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Editorially Speaking

CONGRATULATIONS—

Although we were crowded for time last week and didn't get this column written, we do want to officially welcome Central Point's newest business firm, Crater Department Store.

We want to congratulate the two operators of the combined business operation, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. Don Burelson, on their foresight and confidence in the city.

We appreciate their initiative in taking the forward step necessary to supply our town with a large retail store which fills a definite need in the city's business economy.

Congratulations and welcome to town.

AND WE SHUDDER!

Last week's action by the city council (re: gasoline bid business) made us shudder a bit. We are a little afraid to think what will happen next year when the city again calls for gasoline bids! It is our feeling that major oil companies will flatly refuse to submit bids next year. Shall we wait and see?

A BIRTHDAY—

Just a passing thought . . . Friday, February 18, is Central Point's 66th birthday as an incorporated city. The town has come a long way. We feel the town can progress much more in the next few years if businessmen and residents decide to pull together for a prosperous town.

ADVERTISING WEEK—

This week, February 13-19, has been nationally designated as Advertising Recognition Week. The purpose of Advertising Recognition Week is to bring to the public's attention the benefits of our free economy and the part advertising plays in helping to keep our country productive and strong.

In our own small way, we at the Central Point American are trying to keep citizens of this area informed about products, services and new developments in our area.

Through the pages of the American we are offering businessmen an opportunity to tell and sell their story to hometown residents. By intelligent use of this medium, businessmen can build a stronger patronage and develop a demand for their products.

Readers, by consulting advertisements, can find the best buys, keep up with the new products and supply their needs with a minimum of effort.

We ask that you pause just a moment this week and remember that advertising is working for you.

Book Briefs

From Central Point
Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



One of the highlights of my particular duties as a librarian is the day each month that calls for a visit to our branch libraries. The car is loaded to capacity with new shipments of books and the mind is burdened with this and that point needing to be discussed. We never know what the day will bring forth. The high spot of the day might be a glimpse of the first spring lambs frolicking in a meadow; a sudden shaft of sunlight silhouetting a pine tree against a cloud; the warmth of friendliness expressed in the gift of a package of T-bones from the locker, or a bag

of tree-ripened oranges, fresh from a California vacation.

One such afternoon had progressed to the usual pleasant visit with our Gold Hill librarian. We had exchanged books and discussed library business, and were engaged in the kind of good-humored chat of which Mrs. Routh is such a delightful artist. Like the good husband that he is, Ted was tolerantly listening to the chatter and petting Nick, the Routh's black spaniel. All of a sudden Nick decided that he wasn't getting enough attention

(He being the official greeter and guardian of the Gold Hill library) so he electrified us by sharply barking in clear English, "I want—I want—I want—OUT." Naturally that stopped the conversation. I couldn't talk and have my mouth agape at the same time we looked at the dog and at each other and then at Mrs. Routh. We said, "He said he wanted out!" Very quietly she answered, "I know, he usually asks to go out." Ted decided to go along with the act and started for the door. When he had walked the full length of the room, Nick realized that he had dropped his bombshell, had dominated the scene, and might miss something if he actually left, so he barked emphatically, "No", and refused to budge.

Mrs. Routh told us that she had always talked to the dog and always said "Hello" to him. One day she greeted him as usual and as she went past he said "Hello" back. She couldn't believe her ears and even after he had done it several times, she didn't dare tell anyone, knowing that the men with white coats would be sure to appear on the scene. Since then, one by one, he has condescended to startle her skeptical friends by some well-timed phrase. When asked if they were planning on using him for entertainment, she said disgustedly, "No, when we want him to perform, he just sits and scratches." And he did.

Johnson Pledges Sorority at SOCE

Miss Harriet Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Johnson of Central Point, recently pledged and was initiated into Sigma Epsilon Pi sorority at Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of Crater High school with the class of 1953. She is taking a pre-nursing course at SOCE and plans to enter the University of Oregon medical school in Portland in March.

Other Central Point women students initiated into the women's honorary sorority were Miss Charlene Croucher and Miss Margaret Bishop. A total of 15 women were pledged by the honor society.

Large Crowd Attends Valentine Dinner

By Mrs. Floyd Doland
SAMS VALLEY—A large group of people attended the Valentine party Monday evening, February 14, sponsored by the Sams Valley Ladies club. A ham dinner was enjoyed by those attending. The next meeting of the ladies club will be Thursday, February 17, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Sanderson.

Sams Valley grade school will have a basketball game with Shady Cove Friday at 6 p.m. The game will be at Sams Valley.

U. S. Savings Bonds are one of the safest investments. Buy them regularly.

Maxwell Graduates From Army Course

By Mrs. Carl Hoskins

JACKSONVILLE—Marvin W. Maxwell of Jacksonville will graduate this week from the power maintenance course, one of the many courses offered at the Southeastern Signal School at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He is the son of M. W. Maxwell. The course trains personnel to install, operate adjust and maintain gasoline and diesel engine units which are used for generating electrical power in the field.

Funeral services were held last week for Mrs. Belle Bell, 83, who died at her home at 516 Midway road last Sunday. Interment was in Jacksonville cemetery. Mrs. Bell, a southern Oregon resident for over 50 years, was born in Arkansas on February 19, 1871, and came to Oregon in 1893. In May 1917, she was married to Thomas Bell, who survives. They lived on the Mankins ranch south of Jacksonville for 30 years. Other survivors include a brother, Henry Mankins, Medford, and several nieces and nephews.

Donald Dale Hutchinson, son of Mrs. Martha N. Sikes, route 1, enlisted in the army corps of engineers last week. After eight weeks of basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., he will receive two weeks furlough and then report to engineers school at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

A son, weighing 7 3/4 pounds,

was born on February 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wade, route 2.

Laura Jane Griffin, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Griffin, underwent a tonsillectomy this week at Osteopathic hospital.

Application for a marriage license was made last week by Robert Willard Morgan and Miss Jean Marie O'Connor, both of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Clayton Goodnight, route 1, is a surgery patient at the Community hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhea are spending a few days this week in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Noble entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman at a backward barbecue Sunday, February 13, at the Noble's home. The occasion was Noble's birthday.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Swiftly Gets Slowed Down

Swiftly Fisher has a short temper and really hit the roof when he got a parking ticket last week. He wasn't near a hydrant or too far from the curb. There was a big sign saying "ONE HOUR PARKING" and he'd only been gone twenty minutes.

Running to Traffic Court, where Hack Miller was on duty, Swiftly hollered how he hadn't done anything wrong... how he is the most law-abiding driver in town.

But Hack examined the ticket, and smiled. "Slow down, friend," he said. "You're not guilty—ex-

cept of making a big fuss over nothing. This ticket came from some kid's policeman play outfit!"

From where I sit, jumping to conclusions can make anyone appear silly. Another way to look foolish is to make a quick decision on a question of personal preference. For instance, I like a glass of beer occasionally. You may be a buttermilk man. But neither of us ought to "lay down the law" about the other's choice.

Joe Marsh

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