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Questions About "Incorporation"

The following questions and answers have been prepared from material collected by the supporters of incorporation of Brookings as a city. There has been no attempt to color the picture, either in favor of or opposition to the proposal:

Question: If Brookings is incorporated who shall maintain the city streets?

Answer: The streets in Brookings have been dedicated to the county. Until Brookings requests the county to turn the streets over to the city the county con-

tinues to maintain the streets.

Question: Who pays the cost of street machinery and equipment?

Answer: The county, until the city is ready to take over the maintenance of its streets, uses its road machinery and equipment. This enables the city to gradually accumulate enough money to purchase its own machinery and equipment.

Question: Who maintains and pays the cost of street lights?

Answer: The city maintains and pays the cost of street lights—to meet this expense the city has the right to levy a tax against any electric company or telephone company that may use the streets for a right-of-way for their respective distribution lines.

The taxes thus collected should be sufficient to pay for these streets lights.

Question: Would the city be compelled to purchase the water system?

Answer: No. The water system in Brookings is privately-owned and can only become the property of the city by purchase from the owner. The management of the water system would not be affected by incorporation.

Question: Shall the city be compelled to purchase its sewer system?

Answer: No. The city would not be compelled to purchase its sewer system but the public welfare would require that the city obtain control of the sewer system. Where it is not practical to extend the sewer system the city should, by ordinance, create a sanitary and uniform plan for establishment of septic tanks.

Question: Does the City have the right to create zones and building restrictions?

Answer: Yes. The city may, by ordinance, create zones for business, residence and farming. Business property becomes valuable because people surround it. People make business property valuable. Therefore, the people of a community should insist that business property be protected by building restrictions. Likewise, the residential district should be defined and kept exclusively for homes. Agricultural land should be defined and due credit given for its use in the assessment of taxes.

Question: Shall the city pay the cost of sidewalks?

Answer: No. The property owners pay the cost of the sidewalks fronting their property. The city should, by ordinance, establish an economical and uniform plan for sidewalks.

Next week, in these columns, there shall be questions and answers prepared on the cost of running the city of Brookings. The residents of Brookings shall be surprised at the small amount of money that is necessary to be raised by taxes for the purpose of conducting affairs of Brookings. Don't fail to read next week Questions and Answers.

Smith River News

The ladies aid group held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the community hall with a large attendance to pack used clothing to be shipped to World Church service at Richmond, Calif., where it will be re-packed for shipment overseas. Mrs. R. D. Rowley was in charge of devotions and Mrs. Jessie Lessard presided at the business session. A get-well card, signed by members and friends was sent to Mrs. Chester Crook who is recovering at her home from tonsilectomy at the Medford hospital. Ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Wm Hall and Mrs. James Hocking to conclude the afternoon.

Funeral services were held at Roeder Funeral Home, Crescent City, Monday afternoon for a widely-known Del Norte citizen, Dominique Buzzini, former resident of Smith River valley where he followed ranching for many years. Retiring several years ago, he moved to Lake Earl district where he has since made his home. A native of Italy, he was born July 4, 1879, and was 78 years of age. Surviving are two daughters and five sons. Interment was at Crescent City cemetery beside his wife who passed away several years ago.

The young people of the church are holding a food sale Saturday afternoon at 2 at Smith River Cash store. Proceeds will be used to help the young folks attend the summer institute.

Miss Dorothy Rowley celebrated her 10th birthday, Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowley, where

a group of playmates enjoyed an afternoon of games, with cake and ice cream served to conclude the festivities. The birthday cake was aglow with 10 candles, and centered the table.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall left Saturday for Salinas, being called there by the serious illness of the aged father of Mr. Hall.

Wm. Buckner returned from San Francisco first of the week, bringing back a new Buick. He motored to Arcata where he took a plan to the Bay area. He reports a fine trip.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pearmine received word from Mrs. A. C. Neeves that she and her daughters arrived at Santa Monica all right, but that Mrs. Neeves was tired from the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaal, Mrs. Ruth Bathiany, Mrs. Sophia Jones, Mrs. Albina Tamba, Benjamin Jones and Herbert Payne attended Pomona Grange meeting at Ophir last week. The next Pomona Grange meeting will be held at Harbor on May 17 at which time the local Grange will put on the fifth degree for a group of candidates.

In the account of the VFW masquerade last week, it was stated that the prize waltz was won by Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie. That was an error as it was won by Mr. and Mrs. Widney.

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