

CENTRAL POINT Merchants' Group Formed

By Mrs. Muriel W. Shortridge
Central Point — The Central Point Merchants' association held its January meeting last Monday. It is an infant organization, having been in existence only two months, but it shows signs of being a strong and helpful group of community-minded business people.

At present its membership consists of about 40 men, representing 15 firms. A committee has been named by President Jim Glenn to recruit every business in the community. The association was inaugurated for the purpose of bringing the town together as a unit to establish city-wide promotion.

Don E. Burelson Jr., RMSN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Burelson, Central Point, left by plane Jan. 22 to report back to San Francisco and his ship, the USS Silverstein, after visiting her on 15 day leave from the Navy.

Ted Anderson was appointed new scout master of Troup 40, which is sponsored by the Central Point-Lions club. These Boy Scouts conducted a ticket sale drive for the March of Dimes pancake breakfast held Saturday, Jan. 28, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. This breakfast was put on jointly by the American Legion and the Lion's club.

Mrs. Bill Abbott and daughter, Marla, attended the installation ceremonies of the Job's Daughters in Springfield, Ore., on Jan. 20. Mrs. Abbott's niece, Miss Darlene Ransdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Ransdell of Springfield, was installed honored queen.

Mrs. Lillie La Casse, owner of Lillie's Beauty shop, returned from Shawnee, Okla., last week. Mrs. La Casse had been gone over two weeks because of the illness of her mother, who resides in Shawnee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley, well-known Central Point people, left last week to make their home in Houston, Texas.

K. C. Kernmark, local builder, was named last week by Mayor Donald E. Faber, as head of the new emergency rescue unit, which is to be headquartered here. A meeting was held last week to determine the express need for such an organization, with representatives from Rogue River, Ashland, Medford and Central Point police and fire departments attending. Also present were representatives from the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, the state and federal forestry service, and others. It is felt that there is a real need for a river rescue squad such as this will be.

The Harlem Globetrotters and the House of David basketball teams played to a capacity and appreciative audience Thursday night at the Crater High gymnasium. But a sour note climaxed the affair as some spectators returned to their cars to find aerials broken or gone, also rear view mirrors and hub caps, according to Central Point Police Chief Orrin Chastain. He states that they hope to apprehend the vandals shortly.

A founder's day tea will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, by the Central Point Parent-Teacher association at the Junior High library. It is planned that past presidents will be introduced, according to Mrs. Chester Ashton, president, and the fourth grade mothers will serve. The time is 3:30 p.m. Also, on Friday, Feb. 3, an executive board

Russian Scientists Watch Salk at Work

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Four Russian scientists, headed by a stern-faced woman researcher, today watched Dr. Jonas E. Salk administer test shots of his famed anti-polio vaccine to a group of Pittsburgh school children.

The members of the Academy of Medical Science of the USSR stood by silently at the Colfax Elementary School while Dr. Salk gave the children the inoculations.

The Russians posed for pictures afterwards. They said they would talk to reporters Wednesday before they leave to continue their tour of this country.

The Russians arrived here early Saturday for a five-day stay to study the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Shortly after their arrival they embarked on a series of conferences and study sessions that lasted late into the night.

On Sunday they met with Dr. Salk to "bone up" on the techniques they saw in action today.

Globemaster Kept Aloft Despite Engine Trouble

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A U.S. Air Force pilot flew a huge C-124 Globemaster to a safe landing in Japan today after one of its four engines failed over the Pacific and a second caught fire.

The pilot, Capt. Walter L. Klatt Jr., of Corpus Christi, Tex., radioed for help but kept the plane aloft until it reached Japan. He was aided by copilot 1st Lt. Joe H. Otis, Stevenson, Wash.

meeting is to be held in the Junior High music room at 1:30 p.m.

The annual Central Point Mother's March of Polio will be held from 7 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 31. It is asked that all those wishing to contribute to this worthy cause please leave their porch lights on.

The West Side 4-H club held a baked food sale Saturday, Jan. 28, at Paulsen's Thrift market for the March of Dimes.

Deputy State Fire Marshal W. P. Noble, Salem, on an inspection tour of the new Central Point fire hall and library building, had nothing but praise for the fine building and modern equipment. Although not yet completed, he said it compared most favorably with other ones he has inspected throughout the state. Especially worthy of mention is the very modern Circ-Air hose dryer, which does away with the need of the old drying tower. As soon as the building is completed an open house will be held.

Rome Police Refuse Sanctuary for Adonis

Rome — (U.P.) — Rome police told Joe Adonis last night he was an "undesirable social element" and sent him back to Montemarano, his home town.

Adonis, who recently deported himself from the United States rather than face charges, slipped into Rome almost unnoticed but was picked up by police and questioned at headquarters.

They informed him he could not come to Rome without specific authorization and handed him a one-way ticket to Montemarano. They said he would have to have "good reason" to come back. This was Adonis' first harsh contact with Italian police since he arrived Jan. 16 from New York aboard the luxury liner Conte Biancamano.

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AUTHORIZED by Congress, Dr. Jonas E. Salk, who developed first successful anti-polio vaccine, receives special medal. (International)

Virginia Woman Told To Expect Quadruplets

Richmond, Va. — (U.P.) — A Richmond housewife is expecting the birth of quadruplets, and possibly quintuplets this spring, a physician said today.

