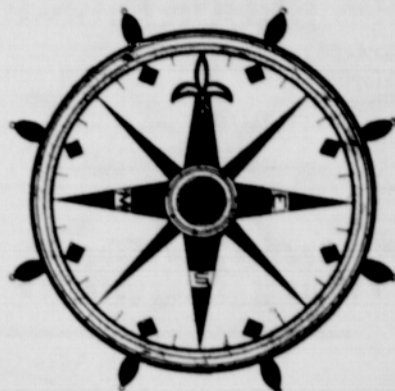




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## Graham Describes Costa In A Letter

### Former Resident Of Chetco Valley Tells Sight He Had Seen

It may be recalled that last week H. Graham, former resident of the Chetco valley, wrote an interesting letter to the Pilot from Costa Rica, telling of his visit to that place, where he now lives through courtesy of his former employer, the Pilot.

#### BEING COST RICA

International pickup, train, and on foot: Some said it could be done, other said it could not. Comstock consulted the consul. "No not now," he said: "there are 12 miles to the Nicaraguan border that is impassable except by oxcart. 12 miles between us and the border. Twelve miles of road is long, so we are up for this year. But if we intend to try next year. Our objective is Siguatepeque, Honduras, where we are starting an Industrial Center in 1909. Being denied this bit of travel, Mr. Comstock decided we would see if we could be seen of Costa Rica as limited funds and time permit.

order to negotiate difficult roads and steep grades a four-wheel heavy duty transmission was installed in his International pickup; so he felt if it could be done, he could do it. Some of the roads we have seen I think he still feels the same about it.

January 22 we started from San Jose (the Colegio Vocational Center) to the Central Where Mr. Comstock are teachers) to plan and prepare for a week out; headed for the farthest point that can be reached on the Pacific side, Costa Rica, El Coco on Culebra Bay. Along with the preparations I forgot to mention the installing under the hood of an extra 15-gallon gas tank (for just in case), needless to say it has proved itself.

party consisted of Mr. Comstock, two children, the school, Udo Nelson, my wife and I. The first stop is near Grecia, a practically modern cane sugar mill is in operation. Five hundred acres of cane are being operated about 1000 acres of the year. Interests in the travel from the cane stalk to the final product of 600 sacks of sugar every 24 hours. Any cane in the mill, and any man working in the mill aside from the large plantation holder of the mill may become

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## Taxes to RAISE if Budget is Defeated

At a public meeting held by the V. F. W. at the Brookings School Tuesday evening for discussion on the proposed school budget for the coming year District Attorney Hugh Gearin of Curry County declared that if the budget is defeated again at the meeting being held tonight the taxes will be increased instead of lowered.

"Under the school law", Attorney Gearin said, "It is compulsory for the school board to continue to operate and maintain public schools for the education of the

children of the district. This includes payment of teachers salaries, etc. and even the building of a new school if the board considers it necessary. The law is very plain that sufficient taxes shall be levied by the board to operate our schools in a proper manner. This is true even though the taxpayers vote against the proposed budget. If this should happen the Board will be required to issue warrants for the payment of necessary operating expenses. These warrants will bear interest, which of course, the taxpayers will have to pay in addition to the face value of the warrants." Mr. Gearin stated.

"In other words", continued Attorney Gearin, "School shall continue as usual with all the necessities shall be paid by warrants instead of cash. The result might be to lose the services of the better teachers and acquire inferior ones in their places, if others can be acquired at all. The main result to the taxpayer will be to delay the payment of this year's indebtedness until next year when he will have to pay two years taxes at once, which would really hurt", the speaker concluded.

It was also brought out at Tuesday's meeting that defeat of the budget would in all probability cause the loss of some \$17,000.00 in revenue to this district which is received at present from the State as a Basic School Support Fund.

It would appear, therefore, that the taxpayers will save considerable money and taxes by voting for the school budget Thursday night.

## Dance To Reward Searcher For Girl

In honor of the group of men, especially Stanley Colegrove, who spent so many hours recently, in search of Darlene Hogan, an old fashioned dance and rally will be held at Harbor Grange, Saturday, July 19, with dancing starting at nine.

With music being furnished by Pinson's orchestra, and under direction of Wilson Freeman and Larry Pinson, it is hoped this community will show their appreciation to these men for the untiring work they did in the search, and especially to Stanley Colegrove, who finally located the missing girl.

Two weeks ago the Rotary club voted \$10 toward a gift of a pair of field binoculars to be presented to Colegrove.

Pinson's orchestra is donating the music.

## Second Budget Vote Is Due Tomorrow Evening

Tomorrow evening, at 8 o'clock, voters of Dist. No. 17, will be called for the second time to vote on the budget of the school for the coming year. This budget, it is emphasized by the local school board, is for maintenance of the schools for the coming school year, and does not, in any way, include moneys for building, contrary to common belief.

## Eastern Star Chap. to be Formed in Brookings

All members who are interested in having an Eastern Star Chapter in Brookings are requested to be present at an organization meeting to be held at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 8 o'clock, Friday, July 18th. Election of officers will be held.

The organization of this chapter is the outgrowth of the banding together for the past twenty years of a few loyal members under the name of the Satellite Club.

