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SCHOOL BUDGET INADEQUATE

Elsewhere in this issue appears the budget for Dist. No. 17, set up by a "budget committee" composed of Archie McVay, Virgil Goldsberry and Robert O. Dimmick, together with the board of directors. The budget, in total, appears to be quite a budget, but the Pilot will predict that it will be sorely inadequate before the next school year is much more than started.

With promise of at least 200 more families' coming to the community when the new plywood plant gets into operation, housing will be one of the great problems facing the school board and teachers.

When the budget committee met there was no way for this group to tell of this sudden and proposed influx of population. The announcement came much to the surprise of everyone except a few who have been working for its realization for as long as three years.

However, with this new and added capital value being added to the district, additional provisions soon must be made to provide schools for the children which naturally will migrate to this community and to those yet unborn, who will in so few short years swell the enrollment of each and all grades.

MANY CHANGES IN FIVE YEARS

This issue of the *Brookings-Harbor Pilot*, completes volume Five of this newspaper, which has come to be numbered "among the old-timers" of the vicinity.

It is quite interesting to peruse back issues of this publication, to note changes which occurred weekly in those 60 months of existence. It is astonishing to reflect upon the advancement of the area, of how the schools have more than doubled in size in that length of time; of the number of new businesses, of the old businesses that have expanded to more than twice their former size.

Five years ago, there were no street lights—but few neon signs—shabby and weather-beaten buildings. Today, one may read a newspaper at any time; walks under scores of neon signs; sees bright-colored buildings which have as attractive windows as may be found in large cities—all that in these five years.

Five years ago only two sawmills ran intermittently. That count today is more than a dozen, with each employing sizeable crews in the mills and in the woods. Lumber industry five years ago was secondary to the lily boom. Today, each has its part in the economy of the area. More expansion is coming in this area through lumber manufacturing, and soon, re-manufacturing.

Five years ago, the local postoffice was third class—was cramped into a space now occupied by Pete Lesmeister Agency. It still is cramped today, although more than twice the size, with more than twice the facilities. It must not be forgotten that it has been a second-class postoffice for more than two years.

Expansion these past five years has been constant and scarcely able to keep abreast with growth of the area. Expansion and growth the next five years is certain to show no let-up, rather it is likely to accelerate.

Time is ripe, also, that this area become of age—that it incorporate and become an entity in the world.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

The impact of the news telling of the high-million dollar plywood plant is far reaching—it almost defies expression at the moment. I can see the school board, the budget board, and the rural school board going into a huddle over what will be done with the children who certainly will swell all classes in the county schools this coming year.

I can see every business in this area taking an inventory—taking stock on what that business must have in way of expansion to keep abreast. Certainly, only a declaration of all-out war could have greater effect on everyone. If we thought we had growing pains previously—now things are really going to hurt, unless all of us are ready to meet this influx of people.

People, and myself included, like to have a leisurely gait, like to do things when we can without too much speed or inconvenience. Things must take on a different speed now—things must really hum if we are going to keep our collective heads above the current as it sweeps us by.

It may be weeks, perhaps several months, before we come to full realization of this news. In the past, we have heard rumors—and more rumors—but now we are faced with reality. In the past, when we had the chance to meet such emergencies, we had inertia. Action now must be the watchword.

At last, southwestern Oregon is coming into its own right—being recognized by the remainder of the world as the last new spot in the world where there is not congestion. Curry county, in the past five years has come a long way. That record will be elementary to what it will see in the next two, if I am any judge of trends.

The next few months call for some cool thinking, for some co-operative planning on the part of every citizen in this area. It is no time for personalities to enter in, to hamper the first big opportunity this area ever had to become what has rightfully been its due these many years. Now is the time I'd like to see a powerful chamber of commerce—one with some finances to accomplish acts it purposes.

News comes, too, that housing unit construction will be started here within a few weeks, to accommodate families expected to migrate here to work in the new plywood plant. These houses, it is said, will be erected by some large contractor, who is able to finance the entire program.

School authorities are mopping their collective brows since they were told to prepare for a big influx of students. These people are at loss what to do. They do

not have any idea, in the first place just how many to prepare for, but they were given to understand that it would be about two hundred. Of course, there is no way of finding out what different grades will be hit the hardest.

All of Curry county will be given the biggest surprise of the century, with completion of this plant, in addition to the "peeler" plants in the central part of the county, together with another, or more, sawmills rumored to be casting glances about for a good location. Certainly housing is a growing problem for the people to cope with.

To serve this number of new people naturally will mean that more business expansion must be done—and that within the next year. Again people are not able to foresee just what is needed—thus there will be a period of floundering in doubt. By summer the picture may come into focus and plans definitely made.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brimm arrived by air in Brookings from Rochester, Minn., Sunday. Roy recently underwent surgery at Mayo Bros. clinic. He is improving rapidly.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our gratitude to the many friends and neighbors for their beautiful floral offerings, help and kind words during our recent bereavement. The Chas. A. Warnock family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Young, who came to Brookings recently, will be permanent residents, and will become partners with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young in the new 5 & 10 store, once it is re-located in the Manley Building. They are in southern California visiting relatives for ten days or more.

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