The physician, who asked not to be identified, said X-rays show four distinct fetal skeletons and there is "a chance" that a fifth may be forming. Birth is expected in about 10 weeks.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Richard Shaia, wife of a Richmond restaurant owner. She was confined to the Medical College of Virginia Hospital for "rest and quiet," her husband said.

Both the physician and the husband were reluctant to give information, saying they did not want any publicity. Shaia declined to say how many children he and his wife now have. He said they have "several."

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SEEKING explanation for San Diego-bound commuter train crash which took 29 lives, authorities are questioning Engineer Frank B. Parris in Los Angeles hospital. (International)



CREDITS FOR CRUISING—Trying out the sun deck by the swimming pool aboard the liner President Cleveland in San Francisco for a study room are Joanne Copeland (left) and Sue Fetz. In mid-June the luxury liner will sail from San Francisco and Los Angeles loaded with eager college students on a special "adventure study cruise." While cruising the Orient they'll earn six college credits. If they study, that is. Who can study if Sue and Joanne are aboard?

Stevenson Faces Loss Of Williams' Support

Washington — (U.P.) — Democratic presidential candidate Adlai E. Stevenson today appeared to have lost the support of Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan unless the former Illinois governor proposes a "hard-hitting" program for the Democrats.

Williams said yesterday he could not support Stevenson for the Democratic nomination on the basis of Stevenson's record so far. However, he said, how Stevenson's program shapes up within the next few months will determine whether he gets Williams' support.

Other political developments: **Knowland Passes Primary** — Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) said at a Manchester, N.H., news conference he would not enter New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary March 13. He said he was passing the primary because it was too early and he would not have a chance to withdraw if President Eisenhower discloses before that time whether he will be a candidate for reelection.

Storage Program Hit — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler called for a "complete airing of the gigantic mess in grain storage which has been created by the Eisenhower administration." He said there is evidence of "gross mismanagement" of the program.

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Is That So?

Did you know that . . . the skin of many whales is about the thickness of a sheet of car-ban paper.

The female platypus, a mammal, lays three-quarter inch eggs which she hatches in a tunnel by holding them on her curled-up body for two weeks.

The bat population of the Ney cavern in Texas, it is believed, once numbered upward of 20,000,000! At dusk, the emerging hordes looked like an enormous smoke cloud and blackened the sky for miles.

Despite their long muzzles, opossums can open their jaws to an angle of almost 180 degrees.

The sand puppy, a mouse-sized desert rat found in the deserts of the Somaliland, can burrow along in the topmost layer of sand at midday when the air temperatures may rise to over 130 degrees in the shade and when the sand is literally at furnace heat. Except for a scattering of fine stiff hairs, it is naked and looks not unlike an animated uncooked cocktail sausage.

Cats do not dislike water: they dislike cold water.

In proportion to its size, the North American porcupine bears the largest baby of any mammalian parent. Compared to a human 7-pound baby, the porcupine's single baby is 12 times as large — the equivalent of an 84-pound human child!

Like Rich Cow's Milk — In 1949 there were 78,000,000 cattle, 62,000,000 domesticated pigs, 60,000,000 sheep, and 4,500,000 goats in the U.S.

Whale milk is not unlike very rich cow's milk. It is squirted under considerable pressure as the mother lies on her back on the surface of the sea.

Although the fur of the mink is now prized beyond any other fur except the true sable, only a century ago trappers regarded it hardly worth the effort to skin the animal.

There were true wild horses in North and Central America during the time of the Stone Age of human culture. They did not become extinct generations before the coming of the white man. Spaniards recorded an American Indian belief that horses, brought in by Spaniards from Europe, could not be kept in

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Panama. Their ancestors, so they believed, had tried to keep domestic horses here but all the animals had been killed by a sickness contracted from the bites of vampire bats.

Largest Land Mammal

The African elephant is the largest living land mammal; the second largest is the African white rhinoceros. The "white" is a misnomer: it is pale grey.



The name comes from the Dutch word "weit" pronounced something like "white" but it actually means "wide."

Probably the smallest of all split-toed animals is the Royal Antelope of West Africa — it stands only about eight inches high.

Seals are world-wide in distribution, being found in almost all seas and oceans and even in the great landlocked Lake Baikal in Siberia.

There is a rabbit in the southern United States which dives into water to escape danger and in some cases swims about regularly in search of food.

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Television got its start as far back as in 1833 when Paul Nipkow, a Polish scientist, designed a scanning disc consisting of a flat plate with a spiral pattern of openings or holes.

Pennsylvanian Will Divorce Stepmother

Pottsville, Pa. — (U.P.) — John Grose is going to divorce his step-mother whom he married 12 years ago.

Grose was reared by his step-mother, Mrs. Jennie Grose, since he was 10 when his father died in 1926. He married her in 1943 before a justice of the peace.

The divorce was recommended by Attorney John M. McGurl who said the Groses did not know at the time their wedding was illegal because of a 1939 statute which prohibits marriages with their degree of relationship.

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Youth Fined on Failure To Obey Officer Charge

A 17-year-old Medford youth was fined \$30 and received a six-month suspension of his operator's license in police court Friday, after participating in a "drag" race Jan. 20 on North Riverside ave.

City police charged the youth failed to obey an officer after he was stopped at the scene of the race and told to wait while officers arrested a second driver.

The boy was fined \$15 for violation of basic rule and \$15 for failure to obey an officer.

Three out of four traffic accidents occur in clear weather and on dry roads, safety records

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