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editorially speaking

TIME TO REGISTER

Have you registered or corrected your registration so you can express your opinion in the election this year?

The registration deadline is less than a month away and the primary election will be held May 18.

Persons who will become of voting age between April 18 and the May 18 primary election or who will complete resident requirements during that period must register between March 19 and the registration deadline, according to state election officials.

Registration books are closed at 5 p.m. April 18 for those expecting to vote at the primaries. Voters who cast ballots at the last general election in 1954 need not register unless they have changed residence.

BACKWARD OR FORWARD?

Central Point Merchants' Association meeting Monday evening was rather a disappointment from the standpoint of attendance.

A slim total of seven business firms from the more than 30 holding membership were represented at the monthly session.

We really fail to understand the thinking of local merchants on this situation of attendance. The association was formed by and for local businessmen and cannot exist without their participation.

It would seem that it behooves every single merchant in Central Point to take an active interest in the group for both a personal gain and to assist the town develop and grow.

Even in the two short years that we have been on the local scene, a marked change in attitude and thinking in Central Point's business economy has been noted. This change has given the town a new spark and boost and, we are convinced, is just an indication of what will take place in a few more years.

We sincerely look for a marked growth in the business district of our town. We can see a wider selection of merchandise available to area shoppers through a great many more retail stores. We can see a complete retail shopping district for Central Point within the next few years.

However, with all our optimistic gazing into the crystal ball of the future, much of this change cannot come about without an active interest from the present merchants.

The first sound step our local businessmen can take is to participate actively in their own association. How about coming out for the April meeting?

Book Briefs

From Central Point
Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

THE HARDHATS

By H. M. Newell

This is the story of the construction of the mighty Squaw,

a power dam in the Pacific northwest. The people who lived in the town near the dam during the six years it took to complete the work, their problems, dreams, and emotions, makes it a very interesting story.

Dan Kipperty was the "big boss" of the job, and after the

death of his wife, their son, young Dan, came to live with his father, and while living there he decided he would like to follow that kind of work when he was old enough to do so.

Jeff Tunnichiff was the one person in the entire camp that could help Scott Drummond get over the disappointment that drove him to untiring work in order to forget his troubles and it was also Jeff who helped Lydia to find his place in the life of the community.

Zoe wanted to raise racing horses, and Dan, who knew the value of money, helped her.

Margaret was a shy farm girl, and Jeff, with Lydia's help, made it possible for Margaret to become adjusted to her life in the camp.

Poison, a stray cat, hated people and only allowed them near him when he needed help, and managed to put three men in the hospital when they attempted to rescue him, but in his own way, he played an important part in the building of the dam.



To the Editor:

How does a timid woman get active politically is a question on many women's minds today. As vice-chairman of my county Democratic committee, I'm probably asked that question more often than the average citizen. I think an answer at this time is particularly timely.

I feel that becoming a precinct committee woman in your own neighborhood, be you Democrat

or Republican, is the quickest, easiest way to "get into politics."

Most precincts are composed of approximately 300 voters. As precinct committee woman, you perform the service of calling personally on your neighbors, telling them where and how to register, furnish them with candidates literature and sample ballots. In general, you become the hub around which your voters can revolve.

Timid souls will find the work stimulating, informative and one for which she'll receive "many thanks" from her neighbors as well as candidates running for office.

Filing for precinct work closed March 9, but you can become a precinct worker by writing in your own name on the ballot at the May primary under PRECINCT COMMITTEE WOMAN. If you want to make sure that you are elected, ask your neighbors to write your name there, too.

Take the first step, ladies; you'll get lots of help. You will soon be living!! Hasn't everyone said that more women should take an active interest in politics?

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BEGIN BLOCK WORK

Laying of concrete block side walls at the new Margaret E. Patrick school in Gold Hill was started Tuesday, according to word from School Supt. H. P. Jewett.

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