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editorially speaking . . .

A WORTHY SUGGESTION

It was our pleasure this week to have quite a chat with Wallace Bowen, new chief of police in Central Point.

Chief Bowen, as a new comer to town, pointed out several things in the city which the average resident has been prone to overlook.

Chief Bowen's suggestion, in the interest of public safety and the appearance of the town, had to do with the number deserted automobile and truck bodies scattered throughout the city on various vacant lots. The chief pointed out that these wrecks, in addition to ruining the city's appearance, also are a definite hazard to the many youngsters in the area.

He mentioned that the small fry love to play around these derelicts and that they could be seriously injured on torn metal and broken glass. In addition, it would not take much for a youngster to lock himself inside the trunk of these wrecks . . . with fatal results.

The chief suggested that owners of these autos clear them out of town . . . and we'll heartily second his idea.

Most junk dealers will be glad to pick up the wrecks for salvage, so it would be no effort to have them removed.

We hope the persons who own the abandoned cars take Chief Bowen's suggestion to heart before a tragedy occurs.

TAKE CARE!

They always say that "a word to the wise is sufficient!"

Our thought on the matter has to do with the sudden heat wave which has struck the county and turned grass tinder-dry. There is now a definite fire hazard with the lower humidity and dryness.

We urge everyone to be particularly careful with matches, cigarettes, trash fires, etc. Prevent fires!

A NOSE, IS A NOSE, IS A NOSE!

Just a silly thought to wind things up!

You have probably seen or read about Jackson county's war on porcupines and the bounties being paid for a porky's nose.

We just sorta wondered what County Treasurer Karl Janouch does with all the porcupine noses he collects?



When the Central Point Mayor and City Council signed a ten year contract with the Medford Water Commission in 1945—most people considered costs were at a top level. However, we all realize now, costs of construction, production and maintenance have been considerably increased.

In 1955, with the expiration of the 1945 contract, Medford presented Central Point with a new contract and rate showing an increase of 23 per cent over the 1945 rate. Your Mayor, Council, Water Commission and City Coordinator spent many hours figuring some way to absorb the increase so it would not have to be passed along to you. The Mayor and Water Commission

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We have an 8 inch line which will, on demand, supply 510 three-quarter inch meters 5000 gallons of water each per month, or a total of 2,550,000 gallons per month, as water is used for household purposes. For these 510 meters Central Point is now being charged \$892.50 on the new contract. The old contract would have been \$510.00—this shows a considerable increase but is based on the minimum use. All water users were notified of this increase at the time.

As a comparison and to show our users where they benefit from the new contract—in September 1954, 11,414,900 gallons of water were used and under the old contract rate this water cost us \$1860.20. Under the new contract rate this amount will cost us \$1509.92—a substantial decrease, from which all users will benefit. Our next highest figure was in October 1954—we paid \$1237.50 for 7,261,200 gallons—at our new rate this would cost us \$1239.91—practically the same price.

Therefore, beneficial use of water is needed in Central Point to keep our minimum gallonage at or above the seven million gallon mark—this can be brought about by more lawns and all available space being used for shrubs, flowers, gardens, etc., thereby making for a more attractive city and more pleasant home surroundings.

With this thought in mind, and faith in our community, that we will grow to the extent of a regular monthly use to exceed the 7,250,000 gallons per month, which will give us the same rate as the 1945 contract—and any amounts over that will be a considerable decrease—we feel we have been able to effect a very good contract for Central Point water users for the next ten years, and sincerely hope that our water consumption in the not too distant future will be able to advise all users of a decrease in their water bills.

ROBERT H. PADGETT
Chairman—Water Commission
City of Central Point

MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly meeting of the Women's Christian Circle of the First Presbyterian church of Central Point will be held on Thursday, July 19. The meeting will open at 1:30 p.m.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Titus of the Center left Tuesday on a business trip to Eugene and Lebanon. They expect to return today.

Book Briefs

From Central Point
Public Library

Avis Van Hoy



The long awaited shipment of books from the Medford library became a reality last Friday, when one hundred fifty books and fifty book ends were delivered, and the new book cases are now filled.

With such a large shipment, it is not practical to publish a complete list, but the variety of books should make it possible for everyone to find his favorite types of reading. Children and young people will also find that many of the books will be ones they will want to read.

Also as news to all patrons and to all who have wanted the library open in the evening it will be open on Tuesday evenings from seven until nine p.m. This will make it possible for people who work during the day to take advantage of having a public library and during the school year students can do much of their research and studying during that time.

Summer seems to be a very popular reading time, for circulation records show this past month of June had the largest circulation on record with a total of 993 books and magazines checked out, with the preceding month of May having a total of 721. School children have largely accounted for this in-

crease and to parents this should be good news.

A change in policy in the county system now requires a payment of 25 cents for the issuing of a duplicate library card when the original has been lost however, the original one is still free of any cost.

Ellis Appointed Prudential Agent

Paul W. Ellis, who has his home at 114 South Second street, has been named Central Point representative for the Prudential Insurance Co., it was announced this week by Harold D. Hamm, district manager.

Ellis is a native of Memphis, Missouri, and attend public schools in Iowa. During World War II, he served with the Army Signal Corps. He is a member of the Masons.

Before moving to Central Point, Ellis and his family were located at Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have three children, Paul Jr., Mary Frances and Carolyn Lee.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

"Keep The Change"

If you've seen "Mac" Johnson this week, chances are he's told you his waitress story. For those who haven't heard:

"Mac" recently stopped at an out-of-town diner. He ordered the chef's special—and his waitress (brand new on the job) made every possible mistake. She confused the order, spilled the soup, dropped the rolls, brought him a wrong dessert.

Despite it all, "Mac" left a substantial tip. But she smiled and handed the money back. "Keep it, Mister—you've sure earned

it more than I have," she said.

From where I sit, that girl deserves credit for admitting her shortcomings—something not everyone is big enough to do. For instance, I'm convinced lots of folks know they're wrong when they deny me the right to a glass of beer with my supper . . . just because they happen to prefer some other beverage. They wouldn't like me ordering them to accept my choice.

Joe Marsh

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