

BROOKINGS-HARBOR PILOT

Entered as second-class matter, at the postoffice at Brookings, Ore., March 7, 1946, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

DEWEY AKERS, Editor and Publisher
GENE GOULD, Associate Editor

Member
OREGON NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION
1947 Active Member

National Advertising Representative
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING SERVICE, INC.

(an affiliate of the **N.A.S.** National Editorial Association)

Serving America's Advertisers and the Home Town Newspapers
108 W. Randolph — Chicago 1, Ill. • OFFICES • Holbrook Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.

Subscription Rate:
Per Year, in Curry County, Oregon.....\$2.50
Per Year, outside Curry County.....\$3.00

What Is Their Reason For Doing It?

It is understandable how people may have differences of opinions—that is a healthy condition of this nation, or any other democracy, but when a few people persist in blocking the wishes of the majority in matters which concern future citizens of the nation, then something else is wrong.

These characters seem to be everywhere. Chicago had its Al Capone; Kansas City its Pendergast; Mississippi, its Bilbo. This community is no exception. It smacks, actually of the same taste.

Valuable time has been wasted concerning the local schools. Unrest has caused many people to cast glances for a place to move, all because the schools of this area, pitifully sub-standard, are the mark of some who wish to even further lower the status.

If, for any reason, elections in this area could be questioned, then there are hundreds of districts in the state of Oregon which likewise should be given scrutiny. Threat hangs over the heads of the school board members that each succeeding attempt to approve a school budget will be met with a similar treatment. That, Pilot readers, is something for the records of Ripley.

The present school board, only human, may be accused of errors. What public, or private, official is above the place of making mistakes. People voted a serial levy last year to build a school—they felt it was being economical—because the district voted this upon itself, and found it was wrong, then the blame had to be laid somewhere—and, of course, the school board was a pretty good place.

Without pay, and with time taken from their individual vocations, school board members serve an unforgiving public. Why they do it is beyond the comprehension of anyone who wishes to look forward to the time when the youth of today will take charge of affairs of state, so hopelessly mismanaged by the generation of today.

Objecting to the taxes they allege have been forced upon them, this group of disgruntled people have already spent money sufficient, to say nothing of time and effort to twice pay the so-called disputed taxes of the district.

Henry Horst, disabled veteran who served his country, and who has cause to remember it, certainly expressed the opinion of the majority when he told the budget meeting, Thursday evening what the affair looked like from his standpoint. Veterans who served their country know what education means, and also the meaning and price of democracy.

Ex-service men know that decay of nations usually start in this manner. These men have proof—they saw France, Italy, Germany, Japan, and other countries where education has been built to fit a certain pattern. Is that pattern being shaped for the schools of this area—the third election will tell, and that will be final, the Pilot is certain!

It surely is no credit to the educational system, nor to democracy, to be infiltrated by citizens of the kind who would stop progress for everyone except for themselves—don't you think so?

Sense And Some NONSENSE

By Dewey

Troop 32, local Boy Scouts, upon arriving at Gold Beach to aid at the fair, Friday, found they were the only scouts present to work, this was a disappointment, inasmuch as they had plans of competing with other scouts of the county. It is natural for a Boy Scout to be proud of his troop and his achievement. These, he likes to exploit, and when such was not possible, it is hard to tell just how much disappointment was felt.

However, the boys did make a name for themselves. They acted as veterans in directing traffic and parking of visiting cars. Many of the fair officials praised the work of the boys, which, itself was some balm to cover their disappointment.

A new budget appears in this issue of the Pilot, the third to be published since school was out last spring. This time, if schools are to open at all, the budget must be passed with an overwhelming majority, despite threats to thwart any attempt to adopt a budget.

Communities such as this are only as attractive as their schools and businesses. Certainly, with schools under threat of being doomed, little remains for the settler who may want to make this his home. Defeat of schools would just about wreck this or any community.

Several people who have the schools at heart have come to the Pilot office since last Friday, saying that they would be out for the first time to swell

the "yes" votes. One, who claimed to be on the opposition, told the Pilot, "he had seen the light and was now favoring any budget for the schools."

Plenty more should "see the light" if they value their land and property values of this area. Many potential businesses are now waiting to see what becomes of the vote Sept. 26.

This district is fortunate in having the faculty now engaged, but certainly it will not long retain these contracts if schools are not given more consideration by the people of the area. It is quite likely that no more graduates from the local schools will be admitted to any college or university without first taking an entrance examination. This decision rests with the school inspector who certainly will visit the schools before the first of the year, 1948.

It just doesn't seem there is any worse blow than to lose any standing the school may hold, all through the action of people of this district. Surely that should make someone think before casting a "no" vote.

Indian summer is beginning—and is a boon to lily growers who wish to get their crops in the cases ready or shipment. Another week will see the most of the lilies out of the ground, with packing to be done indoors and not affected by rain, should any come.

Speaking of weather—here's a sample of letter the Pilot received this week, which will give readers an idea why editors get gray at times—

"A friend had received a copy of your newspaper which she loaned me. We have become interested in that place, I having passed through, coming from San Francisco. I have lived in Portland for some time but climate does not agree with me. The paper we have is of April 24. I do not want to be too near ocean, or river. My friend has heard the climate there is much like that of San Diego. Will you give us more information and please oblige."

Mr. and Mrs. Don Redfield are here after moving from Klamath Falls last week.

RALPH VINCENT'S Restaurant Fountain**DELICIOUS FOOD!****BREAKFAST****LUNCH****DINNER**

Murdock G. ROEDER
Funeral Director
and
Ambulance Service

Phone 1091
Crescent City, Calif.

See Us For MOULDING, LUMBER

BRICK : LIME : ROOFING
CEMENT : TILE

WE DELIVER!

Builder's Supply Co.
PHONE 101 Smith River, California

BU

With Confidence
of lines
as these

Biltwell

Davenport, &

Davenos

Sealy

Mattresses

Sunspun

Super Rest

Tuftless

Zenith

Electric Range

Refrigerators

Washers

Water Heaters

Simmons

Metal Beds

Cots Springs

Rollaways

Crosley

Radios

Refrigerators

Electric Range

Monarch

Wood, Gas and

Electric Range

Coleman

Circulators

Floor Furnaces

Water Heaters

Hendrick**Furniture****Company**

Store Hours, 9 to

Phone 213

New Johnson Bldg.