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"Friendliness" Is Great Local Asset

Outstanding to the Pilot about the Azalea Festival, Saturday, was the friendliness shown by the people of this area toward people who came here to view the spectacle. This friendliness deserves special mention because it was extraordinary in most every way.

It was quite common to hear people say: "Have you seen this portion of the park, with all its tables, etc?" Or, "Would you like to let me take you around the loop road, to see the beaches, etc?"

Another commendable friendliness was shown when: "Won't you come over here to me Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so, from Eugene (or this could have been a dozen places)—they are with Mr. and Mrs. Who-ever-they-were." This writer heard innumerable remarks such as: "I'm coming here again, if this is a sample of the reception they hand out."

It doesn't matter much whether it rained or not, now since those who did brave the threatening weather, have seen and felt the hospitality that this area is capable of serving to guests.

The main thing is: The Azalea Festival must become a part of southern Curry county as much as the Chetco river, or any other landmark which may be seen here. It is a project which can be made a world-famous institution.

Profits Go To Stockholders

To clarify some current talk going about the community concerning Coos Electric Co-operative, let this much be understood: "A co-operative, no matter what the nature, is founded as a non-profit organization as far as the co-operative is concerned, and is not subject to regulations governing privately-owned businesses of like nature." Explanation of this may clarify the current talk about the Co-op's not being governed by the Public Utilities Commission. Profits, if any, go to stockholders of the organization, and these are touchable only through the income taxes of the individuals holding stock.

Pause for a moment today for that boy who used to live down the street, who, today, lies beneath some foreign sod. *He gave all!*

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Editor, Pilot:

The letter of Mr. Guy W. Johnston, of Pistol River, in your issue of May 16, in which he criticizes the Brookings High School, is of particular interest to me as clerk of that school board, and a resident taxpayer of the district he comments upon.

In the first place, Brookings High School is an accredited institution as far as eligibility of its graduates to college entrance is concerned. In this matter we must and do comply with the Oregon school laws. Because it has been thrust upon it, demands which may in due time, be met with an expanded curriculum, it is illogical to expect this high school to offer highly specialized courses before it has the school plant, equipment, and teaching staff adequate to make such an attempt. When and if these conditions are available it will still take one, two, or three school years' attendance, on the part of the pupils to attempt to learn what is offered. Even then, there will probably be parents and pupils who will feel that still more subjects should be offered. All expansions of staff, plant and equipment must be met with more taxes and are expenses which must be demonstrated as necessary to the pupils' welfare before the voters will authorize the increase in the levy against their holdings. This also applies to any proposed recreational expenses.

However, let me again emphasize that many graduates of the Brookings High School went on to college without any embarrassment due to their local credits.

When Mr. Johnston's daughter was granted eligibility for attendance to Brookings High, the Johnstons were residents of this district. His letter has brought to the school board's attention that, much of time Irene attended our school her parents lived at Pistol River, and hence, within the Gold Beach Union High school district. She should therefore, have attended the Gold Beach High School which, possibly, would not have been so disappointing to her.

Because of Mr. Johnston's oversight in not notifying the Brookings board of his removal from this district and of his daughter's continuing to be educated at the expense of the Brookings-Harbor taxpayers, the board feels that in justice to the local district he should pay this district for Irene's tuition, while she attended school here. — Dora E. Beaulieu.

Draft Boards To Furnish Vet Forms

Veterans' certificates to purchase surplus property for their own personal use are now available in every selective service board office in Oregon, it was disclosed this week by Hugh E. Rosson, director of veterans affairs.

The new certificates, distributed by the war assets administration through state selective service headquarters, enable the worldwar 2 veterans to purchase certain materials set aside expressly for their purchase by provisions of the recent surplus property act amendment in congress, Rosson said.

The veteran must certify that he is purchasing the property for his own personal use and not for resale, according to the act. Not all surplus goods have been covered by the new act, however, Rosson added. For the majority of items, the veteran still must state that he is using the the equipment in his business.

However, the items to be set aside for personal use purchase

include a limited number of typewriters, new and used passenger cars, dental and medical equipment, trucks up to two and one-half tons, jeeps, tractors, plows, and construction, mining and excavating machinery.

In setting aside this equipment by the recent act, Lt. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, war assets administrator, warned that "all of these items are in extremely short supply. It follows that there simply will not be enough to meet veterans' demand. But what there is in surplus on the set aside list will go to veterans and to no one else."

Veterans in Oregon can be certified as eligible by going to their local draft boards and applying on blue form WAA73.

Local News Items

Summer school for the Catholic children of the community will start July 1, according to Rev. Daniel Kelly, pastor. The school will be conducted by two Maryknoll sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Abbott will take over as agents for the Pacific Grayhound bus depot here about June 1, Pete Lesmeister,

present agent, said today. According to Pete, he will move offices to the Central Building and will devote his time to insurance and real estate business.

On July 21 Most Rev. Howard, D. D., arch-bishop of diocese, will visit the parish and will say mass that day in Star of the Sea church.

Floral Offering

A mother shaped a showy crown Upon a bright green field Beneath its base, on satin She place an honoring sign

Three letters, blue in contrast She formed, 'ere she was To show we've not forgotten Each Gold Star mother's

We pause to gaze, in memory Our shining star to place, And see within the oval shield Some dear, familiar face.

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