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Newspaper Press To End Life As Museum Display

The boneyard of newspaper presses is usually the nearest scrap iron dealer, but in the case of the old Prouty newspaper press, formerly used by the Central Point American, fate decreed another end.

The Prouty press is now part of the Jacksonville Museum display of early day Jackson county history.

Following the purchase of the modern No. 42 Lee press for the American, the new publishers, Chester Ashton and Cecil Sharpe found that the museum was most interested in having the press.

Arrangements was made and the stout old veteran was hauled from the American shop to the museum on Tuesday morning.

From available information, the Prouty press was the oldest of its type in the Pacific Northwest. It reportedly came around Cape Horn in a sailing ship before the turn of the century. Years ago, it was used to print the Jacksonville Sentinel.

In 1903-04

The press came to Central Point in 1903 or 1904, according to best reports. From that time it was used to print the newspaper at Central Point. The last complete edition reproduced by the press was last week, May 6, 1954.

The "nickname" for the press was "grasshopper" because of the startling method in which the bed of the press was changed for the impression stroke. Production capacity of the press, when powered by an electric motor, was 600 impressions per hour.

Reports from the museum reveal a "plush" future for the ancient machine. It will be cleaned up and displayed with the original hand crank method of operation. Plans are to set up a front page replica and sell them to museum visitors.

Troop 40 Scouts to Take Part In Circus Slated For Saturday

Thirty-one Boy Scouts and Explorer scouts of Troop 40, Central Point, will participate in the third Boy Scout Circus to be presented at 8 p.m., May 15, at the Medford high stadium.

Scoutmaster Ernest Haverman reported that Troop 40 will have part in depicting the western history of our own nation. The boys will portray cowboys and Indians.

To Play "Smoky"

Scoutmaster Haverman will take the part of "Smoky the Bear" in the final scene.

Scouts of the Central Point area who are slated to take part in the circus are as follows: Boy Scouts—Danny Adams, Joe Alvarez, Glen Cot, James Culbertson, Ronnie Gillispy, Donnie Gillispy, James Hayes, Marvin Jones, Wesly Kight, Richard McDowell, Mike Nolte, Nick Parrish, Jeff Porter, Dennis Phaff, Cal Smith, Donald Nelson, Robert Smith, David Sharp, Kenneth Wald and Randy Zeigler; Explorers—Alex Alvarez, Neil Green, Ernest Haverman, Gerald Kime, Danny Nolte, Roger Seaman, Robert Jones, Robert Fink, Larry Pirky, Steven Parrish and Andrew Taylor.

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ARRIVES IN ALASKA

Word was received here by the family of George VanGolder from Ketchikan, Alaska, that he had arrived safely. Mrs. VanGolder and two daughters, Mary Lou and Darlene, will leave here about June 5 to join him and to spend the summer there.

Trash Burning O.K. Needed After June 1

Permits to burn trash or dry grass within the limits of the City of Central Point will be required after June 1, according to word this week from Fire Chief Oran Chastain.

Burning permits are required each year during the dry summer period to prevent possible fire danger.

Burning may be carried on without a permit only if such burning is done in an approved incinerator. Chief Chastain stated.

Permits may be obtained at the city hall or from Chief Chastain. Permits will be required until further notice.

Residents are also reminded that it is illegal to burn garbage at any time.

Sample Ballots Available Here

Sample primary election ballots for the May 21 election for both the democratic and republican parties are available to voters at the office of the Central Point American.

These ballots, made available through the office of County Clerk Bereth P. Hopkins, may be used by voters to study the field of candidates and for an aid in marking the official ballot.

Voters wishing a sample ballot may pick them up at the American office.

THREE DAY LEAVE

Pfc. Ernest Wisely of Ft. Lewis, Wash. spent a three-day pass with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wisely.

Mildred Gail Named Girls State Delegate

Mildred Gail, senior at Crater high school, has been selected to attend Girl's State, a one-week course in state and local government sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

Miss Gail has been active in student government at Crater high, as well as taking part in speech and dramatics. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gail of Gold Hill.

Last year's delegates from Crater high school were Miss Linda Obenchain and Miss Joanne Russell. Miss Russell is now attending St. Mary's academy.

Representatives from all high schools in Oregon will convene at Willamette university in Salem on June 14-20.

NEW PRESS SLOWS ISSUE

Publication of this week's American was delayed until late Thursday by the installation of the new No. 42 Lee newspaper press. Adjustments of the press consumed several hours.

Mrs. Morris Frink Named President Of Parent-Teachers

Mrs. Morris Frink was installed as president of the Central Point Parent-Teacher association at the Thursday afternoon meeting of the group.

Other officers to serve for the coming year are Mrs. Eugene Ferrell, vice president; Mrs. Stanley Parrish, second vice president; Mrs. Arthur Straus, secretary and Mrs. Leo Ghelardi, treasurer. Installing officer was Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, past president.

Presented Corsages

Officers were presented corsages made by Central Point Garden club. The stage of the Junior high library was arranged with baskets of lilacs and tulips with tamarix.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Richard Watson, outgoing president, and invocation was given by Mrs. Nathan Pinkham. Two numbers were sung by the Junior high girls' chorus. In this group, under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Meyer, are Jane Grubbs, Judy Singleton, Louise and Margaret Pendleton, Laura Zamarzla, Joyce Hobbs, Sharon Lilly, Verona Groshong, June Asher and Carole McGonagle.

