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editorially speaking

WE DON'T WANT A SPEEDWAY

We have been wondering why the new highway remodeling project last summer through Central Point included a "60 mile-per-hour supered curve" at the south end of town.

Now we know!

At Tuesday's council session, the state speed control board submitted a letter asking that the speed limit through the city on Front street (highway 99) be increased to 40 miles per hour.

According to the letter, this request was part of a plan to increase traffic movement on highway 99 from Portland south to the California border.

We will have to join with city councilmen in protesting the speed increase.

Although the area involved is less than a mile, it still reflects on the safety of our children and residents. We do not want to see the heavily traveled street become even more dangerous than it already is through a higher speed limit.

Even with the traffic light at the Pine street intersection, children and other pedestrians take their life in their hands when they attempt to cross the highway. Crossing at any other of the intersections in town depends on a marked ability to dodge cars.

If the state speed control board wants freeway speeds on highway 99, they should have freeways constructed. Endangering lives of residents in small towns by allowing heavy-footed drivers to scream through is not the solution!

A BRIEF GLIMPSE . . .

Into the Past . . .

From the Files of the American

10 Years Ago . . . 1945

Last Friday morning while peacefully returning to his home, William B. Keizur Sr. was ffully attacked by an unseen assailant. The dastardly thug approached swiftly and unseen, smote Mr. Keizur a cruel and grievous blow on the left temple and after a short struggle fled without giving the staggering and half conscious victim a chance of successful defense.

Mrs. Anna Ross celebrated her 75th birthday June 21 with a birthday party on the lawn at the home of her son, James.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swain, Mrs. Bernice McCue and Mr. Swartz went camping to the Lake of the Woods Wednesday and returned home last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blakenship sold their property, the former J. C. Wood home, to Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury.

The City of Central Point had a gain of approximately 21 percent in population, according to figures made public today by the Secretary of State's office.

The last census as of 1940 was 906. The new census will show the city has 1156, the actual count was made by the census committee. This is a gain of 250.

Sgt. Ray Casebeer, who was liberated from the German prisoner-of-war camp at Moosburg about six weeks ago, arrived in

the valley Tuesday for a 60 day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lawton and daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, attended the wedding of Miss Alpha Whillock and Captain Wayne Crews in Medford Wednesday, June 20.

Keith R. Lawton bought two lots across from the E. P. Stone residence from the city and has started to build on same.

20 Years Ago . . . 1935

Mrs. E. E. Scott and Mrs. Buckman entertained with a handkerchief shower at a surprise farewell party for Mrs. J. C. Yakel, who will leave for Modesto, Calif. soon to make her home.

Miss Anna Sherer arrived last night on the bus and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carpenter until the arrival of the Sherer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Potter entertained their berry pickers with a swimming party last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan of Idaho and their two granddaughters spent the evening Wednesday at the C. E. Fox home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward are the parents of a baby boy weighing 8 pounds and 13½ ounces born Tuesday morning at Community hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marine have purchased the old Owen home and will move as soon as Mrs. Will Owen moves to Portland. Carol Furry, Marjorie Jones, Dorothy Powell, Richard Jewett, Roger Yost and Bill Snyder enjoyed a swimming party at Twin Plunges on Monday night.

John Ross, Verne Pendleton and Vince Ritzinger went fishing Wednesday. They caught one salmon and 25 trout.

R. H. Moore is slowly recovering from a severe attack of the flu from which he has been suffering for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Edith Deuel and Johnny left Wednesday, June 19, for Denver, Colo., where Johnny is taking treatment for sinus trouble.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



The Hidden River by Storm Jameson

Adam Hartley drove through the French countryside, savoring every detail of the landscape. Why should he always feel so happy in France? Five years was a long time to stay away. Would everything be so different than when he had last seen it during the war? One thing he was fast discovering—bitterness and hatred were still very much alive. On every side he saw violent retaliation against past collaboration with the despised Nazis. However, life would be pleasant and peaceful in the manor house on the Loire River. There he and Monnerie could re-establish the warm friendship that had flourished as they worked together in the French Resistance.

Things were not quiet along the Loire. Two men lay dead, the oldest and youngest members of the Monnerie family. David, cultivated and charming, had served a prison sentence because he refused to repudiate his life-long friend who was a German general. Francois, the spoiled younger brother, had been persuaded that anything he did would be

forgiven him—one act had not been forgiven.

Adam found himself a reluctant participant in the tragic crisis. Could his knowledge and memory of past events help uncover the truth—who had betrayed Robert into the hands of the Nazis years before? Here at the end of the truth were two corpses and one decent, intelligent individual who had taken upon himself the right to punish with death a man he deeply loved. Swirling around them was the hidden, treacherous river of implacable hatred and savage bitterness. The only action left was to rescue Elizabeth from its sweeping tide, Elizabeth—whose love could erase all regrets.

"The Hidden River" is the story of a family, set in a country where the memories of war are still painfully alive. Written with richness, grace and quietness, it has pertinent things to say about the burden of guilt and responsibility each individual bears for the corruption and intolerance abroad in the world.

Oklahoma Picnic Slated July 10

The annual picnic for former Oklahomans will be held on Sunday, July 10, at the Caveman's park in Grants Pass.

There will be a free barbecue, beef furnished by Roy Couch of Tiller and Noah Couch of Medford. Everyone should bring lunch including table service. The barbecue, iced punch and hot coffee will be furnished by the committee.

Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. with family style lunch at 12 noon. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day.

Sheppard Helps With "Mothball Fleet"

Oscar A. Sheppard, machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned A. Sheppard, Route 1, Central Point, is helping to prepare the escort aircraft carrier, USS Rendova, for retirement to the "mothball fleet."

The Rendova, commissioned in October, 1945, played an active part in the Korean conflict and was one of the ships to take part in the Enitwetok A-bomb tests.

Under the navy's current drive to economize and maintain top battle readiness, she is being decommissioned.

MOTHER IS VISITOR

Mrs. Lois Sauer of Oakland, Calif., arrived last Saturday morning to visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gilkey, of Central Point. She will be here for two weeks.

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