If you are interested in forming and belonging to this new Chapter be present at the meeting Friday, July 18th.

## Electric Construction Will Begin In 2 Weeks

Coos-Curry Electric Co-op, which shut down local construction last Dec. 23, will re-open the work within the next two weeks. A. E. Sandbo, one of the directors, told the Pilot Monday.

Stopped for lack of funds at the time, the local construction left many homes locally without electricity a longer time, but this situation soon will be right, Mr. Sandbo assured.

Granted a loan of \$265,000, by Rural Electrification Association, all projected construction soon will be completed. An additional loan is forth coming to assume the Gold Beach plant.

## Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 7	69	50	.....
July 8	66	50	.....
July 9	63	53	.....
July 10	66	49	.....
July 11	65	58	.....
July 12	70	59	.....
July 13	68	52	.....

## Sydney Croft Lodge Granted Charter Friday Evening

### Many Grand Lodge Officers Present For Charter Presentation

Sydney Croft Lodge No. 206 AF&AM received their charter and number for a lodge in Brookings Friday night for the Brookings, Harbor area. The lodge had been operating under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Oregon for the past 11 months.

Among the Grand Lodge officers present were:

Walter M. Ransom, Eugene, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Oregon.

Loyl K. McRae, Pendleton, Deputy Grand Master.

Shaylor C. Elridge, Portland, Senior Grand Warden.

Worth Harvey, Eugene, Junior Grand Warden.

Harry D. Praudfoot, Portland, Grand Secretary.

N. K. Tulley, Eugene, Right Reverend Grand Chaplain.

Enoch B. Carlson, Portland, Grand Marshal.

T. E. Boardman, Grants Pass, District Deputy Grand Master of District 11.

R. E. Whitaker, Myrtle Point, District Deputy Grand Master of District 12.

L. R. Tweedie, West Salem, District Deputy Grand Master of District 27.

R. F. Randall, Drain, District Deputy Grand Master of District 10.

There were 97 present including members and visiting brethren. There were seven states and one from Canada registered. After the meeting was closed every one was called to the dining room where the members of the Satellite Club had prepared the tables with a buffet luncheon.

This is quite an honor for the Brookings-Harbor area as it opens the way for several other organizations that depend on the Masonic Lodge.

## Local Rotarians Attend Conference At Salem

Harry Edwards, secretary, and Dewey Akers, president, of the Brookings Rotary club, were called to Salem, Tuesday and Wednesday, there to attend the "governor's conference" of Dist. 102, which comprises Oregon and a portion of Southwestern Washington.

This conference, held annually, is actually a school for presidents and secretaries of all club of Rotary International.

The two local club members went by car, leaving here late Monday night, and returned early this morning. This gives reason for the few hours delay in the Pilot's publication.

Dr. and Mrs. Enos Potts of La Canada, Calif., were visitors the first of the month for the Croft Memorial Dedication and the parade. They have extensive land and bulb interests here.

## Mrs. May Stafford Tells Story About Sydney N. Croft

### Advancement of Lily Industry Revealed Talk, Here, July 4

By May T. Stafford  
As told at the Lily Blossom Week, on July 4

Less than three weeks ago in Dr. Emsweller's office at Beltsville, Md., the late Dr. Griffith's secretary, who is now Dr. Emsweller's secretary, introduced me to Louis S. Houghton, whose name appears on the memorial we have dedicated. He said he could not come for this ceremony but that he would give me the true story of the Croft Lily for the program.

So here it is. On the U. S. government farm at Arlington, near the present site of the grave of the unknown soldier, and back before world war 1, Dr. David Griffiths, then holding the position in the department of agriculture that Dr. Emsweller now holds, was hybridizing to try to get some good American Easter lilies. He used Japanese and Bermuda lily stock. But just which ones of these stocks he crossed we do not know. However, we can definitely trace the Croft lily back to Dr. Griffith's efforts.

Young Louis S. Houghton at that time was working for the department of agriculture. He always had been a lover of plant life, and was a great admirer of Dr. Griffith and his efforts to serve the government in his capacity. Mr. Houghton was called away to world war 1. His job was to "spot" pro-Germans in the logging and lumber camps near Bandon, Ore., and other places along the west coast. As soon as he was out in the wilds his attention was drawn to the wonderful plant life, especially the lilies. He was very much impressed.

When the war was over he returned to his work with Dr. Griffiths. But he was restless, he didn't know what he wanted to do—couldn't settle down—the same as some boys coming home from world war 2. He talked with Dr. Griffiths about what he had found in plant life in the west and expressed himself so many times that it would be a good venture to go there and raise lilies. Dr. Griffith advised him to try it. Mr. Houghton resigned his position with the government. Dr. Griffith gave him two bags of his hybrid lily bulbs, a suitcase full, and Mr. Houghton proceeded to Bandon, Ore. He rented a vacant lot from a Mr. Kranz and planted his lilies.

That was in 1919. The first year he discarded about 60% of them because they were of poor type—no blooms, not pretty and just really nothing worth spending time on. He planted back the 40% and watched studiously for good types of Easter Lily plants. Each year he discarded the undesirable. Mr. Bergen, of the Marshfield greenhouses and flower

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