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editorially speaking

DOG AND DOGS—AND DOGS!

To paraphrase a cliché, "dog is man's best friend, except in Central Point!"

Several reports have reached us this week about the tremendous amount of damage being caused to local gardens by the number of dogs running loose throughout the town.

In one instance in particular, marauding dogs ruined one garden during their midnight antics.

Gardens, lawns and shrubs hold no meaning to dogs . . . but they should have some value to the owners of these hounds.

We really don't have a solution to this problem, and from discussions held by city councilmen, they too are at a loss to control the local dog problem. Legally, according to city ordinance, the owner of the animal is subject to punishment. However, the only problem there is connecting the right dog with the right owner! One other recourse is to have the county dog control officer pick up any animal believed to be a stray. Another problem there . . . if the dog wears a license, the dog control officer cannot pick it up!

So, for the present at least, it appears to us that the only cation which can be taken is to appeal to owners of dogs.

Dog owners will balk, but we suggest that all animals be leashed and limited to the area around their owner's homes. Legally, this action is called for under city ordinance. However, enforcement of this section must come voluntarily from dog owners.

We sincerely ask that all dog owners in the city make a determined effort to control their pets.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



Qataban and Sheba
by Wendell Phillips

Exploring the ancient kingdoms on the Biblical spice routes.

Surprising as it may seem, the barres, desolate, sandy arid regions of Arabia once fostered a prosperous civilization whose life blood was the procession of caravans carrying loads of fragrant incense. Hidden beneath tons of sand were the evidences of wealthy cities, the artifacts and inscriptions of ancient cultures. Wendell Phillips had a dream of exploring this vast treasure-house of man's antiquity. There were many hurdles to be overcome—his extreme youth, his lack of funds, the unrest of the Arab nations.

Fired with enthusiasm and scientifically sound theories, the American Foundation for the Study of Man soon had many prominent backers. Large corporations were eager to test their equipment under rigorous conditions and donated supplies, such as trucks, cameras, guns, gasoline, tires, etc.

This book is an account of four expeditions to Arabia—two to Beihan, one each to Yeman and Dhofar. At Beihan, site of the ancient Kingdom of Qataban, the expedition was greeted with enthusiasm by the local government leaders. The description of the customs and conditions of the Arabs, the thrill of archaeological finds, the lore of ancient history make the chapters on Qataban fascinating reading.

As exciting as the excavations at Beihan proved to be, the biggest prize was Marib, capital of Sheba land, which lay in forbidden Yemen. It was surprising that permission was given for the American party to enter Yemen. The leaders were jubilant when the king assented to the expedition. However, once on the field, every effort was made to discredit the scientists and Sheba's great moon temple of Awwam was uncovered with much difficulty. The party was isolated, and when they were out of money and supplies and had only a few gallons of gasoline, it was necessary to make an escape from the Arab tribesmen, leaving all their equipment and "treasures" behind them.

For excitement, adventure, and a taste of what future expeditions



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

If You Can't Lick 'em—Join 'em

Just back from visiting with my daughter's family—and playing Grandpop to two of the cutest kids you ever saw. While there I picked up a couple of new ideas on child raising:

If your child's learning to use a pen, provide an old fountain pen—filled with bluing. Looks and writes like ink, but won't stain clothes or furniture.

Maybe you have a boy, like my grandson, who thinks he's too old for a bib—but isn't. A big cowboy bandana works just as well, and looks he-man to boot.

From where I sit, getting along with children is like getting along with grownups—it requires an effort to see things from the other person's point of view. At any age, there's no accounting for tastes. Take my neighbor who keeps a parakeet and drinks hot coffee in the summertime. That seems strange to me . . . a man who's partial to hound dogs and a cooling glass of beer. But I'd be "childish" to say it was wrong.

Joe Marsh

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This You Can't "Keep Away," Boys



VACATION AT YOSEMITE

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brock are vacationing at Yosemite National park this week. They left last Friday. Brock is employed by the city and Mrs. Brock is employed at John Cupp Furniture Barn.

READS HAVE SON

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Read, Route 2, Central Point, on Wednesday, June 22, at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. Birth weight was seven and one-half pounds.

may reveal in Ariba, read "Qataban and Sheba."

Myers-Holland Post Officers Installed In Joint Ceremony

Joint installation of officers of American Legion posts of Jackson and Josephine counties was held Saturday, June 25 in the Moose hall in Medford with Medford Post acting as host for the evening.

Officers were installed for Myers-Holland Post 129, Central Point; Ashland Post 14; Medford Post 15 and Grants Pass Post 28.

Emil Kroeger of Ashland, commander of district 13, was installing officer. A. Eugene Orr of Medford was elected district com-

mander for the coming year by delegates to the department convention in a caucus following the ceremonies.

Myers-Holland officers installed for 1955-56 were: Jerry Blanconi, commander; Oran Chastin, senior vice commander; Ray Charters, junior vice commander; Jim Bradley, adjutant; Ira Brock, finance officer; L. Bryan Pierce, chaplain; Tom McCall, sergeant at arms; William B. Keizur, service officer, and Carl Christensen, executive committeeman.

Refreshments and dancing followed with music furnished by the Camp White orchestra, directed by Jimmie Rae.

Bruce Field Named UofO Honor Student

Bruce W. Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Field, Route 1, Box 31, Central Point, is one of 260 students listed on the University of Oregon honor roll for the spring term.

Field is a senior at the university majoring in history.

To be listed on the honor roll, a students must earn a 3.50 or better grade point average and must carry not less than 12 term hours. The grade point average is figured on a scale with 4.00 being A, 3.00 is B, and 2.00 is C.

Crater Clothing Club To Discuss Pre-fair

Record books will be brought up to date and plans will be outlined for the pre-fair at the meeting of Crater Clothing 4-H club at 2 p.m. Friday, July 8, at the home of the club leader, Mrs. Chester Ashton.

The Central Point 4-H pre-fair will be held on Saturday, July 16.

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