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EDITORIALY SPEAKING . . .

UNJUST WATER RATES

Residents of Central Point can look forward to an increase in water rates in the very near future. The letter printed below from the Medford Water Commission outlines their refusal to consider an equitable adjustment of water rates to the city.

Mayor Donald A. Faber, when questioned this week on the water situation, stated that he felt the water commission was acting unjustly concerning the local water problem.

We also feel that the commission is turning a deaf ear to pleas for fair and just water rates. Some increase is undoubtedly necessary, but the more than 20 per cent raise outlined is far from correct.

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Central Point
City Hall
Central Point, Oregon
Subject: Contract for Sale of Water
Gentlemen:

The Medford Water Commission has again reviewed the matter of the renewal of the contract for the sale of water to the City of Central Point. It is the Commission's understanding that your objection to the proposed contract was in the matter of rates to be charged for water service. The Commission recognizes your problems in regard to increased rates and wishes to reaffirm its sincere and real desire to provide your City and others purchasing water from the Medford water system with water service at the lowest possible rates. However, as was pointed out in previous discussions, the cost of producing, transporting and storing water, which represents considerably more than half of the cost of water service, is much higher than in 1945 or even a few years ago. A very careful and lengthy study of rates for the Medford water system has been recently made by the Commission and its representatives and it is the opinion of the Commission that the rate schedule, as set out in the proposed contract, represents a fair and equitable charge for the water service provided. The Commission therefore requests that you again consider the proposed contract which has been sent to you for study.

Very truly yours,
Medford Water Commission
By Robert A. Duff, Supt.

Summer Bible School Announced

The annual Vacation Bible school of the Church of Christ will be held from June 18-29 this summer.

The sessions will be held each morning, Monday through Friday, from nine o'clock until noon. A uniform course of study, "Our Living Bible," will be used for the school.

The Vacation Bible school offers an opportunity for more intensive Bible training, for all youngsters from age four, through the Junior High age. The Junior High sessions will probably be held in the evening. While the emphasis is upon Bible study and worship, the morning-long session also provides ample time for related handwork and recreation.

All youngsters in the commun-

ity are invited to attend the school without cost, regardless of whether they attend the regular Sunday Bible school or not.

REGULAR OES MEET

Regular stated meeting of Nevita Chapter 93, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Masonic Temple. Initiation and instruction are planned for the evening.

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Obenchain Elected HE Club Secretary

Linda Obenchain, Oregon State college student from Central Point, was elected state secretary of the Oregon Home Economics college clubs at the OHEA convention held in Gearhart April 20 to 22.

About 325 professional women and college students attended the conference which included demonstrations, exhibits, and lectures during the two days.

Miss Obenchain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Obenchain of Box 611, Central Point. She is a sophomore in home economics at Oregon State.

Rites for Moore Lad Conducted Saturday

Funeral services for Reed Lewis Moore, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Moore, Jr., of Central Point, were held Saturday morning, April 28, at Rogue River.

The lad died Wednesday, April 25, at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford.

The Rev. D. F. Barnett officiated. Interment was in Rogue River Cemetery. Conger-Morris Funeral home had charge of arrangements.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

Wild Orchard

By Isabel Dick

Disobedience usually brings nothing but punishment, but the day Harriet Bracken disobeyed her mother, she found the man who was to bring her many things, love, travel, adventure, companionship and freedom from the strict ways of her minister father.

Jan Halifax was in England to study agriculture before returning to his native Australia,

and after meeting Harriet, he knew he wanted her to return with him, and so their wedding day was also the day they sailed on the small boat that was to be their home for the next six months.

Although she had heard about the new land to which she was going, Harriet was not prepared for its vastness, nor for the rude welcome she received from Jan's sister. More than ever she was determined to go on to the big farm with him, a place two days travel from the coast, and not far from the homes of the wild bushmen.

A stow-away, who made the inland journey was to play a big part in their lives for the woman, who was so good to Harriet, was completely insane at times, the neither Harriet nor Jan knew this, and the way they found about it is a part of the story that will make your hair stand on end.

Neighbors in that part of Australia at the time of this story, were few, and many miles separated the families, and each character in the novel plays an important part, each having influence on the others around him.

Few stories are written about the colonizing of Australia, and in a way, the lives of these people were similar to the ones of the people who settled the country, for the native bushmen of the story were not unlike our Indians and the people settling both countries; were, for

the most part, English people looking for adventure, more space and freedom.

R. Balch Elected Living Group Prexy

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Robert Balch of Gold Hill has been elected vice president of his living group, Hawley hall, at Oregon State college for the coming year.

Balch, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering at OSC, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Balch Sr. of Box 496, Gold Hill. He is a 1953 graduate of Crater High school.

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