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Stamp Sales Barometer Of Growth

Perhaps the best barometer, or measuring stick, of the growth of any community is its postoffice. Stamp sales and money order business can tell quite a story—just as it has done in Brookings (Harbor postoffice not as yet available).

Back in 1937, stamp sales here were \$2,137.76 and the money order business was \$32,657.12. In 1950 the stamp sales were \$11,176.21 and money orders totalled \$213,374.48. Those figures tell quite a story.

Twelve Days Cut To Just 20 Hours

About 30 years ago when Herculean Felipe left his native Portugal to make his fortune in United States it required 12 days to cross the Atlantic—January 13, he and his wife crossed it in about 20 hours. The world has shrunk that much in the past thirty years. Therein lies a new problems that many of our people cannot comprehend when it comes to dangers facing us today.

'Incorporation' Gains In Sentiment

Incorporation of Brookings has been gaining in sentiment in recent months, if talk at the chamber of commerce meeting is indicative. It seems generally agreed among the citizens that this area needs an identity—needs a governing body to which local problems may be carried for solution.

Foremost among remarks by those favoring incorporation is the belief that law and order must soon be enforced, lack of which stands in way of further progress. A committee, appointed to make a study and report all its findings to the community, is functioning under direction of Bob Phillips, of Phillips Clothing, who now welcomes any and all data available.

Brookings was aptly compared to a a piece of beautiful cloth, without design, and incorporation, or lack of it was hampering further progress of the city and community. Incorporation seems to be the tailoring to make this community the best along the coast.

When the committee is ready, a meeting will be announced, at which time all people in the area to be affected will be allowed an opportunity to express themselves for or against the move. Incorporation, however, seems inevitable—It is coming as surely as one year will follow its predecessor. Demand is sufficient at present.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

It is moving time for several businesses in Brookings. These moves are primarily for expansion: Gould's Shoe Store will, possibly by the end of the week, be located in the former Vincent's Shadow Room, more than doubling their former site. Bert DeMoss will soon occupy the store being vacated by the shoe store, adding considerable to the space he now occupies.

Weather still prevents start of construction on Manley building, between the Vincent Building and Pine Cone Theatre. The delay hampers Young's 5 & 10 from its proposed expansion of business. Wilson Freeman is also being hampered by the wet weather in getting his construction under way. His new building will double the size of his present Chetco Store.

Over the week-end, radios revealed the power outage at Eureka, and the flood stage of a few rivers in that vicinity. It makes most of us glad to be in this area, for the brunt of the big storm which lashed the west coast, spared this area much of its fury. We had wind, and rain but not in proportions which did damage as elsewhere.

Taft, to the north of us, had plenty of wind damage to the new high school under construction, which will cause much delay in its completion. Perhaps it is fortunate for the local people they could not get started. At any rate, they were not alone in being delayed.

University of Washington, the school which most of the hoop experts predicted to be the division winner in the northwest, is having more than just tough sledding in its 1951 season. The Huskies, on their home floor, put the Oregon Ducks down, but the OSC Beavers split with them on a road trip more than week ago. Last Friday and Saturday the Huskies got in the WSC Cougars lair and came out second best in two games.

Remembering back to yesteryears, I recall how coaches did hate to be pegged for top spot in the race. It brought every other school down upon the head of the favored. Slats Gill, Jack Freel and John Warren, products of their own schools, have developed pretty fair basketball on the Pacific coast. Fellows like Tippy Dye at Washington and Chuck Finley of Idaho, who were brought in from the east, find they may win a few of the earlier games, but the sledding gets too rough toward the end.

I do not question the fact that the Huskies of U. of W. are a potent aggregation—but not as potent as they, themselves are won't to believe. The Huskies are noted for their height, and speed on the "fast break." Gill at OSC, slowed them down to his pace, and it was the Huskies undoing. Freel, with a bunch of smaller, but faster boys, ran the

Huskies out of the hall both of the Pullman games.

The Pacific Coast has always come up with some pretty fair hoop teams in the past. Remember the Tall Firs of Oregon, of Oregon State's teams, and of the Freel-coached aggregations which have made good accounts for the west? Wyoming, a couple years ago, was up in the running for national honors. It was, for many years, true in football as well, until the grid sport became the "big business" it is at present.

Am tickled to note the enthusiasm with which people of area are working at Chamber of Commerce assignments. This is gratifying because it means 1951 should be another year of progress. Noted, too, is a new display of harmony among members of that group.

Threat of war may hamper a lot of plans but this area has a place in the economy of the nation, so cannot sit idly by and not strive for greater things. I really predict many things for this coming year.

W. D. Sibley, of Typo-Print, Gold Beach, was a visitor here Sunday afternoon.



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