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editorially speaking . . .

A GOOD POLICE OFFICER

Central Point has lost a good police officer.
The resignation of Oran C. Chastain, police and fire chief
in Central Point since 1949, as announced last week, will be
felt in Central Point for some time.

We sincerely feel that Chief Chastain has done a commend-
able job with the position of chief of police during his years
here.

As an individual, he is personable, active in city groups
and interested in the city. As a police chief, he has been able
to keep criminal activities at low ebb throughout the town and
he has done a wonderful job with the youth of the community.

Teenagers in Central Point are no problem . . . due, we feel,
to the respect which Chief Chastain holds in their eyes. He is
willing to meet teenagers on their own level and talk with them,
rather than ranting and raving about their mistakes or misdeeds.

We hope the man selected to replace Chief Chastain will
be able to continue the position as successfully.

AND—AWAY WE GO!

Say, have you noticed the changes along Pine street?
It rather looks like the old town is beginning to come alive.
New owners have taken over several of the business spots in
the city and several firms are carrying out extensive remodeling
and construction projects.

As we have maintained for as long as we have been in
Central Point, the city is going to grow and prosper.

It rather seems to us that the movement is on. We hope it
never ceases.

Book Briefs

From Central Point
Public Library

Avis Van Hoy

Blue Hurricane

By F. Van Wyck Mason

A wedding ceremony performed
by an unordained minister
caused Mark Havey to swear
he would even the score against
this man, and also against another
man.

Knowing he would become a
fugitive he left his home and
Phoebe Widden, and Phoebe,
being a woman, decides that
since she loved him, the only
thing to do was to follow him.

Losing all sense of the ideas
and values he has been taught,
he shoots one of the men he
has sworn to kill, and then goes
west to the towns along the Mis-
sissippi, and while there amasses
a fortune by selling supplies to
the Confederate Army.

Phoebe started west too, but
was injured and lost her mem-
ory. Mark's discovery of her
makes him realize his way of
life must change again, for she
needed care and help.

After their return home he is
faced with the decision of going
on in the poverty which follow-
ed his army service, or to claim
his rightful inheritance, which
could only be claimed at the

expense and grief of three other
people, one of them a young
crippled war veteran.

It is a novel filled with human
emotion, from deepest grief to
stunning shame, unrelenting hate
and to love, for his country and
for Phoebe.

Dozen to Attend 4-H Summer School At Oregon State

A delegation of 12 Central
Point and Gold Hill 4-H club
members will attend the annual
4-H summer school, June 11 to
22, at Oregon State college.

The major goal of this year's
summer school will be the train-
ing of older 4-H club members
in leadership methods.

Those attending from Central
Point are: Fern Kellow, Joan
Dobrot, Marilyn Hixson, Marg-
aret Taylor, Mildred Ann Darras,
Carl Skyrman, John Foley, Les-
lie Kellow and John Caster. In-
cluded in the Gold Hill group
will be Terry Gail, David Par-
sons and Grace Gail.

Chaperones for the group of
50 Jackson county boys and girls
attending the annual summer
school will be Mrs. Everett Gib-
son and Mrs. Clinton Charley;
4-H club agents, Glenn Klein
and Marjorie Hattan; and home
economics agent, Mrs. Joanne
Weatherford. The group will re-
turn June 22.

Four hundred selected club
members are enrolled in work-
shops that will cover principles
of democratic leadership, accord-
ing to Burton Hutton, state 4-H
leader. More than 50,000 class
hours will be devoted to subject
matter in agriculture, home ec-
onomics, recreation, health and
civil defense during the 4-Hers
stay.

The family that makes their
home a heaven will be pretty
sure to make heaven their home.

R. W. Ryan Named To Hereford Group

Kansas City, Mo. (Special)—
R. W. Ryan, Central Point, was
named to membership in the
American Hereford Association
last weekend.

The group is the world's large-
est purebred registry organiza-
tion, with headquarters in Kan-
sas City.

Eighty-five Hereford breeders
were placed on the Association's
official roster during May.

Hook Taking Part In Naval Exercise

San Francisco (Special)—Ernest
R. Hook, aerographer's mate
third class, USN, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Ernest R. Hook, Central
Point, arrived in San Francisco
June 8 for a three-day visit be-
tween phases of a U.S. First

Fleet training exercise.

He is serving aboard the anti-
submarine support carrier, USS
Boxer.

The exercise involves 35 ships
and 15,000 personnel in coordi-
nated fleet and task force opera-
tions with anti-submarine war-
fare and air defense as the prin-
cipal objectives.

WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Jody Van Horn, son of Mr.
and Mrs. A. D. Van Horn of
Central Point, is spending the
week at McCloud, California,
with his father who is logging
there.

GRANITE

Crushed or pit run.

WILBERT LULL

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Central Point



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Just the Facts, Ma'am!

Having a red-hot crime wave in
town. Specs McGuire and Buck
Hanson were caught taking money
out of parking meters—again. I
was at Police Headquarters when
a nice old lady rushed in to re-
port them.

"It was dark but I saw their
faces in the flashlight beam," she
said breathlessly. "You can't trust
anybody these days!"

She got flustered when Chief
Benson explained that Specs and
Buck are authorized collectors—
working nights after their regu-
lar jobs. "Have to get 'em uni-

forms," said Benson. "Third time
they've been turned in!"

From where I sit, we ought to
guard against accusing anyone of
being "wrong" just because that's
the way it looks to us. For in-
stance, I've heard people talk
against a neighbor because they
didn't approve of his choice of
beverage! (They liked tea, or
something, while he preferred a
glass of beer.) Be sure you have a
case before you lay down the law.

Joe Marsh

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