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Thanks, Fellows

Associated with the recent heavy snows are memories of varied inconveniences. Most of the people were busy shoveling snow, thawing water pipes, installing chains on the auto, and other tasks too numerous to mention. Oh, yes, there was one other item: the failure of electric power.

When the current failed, perhaps you were entertaining guests, your cooking and heating were possibly disrupted, or your water supply might have depended on an electric pump.

Our actions in such an emergency is only a natural one. We suppose that possibly we are the only ones without lights, and wishing to be of service we immediately call the power company. There are many of course who realize that the entire neighborhood is in darkness and wait for several hours before asking for service.

Before our recent power failure the employees of Mountain States Light and Power had of course worked all day and were preparing to get some rest for the night when they were asked to return to work. A natural tendency might well have been to ignore the request and get some much needed sleep. However, in order that the community might have service as soon as possible Mountain States men worked the remainder of the night and all the next day until a late hour. In remembering they had worked the day previous it was well over the 36-hour mark for the most of them.

Communications were at a virtual standstill throughout the Canyon area because of heavy snows, wind, and falling tree limbs. Five truck loads of men were transported from Salem by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to work on troubled lines in and around Mill City. attempting to open circuits.

Yet, there are reports of complaints coming in at the local exchange because of lack of service and incompetency. These men worked day and night to restore communications, sometimes walking the length of the lines in order to find all difficulties and repair equipment.

Individuals, such as these workmen, should be commended for their actions and labor to restore the communication with the outside world as quickly as they did. Thanks fellows.

ELKHORN

By ELSIE MYERS

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dark and family were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Deetz and Mr. and Mrs. Russell McLaughlin, all of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Knox and family of Lyons were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett and girls.

Duray Lane Dark spent several days of his vacation confined to his bed with flu. Others in the community who have been nursing attacks of flu are Bill Bickett and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers.

Mrs. Louie Ray has been called to Oysterville, Wash., where she is caring for her daughter during an attack of pneumonia.

Linn Democrats To Hear Senator

Richard L. (Dick) Neuberger, state senator and chairman of the Democratic state platform committee, will address Linn county Democrats at a pot-luck dinner starting at 1:30 P.M. at Crowfoot grange hall, one and one-half miles southeast of Lebanon, Sunday Jan. 15, Earl G. Mason, chairman, Linn county Democratic central committee, said recently.

Neuberger, who was selected recently as "Oregon's most discussed politician" by the Oregon Advertising club, has been an active Democrat in state politics since 1932.

A prominent author, Neuberger has been mentioned as a possible Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

So Wilson Held Up the War For Fast Shorthand Lesson

By BILLY ROSE

During the closing days of World War I, I took the President of the United States out of play for 15 minutes. I did it with my little shorthand pencil.

At the time, I was working for the War Industries Board in Washington as a stenographer, and running out to get chocolate sodas for Mr. Baruch, its chairman.

A few days before the Armistice, a Board executive handed me a letter and told me to deliver it to the proper party. The proper party was Woodrow Wilson.

The White House that day was a jumble of senators, cabinet members, ambassadors and important brass. News of the Armistice was expected any hour, and the tension was like the last few seconds of the Dempsey-Firpo fight.

I handed the letter to one of Mr. Wilson's secretaries, and was asked to wait in case of a reply. A few minutes later the secretary returned, looking puzzled. "The President would like to see you," he said.

I got trembly inside. I was pushing 18 at the time—fresh out of the East Side, and also plain fresh. But my dealings with Presidents had been limited to the one I had seen on dollar bills.

Mr. Wilson smiled when he saw me. "I understand you're quite a shorthand writer," was his greeting.

MY TREMBLES vanished. I knew the President was a shorthand writer of sorts—the tachygraphy magazines were always bragging about it. "I hear you're pretty good yourself, Mr. President," I blurted out.

Mr. Wilson blushed prettily. "I don't get much chance to practice these days," he said, like a fisherman apologizing for a six-inch trout. "Mr. Baruch tells me you can write 200 words a minute. I wonder if you'd give me a little demonstration."

He handed me a pad and a pencil, and picked up a New York newspaper on his desk. Then, in his clipped, precise speech, he read one of the editorials at about 150 words a minute. When he had finished, the President said, "Now let's hear you read it back."

Well, as every stenographer knows, it's the reading back that counts. I shot the editorial back at him a good deal faster than he had dictated it. And then I started at the bottom of the page and read the editorial backwards.

Wilson chuckled. He asked me questions about Gregg shorthand—he was a Pitman writer. By this time, I was patronizing him a little—the caddy who shoots a 61 isn't self-conscious when he discusses mashie shots with a Rockefeller.

I PICKED UP the New York paper and handed the pad and pencil to Mr. Wilson. "I wonder if you'd mind writing for me, Mr. President," I said.

Wilson rubbed his glasses on his sleeve. "Don't go too fast," he warned.

I read the editorial at about one hundred words a minute, and then asked him to read it back. When I told him he had made no mistakes, the President sighed like a kid who has just finished playing "The Elsie Waltz" for Paderewski.

