

"Premature," Says John D. Gardner

Editor, Pilot: Inasmuch as you say in the Feb. 20 issue of the Pilot that the columns are open for a frank discussion of the proposition whether or not to incorporate the town of Brookings, below I am giving you some reasons why I believe it is premature to incorporate Brookings at this time:

1. The town isn't big enough — from the standpoint of the number of its business houses, now from the standpoint of population—to justify being incorporated at this time.
2. It requires substantial and permanent payrolls in an area to justify incorporating a town. As yet there are no such payrolls in this area. There are several mills in the offing, but most of them are yet in the preliminary stage and the mills not yet built. Without payrolls there are no wages whether it be in a city or town.
3. People of this community met with disaster financially last year on account of the bulb market crash, and just what the bulb industry will amount to financially for some time remains to be seen. This has not only affected the bulb growers, but also the merchants and other people in business ways.
4. Many of the people in this vicinity already have recently been burdened with an unduly-high increase in the assessed valuations of their properties in this area.
5. Added to this high increase in assessed valuations of their properties is the added increase in the levy for the new school building.
6. When fire district is formed, there will be fire district levy as well, added to the above.
7. If Brookings were incorporated it would be necessary to buy road equipment, and to rebuild and maintain roads and streets within the city limits, which would be expensive.
8. A city attorney, recorder, clerk or treasurer, et al, would be necessary.
9. When a town is incorpor-

ated, it assumes various responsibilities, and is subject to lawsuits.

10. A city collects many kinds of license fees, liquor taxes, personal and real property taxes, etc., but these fees and taxes would be additional burdens to be paid by the merchants and property owners in the city. Such fees and taxes oftentimes keep new businesses out. Receipts for fines, and money from the state for gasoline taxes would be negligible compared to the total expense outlay.

11. Brookings is not lacking a sewer system, as that was installed years ago; and neither does Brookings need to be incorporated in order to have a bank or other business establishments.

To incorporate a town prematurely would be putting the "cart before the horse." We first want to have a suitable "horse" to pull this vehicle of an incorporated town and be able to properly take care of it, so it won't bog down. To incorporate a town prematurely would be like building a house before you have the proper foundation for it. When the property owners here decide to incorporate the city of Brookings, they will want to know it's the right time to do it. In this connection I might mention that in the Feb. 13 issue of the Curry County Reporter, which refers to the incorporation of Gold Beach, is a paragraph which reads, and is self-explanatory:

"A petition, said to be signed by the legally-required number of voters of the city, was read, asking that the council call a special election to vote upon the question of disincorporating the city....."

Now, when once we proceed to incorporate Brookings, we do not want to have that sort of thing happen here.

In view of all of the above and in view of the unsettled general conditions over the country, let us abide out time until after next presidential election and see what develops in the interval, and then be guided accordingly.—J. D. Gardner.

Local News Items

Margie Freeman was honored guest, recently at a birthday party given at her home. Present were: Robert Bates, Jimmy Lytle, Donnie Crook, Bobbie Page, Karen Foltz, Pattie Sumner, Georgia Branum, Mary Lou Berger, Nancy Vincent and Clarice Crook. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Joe Bush, after spend a week in this area, looking after business affairs, left by bus Sunday for Parker, Arizona, where he and Mrs. Bush are disposing of their electric light plant. Mr. Bush told the Pilot he was anxious to return here to attend to his lilies. The Bushs will return here about April 1.

CONGRATULATION

We want to welcome Vincent Fountain and & C. Radio and Electric Co. to the growing family of businesses in this area. Certainly we feel that their presence means more widespread influence for the area. Foremost in our thoughts are the precedents they have set for us.

BROOKINGS MARKET

Thor and Peggy Ask

Announcing Opening Of Our Fountain- Restaurant

ON THURSDAY,

February 27

AT 7:00 p. m.

Ralph and May VINCENT

FREE

Ice Cream Bars for the Youngsters
Coffee For The Oldsters

Ralph Vincent

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, Vincent Fountain and C. & D. Radio and Electric Co. on your faith in the best community in Oregon. We have the same faith, and it has been justified. We are certain yours will, too. Welcome to Brookings!

Moore's Variety & Apparel Shop
Madge and Fred Moore

CONGRATULATIONS

We not only wish every success to the
Vincent Fountain-Restaurant
and

D. & C. Radio and Electric Co.

but points with great pride to the work we did in making this business one of the most modernly-lighted along the Pacific coast. Mr. Vincent has faith in this community as we have, and certainly we hope him every success.

We also want to welcome Archie Diment and Robert H. Cox in their new business, and extend a hand of friendship to them.

Brookings Radio & Electric Co.

V. A. Mendenhall Sr.

W. E. Wolfe