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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

DRIVERS . . . TAKE HEED!

Last Saturday evening, it was the blood-curdling privilege of this writer to be one of the first upon the scene of an auto accident on the Central Point-Jacksonville highway.

Luckily, the young man driving the car escaped with a minor cut. The car, however, was the biggest pile of junk ever seen.

To get to the point of this brief story, the driver was young, driving too fast and apparently had taken a sniff from a beer or two.

Accidents can happen to anyone . . . but this driver was asking for a wreck. His attitude, either brought on by the beer or by shock, was one of defiance. He apparently didn't care that he had nearly killed himself and wrecked a late model automobile. He showed little concern for his position, the time and effort taken by those who stopped to assist or for other drivers on the road.

In our opinion, this driver is a first-class candidate for the traffic safety drive starting next Sunday, August 15, through the office of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

The theme of this drive is: "If you don't drive safely, you can't drive in Oregon." The goal of the safety crack-down is a deathless Labor Day weekend and a 50 per cent reduction in traffic fatalities for the year.

The prime action under this drive will be suspension of driver has contributed to an accident because of incompetent operation of his vehicle."

There it is! Drivers have been warned. We hope none of you lose your license.

As a footnote to the words above . . . it has been pointed out to us that there are a number of blind corners within the city of Central Point.

These corners do not have stop signs . . . It is up to individual drivers to use caution and common sense when coming to a blind intersection. The few seconds saved by whizzing through a four-way intersection can never pay the cost of a death or injury.

Let's slow down, look and drive safely.

4-H Forestry Club Holds Camp at Lake

Members of the 4-H Forestry club spent Friday and Saturday at Lake of the Woods gathering specimens for their collections and camping out.

Members attending the two-day outing were: Carl and John Dobrot, David Young, Jack Smeltz, Sharon Coffman, Loren Gebhard, Carl Skyrman and Margaret Taylor. Adults in the group were: Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Skiffman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Julius Dobrot.

Jim Fisher, recreational guard at Lake of the Woods, gave the group a very interesting lecture on forestry.

BRIEF VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wisel and his mother are spending a few days in Portland and at coastal points.

ENJOY BEACH PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Naples, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Knight spent Sunday at Crockett City. They reported a very enjoyable day at the beach.

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Marilyn Paull Named As Church Delegate

Marilyn Paull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Paull of Central Point, will be a delegate to the Church of Brethren National Youth conference in Anderson, Indiana, August 23-27.

Miss Paull is one of ten Oregon delegates. They will be accompanied by Esther Wolff, Myrtle Point, district adult counselor.

Theme of the program is "For the Glory of God and My Neighbor's Good." About 2000 are expected to attend.

Book Briefs

From Central Point

Public Library

By Evelyn Graham



In the book, "The Jungle and the Dammed", Hassoldt Davis recounts the exciting experience of his explorations in French Guiana. His photographer was his newly married wife, Ruth, who proved to be a resourceful companion on this strange and dangerous honeymoon.

The first part of the trip was the examination of the dreadful and notorious penal institution, Devil's Island. The reader will not soon forget such vivid passages as the account of two prisoners watching the Lost Child lighthouse, or the tale of DuBois and the guard's wife, or the cook who went stark, raving mad at regular intervals, or the demented barber who cut the author's hair without cutting his throat, as had been the case with his previous customer.

River Exploration

The main portion of "The Jungle and the Dammed" covers the Maroni River exploration, where the author and his wife had to deal solely with temperamental convicts and untrustworthy natives. Even the river with its countless rapids was treacherous. Mr. Davis describes in detail the villages, customs and appearance of the Roucuyenne Indians, including the trial of the Indian with the cruel wasp mat. There was, also, the unseen and uncivilized Oyari-coulet tribe that left the red marker on the riverbank that threatened death to anyone who violated their territory.

Hard on Nerves

Each harrowing experience was good for exciting moving picture taking but hard on the nerves. Only the fact that they must have survived to write the book, keeps the reader from being certain that death awaits on the next page. This book is definitely not for the fainthearted.

NEPHEW IS GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Davis and family of North Bend are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vincent. He is a nephew of Mr. Vincent.

A BRIEF GLIMPSE . . .

Into the Past . . .

From the Files of the American

10 Years Ago . . . 1944

At the last meeting of Central Point Grange it was agreed that the Grange should purchase the lot adjacent to the hall, for which the city is asking \$75.00.

Mrs. Lloyd Rupp was honored recently at a surprise birthday when a group of friends gathered at the Rupp home in Central Point.

A number of Eastern Star members from Central Point attended the Masonic and Eastern Star picnic at Jackson Hot Springs, Tuesday, August 8.

Mrs. W. A. Grant returned Sunday from a vacation of over a month spent visiting relatives and friends in the north.

Mrs. Harry Zeegler and small son, Randall, spent several days visiting at E. R. Gleason's. Sgt. Zeegler has been shipped overseas.

Mrs. Richard Hogan of Benicia, Calif., spent a week recently visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Thompson, and sister, Mrs. R. M. Gifford.

Packing plants of the city and valley are scheduled to start operations for the season next Tuesday, with most of them running by Thursday.

Little Barbara Hoagland has been ill with tonsillitis for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Liddell have moved into the house just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler.

ENJOY ANNUAL CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weidman spent from Friday to Sunday at the Cave, near Redmond. They were joined there by Mrs. Weidman's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Hawkins of Portland. The two couples enjoyed camping fishing and a good visit. This is an annual affair. Mr. and Mrs. Weidman returned via the McKenzie pass and visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller in Eugene.

DAY ON BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swanson and family motored to Coquille last Thursday and spent the day on the beach.

20 Years Ago . . . 1934

Mattie Levall Parker passed away at her home in Central Point early Saturday morning after an illness of the past six weeks from the infirmities due to old age.

Ray Wyatt and family expect to leave for a ten day vacation at Lake of the Woods.

Mrs. Orval Wiley has left for a month's visit with her parents at Riddle, near Roseburg.

Mrs. B. Newman of Salem is visiting her grand daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Faber, for a few days.

Mrs. Guy Tex, who is spending the summer at Prospect, arrived home for a short visit Tuesday.

Among those attending the recreation club picnic at Jackson Hot Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bursell and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bohnert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett and family are vacationing at their cabin at Lake of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Faber and daughter, Frances, have started on their home trip and expect to arrive here about the twentieth.

Mr. Wilburn and Junior are visiting with his mother, Mrs. Green, in Medford for a few days.

Bobby Hoagland is spending a week at Dead Indian Soda Springs with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland.

Central Point Driver Involved in Crash

Fred V. Bywater of Route 1, Central Point, was one of the drivers involved in a collision and auto upset accident at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of 13th and Peach streets in Medford, according to Medford city police.

Police reported that the car driven by John Van Trunnell of Medford was going south on Peach street when it was hit on the right rear by Bywater's auto. The Trunnell car was overturned. Neither car was able to run after the crash. Firemen were called to wash away spilled gas.

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