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## IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Tonight, when all of us go to the high school to see pictures of the past three Lily Blossom Time parades, and notice the progress made by the local people, in attempt to make the world conscious of this community and its products.

Progress, in the future, nearly everyone believes, depends upon an organization which will as-

sume leadership and promote it along lines which will gain each year. This organization needs all the individual support that each of us, as citizens, can supply. It means that we should be present at the high school tonight, by all means.

Directors will be named, together with committees for each event which this organization is likely to sponsor. People, too, are urged to come, prepared to offer suggestions for events in addition to Azalea Festival and Lily Blossom Time.

The pictures, to be shown, are said to be long enough to fill an hour's program. These pictures will be interspersed by discussion concerning next year's big plans. Do come, and offer your ideas, and become a member of this association.

Curry County Fair starts on Sept. 2, and runs to and including Sept. 4. People of this area should participate in this county fair for this is an opportunity for the community to really exhibit its wares. I am reminded that this community boasts of being able to raise anything—likewise it should be proud to

show what it can raise.

Since I have been in the county, I haven't been too proud of our showing at the county fair, and for the life of me, I fail to see a reason why we shouldn't be proud to show our wares. The north end of the county heretofore has taken the lead, and for this reason, if no other, we should get out and show them other communities raise products.

In the community I've seen many prize-winning vegetables—cauliflower, cabbage, onions, and no doubt there have been just scads that I never knew about. Joe Bush, who boasts that this area has no peer, feels ashamed that the little pride is shown. He is not alone. A number of the local people are on the fair board and they are not too proud of the showing of their own community.

A couple of years ago, the local chamber of commerce took an active lead, and had a booth which brought remarks from the fair visitors—why can't this be done again?

Age limits have been lowered in Boy Scout programs. A boy may become a Cub at the age of eight now; a member of Boy Scouts at 11 and a senior scout at 14 years of age. Brookings Rotary club is glad for this fact.

Two years ago, at considerable expense, the Rotary club obtained and brought to this vicinity a life-boat, powered with a large gas engine, in hopes all boys who considered themselves too old for scouting would find new interests. To date these boys have been somewhat of a disappointment.

Next Tuesday Rotary members are personally going to launch the boat, and as guests will have a group of 14-year-olds whom the club hopes will assume the responsibility of maintaining a Sea Scout Ship. Each Rotarian will bring a boy who wishes to become a member. There will be a "feed" of some sort, and a blessing from the club to go out and have a good time on the boat, as well as to learn something of seamanship.

