

### Malcolm S. Brainard Answers Charge Published In Del Norte Co. Triplicate

This answer, with a copy of a letter published in last week's issue of Del Norte County Triplicate, was given to the Pilot by Malcolm S. Brainard, who wishes it known he helped out of his own pocket, to purchase the present fire equipment. The letter:

To the Editor, Triplicate: Thanks for your kindly, humorous motive in publishing, last week, the rural fire district letter of "Harbor taxpayer." Usually an unsigned letter casts reflection upon a large field of suspects but in this case many of us feel the reflection focusses down to a very sharp point.

The undersigned is one of those who a few years ago, dug up out of their own pockets a sum pretty close to a thousand dollars for the present fire equipment, now insufficiently available for fire protection over a considerable, undefined area. He is one of the instigators for forming a rural fire district in this locality, and is also a tax payer. He will sign his legal name to this.

Not beating about the bush, this disgruntled taxpayer might well consider the truth of someone's observation that "taxes are the price we pay for civilization."

The formation of a rural fire protection unit, under the Oregon law, requires a pro-rated small tax to support the protection and for the furtherance of this support an organization, within the district is required, among the duties of which is the publishing of a district budget, which must be within legal limitations.

When this sum is available to the protection committee, it is expected for the best means to effect protection. As a usual thing the first expenditure is for equipment. In the proposed district this will be quite nominal because of the splendid beginning is already available through donations as above stated. Whether this equipment would be handed over to the district, gratis, is something the district, if formed, will have to settle with the donors. As an interested party I hereby toss in my small share for the community good.

Supposing the district acquires said truck. The next thing, possibly, is adequate housing for the equipment which, your uninformed correspondent seems to think is already available. It is not, else the equipment we gave would not be standing in the weather. But if housing were available, it, too, would have in all probability been also donated by a few citizens for the unbiased benefit of everyone.

Following these factors, an adequate alarm system would be necessary to make the equipment more fully available in the district. This, too, would come from the fire district funds.

It is quite evident that a full-grown fire-fighting unit can not be made available all at once any more than that the ox-cart pioneers had available to them the paved highway through what is now marked out as a fire district. Like the highway, though, the fire district is evidently coming and we know there were a loud bunch of bellyacher against highway improvement.

Your writer cites the destruction of a building here with the fire truck standing right alongside but he does not go on to say that this small building was of wood construction, tar-paper wrapped, for more than 20 years a filling station and that it was literally sopped full of combustible oil and contained a considerable stock of other highly inflammable materials. I'd like to know what sort of a risk the insurance people thought it was! Your writer does not go on to state a single instance of where this donated equipment with its volunteer fire fighters did any good.

Nor does he even suspect, in all probability, that insurance rates in the proposed area are influenced by the efficiency of fire protection equipment. Nor that with the availability of electric current, fire hazards may be affected.

The Oregon law offers a refuge for dissenters to rural fire district provisions. I have heard of one large ranch in the area being withdrawn from protection of the proposed district. Everyone, of course, is privileged to his own opinions and mine is that the millage I might have to pay for the support of fire fighting equipment is much smaller than the charge that might be laid against me if my family, my home, or any of my worldly accumulations were burned to cinders because I did not join my neighbors in taking every reasonable precaution to prevent such destruction. In fact, I'd rather contribute my bit and be burned out than otherwise. Faithfully — Malcolm S. Brainard.

#### Road Meeting Booked

Several members of Brookings-Harbor chamber of commerce left this morning for Grants Pass where they will attend a meeting, of several chambers of commerce at which Governor Earl Snell is to speak. The meeting is being held in interest of the transmountain highway westward from Grants Pass.

Mrs. Priscilla Robinson, who owns property next to and across street from the Hoaglands, has returned from San Diego.

Little Tommy Lee Berger who has been seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia, is improving.

#### Priority Blanks Arrive

HH priority blanks, no necessary in obtaining lumber by ex-service men for building, have arrived, said Homer Kessler, of the Curry County Lumber Co. He is ready to help anyone fill out these by calling at his place of business as soon as possible.

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#### For Sale (Miscellaneous)

Fordson tractor and twin plows \$200. Glen S. Simpson, Brookings.

PERSONAL PROPERTY notes, suitable for any conditional contract. Pilot office.

Equity in 1½-ton Chevrolet 1946 flat-bed dump truck. A-1 condition. Driven 2000 miles. Sam Erickson.

Baby crib, can be used as play pen; good shape, \$8.00. Box 101 Brookings, Ore.

Used brick. See Homer Kessler at Curry County Lumber Co., Brookings.

'36 Chevrolet sedan with heater, radio, spotlight, etc., ready to go. \$450. If interested send card to Box 101, Brookings, Oregon.

Pilot Class ads pay—try 'em!

#### For Sale (Hardware)

GLASS for all purposes. Chetco Builders Supply, Central Bldg., Brookings.

#### Lost

Gruen wrist watch, white gold with two diamonds on band. Reward. Mrs. Ethel Jochens, city.

#### For Sale (land or lots)

Seven acres level bulb land, 1 mile from high school. J. A. Roderrick.

Have several choice listings bulb acreage, ocean frontage home sites, also two good town homes. Additional listings wanted. Pete J. Lesmeister Agency, Real Estate and Insurance, Bus Depot Brookings.

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