

Ashton to Buy Sharpe's Share Of American

Arrangements will be completed this weekend between Chester A. Ashton and Cecil A. Sharpe Jr., co-publishers of the Central Point American, for the purchase of Sharpe's interest in the Central Point Publishing company by Ashton.

When legal agreements are signed, Ashton will become the sole owner of the newspaper and commercial printing shop.

Ashton has not announced future plans for the Central Point American or for the commercial printing side of the firm.

Sharpe has revealed that he and his family intend to enjoy their first vacation in seven years before making plans for the future.

The two men and their families came to Central Point in April, 1954, and purchased the Central Point American from Kenneth Powell and the estate of the late Virginia Ellen Powell.

Since May 1, 1954, the date of the purchase, the partners have produced the Central Point American, a weekly newspaper serving School District 6, and conducted a commercial printing business in conjunction with the newspaper.

Medford City Voters To Decide On Fluoridated Water

Medford city council met Tuesday evening and voted to offer a charter amendment to city voters concerning the fluoridation of water supplies.

The measure will appear on the November ballot.

A group of interested citizens in favor of fluoridation presented councilmen with petitions carrying more than 1400 signatures asking for the ballot measure. Signatures were secured from Medford, Central Point, Jacksonville and Phoenix water users. Outlying cities are using water through the Medford water commission.

Endorsements of fluoridation were also presented to the council as follows: Jacksonville Public Health Assn., Medford Council of Parents and Teachers, Southern Oregon Dental Society, Jackson County Medical Society and auxiliary, Medford Central Labor Council, Beta Sigma Phi, Zi Mu chapter, Beta Sigma, Phi, Alpha Beta chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho chapter, Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, Crater Lions club and auxiliary, Junior Service League.

Novelty Shop Opened Today

Ruth's Novelty Shop, owned and operated by Mrs. Carl T. Nelson of Central Point, opened today, Thursday, at 38 East Pine street.

The new shop is located in the Old Stage Realty building next to Central Point Cleaners and Gino's Diner.

Mrs. Nelson stated that she will handle antiques, bric-a-brac and novelty items. She will also accept goods for individuals on a consignment basis.

She reported that she hopes to work the business into an exchange shop for women, similar to those popular in California. Under this arrangement, women consign articles from their homes for sale or exchange.

Crater Registration Set September 6-7 For Coming Term

Registration of students at Crater High school for the 1956-57 school term will be held September 6 and 7. Principal Arthur Straus announced this week.

All ninth grade pupils and all new students will register on Thursday, September 6. Registration will be held all day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday evening, September 6, from 7 to 9 o'clock, registration will be held for all upper class members.

Friday, September 7, will be devoted to registration of upper class students also. During the day, registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will continue Friday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Fires, Storms Call Out Laddies

Two grass fires last Thursday, August 16, and calls during the Sunday and Monday storms kept Central Point volunteer firemen busy.

At 1:55 a.m. August 16, trucks were called out to extinguish a trash fire in a field at the east end of Manzanita street. At 2:35 p.m. that same day, they were called out to extinguish a grass fire behind the Crater Drive-In on Front street.

Sunday evening, volunteers stood by on a power failure on Freeman road. Monday, men and equipment were called to the H. P. Jewett residence when a tree was blown over on the house.

Electrical, Wind Storms Cause Minor Damage Through City

Readiness Tests Planned Aug. 20

One more day of testing for pre-first grade students has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, according to George Johns, principal of the H. P. Jewett Elementary school.

Tests will be given in room 5 of the Central Point Junior high school for all children who were not able to be present for the two previous testing days, August 21-22.

Tests will be given to children who will not be six years old until after November 15 but will reach this age before January 15. Children showing a mental maturity of 6½ years will be admitted to the first grade.

This week tests were given to 14 prefirst grade children. Tests were given by Mrs. Walter Foote, first grade teacher on the elementary school faculty.

Realtor Reports Sale of Property

The H. E. Clason residence on Alder street has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masterfield of Central Point. The J. R. Christensen property on Old Stage Road, near Military Road, has been purchased by C. L. Ghelardi and R. Reynolds.

Both transactions were handled by Carl T. Nelson of Old Stage Realty in Central Point.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hammill and two children expect to move into their new home on Oak street in Central Point Sunday. They have been living on Elk Road in the Elk City district.

3-Year-Old Girl Electrocuted By Pump Motor

Carolyn Mae Hedges, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Hedges of Route 2, Box 248, Medford, in the Midway Four-Corners district east of Central Point, was electrocuted between 2 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, when she touched a 110-volt irrigation pump motor.

The accident occurred near her parent's home. Two small boys were playing nearby found the young girl's body and notified a neighbor woman, Mrs. Bernard Gunn. The girl was rushed into a Medford doctor's office in an effort to revive her.