## In The Mail-box:

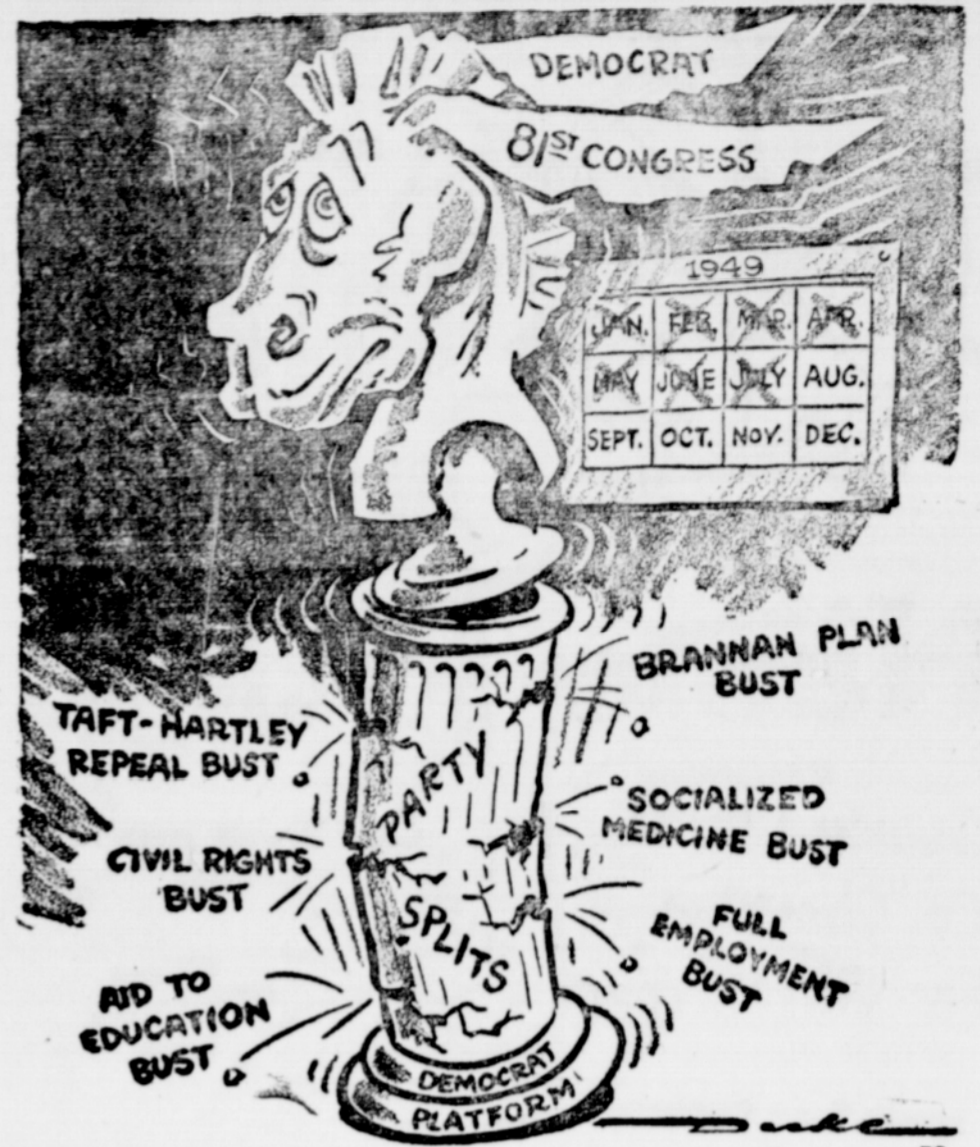
Editor, Pilot: For a long time the matter of writing and publishing an up-to-date reliable and readable history of our twin counties has been a subject of a great deal of talk in our association meetings as well as in other places. But it amounted to little more than talk.

However, in the early part of 1948, our association decided to "take a stab in the dark," as one member expressed it. In spite of the fact that no funds were available, the association acted upon that suggestion. The work of collecting and gathering historical data and material was begun.

The work is continuing and is nearing the point where we are beginning to do some of the actual writing. But there are a good many blank spots that need to be filled.

We have found our local newspapers very cooperative and so helpful in this work. Just now I have a problem wherein we can be mutually helpful. Your readers are interested in matters of history pertaining to their own home communities. They want their own communities to be represented in the completed history.

## THE BUST!



Many of your readers may have information that will be most helpful to us. We are anxious to contact them. Is there any better medium of exchange than the local newspaper?

My plan is to take one subject at a time. Just now it is "Pioneer Grist Mills of Coos and Curry Counties." (See enclosed article).

This subject may run two or three weeks, depending on the interest shown. Then another subject will be taken up.

The meagre remuneration I am receiving for this work does not justify me in subscribing for each newspaper in the two counties. But if you would like to cooperate in this matter, you furnish me with a copy of your

paper each week and I'll keep you supplied with copy of the desired information from week to week, henceforth.

We are fortunate in being led on and directed by men and women who are keeping our budget in balance and have not found the need for any red ink.

Sincerely, Emil R. Peterson.  
Rt. 1, Box 528, North Bend, Ore.  
Historian, Coos-Curry Assn.

Send the Pilot to a friend!

## Optometrist Here!

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