

In The Mailbox:

that many of them are ready. It looks like the ex-service men, after getting pushed around in the service, come home to get some more of the same treatment—only this time in a way that hurts.

Last Tuesday, my son, Ted Freeman, armed with his priority, took a truck and went to Portland to the district OPA office for official signature and permission to load his truck with lumber and other necessary materials to put up his home.

OPA told him it would be at least two weeks or more before they could act on his priority, that he must wait. He tried Seattle, Medford and other places where surplus government property was stored—no luck. Ted found that dealers have the situation pretty well tied up in their favor. He also found ex-service men, who have been used to "doing things," ready to march again—this time where it will likely cause plenty confusion.

The government gave the ex-service men first chance to buy materials to build the homes they have longed to get started. Now, uniform, were heroes, and could with money, priority and all the necessary papers, they find that person can hold them up, when it would take less than one minute to sign the papers, or less than an hour to check by telephone the right of the service man to have this priority.

If this situation isn't remedied—and that, very quickly—there'll be the greatest movement of "mad

G. Is" the world has ever seen. —Wilson Freeman, Brookings.

Editor's Note: Mr. Freeman, it goes without saying that people soon forget their benefactors. Service men, while they were in uniform, were heroes, and could take without asking—but now, as civilians, with old work clothes on, they look like the garden run of civilians.

Veteran organizations made every effort to get "breaks" for the service-men—once they were home, but, as all people know, war profiteering is not over—some people don't "have it made" as yet. These same service organizations, if united in this effort, could, now with the 15 million ex-service men, do a little dictation of their own, but they must unite as they were in the service.

Every reform in the world has something about it which creates a "racket". Why do people have to be that mercenary?

To the editor of the Pilot:

I want you to know that I heartily approve of your program and ambitions for the big, little town of Brookings and I know everyone will help to work and hope for its realization.

Some of us little people have ambitions for the town also and are working with all our small horse-power for their realization.

Mine is a beautiful main street. Brookings has the best-tailored street of any small town I have seen. It is well curbed, wide and smooth, but it needs landscaping.

There is room for a beautiful parking strip with trees down the center and several beauty spots along the sides. This should be done as a unit and not by haphazard plantings to get the best effect. Can't we get together on this?

That is the most forceful appeal to the tourist and prospective resident, what he sees on the main street as he drives into or through town.

Perhaps we would be lucky enough to enlist the aid of the "teen" age group to help with planting, protect and care for street as a part of their program. Perhaps our good friend, Mr. Bankus would help us, too. Sincerely, Gladys Landskoug, Box 2, Brookings.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Lindskoug, your idea certainly has merit. It is worthy of much consideration, and may I suggest one thing?—come to the next meeting of the chamber of commerce—place, as you have through this column, your idea.

Made up of progressive men and women, who have interests in this community, I feel certain that everyone will lend a kindly ear,

and that you will have the good wishes and support of all. Do that very thing.

To the Editor of the Pilot:

Just a boost for the Brookings Fire department! On Christmas eve in 1939 I had the misfortune to have my house burn down. My elderly uncle and aunt were living here at the time and of course they were helpless to do anything except to get out with the clothes they had on.

However, the fire department left everything they were doing at the time, made the run down here to my place by the river. There was no water they could reach with the hose but by use of several water buckets, and wet sacks they saved the woodshed and my storehouse, a small house and the smoke house, as well as the barn which was full of hay and which would have been destroyed, had it not been for Chad and his crew. I am grateful to them. — L. Z. Harbin.

IN ANSWER TO MR. BRAINAD'S LETTER

This article is not the opinion of one person only, but the thoughts of many. These people are taxpayers and are not intent on leaving the community or leaving behind a tax for others to pay. Some of these same citizens were also donors to the present fire equipment and are willing to relinquish their rights to said fire equipment.

I also understand that there was a shelter back of the old office building where the fire truck had been housed for some time, and there are various rumors why this practice was discontinued.

After all I hope that we are still living under a democracy where we have free press and free speech. The court decision proved that the majority still ruled when petitions were presented showing that 90% of the property owners did not want to be in the proposed fire area south of the Chetco river. Also the petitions were backed by 23 land owners appearing at court to present these petitions and protests.

As one person said today: "just because we live south of the border (Chetco river) and don't exactly agree with our northern neighbors, that doesn't mean that either should call the other names or continue "bellyaching." — Andrew Hoffeldt.

Local News Items

Thursday night, March 28 is the time set for a meeting of the Chetco Square and Compass club at Harbor Grange hall. All Masons, their wives and members of Order of Eastern Star, are especially invited.

The Sam Gott and C. H. Rausch families were Crescent City business callers, Saturday.

H. E. Echols has the forms set and ready for pouring concrete at his place east of town.

Mrs. Art Bollinger, Mrs. Pete Lesmeister, and Mrs. Jim Frazier and the latter's little granddaughter, all left on Friday's south-bound bus.

Snow showed Monday morning on Mt. Emily and the hills further east.

Joseph Jacobs left for a Portland hospital, Saturday. He had previously been in the Crescent City hospital, reportedly suffering from shingles. Hubert Roderick is looking after the Jacobs place while Mr. Jacobs is away.

Nate Moore and son, Ralph of Harbor, are both reported to be quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dill and Bud Van Pelt drove to Eureka Friday to see Mrs. Dill's sister, who is seriously ill in Eureka hospital.

The Chetco school has two new pupils: Kenneth McDonald

in the sixth grade and his sister, Joanne, who is in high school. They came here from Eureka.

Thor Ask returned from his business trip to Portland, last Thursday.

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