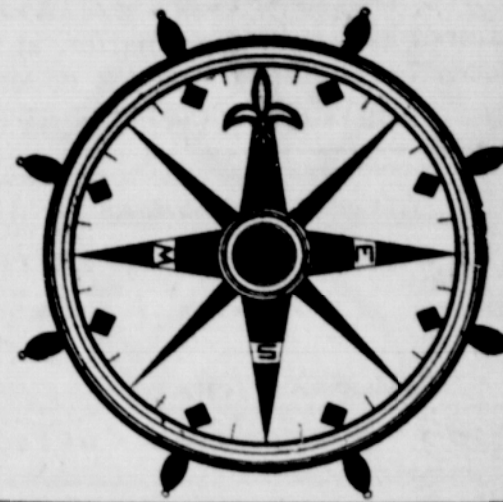


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Azalea Festival Claimed Best Ever In Recent Years

The 1950 Azalea Festival, held last Saturday and Sunday, was acclaimed by visitors as being undoubtedly one of the greatest ever held here. Weather conditions contributed greatly toward this, as this is the first in five recent years that rain did not fall sometime during the event.

The area was flooded by out-of-town people, here to witness the festivities. Azaleas in the park were almost at their zenith, with beauty and fragrance beyond description.

The program started with coronation of Queen Leta at the park at 11 a. m. Saturday. The court was beautiful in the setting "made to order."

Following coronation the big crowd flocked to the high school gym where a flower display and art exhibit was held. This was a community project, and in the numbers, the display exceeded many former years.

The Indian Welfare association had a campfire display of warriors in full regalia, and maids in their beautiful beaded dresses. One dress was said to have weighed more than 50 lbs, a creation of bead and shell designs. The weaving of baskets was also shown and a large display of the finished product was shown. This Indian village was one of the highlights of interest and the Indians were given much praise.

The stage of the auditorium was a scene of an old grist mill, with a water wheel churning the water. The mill itself, built of logs, surrounded by flowering azaleas and other wild flowers found in the area.

The fence surrounding this display was made of weather-beaten wood, which was part of a fence about a flower garden on an old homestead of the Upper Chetco. The records of this old homestead show that it was granted in 1877 to John G. McCormick. It is most likely that this is part of a fence or the original homestead, which would make it about 78 years old.

The water wheel was originally called the Bull Wheel, used for hoisting the meat carcasses after slaughtering, in the old slaughter house, located on the

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Baccalaureate Is Planned, Sun. Eve

Fr. Don Denman, priest at the local Star of the Sea Catholic church, will be Baccalaureate speaker, next Sunday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock. Invocation will be given by Rev. Bill Ward, benediction by Rev. Lever, and Rev. Nick Neufeld will serve as chairman.

"Better Men and Women for Better Times" has been announced as the subject of Father Denman's sermon. Mrs. Lloyd Morris will play both processional and recessional. The community is invited to attend.

Commencement exercises will be held at the high school auditorium, Friday, June 2, at 8 p. m. daylight savings time, with Dr. Elmo Stevens, president of the Southern Oregon College of Education as speaker. Further information concerning commencement and final week of school will appear in next week's issue.

Gene Gould Will Join Pilot Staff For Summer

Gene Gould, junior at University of Oregon journalism school, will be employed by the Pilot this summer, to arrive home as soon as school is out at Eugene.

Gene, who has in the past been employed on the Pilot, will be seen about, taking some of the duties incident to management of a weekly newspaper. He is graduate of Brookings high, and is son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gould.

Last Rites, Tues., For Josiah Merrill

Final rites were held Tuesday afternoon at 2, at the Baptist Community church for Josiah W. Merrill, who died here at the Archie Hendricks home, Sunday. Rev. Nick Neufeld officiated. Interment was at the William J. Ward Memorial Cemetery.

Josiah Wesley Merrill was born in Kentucky Jan. 14, 1874, and was reared in Kansas, youngest son of a family of seven boys and three girls.

