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Editorially Speaking

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon . . if I can. I seek opportunity . . . not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk, to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence, the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid, to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done. All this is what it means to be an American."

We haven't seen or heard this thought expressed in any better manner and we thought we would pass it along to you.

FAVORABLE COMMENT

We have had a number of favorable comments from our editorial proposal of last week. We sincerely hope enough persons "hound" city council members into starting the ball rolling to secure new business for Central Point. One other thing . . . wouldn't it be nice if the Central Point business district reflected the growth and population of the local school system?

CONSIDER GRADE SCHOOL

We hope local residents are considering the announcement from School District 6 board members about the possibility of a a new grade school. It is the business of all voters to take a keen interest in the problem now . . . not when a ballot is pushed in front of you. We believe Central Point needs a new grade school . . . what do you think?

MAIL BOX

Dear Sir: I am sending you a check for $2.50 for a year's subscription to the paper for Louise Day living at Santa Ana, California.

I had to leave for our work here in Eureka, California, for a few months. If you have an extra paper once in a while, I would be so glad to receive it here.

Mrs. Pearl Hale
3429 18th Street
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Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham

I have a great deal of sympathy for the authors who write children's books that personify an engine, a boat, or a house. Right now I'm toying with an idea for a book that could be entitled, "Snorty, the S. P. switch engine that needed to be switched." (I wouldn't guarantee that it would be suitable for children, however!) I know that among Snorty's "innards", there lies a heart of cold steel (natch) and a brain that swiftly computes the most advantageous time to block crossing.

Instead of the usual storybook engines endowed with the fine qualities of perserverance and helpfulness, Snorty is constantly filled with malicious intent. There is a reason why we are so well acquainted with this monster. (His mother must have been frightened by a dragon.) Every Monday and Thursday noon, being pressed for time, we choose the fastest way to Central Point. Our route necessitates the crossing of the tracks near the Mason Ehrman Co. For months we have been plagued with a switch engine straddling the crossing, trying to decide which boxcar needed pusing around. If we would perchance try the Elk crossing, he would suddenly lunge ahead a few yards. At first we were just plainly exasperated, then any fool could plainly see that he was lurking behind a row of boxcars on the siding, just waiting for us to appear. Now twice a week, as we race madly for the crossing, he bears down upon us, his front wheels pawing the tracks, his eye aglitter with the chase, and a horrible sneer on his-well-where every self-respecting engine used to have a cowcatcher.

The days we are so delayed that he has given up hope, we can see him snorting down the line, his head alert and nostrils flaring, looking for some other poor unsuspecting victim. (We are lucky if he doesn't spot us and start tearing up the track backwards. There have been times when we have been tempted to start tearing them up ourselves.) You can see that his character would be an unsavory subject for children's literature.

There is just one redeeming aspect of the whole situation. It is so satisfying to occasionally outsmart Snorty, that it is almost worth the feud.

DUGGAN PASSES

Central Point friends of Mrs. Ethel Duggan of Sams Valley were very shocked and saddened to hear of her sudden death Friday.

HOME FROM EUGENE

Mrs. Bertha Bursell recently returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in Eugene.

Audiometer Tests To Start Monday

Audiometer tests for children in Central Point Junior High and Grade schools will be started on Monday, January 17.

Hearing tests will be given to all children in the schools. Parents will be notified if any child needs medical attention in regard to hearing.

TB Skin Tests Slated Tuesday For GH Pupils

GOLD HILL—Students of the Gold Hill school will be offered tuberculin skin tests by the Jackson County Health Department on January 18. There will be no charge but permission of the parents must be given before a child can receive the test. The purpose of the tests is to determine whether or not students have been in contact with an active case of tuberculosis.

Beverly Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Moser of Gold Hill was married on December 23 to Neil Richardson of Central Point, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson, Sr.

The double ring ceremony took place at the First Methodist church in Medford.

The bride is a Crater High school graduate, attended nursing school in Eugene and is now on the Sacred Heart hospital staff. Richardson, also a graduate of Crater High, is attending Southern Oregon college at Ashland. He is a member of Theta Delta Phi, scholastic honor sosociety for men, and Sigma Alpha Sigma, men's speech fraternity. The newly weds are living at 801 East Main street, Medford.