According to the coroner's report, the electric motor was homemade from service station compressor motor.

Investigation of the accident was made by the coroner's office, sheriff's office and by Claude Haggard, safety engineer for COPCO.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 25, from the Conger-Morris chapel in Medford. The Rev. Clynton Crisman, pastor of Medford Friends church, will officiate. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

The girl was born May 26, 1953 in Medford, and had lived in this area all her life.

Survivors, in addition to her parents, include two brothers, Teddy and Dale; one sister, Deborah; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hedges, Sioux City, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn, Medford, and several aunts and uncles.

Crater Finance to Open Local Office October 1

Principals Return To School Posts

Principals in four of the five School District 6 schools are back at their posts in preparation for the opening of the new school term on September 10.

Those back on duty include: Arthur Straus, Crater High school; C. A. Meyer, Central Point Elementary and Junior High schools; George Johns, H. P. Jewett Elementary school; and Gilbert Mack, A. J. Hanby and Margaret Patrick Elementary schools in Gold Hill.

Roland Smith, principal of Sams Valley Elementary school, will not report for his duties until shortly before school opens.

Destitute Family Receives Help From Local Folk

A man and wife and their seven children, victims of the Yuba City, Calif., flood, had their faith in human nature restored last weekend when citizens of Central Point rallied to their aid.

The chain of events which led to their aid began about 5 p.m. Friday, August 17, when a local citizen reported to city police officers that several small children were selling berries on the street to earn funds to buy potatoes for their family's evening meal.

Further investigation by Police Chief Wallace Bowen revealed that the family was located on the banks of Bear Creek and they had no food or money and little clothing.

Emergency calls to the county welfare department secured some aid for the family and Chief Bowen was able to place them in a vacant house on Second street.

Local residents who heard of the plight rallied around with clothing and food gifts, several merchants donated essential furniture and medical aid was secured for the youngest child who had a fever.

Myers-Holland post of the American Legion was instrumental in securing aid. In addition employment has been found for the father.

The couple are Mr. and Mrs. King Haynes. Their seven children range in age from 13 months to 14 years.

They lost most of their possessions in the Yuba City flood and received some aid from California welfare and the American Red Cross. They moved into Nevada to secure work and again had trouble. They had come here to take a position in a lumber mill, but the mill had been sold, unknown to them.

Oil Car Arrives, Street Work Starts

A tank car of oil for use on the city streets was spotted on the railroad siding Monday.

Work began Wednesday on spreading the oil on the designated city streets. Work is being done by Hughes & Dodd, Medford, the same firm which did the street work last year.

DIKES HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Dikes of Route 2, Central Point, are parents of a son born Thursday, August 16, at Community hospital in Medford. Weight at birth was 8 pounds.

Construction work began this week on the erection of a new building for Crater Finance, a new Central Point business firm.

The building, being constructed by Stanley Parrish, contractor, is located at 135 Pine street, next to Livingston's Sporting Goods.

Concrete block will be used for the modern 19 x 40 foot structure. Cost of the building, as listed on the city building permit, is \$5500. One feature of the new building will be a walkway which will permit patrons to reach the parking area at the rear.

Furniture for the building is being constructed by Bill Crabb of Central Point Cabinet and Millworks.

According to present plans, the building will be completed and opened for business on October 1.

Frank Wilkinson, who makes his home on Ross Lane, near the Central Point-Jacksonville highway, will be the manager of the new firm. Wilkinson, who has been in the finance business since 1939, was most recently manager for the past four years of a Medford finance company.

He is married and the father of two children. He is a veteran of armed forces service during World War II.

The new firm will handle small loans up to \$1500 as authorized by the laws of the State of Oregon, according to a spokesman for owners of the firm.

The Central Point location was chosen, the spokesman said, because of the brilliant future of growth in the Central Point area and for the opportunity to serve northern Jackson county.

Record Attendance At Youth Bible Camp Reported by Churches

The Southern-Oregon Community Churches Fellowship report a record attendance of 158 young people attending the Youth Bible Camp. The Bible camps are being held at Camp McLaughlin, Lake of the Woods.

During the past five years Bible Camps have been held at various locations. The Fellowship Girls, and Young People's camps. Last week 129 junior boys were registered. The Junior Girls' camp will be held August 27 to September 1.

A number of young people are attending from Central Point Community Bible church, Trail Community Church, Eagle Point Community church, Berean Baptist, Medford Community church as well as 20 other churches.

Dr. Elmer Wildner, a nationally known youth worker and author, is the speaker for the three camps. Rev. Rolf Hansen of Spokane Beacon Chapel is the Young People's evangelist. Rev. Noel Olson is the director of the camp. Anyone wishing to attend this camp contact the pastor of any of the churches of the fellowship.



U. S. Weather Bureau			
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Aug. 17	91	40	
Aug. 18	92	54	
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