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editorially speaking

STAND BY YOUR GUNS!

Our hats are off to Central Point city officials this week for their tenacious stand before the Medford Water Commission last Wednesday on the proposed schedule of water rate increases for the city.

We believe that the council is absolutely correct in their refusal to sign a new water contract with the commission based on the new fees.

The increase in the cost of water to the city would be tremendous, slightly over 20 per cent according to figures compiled here, and, in turn, the increase would be passed on to individual users.

We sincerely hope that city officials keep hounding the commission until a more reasonable rate schedule is offered the city.

MORE HOURS, PLEASE . . .

Occupancy of Central Point's new library is just a few days off.

We are wondering if this new structure, which cost city taxpayers more than \$20,000, will be utilized to the fullest extent?

At the present time, the city library is open two afternoons a week, Monday and Thursday, for four hours.

To our way of thinking, construction of this new building will be absolutely wasted unless library facilities are greatly expanded.

We propose that the library schedule be changed with the move into the new building. We would like to see library facilities provided for the public at least four afternoons a week. In addition, we would like to see a larger selection of current volumes placed on the shelves.

We suggest that the city council take the initial step by contacting the county library office in Medford and that an expanded hour schedule be worked out.



TO THE EDITOR AND STAFF:

This is to wish you a very Merry Christmas and an "extra successful New Year."

I am a new resident of your nice little town, therefore not too well acquainted yet. But, I do

realize the efforts you people put forth in giving us a thriving and impartial hometown newspaper.

It is with sincere appreciation to you and to those of your friendly townsmen that I dedicate this letter.

Gratefully,
Sgt. and Mrs. Owen Williams
49 Cedar street.

Mr. Rudy Fisher
c/o Crater High School
Central Point, Oregon

Dear Rudy:
Your prize winning essay, "What Safe Driving Day Means to Me and My Community," has come to my attention as it was published in the Central Point American.

Let me congratulate you upon

a fine and far-reaching concept of safe driving. I am sure that if the formula you set forth would be followed by every driver, accidents would be greatly reduced and the campaign for traffic safety would get a corresponding impetus.

Sincerely,

Marshall N. Dana, Secretary
Highway Lifesavers Committee of Oregon Citizens, Inc.

Ed. Note: Rudy Fisher won first prize in the Safe Driving Day essay contest sponsored by Central Point IOOF lodge.

Two Women Receive Fashion Shop Gifts

Mrs. Maxine Jones and Dara McDonald, both of Central Point, received "surprise" Christmas gifts from Pauline's Fashions last Friday evening in the special store gift event.

The names of the two women were selected Friday evening, December 23, by Pauline Braund, store owner.

As winners in the store gift event, Mrs. Jones received a dress and Mrs. McDonald received a Jantzen sweater.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library

Avis Van Hoy



The Valiant
By Sigman Byrd and John Sutherland

The Oregon Territory is the locale of this story about the settling of the west, but it is an unusual novel, for it tells of the Indians' beliefs and his efforts to live up to the treaties made with the white people, in spite of all the trouble caused by a few greedy white men who intended to cheat the Indians.

As children, Joel, the son of Angry Bear, Chief of the Nez Perce Indians, went to a missionary school which was also attended by two white children.



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little man

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Stella Hendricks and Tom Jerome, both children of Army officers. Tom hated Joel because of Stella's interest in him and years later that hate made the war between the white men and the Nez Perce, a personal battle between Tom and Joel.

After Angry Bear was killed Joel became the chief and with his knowledge of the English language, he went to meetings and tried to keep peace by talking to the white people and trying to make them understand the situation from the viewpoint of the Indians.

At last things could no longer be kept on a peaceable basis and in spite of all that Joel could do, even with the help of Stella,

war began.

The Nez Perce Indian War is now one of the most interesting legends of our history, but seldom are the hardships of this valiant band of people on their flight to the east, told in such a manner. After the surrender of the tribe, Joel was taken as prisoner and subjected to all kinds of humiliating incidents by the white people, but he never gave up hope that his people would be returned to the home of their ancestors. The decision that was made concerning him was a blow to him and his family, but his hopes for his people were granted, and so his personal fate was, to him, not as important as that of his people.

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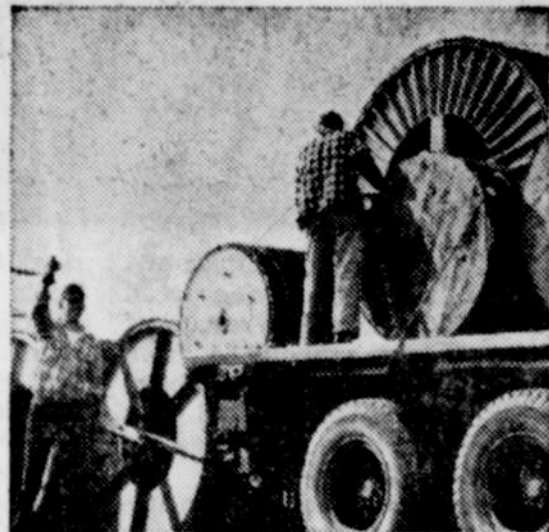


WHAT'S DOING

J. H. Creager, your Telephone Manager for Central Point

1956 will be another big year in telephone progress

This coming year, we plan to put a record \$385 million into new construction and service improvements to serve the Pacific West. We expect to add new equipment of all kinds to make your telephone service even better and to provide new service for the ever-growing number of people here. More lines to carry Long Distance calls and television programs; Direct Distance Dialing from more towns to places as far away as Philadelphia, Chicago and Milwaukee; more colored phones and hands-free Speakerphones. These are a very few of the many things in our continued program to keep pace with the growing West. In the year ahead you'll see plenty of reasons why we say—the men and women of Pacific Telephone work to make your telephone more useful every day.



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Are you thinking of building or remodeling in '56? If so, we suggest you include up-to-date telephone arrangements in your plans. Concealed wiring and built-in telephone outlets in each of the rooms you use a lot are low-cost features that add much to the "livability" and value of a home. And, of



course, to your comfort and convenience as well. We'll be glad to help you with our free telephone planning service. Just call us and ask for "Architects and Builders Service".

Holiday greetings

All of us at the telephone company join in hoping that this Holiday Season is indeed a happy one for you and your family. We've enjoyed serving you during the past year, and hope we've done the kind of job you like. We're going to do our best to make your service even better in 1956. In the meantime, here's wishing you a healthy and prosperous New Year. Pacific Telephone.

