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Editorially Speaking

LET'S FIX STREETS

Talk of the city budget is in the air and councilmen, committee heads and department officials are starting to review their money needs for the next fiscal year.

We would like to urge local officials and members of the budget committee to take a good look at the city streets when they start to make their financial calculations.

A lack of funds in the street department during the past months of the current fiscal year have limited street repair and improvement to a few superficial swipes with the city grader.

We believe that good city streets are one of the strongest selling points available to the town for more business and residential building.

The present display of potholes, bottom-less pits and collection of near boulders on the streets make them anything but attractive.

We know city officials recognize the need for extensive street work! We just hope they will be able to express their desires, and ours, in a substantial budget for next year which will give the City of Central Point a satisfactory street system.

GET READY TO VOTE

Just a quickie . . . are you investigating the school building program as proposed by the board of School District 6? You will be asked for your opinion at a special bond election on Thursday, April 28. Be prepared to vote intelligently.

WEEKS VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. James Gleason and children, Robyn and Eldon, are in Cloverdale, Calif., this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garrett. He is taking a weeks vacation from his position at Gleason's Sporting Goods.

STORE FRONT PAINTED

Alexander Hardware store front received a spring "face lifting" this week. The front was painted a light cream color by E. L. Mathews Jr.

FLU BUG VICTIM

Sterling Tucker, local insurance agent, has been ill at home this week, a victim of the flu bug.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



Easter gleanings from

"The American Books of Days"

"Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. The name of the feast, according to the Venerable Bede, comes from Eostre, A Teutonic goddess whose festival was celebrated in the spring. There is no doubt that the Church in its early days adopted the old pagan customs and gave a Christian meaning to them. As the festival of Eostre we in celebration of the renewal of life in the spring it was easy to make it a celebration of the resurrection from the dead of Jesus, whose gospel they preached."

"It was during the Civil War that the nonritualistic churches began to observe Easter. In the Presbyterian churches first, and in the others later, the Easter season was selected for reminding those in mourning, whether widow, mother or orphan, of the promise of resurrection in the story of the risen Christ. The custom of decorating the churches with flowers for the Easter service has become general and a Bermuda lily which blossoms in the spring is used so largely that it has come to be known as the Easter Lily."

"The egg came to be regarded as symbolical of the resurrection, as it holds the seed of a new life. But eggs came to be associated with Easter originally because it was forbidden to eat them during Lent and on Easter Sunday they were served. They were dyed red to suggest joyousness, but according to another theory the color was symbolic of the blood shed on Calvary.

The egg, however, as a symbol of new life is much older than Christianity. And the coloring of it at the spring festival is also of very ancient origin. The ancient Persians believed that the earth was hatched from an egg at the time of the spring equinox."

"The Curiosities of Popular Customs" tells us that the American Easter bunny has its origin in the German Easter Hare.

"Children are taught to believe that if they are good and kind to one another, a white hare will steal into the house on Easter Eve, when everybody is asleep, and secrete any number of beautifully colored eggs in odd corners for the good little children." Shades of St. Nicholas! It seems that the clever German parents didn't miss any occasion that would help keep their household under control.



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