Teen-age Show

Junior high girls presented a style show featuring teen-age fashions of the year for various activities of the teen-age girl. Appearing as models were Louise Pendleton, Anita von der Hellen, Linda Warren, Pat Higinbotham, Joan Morris, Loretta Miller, Jessie Willard, Priscilla Cutright, Judy Davis, Gwen Logan, Jacky Cameron, Toni Cote, Janet Sands, Judy Singleton, Lois Dysinger, Judy Keene, Nedra Shephard, Jean Bonney, Nedra Shephard, Sally Pepper, Rosalie Rightmiller, Marilyn Pinkham, Sandra Guss, Kay Askwith, Elaine McGonagle, Marlene Burelson, Phyllis Taylor, Joyce Hobbs, Sheila Pfeifer, Betty Reed, Norma Evans, Gwen Davis, Marilyn Wisely, Mary Jane Briggs, Linda Dysinger, Lenore Leard, Betty Wilson and Sharon Lilly. Commentators were Pat King assisted by Melva Mays. Mrs. Meyer was in charge of the show.

Requests Voting

Announcements by Supt. H. P. Jewett included requests for all to vote on District 6C budget election May 17 in Central Point and Gold Hill gymnasiums from 2 to 8 p.m. Principal C A Meyer announced summer roundup for May 17 and 18 with appointments now being made and, also, a summer school session by practice teachers from SOCE for pupils who missed a great deal of school work because of illness.

School Ends June 1

He stated that the last day of school will be June 1 with May 31 a school holiday. Junior high and beginners bands will be presented in a concert on Friday, May 14, under direction of Harry Meyers.

Refreshments were served by first grade mothers from a table arranged with pastel giant Shasta daisies with pastel tapers on a lace cloth. Assisting were Mrs. Franklin Gebhard, Mrs. Bill Colley, Mrs. Leonard Kunzman, Mrs. Albert Thompson, Mrs. James Jones, Mrs. A. L. Halfhill, Mrs. Earl Yoakley, Mrs. Ben Peek and Mrs. J. R. Schreengost.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM READY FOR USE IN 30 DAYS

THE WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

	Max	Min.	Prec.
May 6	87	40	—
May 7	88	48	—
May 8	81	50	—
May 9	69	52	—
May 10	78	44	—
May 11	68	46	—
May 12	72	44	—

Forecast—Mostly Fair—Little warmer.

Gold Hill Woman To Write Column

Mrs. Lynn Scott of Gold Hill is the first new member of the Central Point American staff.

Mrs. Scott has accepted the duties of correspondent from the Gold Hill community. Her first column appears in this issue of the American.

Gold Hill residents are asked to contact Mrs. Scott if they have news items which they would like to appear in the American. The new correspondent is also accepting subscriptions to the American.

It is the plan of the American publishers to secure correspondents in communities in northern Jackson county. Persons who are interested in writing for the American are asked to contact Cecil Sharpe, editor, telephone Central Point 1221.

Annual School Budget Election Scheduled For Vote On Monday

Bike License Drive Scheduled Shortly

A drive to license all bicycles in Central Point will start in the near future according to word this week from Police Chief Oran Chastain.

Chief Chastain stated that many unlicensed bicycles have been noticed around the city during recent weeks.

He pointed out that a city ordinance requires all bicycles to be licensed. The purpose of the licensing is to provide a record of all bikes and to establish the identity of any lost or missing.

Rural Firemen Hold Liquid Gas Drill

Volunteers of the rural fire department met Wednesday evening at the fire hall for a drill session and demonstration on fighting propane and liquid gas fires.

Jim Scott, captain in the rural department, was drill instructor.

Supplies and material for the demonstrations Wednesday evening were provided by the Domestic Gas Co.

Junior High Band Concert Set Friday

Seventy-five students of the Central Point Junior high school band will appear in a concert this Friday evening, May 1, under the direction of instructor Harry Meyers.

This group received a 1 rating at a recent band festival.

The beginner band, made up of 65 students, will also present several selection.

A traffic activated pedestrian and automobile traffic signal will be in operation in about 30 days at the intersection of Pine and Front street in Central Point, it was learned this week.

The new signal system will provide stop and go lights for both pedestrians and autos in crossing or joining traffic on Highway 99.

Signals for both pedestrians and autos will not operate from Pine street unless activated by a vehicle or a pedestrian. Vehicles will cross a pressure plate set in the road which will automatically halt traffic on Highway 99 and allow passage from Pine across or into the highway.

Must Push Button

Pedestrians will have to push a button on one of the signal poles to set the walk signals into action.

The cost of the intersection signal arrangement has been placed at between \$3500 and \$4000. The City of Central Point is paying half the cost.

Work began last week placing electrical conduit and bases for poles. Monday of this week, the contractor erected poles and signal lights were hung Wednesday.

The system will not be in operation for about 30 days since controller parts have not yet arrived.

All legal voters of school district 6C are urged to vote at the annual school budget election to be held Monday, May 17, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Junior High school gymnasium in Central Point, and at the Gold Hill gymnasium.

Detailed listings of expenditures were published in the April 22 and April 29 issues of the Central Point American as required by law.

For All District Schools

The budget is for all the schools of district 6C which this year have a school census of 2140 children. This is the third largest district in the county, being slightly smaller than Ashland. It employs 79 teachers, operates 14 busses and maintains three elementary schools and one high school.

The present budget has been prepared and submitted to the voters after study by the budget committee.

Firemen Schedule Membership Drive

A recruiting drive to secure members for the Central Point volunteer fire department is currently underway. Fire Chief Oran Chastain said this week.

Any man over the age of 18 years is eligible for membership. The volunteer department currently has a staff of 18 men. It is hoped the recruiting drive will boost membership to 25.

The department operates three trucks for use at city fires and civil defense calls.

Persons interested in membership may contact Chief Chastain or attend the 7 p.m. Wednesday fire drill at the fire hall.