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editorially speaking—

A WHIPPING BOY—

This writer was set back on his heels rather strongly last weekend by a TV program which recorded an interview with Mrs. Una Schmidt-Fine of California, the young lady who has found herself with two husbands.

The young woman got off a crack which went something like this: "If the newspapers had kept their noses out of this, I wouldn't have all this trouble."

We'll be one of the first to admit that newspapers commit errors, but we will have to take the lady to task on her reasoning if she believes a factual newspaper story brought about her trouble, or even enhanced it.

Mrs. Schmidt-Fine seems to indicate that newspapers are to blame for her situation. She is very wrong. She probably received more publicity than she would like, but this is just one of the jobs of the newspaper.

Papers of the United States, be they small weeklies or dailies, are striving to report news. News to keep persons informed of activities around them.

Not all the news is good . . . not all the news is happy, but neither is all that happens to individuals good or happy.

We believe Mrs. Schmidt-Fine was looking for a convenient whipping boy and that the newspapers were handy.

FOLKS ARE SATISFIED—

Oiling of city streets earlier this week failed to bring about the flood of comments experienced after the first day of oiling.

City residents have seen what has happened to the oil if it is allowed to remain on the streets for a day or two and soak into the ground. Last week's fiasco of black footprints, soiled rugs and blackened floors was unnecessary. If local residents would have avoided the fresh oil as much as possible, rather than bathing in it, there would have been no uproar.

We are not convinced, however, that the street oil was applied correctly. Old oil should have been torn up and the streets regraded. In addition, a light coat of sand should have been spread over the fresh oil.

Nevertheless, we feel that the streets are in good shape now and that the project has been successful. We hope that all streets can be oiled, or better yet, paved in years to come.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

The Adventurers
Ernest Haycox

A shipwreck off the Oregon coast in 1865 left three of the survivors stranded in the wilderness of a sparsely settled new land. Mark Sheridan, Clara Dale, and George Rivelwood made their way to Portland where they parted.

George and Clara see each other frequently, and later marry. The marriage ends in tragedy when George is convicted of killing a man, and Clara leaves Portland by boat. On the trip down the coast, her thoughts and regrets cause her to take her own life.

Mark Stevens went to the south, near the present town of Forest Grove, to find suitable enterprises, and each time he attempted a venture, fate seemed to be against him. Trouble in the form of forest fire, competition by

big companies, and the challenge of raw frontier life, makes this a fast moving story of the "can't lay the book down" type.

As usual Haycox brings out the deep human emotions that make the characters of his books seem to be actually alive, and keeps the story moving at a fast rate which keeps the reader enjoying every page.

Thanks to the Edward Taylor family for the donation of several books to the library. Many children will be interested to know that several of these are "Bobbsey Twin" books, and there are some books young boys will enjoy. For the adults there are some books by Erle Stanley Gardner as well as some other types of novels. All these books will be part of our permanent collection and will bring reading pleasure to many people.

HALFHILL ON LEAVE

Al/c Jimmy Halfhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe. F. Halfhill, arrived home last Thursday on a 15-day leave from Harlingen Air Force Base in Texas. He will report back to Harlingen for further duty.

CIRCLE POSTPONED

Presbyterian church circle has been postponed from August 18 to Thursday, August 25. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. M. Setness, 733 Pine street.



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A BRIEF GLIMPSE . . .

Into the Past . . .

From the Files of the American

10 Years Ago . . . 1945

Central Point Business Men's association met last Friday night and made plans for an auction sale for the benefit of the American Legion building.

A group of friends gathered at the high school last Saturday evening for a shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hanscom, whose home and furnishings were completely destroyed by fire.

We are happy to introduce to the community, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Vance, who have taken over the grocery and vegetable department of the Thrift Market, No. 2.

At a meeting of the school board held Tuesday evening the decision was made to postpone the date of opening of school, which had been set for September 10, and instead open on September 17.

Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Betty, returned recently from a vacation spent at Crescent City.

N. A. Mead is busy having his new home on Beall Lane remodeled before moving in.

20 Years Ago . . . 1935

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Territt celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary August 6 at the home of their son, Dade Territt, in Medford.

Mel Grigsby of Montague, Calif. is spending the weekend with his mother and brother, Byrd, of Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kohler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jewett and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kyle left Saturday afternoon for Lake of the Woods returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Richardson, Charlotte and Miss Martha Smith, returned home Monday afternoon from Diamond Lake.

Jerry Tex was home from Prospect for a week.

Mrs. Lettie Gregory and daughter, Miss Lyle Gregory, are spending a couple of weeks at Crescent City.

Beth Hauri of Central Point spent the weekend with Jerry Hermanson in Medford.



From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

"Light" Snack For Ducks

Coming back from Balesville the other night I noticed a powerful light at Whitey Fisher's Duck Farm. Seemed to be shining out over the water.

I stopped to ask Whitey what went on. He took me down to his pond and pointed out a 200-watt bulb—rigged up on a pole about three feet above the surface. The light was attracting thousands of insects for the ducks to eat.

Seemed kind of odd to me—but Whitey was enthusiastic. "Best idea I ever heard of," he claims. "Keeps the feed bill down—and

the bug population, too. Why do you suppose I never thought of it before?"

From where I sit, Whitey's the type who's always ready to pioneer a worth-while new trick. Me, I stick to old methods. Just a case of personal feeling, I guess . . . like the way you may prefer coffee with meals while I always prefer a traditional glass of beer. Not that I'd claim you're wrong—respect for the other man's opinion is my "guiding light."

Joe Marsh

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