He was married to Sarah J. Winger at Grand Junction, Colo., in 1903, coming to The Dalles in 1907, later moving to Portland. Surviving are, besides his widow, one brother, Smith, and a sister, Minerva, a son, Josiah H. of Portland and daughter, Mrs. Archie Hendricks of Brookings and five grandchildren.

In the past couple of years his health had failed rapidly and a great portion of the time was spent here with his daughter. His Portland home is in the Garden Home section.

Port Orford Plans Battle Centennial

PORT ORFORD—July 4, 1951, will be the 100th anniversary of the first Battle of Battlerock, 1851, fought with a tribe of Indians by a small group of settlers, lead by Captain William Tichenor. Port Orford Chamber of Commerce is planning a gala Centennial Celebration to commemorate the struggles of those early-comers to this area.

Letters are being sent to all local clubs and organizations to ask them to appoint committees for the purpose of assisting in planning next summer's affair.

A general meeting of all these committees as well as all interested citizens will be held soon so that many may contribute their ideas and assistance in the staging of this celebration. Much interest is being shown here in the event.

Fred Moore has word from Mrs. Moore that she had arrived at Honolulu, and was having a wonderful time. Mrs. Moore left last week for a visit with her son. She will be gone a couple of weeks.

Airport Soon Will Be Constructed At State Line Location

At the May meeting of Brookings chamber of commerce held last Thursday at Chetco Grange, report was made that the airport will be under construction soon, at the Crissey property at Oregon-California state line.

It was also reported that a federal comptroller office representative had been in the area to make a survey of the area for national bank application.

President Parker announced that the chamber of commerce would undertake another project which would be the largest ever undertaken by them. It is the building of jetties at the mouth of the Chetco. The following letter sent to the army engineers, explains the project: Col. Byrne, U. S. A. Engineers, Pittock Block, Portland, Ore. Dear Col. Byrnes:

At a meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce held last evening, I was instructed to write you asking your help in the following matter:

Our tourist and recreational business is threatened by the closing of the mouth of the Chetco river. During last week's low tides the mouth of the river was completely blocked by a gravel bar. A few days of heavy northwest swells would heighten this bar and block it completely at all tides.

To protect our tourist and recreational business, it is necessary that we keep the mouth of the Chetco river open. Therefore, we wish permission from your office to install temporary jetties.

If this permission is granted us by your office, we would appreciate if it were possible, your sending an engineer to advise us on erecting these jetties.

Cost of the erection of these jetties would be paid by public subscription.

Hoping that you will find it possible to fulfill our wishes, and awaiting your reply, we are

Respectfully yours,
Brookings Chamber of Commerce
By J. Elmer Parker, president
Parker appointed the following on a committee to handle this project: Thor Ask, Homer Kessler, Warren Smith, Wilson Freeman, Elmer Bankus, Hans Nelson and Charles Echols.

Ross Putnam reported that the trucks hauling logs south were being arrested by the state police for over-length. Buyers of these logs demand 40 feet in length, but highway restrictions here do not permit logs of that length being hauled.

Warren Smith and Charles H. Grayshel were appointed to contact the highway department to ask that truckers be given consideration. Mr. Smith made a trip to Salem Monday, and reported that all truckers may apply for a permit for hauling, us-

Church Re-named; To Be Known As Bethel Temple

Members of the Full Gospel church met Tuesday evening at the home of their pastor, Wm. Ward and held a business meeting at which time the group formed an organization with a membership.

The name of the church, when built, will be Bethel Temple, and the church will be known by that name henceforth. "Bethel" means "House of God."

Following the business meeting ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

Morse and Shaw Election Winners

Curry county vote, at the primaries last Friday, were canvassed the first of the week, and these were the results:

U. S. Senator
Hoover, R. 331
McBride, R. 77
Morse, R. 355
Latourette, D. 166
Wood, D. 303

Representative, Fourth Dist.
Shaw, D. 305
Swanson, D. 156
Ellsworth, R. (Unopposed).

