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EDITORIALS

STREET LIGHTS

Folks, we think it's about time to have some new street lights in Central Point. We were down on Pine street Monday night. There were four meetings in progress. One at the Grange, one at the American Legion, one at the Odd Fellows and one at the Wesleyan Holiness Church. The street was lined with cars. And it was so dark that half the tires on the cars could have been taken and we don't believe the night policeman would have known it.

How to get these lights? It will soon be time for next year's budget. It will not be long before the budget committee will be working on it. Why not have money for new street lights put on this new budget. Put on as an item outside the 6% limitation to be voted on by the people.

We are sure the people would vote the levy for new lights. Talk to your councilman about it. Talk to each other about it. Send your communications in to this paper about it. In other words, let's get something done about it. Let's have some new street lights in down town Central Point.

Five and Ten years ago items in our paper have caused much comment and the special article from

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the Central Point Herald of 1906 has resulted in many communications. We are pleased.

However we believe that some thought should be given to the future as well as the past, so this week we are starting a column taken from the Central Point American that is to be printed 20 years from now.

20 YEARS FROM NOW

March 13, 1967

It was decided at a meeting of the city council that the street lights on Pine street are no longer adequate. The present lights were installed in 1947, and were considered the best in lighting. However, down town traffic is now so heavy that the council voted to install new fluorescent arks, which will parallel the street. As there is plenty of funds in the city treasury, no special levy will be needed.

The council also voted to widen the Pine street bridge over Bear creek. Traffic on the bridge has become so congested that the council feels it necessary to add two new lanes to the bridge. There has been many new factories and mills started on the east side in the past few years and the morning and evening traffic on Pine street is very congested on this bridge.

Arden Pinkham, chief of police, announces that two new traffic officers have been employed by the city.

The new federal building is about completed. The basement and first two floors of this building will be occupied by the Post office. The upper ten stories will house the federal court and other U.S. agencies that are now temporarily located in various sections of the city. Postmaster "Bill" Abbott states that the Central Point Post office employs 27 clerks and 20 carriers.

A citizen's committee filed a protest with the county court on the proposed election to be held for the purpose of moving the county seat of Jackson county to Central Point.

Although the citizens recognize the need of a new court house to handle the large increase in county business, they feel that the new building should be in Medford or some other less congested area.

Central Point high school basketball team considered one of the finest teams in the history of Jackson county, won the state tournament. The city celebrates!

5 & 10 Years Ago---

FIVE YEARS AGO

March 12, 1942

Harris Ellsworth enters race for U.S. congressman.

Homer (Stub) Myers, George Lees and Leonard Copinger arrived Saturday morning on a short visit with parents and friends.

So What—Don Patterson riding a bicycle. Harry Copinger says he's doing it to reduce.

Roland Hover, Clyde Grissom and Cleo Babb left for an unknown army camp Monday morning.

Vera Shaver and Ernestine Charlie were models in the style show at the Presbyterian church.

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TEN YEARS AGO

March 11, 1937

Robert Purucker and Alvin T. Thorbus were victims of accident at the Seven Oaks crossing, 2 miles north of Central Point.

H. P. Jewett, principal of the Central Point High school will make a report to the annual conference of city superintendents at Salem.

Rev. W. A. Dawes of the Baptist church in Medford spoke to the P.T.A. at the high school gym.

Maury Farm on the Central Point-Jacksonville road sold to Dr. B. R. Elliott of Medford.

Members of the high school faculty were guests of the grade school teachers at a delicious turkey dinner.

Christian Service Circle Held February 27

The Christian Service Circle met Thursday afternoon Feb. 27 with Mrs. Elizabeth Faber.

Chairman, Marrea Gebhard called the meeting to order followed by devotionals. Della Tex gave the report of the nominating committee. The

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following officers were elected:

Kay Kilbourne, president; Mrs. Leo Gray, vice president; Mrs. Setness, treasurer; Mrs. Johnson secretary. A number of committees were organized: constitution, ways and means, programs, hospitality, membership, etc. Discussion on the work of each committee were held.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jermark. Next meeting will be held March 29 at the home of Mrs. Jermark.

The C.P. Health Unit met last Friday Feb. 25 at the home of Mrs. C. L. Pierce on Beall Lane.

Mrs. Eddie Tedrow of Waldport is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Powell and family. She plans to return home Monday.

Miss Lucille Hall passed away in Salem March 6 at 2:30 P.M. Mrs. Hall lived in Central Point since 1919. The body will be cremated in Salem.

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