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editorially speaking . . .

A LIVEWIRE GROUP!

Enthusiasm and interest seem to be the bywords for the new Central Point Merchants' Association which met Monday evening.

Personally we are tremendously pleased by the interest and activity reflected by the businessmen and women who attended this meeting.

We have been hoping that an organization such as this would develop in Central Point to promote the town and business. We feel that this organization, if it can keep the momentum in evidence Monday, will fill a real need in town.

The prime purpose of this new group, as we see it, is to form a center for all activities on a business level in the town. We believe that this group can bring all merchants together so a strong, consistent effort can be made to develop Central Point.

We urge each and every business firm in Central Point to join the new association and to take an active part.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Last week's editorial question concerning the Central Point telephone listing is completed as far as we are concerned.

All answers to the editorial poll reflect opposition to the way the present directory is organized. It seems that local residents favor listing Central Point numbers separately under our own heading.

At the present time, the poll stands at 30 yes, 37 no and 10 no preference.

We hope that the management of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. will take the results of this survey and make a more comprehensive investigation before the next directory is issued.

We would like to thank all those who took the time and effort to take part in our poll.

Central Point Duo Re-enlist in A.F.

Two Central Point men recently re-enlisted in the U. S. Air Force through the Medford recruiting station.

They are Robert Dale Johnson, Route 1, Central Point, and Clyde Halfhill, Route 2, Central Point.

T. W. Trautman Funeral Services Conducted Monday

Last rites were conducted Monday afternoon for Theodore W. Trautman, 49, from the Cong-

er-Morris chapel in Medford.

The Rev. Kenneth Kerby of St. Peter's Lutheran church officiated. Interment was in Sikiyou Memorial park.

Mr. Trautman, who passed away Tuesday, January 17, was born February 27, 1906, in Butte, Nebraska. He moved to Grants Pass in 1936 from Kansas and to Medford in 1938. Six years ago he moved from Medford to Everett Wash., where he and his brother, Alvin, operated a service station.

He was married on November 10, 1935, to Hulda Gemaehlich, who survives, in Frances, Kansas. He was a member of the

Lutheran church.

Other survivors include two sons, Donald D. Trautman and Paul G. Trautman, who are attending Concordia Bible college at Portland; five brothers, Fred G. Trautman, Central Point; Herbert H. Trautman, Veneta, Oregon; Alvin E. Trautman, Everett, Wash.; Albert E. Trautman and Emil E. Trautman, both of Central Point; and two sisters, Mrs. John Anhorn and Mrs. Dale Bartley, both of Central Point.

G Mekvold Earns 4.0 Grade Point Mark

Gordon Mekvold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Mekvold of Central Point, posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term which ended December 20 at Oregon Technical Institute.

Mekvold is taking a course in diesel mechanics technology.

A grade point of 4.0 shows work far above the minimum standards of the Institute and is the highest grade given. Announcement was released from the registrar's office.

Book Briefs

From Central Point
Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

"The Sojourners"

By Marjorie Rawlings

This is another novel by the writer of the well known book, "The Yearling."

It is not a gay story, but rather one of what might be the life story of an actual person.

Asahel Linden had always known there was a vast difference in the way his mother treated him and his brother, Ben. On the day of his father's funeral Ben left home and Asahel was subjected to more

of his mother's hate for him, and at last he finds out the reason for this hate.

Throughout her life, his mother continues to do things to make it hard for Asahel but the cruellest thing of all was to cause him to lose one of his children, and after her death, he discovers that even then she had the power to cause him trouble.

Nellie, his wife, is also subjected to the cruelty of the things the warped mind of her mother-in-law could inflict on the family, but she did her best to make things easier for all of them.

The influence of his grandmother, plots the course that Nat, Asahel's oldest boy, was to follow thru his life, and the command he takes over his brothers

and sisters makes him follow his example, and for their father, is brings even more heartache and disappointments.

Thru all his life, he never gave up his search for Ben, and the reunion between the two, proves to Asahel that he was right to have stayed on the farm all the years he had, and at last when he finds he is free to do what he pleases with the land, his plans made up for all the grief his mother and children had caused him.



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