Mrs. Maude Dickerson will be hostess for the Gold Hill Health Unit Tuesday, January 11.

P-TA Tonight

Gold Hill Parent-Teacher association meeting at the school gymnasium Thursday, January 13 will be conducted by the fathers of the children, with Dads of the fourth grades serving refreshments.

Current problems and needs facing the school district will be discussed by H. P. Jewett, superintendent to district 6. Also on the program will be a film and speaker from the Jackson County Health department.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kruse of highway 99 north have returned home from Fresno, California where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ross have moved into their new ranch-type home on Old Stage Road. Mr. Ross is the rural mail carrier on Route 1, Gold Hill.

A. C. "Bill' Moser of Gold Hill has leased the Associated Oil company's service station, and taken over the management as of January 1, having purchased the stock on hand from the former operator, Dewey Wattles. For the past year, Moser had operated the Chevron service station at the Dardanell, and prior to that time had operated a Chevron station in Gold Hill. Mr. Wattles' future plans are as yet indefinite.

VIST IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duncan spent from Sunday to Wednesday in San Francisco.

A BRIEF GLIMPSE . . .

Into the Past . . .

From the Files of the American

20 Yeas Ago . . . 1935

Stockholding members of the Central Point farm loan association held their annual meeting at Central Point January 8 and elected the following directors and officers: President J. W. Birkholz, Vice President W. H. Norcross, Secretary - Treasurer Warren Patterson, Directors J. W. Birkholz, W. H. Norcross, J. H. Hesselgrave, H. Ranstrom and Warren Patterson.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening with Acting Mayor Floyd Ross in the chair.

The annual meeting of the delegate board of the Central Point Mutual Telephone company was held Tuesday afternoon in the telephone building. Reports showed that the company's business had shown a marked improvement during the past year.

Art Lewis is at his old stand in the meat market and visiting friends here for a few days.

Elmer Hull, who has recently bought the Sunset orchard, better known as the Clayton Isaacs property, was in town renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. E. P. Gleason attended the installation of officers of the Rebekah lodge in Medford.

The Women's Relief Corps of Central Point held their installation on Saturday afternoon. Those installed were: Eva Smith, Rose Hermanson, Hattie Thompson, Dora Jones, Mary Richardson, Emma Gleason, Lorlie Minnick, Lois Richardson, Izetta Eide, Iva Copinger, Emma Hilkey, Tilly Maple, Lydia Yakel, Elizbeth Potter, Clara Farra.

Mayor W. C. Leever, who is sick with pneumonia, shows a little improvement this morning.

10 Years Ago . . . 1945

Orville C. Caster, master sergeant with a field artillery unit in the 5th army, Italy, has been awarded the legion of merit for outstanding service.

The paper drive is on in earnest in Central Point. It is under the leadership of H. P. Jewett.

Jack Lees has sold his property to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carr and they are moving to Siltcoos Lake to make their home.

C. W. Abbott, postmaster, issued a statement this week that notice has been posted for the acceptance of bids for mail messenger contract to carry the mails from the local postoffice to the Southern Pacific depot.

Services for Thomas Dixon, who passed away at his home near Central Point Saturday, will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel today.

Major General Horace L. McBride, commanding general of the 80th Infantry Division, has announced that Corporal Raymond Z. Turrell has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Mervyn Gleason and family spent New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason.

Milo Lamb's nephew, Lt. Ralph Lamb, was killed in service December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore and three daughters have moved into the Jim Cummins house, formerly the Pink Thompson place.

Mr. and Mrs. William Askwith and children and Mrs. Guy Tex were dinner guests of Mrs. Mary E. Grieve at Prospect December 31.

Glenn and Darlene Allison of Ashland spent a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Curtis, after Christmas.

Mrs. W. J. Gebhard reports that they are in hopes that Edwin will be home before long on furlough.

Two Local Students Make Honor Roll

Oregon State College (Special to American) Ronald Von der Hellen of Central Point and Shirley Lyman of Gold Hill have been recognized for their outstanding scholarships by being listed on the fall term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State college.

Miss Lyman, sophomore in home economics, and Von der Hellen, junior in agriculture, both earned grade averages of 3.5 points or better on the basis of an A equaling 4 points.

There were 272 students named on the OSC fall term honor roll.

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