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Editorially speaking

NEED FOR ACTION—

Tuesday afternoon's fire at the John Cupp Furniture Barn should be the motivating force for city councilmen to take action on the sawmill burners within the city of Central Point.

It is nearly a certainty, according to reports following the Cupp fire, that sparks from one of the burners were responsible for the fire.

In addition, this is the second fire at the Cupp barn within the past year.

It seems only reasonable to us that sawmill owners and councilmen could agree on a plan to minimize the spark and ash problem caused by the burners.

Even by ignoring the spark hazard, which is serious in itself, the great amount of fly ash and sawdust carried into this district of the city from the burners should be eliminated. Along Front street, sawdust residue at times collects nearly curb high and blows on and into business and residential property.

We sincerely hope that mill owners and councilmen will reach an agreeable plan for remodeling burners which will eliminate this hazard and nuisance.

WE FORESEE VICTORY!

Just a quickie on the rural fire district election this afternoon. There is still time to vote before polls close at 8 p.m. We also predict that the intelligent voters of the district will overwhelmingly approve the budget which will automatically give the rural district the needed second fire hall at White City.

Gregory, Johnson Enlist in Army Security Agency

William E. Gregory and Donald David Johnson, both graduates of Crater High school, have enlisted for army duty with the Army security agency.

They left for Ft. Ord, Calif., on Monday, June 13, where they will take eight weeks of basic training. Following basic, they will attend the army's security agency school at Ft. Devens, Mass.

Gregory, who graduated with the class of 1955, is the son of Mrs. Roberta Gregory, Crater Lake highway. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Johnson, Route 1, Central Point. Johnson graduated with the Crater High class of 1953 and had attended SOCE for the past two years. He had just been elected president of the junior class when he decided to take his military training.



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Twin Sons Born To Robert Dunlaps

Twin sons were born Thursday, June 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunlap of Route 1, Central Point.

The youngsters have been named David Mathew and Duane Lloyd. Birth weight for the pair was four pounds and one ounce and four pounds and twelve ounces. They were born at Community hospital in Medford.

With the two recent arrivals, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap now are parents of four boys and a daughter.

Foley Enters Car In Model Competition

John Foley of Route 1, Central Point, is one of the youthful designers who has a model car entered in the 1955 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild silver anniversary model car competition.

Judging is going on in Detroit of a record-breaking number of model automobile entries. Teams of experts are minutely inspecting the model cars, state by state. Cash awards and university scholarships amounting to \$90,000 are at stake in the Guild competition.

NO HEU MEETING

President Mrs. Arthur Straus states there will be no H. E. U. meeting this month. The annual picnic will be held at Jackson Hot Springs July 20.

Book Briefs

From Central Point

Public Library

By Evelyn Graham



Flamingo Feather

by Laurens van der Post
Pierre de Beauvilliers, a cultured South African of Dutch descent, was startled by the sound of running feet and an exultant Amangtakewena war-cry. Although he and his servant, Um-

tuma, accepted the assailants, they were too late to save the black man's life. A foreign sailor's cap, an empty envelope, a flamingo feather, and the marks of Bantu royalty on the deadman's face were the only clues to the tragedy.

The year was 1948, the day July 12, the hour 5:30 in the afternoon, and the place, Petit, France overlooking the village of St. Joseph's on the peninsula of the Cape of Good Hope. This might have been only another race killing except that the dying man seemed to recognize Pierre and the envelope was was clearly addressed to Pierre de Beauvilliers in the writing of Col. John Sandysse who was supposedly killed trying to escape from the prisoner of war camp in Burma. Even more electrifying was the effect that the flamingo feather had upon his "Takwena staff. He had to persuade, threaten and coerce them in to revealing the message of the feather thus sent. "It is a sign that a great dream has been

dreamed again." No matter how far the "Takwena is away from home, a representative must return to hear the dream and how it is to be lived out.

Immediately icy fingers clutch at his inmost being as Pierre senses a devastating threat to the Africa he loves. He and just one other man have the hunter's instinct, the knowledge and love of the country to crack the conspiracy of terror before irreparable damage has been done. As Pierre treks through the bush, the plain, the forest and the mountains, and as he is hunted as a beast in the jungle, the feel and sounds of Africa, her animals and native customs unfold before our eyes.

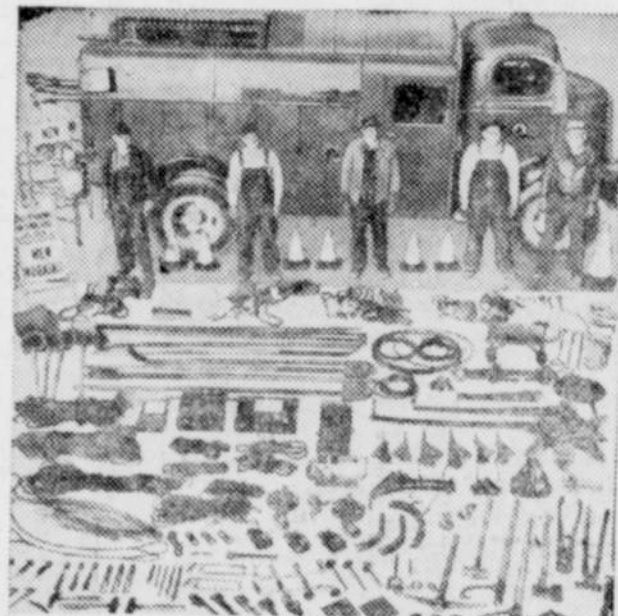
No one is more qualified to write of Africa than Mr. Van der Post. He was born in South Africa and knows the country as few men do. If you recall his "Venture to the Interior", you will find that his experiences have fitted him to write his authentic African novel.



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