at the home of Mrs. Eva Campbell at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a valentine box, and all Navy Mothers are invited to come and bring a valentine.

Five Years Ago

February 7, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coffman and small daughters of Klamath Falls were visiting relatives here.

The Central Point Garden club is to resume meetings after suspending them for the duration. A meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Lathrop for election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harnish have moved to their new place, purchased from the Milo Lambs.

Miss Betty Wilson accompanied a group of freshman students roller skating.

Vacationing from school with the measles is Lanny Brenner, also, Marvin Bohnert.

Four year old Sharon Anderson, who has been staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Floux, is returning to her home in Palo Alto to see her new sister, Jill, and grandmother Floux will accompany her.

Ten Years Ago

February 6, 1941

The Wednesday sewing club met with a one o'clock covered-dish luncheon at the Freda Jantzer home. Valentine gifts were exchanged.

Miss Lucille Brennessoltz and Morris S. Frink were married Saturday in a simple ceremony in the home of Dr. D. E. Millard at Shady Cove.

Attending the Sportsmen's club

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banquet were Bert Peck, Jim Ross, Vintie Beall, Harry Elden, Harvey Cassman, A. E. Powell, Ray Wyatt, P. D. Coy, Elmer Wilson, Frank Lawrence and K. D. Powell.

The operetta, Cinderella's Slipper, is to be given by the grade school. In the roles of Cinderella and the godmother are Mary Jane Matthews and Anna Dale Coleman. Teachers helping with the production of this are Miss Foster, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Ottman, Mr. Webb, Mr. Gande, Miss Dotson, Miss Evans and Miss Wilson.

Kenneth Williams, in the army, broke his shoulder while playing basketball.

Fabers Market Ad—Royal Club coffee, 25c; Hamburger, 2 lbs. for 19c; Pearl shortening, 4 lbs. for 32c.

NOTICE OF STREET VACATION

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Central Point did, on the 5th day of February, 1951, by resolution thereof, initiate proceedings to vacate the following described street in the city of Central Point, to-wit:

That section of a certain 60 foot street lying between blocks 1 and 2 of Griffiths Addition to the City of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon, known as South 8th Street, according to the official plat thereof now of record, south of the alley to the dead end, running in a northerly and southerly direction between Lots 6 and 7 Block 1 and

Lots 6, 7, and 8 Block 2 of Griffiths Addition, and extending from the alley in a southerly direction 167.7 feet more or less along the easterly boundary of Block 1 of Griffiths Addition, and an undetermined number of feet along the westerly boundary of Block 2 of Griffiths Addition

and did provide for a public hearing to be held at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p.m., on the 5th day of March, 1951 at the City Hall of the City of Central Point for the purpose of considering the vacation of and the adoption of an ordinance vacating said street and for the further purpose of hearing and considering any objection or remonstrance thereto which may be made in writing and filed with the Recorder prior to the time of said hearing.

BY ORDER OF the Council of the City of Central Point.
Oran Chastain,
Recorder
47—Feb. 8, 15, 22, and March 1

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