I picked up his notes. "If you don't mind, sir," I said, "I'd like to keep them."

Woodrow Wilson reached for my shorthand notes. "We'll exchange," he said.

I walked out of the White House and floated back to my office via the rooftops.

I had no sooner gotten to my desk than the phone rang. "Mr. Baruch wants to see you," said his secretary.

"Pretty good for Delancey street," I said to myself as I walked down the hall. "Woodrow Wilson and Bernie Baruch in one hour."

The girl in Mr. Baruch's office looked up as I bounced in.

"The boss wants you to get him a chocolate soda," she said.

Local Grange Holds First Meet of Year

Santiam Valley grange held their first meeting for 1950 at the grange hall Friday evening, with Tony Moravec, master, and Matt Beiver, overseer, presiding over the meeting. Plans were made for conferring of the third and fourth degrees to be held in the near future, with a rehearsal to be held Tuesday evening. The following committees were appointed for the new year.

Building committee, Tony Moravec, Matt Beiver, Lloyd Sletto, Elmer Taylor, Wilson Stevens, Albert Julian, John Lambrecht.

Legislative committee, Melvin Peck, chairman; Steve Dark, Elsie Myers, Wilson Stevens, Albert Julian.

Agriculture committee, Matt Beiver, chairman; Ike Myers, Lloyd Sletto, Elmer Taylor, Frank Studnick, Blanche Wagner.

Relief committee, Alta Bodeker, chairman; May Patton, George Berry, Nina Dark.

Reception committee, Kasper Gerath, Ed Taylor, Giles Wagner, Dallas Franklin.

Investigation committee, Lloyd Sletto, chairman; Wilson Stevens, Elmer Taylor.

Fire insurance agent: Albert Julian, musician: Leora Stevens; asst., Garnett Bassett; Social committee: Celene Taylor, chairman; Home economics: club chairman, Melvina Franklin.

A 1950 membership drive will get underway with Alta Bodeker and Albert Julian, Linn county chairmen; Nina Dark and Elmer Taylor, Marion county chairmen; assisted by Lois Myers, Matt Beiver, Frank Studnick, George Berry, Garnett Bassett, May Patton.

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Job Applications Ready Now for Census Takers

Application for Linn county census workers should be made to the state employment office or to the bureau of census, Eugene, Earl G. Mason, chairman, Linn county Democratic Central committee said recently.

Qualifications for census workers include a high school education or its equivalent, ability to fill out the complex census schedules efficiently and courteously, and be between 21 and 65 years old. Qualified veterans will have employment preference.

The census will be taken during April but some of the work may extend into May. Pay will be about \$10.00 a day with allowance for car expense in areas of scattered population with one census worker for each 1,000 people in Linn county, Mason stated.

LYONS

By EVA BRESSLER

The annual meeting of the Peoples Co-Operative Telephone company will be held Tuesday evening January 17th, with election of officers and any other business that may come up before the meeting.

Glenn Julian from the Phillips Tire shop left last Saturday by plane for Akron, Ohio, where he will attend a meeting in connection with their business. Mrs. Julian and son Glenn, Jr., will leave this Friday by train to join her husband. They will make the return trip back by driving a new Pontiac.

The Mari-Linn P. T. A. will hold their meeting Friday night the 13th at the Rebekah hall, instead of the new school house as planned due to the school ground being too soft to allow parking of cars.

Earl Allen, rural route mail carrier, is finding it quite difficult in making his rounds with the mail. But some of his good patrons have been on hand to help him out of the deep snow.

Albert Carr has returned from Boise, Idaho after spending several days visiting with his mother. He reported it cold while there, 5 above zero.

Mrs. Alice Huber returned home after spending ten days with relatives in Portland, St. Helens, and Longview and Seattle Washington.

The executive board of the P. T. A. held a meeting Wednesday evening at the new school house, to outline the articles to be brought up at the regular meeting of the P. T. A.

Recent dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duncan of Salem were her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gooch of Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gooch Jr. and son Bill of Sweet Home, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gooch and daughter Twylla of Salem. A very enjoyable time was had at the family gathering. After the dinner hour, old time music was furnished by Fred Gooch, Sr. and Fred Gooch Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch spent the night with their son Fred in Salem before returning home Monday evening.

Among those from Lyons attending the house warming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jungwirth in Stayton were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nydigger, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jungwirth and Mrs. Walter Hilton.

The afternoon bridge club of Lyons held a party at the Rebekah hall Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Albert Bass acting as hostess.

A 1:30 pm. dessert luncheon was served followed by several tables of five hundred. High score honors were taken by Ruth Lyons, while low score was won by Garnett Bassett. Ida Free drew the traveling prize.

Those present were Bertha Allen, Ruth Lyons, Eulalia Lyons, Bernice Bridges, Wilma Free, Bee Hiatt, Mabel Downing, Ethel Huffman, Garnett Bassett and the hostess, Mrs. Bass.

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