Governor
Flegel, D. 118
Pearson, D. 160
Wallace, D. 197

Supreme Court, Pos. No. 3
Dunn 180
Maguire 426
Tooze 582

District Attorney
Dewart, R. 399
Ackley, R. 355

On Democratic Ballots, the vote
Ackley (write-ins) 50
Dewart (write-ins) 27

County Treasurer
Mather, D. 251
Braun, D. 142
Sosey, D. 108

County Surveyor
Charles T. M. Echols unopposed.

Sheriff
R. G. Sabin, R. (unopposed)

Joan Swan Sets June Wedding Date

Invitations have been received by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swan, apprising them of the forthcoming wedding of their younger daughter, Joan Delores, to Bryan Marsh Bell, Sunday, June 4, at 2:00 p. m. at the Baptist Community church.

A reception will be held at the Swan home following the ceremony.

Joan, graduate last year of Stanford University, has been at University of Texas doing graduate work this year. She has spent her summers in this area, and has made scores of friends

ing a 55-foot over-all length limit. This applies from Carpenterville to the state line.

Local Schools Make 'Real Strides' For 'Standardization'

News which will be more than just passing interest was learned late last week following receipt of a letter by the school board from Rex Putman, state superintendent of schools, telling that District No. 17, was removed to the "standard" list from the conditionally standard. The letter:

Salem, May 15, 1950

Brookings School Board,
Dist. No. 17, Curry County,
Brookings, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

At your request, a member of the supervisory staff of the state department of education made a second standardization visit to Brookings School, May 4, 1950. It was a pleasure, indeed, to note that the conditions of improvement as set forth in plan submitted to this office in September 1948 and July, 1949, have been fulfilled. It is declared, therefore the Brookings elementary school, Dist. No. 17, Curry county, is maintaining a standard school and the rating of the school is changed from conditionally standard to fully standard.

The district has made a tremendous effort to provide good school facilities and the results are exceptionally good. The building is attractive, modern, and functional. We are proud of the changes which have taken place at Brookings as the result of concerted community action. The school has been able to raise its rating from non-standard to standard within two years time. Since this has entailed a great expenditure and much careful planning, it is very commendable.

A school is not declared standard for a definite period of time but will be re-evaluated as time permits in the light of existing conditions. We are confident that the district desires to maintain the school at high level and will make further improvements as the need arises and it is possible to do so.

The playground area is in a much better condition than it seemed possible to make it.

The teacher-pupil load in some rooms is higher than is desirable. However, since the enrollment has fluctuated this year, this condition has not existed for the whole school year except in one room. If the enrollment maintains itself at this high level, plans which have been made to relieve the overloading should be carried forward.

There is a very fine feeling of co-operation about the school. The faculty and the children are very proud of the building and are taking great pride in keeping it in good condition.

It was a pleasure to revisit the school and to find conditions so greatly improved. We wish you continued success in providing a good educational program at Brookings. Sincerely yours, Rex Putman, Supt. Public Instruction, Salem.

Friends learned that Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Seymour, former residents of this area, now of Portland, have adopted a baby girl, about 4½ months old.

Mrs. A. O. Bollinger returned last Friday from Astoria where she had been delegate for Topaz Rebekah lodge at the Rebekah Assembly. She was conferred the degree of Chivalry at the assembly.

YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED, WEDNESDAY

	Rural Board Alloc., Dist. 17	Excess Voted	Total (a) Budget	Tax Mills
Last Year (1949-50)	\$82,696.00	\$15,731.70	\$112,562.50	61.2
This Year (1950-51)	\$68,979.30	\$27,066.70*	\$110,141.00	53.8

(* Election to be held May 31, 1950.

(a) Total budget, comparing years. Last column comparative millage levies.