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EDITORIALS

CLEAN UP DRIVE

Spring is with us according to the calendar, but not according to the weather this past week. However, it is getting the time of year when everyone thinks up about cleaning up. The time of year when nature cleans up. The urge to get out and do some work around the place.

Plans are under way for a clean up drive in Central Point. The Businessmen's association is sponsoring the clean up drive and are asking co-operation of all organizations of the community. The City Council has agreed to continue the hauling of cans for this month and to make the city truck available to haul away cans and trash during this drive.

Dates for this drive will be announced next week and all citizens will be asked to co-operate. Make your plans now to clean up, paint up and help make Central Point one of the nicest towns in the state.

You owe it to yourself, to your neighbor and to your community to keep your place clean. Run down property, piles of cans and trash depreciate the value of your neighbor's property and the value of all the property in town. It is your duty to your neighbor, and your community to CLEAN-UP AND PAINT UP.

—C. W. P.

Every time it comes election time there is a lot of publicity about registering. A lot of people seem to think that it is not important whether they vote or not. In fact, many people would sooner stand around and gripe about how things are being run than they would do something about it.

It is true that one vote out of millions does not seem to amount to much. However, a million voters is just the opinion of a million people like you. And your opinion helps to form the policy of our country just as much as any one else.

It is your duty to vote. This country belongs to you. It is up to you as much as any one else to see that it is run right. Your part is to get to the polls and vote as you think is best. If you do that, this country will not go to far wrong.

NO COLUMBUS WANTED

A city-dweller, making his way over Sand Mountain down in Alabama, was forced to spend the night in a rather remote farm-house, where the accommodations, though neat and clean, were decidedly primitive.

After showing in many ways that he pitted the countryfolk for their lack of city conveniences and comforts, the visitor voiced his feelings in these words: "You people up here on this mountain are certainly lost to civilization."

"Stranger," rejoined the sturdy mountaineer father of the family, "being lost ain't so bad—we're used to it. It's being found that bothers us!"

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY—

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ekdahl, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Anderson and children, Loretta and Merlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and daughter, Marilyn gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stringer and daughter, Marilyn Tuesday evening surprising Mr. Stringer this being his birthday.

The evening was spent playing games and several readings were given by Mr. and Mrs. Ekdahl after which refreshments were served. Mr. Stringer was honored with many nice gifts.

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Jewett Attends Portland Meet

Supt. H. P. Jewett attended the annual state convention of the Oregon Teachers Association at Portland Friday and Saturday of last week. He also stopped at the University of Oregon and Oregon State College to interview candidates for teaching position. While in Corvallis he viewed the Freedom Train. It was necessary to stand in line over four hours to get to see the exhibits in the train as nearly 10,000 people were shown through the train during the time it was in Corvallis. Mr. Jewett reported that it was very interesting and inspirational to view the originals of the many historical documents on display.

Garden Club Chooses Dick Lawton Home

The Garden Club has chosen the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lawton on 7th and Hazel streets as the home of the month.

The lawn and early Spring flowers are beautiful and show care and careful planning. Also their parking and side strip outside their fence is clean and neat.

Which brings us once more to the subjects of cleaning and caring for our parkings in Central Point.

As we start our garden work for the spring, lets include that forgotten and neglected spot outside our yards. They are what make our City look so bedraggled. And nothing lifts the spirits of the inhabitants more than to feel proud of a well kept city.

Lets each look over our own property and do our best to achieve this.

Tourist Speakers in Valley Next Week

Portland, April 8 (Special)—The Oregon Territorial Centennial will receive full attention of the Oregon Advertising Club in its intra-state tourist promotion and its tourist host schools, according to Jack Matlack, general chairman.

Entering its third year of training Oregonians to help tourists enjoy the whole state and how to be good hosts the ad club will again conduct its tourist host schools and during the week of April 11 to 17 will carry on an intensive educational campaign through the press, the radio and the motion picture screen.

This year's tour, which will cover some 1078 miles will be in Medford Wednesday, 14. Speakers from various parts of the state will be included in the party.

GOVERNMENT COSTS SOAR

Measured by tax collections, the cost of government in the United States has risen to more than \$1 per day for each person in the nation. The prowar cost was only 30 cents a day. The Federal government took the largest slice, but State governments cost \$6 billion and local governments over \$5 billion.

"How can they call Wallace a fellow-traveler? He ain't going no place!"—Columnist Walter Winchell.

"One of our troubles is that accumulated savings have been spent."—Charles E. Wilson, General Motors president.

World War II Vets Borrow Huge Sum

Oregon's World War II veterans are borrowing on the state veterans' farm and home loan at the rate of about a million dollars every three months, and the agency handling this rapidly growing business is hard pressed to keep ahead of the increasing demand.

Loan officials said the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which administers the act, has loaned more than \$3,500,000 in the two and a half years since the start of operations. Nearly three millions of this amount were loaned in the past year alone, and the rapid growth of the department's business, according to Loan Officer A. J. Crose, is due mainly to the fact that the state legislature in 1947 liberalized the loan act to permit veterans to borrow up to \$6,000 to buy homes and farms, and streamlined the act to permit speedy processing of applications.

Garage Property Changes Hands

C. L. Seely and L. Dahlke have purchased the property next to Pendleton's Mobilgas Station, known as Adam's Garage, and are open for business as the Central Point Garage. They have been in Southern Oregon for the past several years and have decided on Central Point as their permanent location.

Mr. Seely has moved to Central Point and at present is making his home in a trailer house at the rear of the garage. Dahlke owns his home in Medford and has five children. The oldest 16 years, and a student and football player in Medford High. His youngest is only about two weeks old. Mr. Dahlke has had fifteen years

experience in the automobile repair business and will be in charge of all mechanical work. Mr. Seely will handle the business end of the new firm.

Mr. Seely is a single man and has had many years experience in service stations and garages. The last few years he has been a circulation manager for the Oregonian.

The garage building is being painted with aluminum paint on the inside and work on a new concrete floor will start before long. The property was purchased from Frank Jones.

Rebekah Lodge Notes

Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge met at eight o'clock Wednesday, April 7, in regular session. Twenty eight members and officers were present. Several were reported sick.

During the evening the lodge was highly honored by a fraternal visit from the Medford Canton and Ladies Auxillary. Several interesting talks were made by members of these branches of the Order.

Lovely refreshments of cake, coffee, and ice cream were served by Alta Kelly, Dora Jones, and Velma Kime.

Cecil Warner completed a real estate deal last week whereby he became owner of the Mrs. Nora Hansen property on 1st and Oak. Mrs. Hansen will move back to her other house nearby in which her son-in-law and daughter, the Vincents now reside.



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Five Years Ago

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Frank Richardson Jr. is new Naval recruit.

Mrs. John Bohnert re-elected president of local P.T.A.

So What—Many people these days need a kick in the seat of their can'ts.

Spring ReVue to be given Friday at High School gym.

Ten Years Ago

April 7, 1938

City Council adds to minimum water allowance in city.

Civic Club gives gift of appreciation to A. E. Powell for work on street signs. Beautiful gold mounted fountain pen presented.

Young Oregonians to give show at high school.

Fire razes Long's 2nd Hand store.

Sixteen Years Ago

April 7, 1932

Books close with fifty candidates seeking office in Jackson county.

All candidates invited to meet Grange at ple social.

Smudge smoke Sunday warns valley folks of things to come.

Council turns down move to banish wood yards and lumber piling from the main streets.



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