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editorially speaking...

TWO DEATHS

For the second time in just over a year, the waters of an irrigation pond has claimed the life of a young child.

Last Friday, July 20, 1956, James Richard Kercher, age 14, drowned in an irrigation pond in the Willow Springs district. On Tuesday, May 17, 1955, Steve Silva, age 3, drowned in an irrigation pond at Midway Four Corners.

It would seem to us that talk about a swimming pool for the Central Point area should be taken out of the rumor stage and placed in the realm of fact.

The lives of two future citizens of Oregon have been a high price for talk and rumor.

Several service clubs in the city have talked about opening a drive to build a swimming pool to serve the northern end of Jackson county. The loss of these boys, it would seem to us, provides the necessary spark and selling point for a swimming pool for the youngsters.

Sure, a pool would take money... and it would also take a great amount of work and time on the part of the whole community to put such a project over.

But, in our eyes, if the death of a child can be prevented, either by keeping him out of irrigation ponds, ditches and rivers or by teaching him how to take care of himself in the water, the money, work and time are well spent.

We sincerely hope that the clubs and organizations of this area of Jackson county, allied with business and industry, can get together with a workable plan which will provide safe and convenient swimming facilities for our children.

MORE CIRCUITS PLEASE

Dialed "7" recently and gotten a busy signal?

That busy signal means that all the circuits out of Central Point are in use and that you will have to wait.

We are never in any particular life-or-death rush about making a telephone call, but we have had to hang up enough recently and try again that it has become rather annoying.

It would appear that Central Point's new dial exchange is nearing the point of overload and that a few more circuits are necessary to handle the peak hours.

Just another thought... these frequent busy signals indicate to us that the Central Point area is growing, growing and growing.

We hope Pacific Telephone has to triple its circuits to serve this area!

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library

Avis Van Hoy



Klondike Widow
By Alice Erspamer

Gold! The magic word that changed the lives of many people, and was to create an entirely different world for Patty McCann, her brother, and her mother.

When her father heard of the gold strike in Alaska, he uprooted his family, moving them from the middle west to Tacoma, Washington, and leaving them there while he went on to strike it rich.

Instead, the boat he was on was lost at sea, and his widow was left to make a living for

herself, and her family, so she brought a large house and rented rooms to boarders.

Everytime she could, she traded houses, and the succession of "big business" deals she made finally ended by them gaining possession of a farm with a big apple orchard, and not much else.

That fall thru another trade, they were again back in the rooming house business, but with the added attraction of a quarantine sign on the front door.

J. Foley Wins Car Design Prize

John Foley, 15, of Route 1, Central Point, is one of Oregon's two top teen-age automobile designers.

Foley and Jim P. Schneider, Portland, have been named first place winners for Oregon in their respective age divisions of the 1956 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition. Each receives \$150 in cash.

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jacobson and three children of Minneapolis, Minnesota, were guests Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Burelson in Central Point. The Jacobsons continued into California on their vacation. Burelson and Jacobson are cousins.

TRAVEL TO MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collinsworth and three children, Kathy, Dayle and Mike, will leave August 4 on a two weeks vacation trip to Tuscombia, Missouri. They will visit his step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reed.

VISIT WITH PARENTS

Mrs. Lynn Cochran and two children were recent house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brooke. They are from Whittier, Calif. Mr. Cochran joined them here during the last week.

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J. H. Creager, your Telephone Manager for Central Point



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Pretty soon now, many local telephone calls are going to start riding "piggy-back." They'll go one on top the other, as many as four separate calls at the same time on the same telephone line. This means one line will do the work of four. And, of course, that means more and better service to more people. For many years, "piggy-back" systems have been speeding your long distance calls. Now we've discovered how to use the same kind of equipment for local calls. This is an example of how telephone people work to develop new and better equipment. The men and women of Pacific Telephone work to make your telephone more useful every day.

Don't miss the fun...

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Is your home growing up?

Your home probably started out with a few basic things, including a telephone. Over the years you've added things—a new set of china, an easy chair, a backyard fence. Well, did you ever stop to think that you can add to your telephone convenience, too: extension phones in color, neat spring cords, portable phones to name just a few. You'll be surprised how much more convenient your service can be at a very low cost. Just call your telephone business office now and ask about complete telephone arrangements. Pacific Telephone.

