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Editorially Speaking

WHY NOT NOW?

Although we have no "epoch-making" proposals to offer in this week's editorial, we would like to pass along a thought expressed last weekend by a Central Point resident.

This man expressed the opinion that most Central Point merchants are driving business out of our city. We regretfully had to agree with the gentleman, but we heartily seconded his following statement which was...

"but even with the present attitude in Central Point the town is going to grow and develop."

We do not claim to be crystal ball experts by any means, but we feel we have enough foresight to see that Central Point will, in the not too distant future, become a well-balanced little city.

Our only wish right now is that some of the individuals of this town, businessmen and residents alike, forget their petty grievances and "can't see beyond their nose" attitudes and start pulling as a team for Central Point.

Central Point is going to grow and progress. Why not start now to sweep the sand out of the path so this progress may roll into town a little sooner without friction and delay?

Through The



KEYHOLE

We might paraphrase the old saying, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, but not all of the people all of the time," with "Fire Chiefs aren't wet all of the time, but they sure get wet some of the time." Ask a guy named Chastain at the City Hall who the wag was that soaked him last Sunday morning. All the Chief said, was, "How did you turn that nozzle on?" He found out! Watch this column for the name of the new Assistant Chief!

A prominent local businessman writes from Mexico City, "It's sure cold at night down here. We are surprised too, because it's 700 feet BELOW sea level here." When you get in that deep, anything's apt to be cold Ed!

Grade Schooler Charles B. Young, 231 N. First, finally obtained his bike license this week. This little lad doesn't hold anybody in awe, he just doesn't stand for delay. Three times in the past week he's been in to bawl out the entire City Staff because the bike license weren't in from Portland yet. The day he got it, his comment was—"Well, its about time!" That boy will be tough on politicians when he grows up.

If you aren't up on the latest methods of making your wife "foe the mark", drop in almost any day at Wisely's and listen to the experts. Some of the things these guys say about their wives should be engraven in stone for

posterity. You'd really think they had something to say around their respective homes.

Then there's the pair—one who claims he's 24—the other who has been 19, for—we're not going to say how many years.

Harold Allen came in Wisely's the other day and asked for the "village idiot". He wanted to go fishing and a short time later we observed him and Central Point's most ardent fisherman and painter going on their way—equipped for a days fishing.

And there's a certain city night patrolman who, when doing his duty by stopping a car just a few nights ago, was halted with the bellowed greetings of... Oh Bruce, Bruce, is that you Bruce! We'll say no more...

FIRM BUYS PROPERTY

Mt. Pitt Company recently purchased the Sinyard property on Amy street and the Eugene Waterman property on Haskell street. Both transactions were handled through the Chris Barker Agency.

TO GIVE PLAY

Girl Scout Troops 162 and 100 will have a short play for their mothers in the Scout room at the Junior High school on Thursday, February 10. Girls would like to invite all mothers to attend.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON Ellsworth Plays Senator Neuberger For Talent Remarks

By Congressman Harris Ellsworth
If Federal projects could be built in Oregon by speeches on the Floor of the United States Senate our worries would be over. They cannot be built that way. On the other hand, when speeches cast a political shadow on such projects there might be serious and disheartening consequences.

The Senate speech by Neuberger on the Talent irrigation project could, if it has any effect at all, turn that valuable project into a political football. Until now this project and numerous other Federal projects in Oregon have received favorable action by the Congress without reference to party or politics. They have been authorized and built on merit.

The Senator ignorantly blames Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, who has nothing to do with writing the President's budget, for not including money for the Talent irrigation project.

The fact is that \$84,000 was allocated last year for work on this project and that the new budget calls for \$352,000 for the most urgently needed work provided for in the Talent authorization. This money will be used toward the rebuilding of the Medford and Rogue River Valley irrigation district facilities. Another \$30,000 was budgeted for further planning.

It should be remembered, with reference to this or to any other project, that the President and the Bureau of the Budget and the Appropriations Committees of Congress look at them critically. It must be proven beyond question that a project is sound and right before money is either budgeted or appropriated.

Working with the district, we are now getting the correct data in the hands of the Budget Director. I think it likely that a budget item for starting the construction portion of the Talent project may be sent to Congress before too long.

New Bike Licenses Arrive from Portland

New bicycle licenses have arrived from Portland and are available for local bike riders, Police Chief Oran Chastain reported this week.

Chief Chastain reported that orders this year call for strict regulation of bicycle riding. Riding on sidewalks will be prohibited, no riding at night without lights and reflectors and bicyclists must obey all traffic signs and regulations.

Those with unlicensed bicycles are asked to come to the city hall for new licenses.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Mrs. Naomi Doyle is a new employee in the office of Chris Barker Agency.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



If it had not been for the forthright integrity and bitter struggles of one man, our state might now be overrun with tea and crumpets instead of hamburgers and french-fries. In the days of the settling of the west, Great Britain would have been pleased to have embraced the whole of the Oregon County as well as California. The Hudson Bay Company hoped to keep the Pacific Northwest safe for the British Crown. To accomplish this, they sent a hard-bitten trapper and doctor, named John McLoughlin, to manage their Oregon outpost.

In the exciting novel, "Troubled Border", by T. C. Allen, we find given the authentic background of the border dispute and settlement. John McLoughlin had plenty of trouble in running his vast unsettled empire—with unfriendly Indians, with a treacherous deputy Governor, with the American settlers, and with his family for whom he had too little time. He was devoted to Marguerite, his lovely, part-Indian wife who longed for a wedding band. His stalwart son Jacques was a source of great pride to his father and also the cause of great sorrow. Eloise, his willful daughter, who yearned for silks in the log fortress on the Columbia, proved that she was molded from the same heroic clay as her father.

As John grew to know the Americans better, he found that

he was drawn more and more to the new pioneers and their hopes of a free land of unlimited opportunity. It took a violet crisis to make him choose between his company and the new American nation. Personal tragedy and outright betrayal made his final decision inevitable.

For a look behind the scenes of our Oregon history, you will be pleased to read "Troubled Border."

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and three children, Carol Ann, 13, Betty Lou, 8, and Charlie Jr. 4, are new residents of Central Point. They moved from Bandon last Friday and are living in the home recently vacated by Mrs. Mary Moore at Second and Manzanita. Martin is employed at Rogue Valley Creamery.

PURCHASES LOT

Michael Roper has purchased a lot from R. J. Batzer and plans to erect a residence in the near future.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



A Winner Every Time!

Last Friday at our big basketball game with Centerville I sat next to a fine-looking old man. Centerville had things their way the first half — and he cheered every score they made.

But our boys began to catch up. Then Stretch Brown put us in the lead with a long set shot, —and I noticed that the old fellow was now rooting for our side. "What team are you for, anyway?" I demanded.

"Neither," he replied. "I've got my own team. I figure any kid that does a good job out there

is on my team. Root for the individual like I do — and you'll always back a winner!"

From where I sit, maybe it is a good idea to keep our eye on the individual, instead of automatically grouping him on teams you're "for" or "against." We're all individuals at heart, with our likes and dislikes — our right to prefer tea to coffee or beer to buttermilk...our right to "blow the whistle" when anyone tries to regiment us.

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