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WHAT WILL YOUR LABEL BE?

"Isn't wonderful what a little faith can do," was a remark made to the Pilot by Luther Tisdale last Saturday morning while commenting upon the erection of the new plywood plant in this area. "Lots of us knew a long time ago that there was a future for this county—and what we are witnessing is but a beginning."

Faith like that "can move mountains." If everyone in the community could become imbued with a will to do, no matter how small, something to further the interests of the area, it would take a calculating machine to tally the advancements which could come.

Some people persist in creating rumors, or perpetuating them, creating doubt, adding to distrust, of the future in store here, in Curry county.

No longer is our community unknown elsewhere. Its fame has spread almost world-wide. People constantly are making inquiry about opportunities here. People do seek places where they feel they can build their own lives in a manner of their choosing.

W. A. Carroll, back in New York City, where he commutes daily in the sea of tall buildings, dreams of coming here to live. He constantly reads the Pilot—he then probably dreams—living in a land on the west coast where things are "new" and beckon the ambitious.

This area has grown. It has reached the place where it must desert the "knickers" and put on "long pants." It now has become "a man" and must act in the way usual to men. It cannot go on as it has in the past—just being an area—it must become a city, if you will.

Of course there will be many who say "we must not incorporate for it will cost us too much." It is the wish of the Pilot that these same people check over the things which an unincorporated area is missing, and see if there is any "saving". This area has problems, but none to hear and help solve them. This area has no leadership, no identity, no voice, nothing, the way it now is.

People are not effective in mob-like groups. Proof of this may be seen in our armed forces. It takes organization to advance, to win an objective, or just to win. Without organization, planning is more or less useless, be it in a family, a job, or a business. Without central planning and governing body any community is much like a mob—a band of sheep, or a herd of cattle.

Coming soon to this community will be people who will want certain advantages offered only under incorporation. It would not be exactly courteous to say "no" to them since we know that their presence here will mean greater advancement, more riches from the natural resources which abound here. They want controls—they want protection—they want advantages—and it is quite likely they will be willing to pay their share.

You will be heard, Thursday evening, April 5, at a public meeting, set for the high school at 8:00, if you have valid reasons why this area should not take steps toward becoming of age. You should be gracious, too, to opinions of others who wish to be citizens of a city and not of the country. If you are in the majority, the town will remain the country, but if the majority is on the other side, abide by it, and be a good sport.

Just what will your label be—for progress, or for the good old days, like grandfather enjoyed?

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Five business men (maybe a number more were in the party) from the area near Grays Harbor, Wash., have been in this area the past week, surveying possibilities for opening up of a business for each. While they remained more or less anonymous in their survey, they did tell me that they knew Noble Ellison of the plywood corporation and Mr. Sund, and also what a plant of this nature would do for an area.

While they never revealed too much information, as I stated, I did note a determination on the part of two to locate here soon. What, where, when, why or how, remains a secret as far as I was told, except that they were definitely coming. That, Pilot readers, is the story of how this vicinity will grow in the next few months—there's no hoax about the outside world knowing the possibilities where plywood manufacturing takes place.

Took a stroll down by the site of the plywood plant Saturday afternoon. It is amazing the bigness of the plant, if you can picture it in your mind. The new building will cover more than two acres, all on concrete slab. That, friends, is something of a shanty I walked around the spot and tried to imagine what the completed work might look like.

Plywood is manufacturing—it utilized almost all of the logs they take. They really leave a lot of wealth in a community, as does any manufacturing plant employing that many men who will build homes, who will patronize local business, who will have children in the local school, who will take part in local activities.

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Radio Station KCRE has set aside a Brookings hour which is not being exploited properly if I am a judge of anything. Mr. Gray told me, several times, he wished people of this area might avail themselves of the opportunity to work up programs which may be used on this program, Monday through Friday.

Use the time for debate, use it to further a community project, use it to tell a story, tell of the forthcoming events, as may be dramatized over the air. What waste of opportunity this community is passing up by its indifference to this opportunity.

I am not sure who could do it but someone here should obtain those with a good line of chatter, and a lot of stories of the olden times, of the present or future, dramatize these a number of times weekly. Bob Gray said if we could have material enough he would give two hours to the cause inasmuch as he feels part this area as well as of his own.

KCRE, since its opening night, has climbed tremendously in its popularity. The station has no definite set schedule as yet for daily they have too many alterations. By the end of this month it may be possible that the Pilot can carry a program of the daily broadcast.

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It looks like people of this area are becoming aware of the need for incorporation. That is the sentiment of nearly everyone expressing themselves Thursday evening at the chamber of com-

merce meeting, including Edwin Sund, who recommended immediate steps be taken to incorporate this town. Certainly those who may oppose the move, never expressed their sentiments.

Incorporation must come before any great amount of advancement can be gained in this vicinity. There must be a prime-mover. There must be a planning body and there must be a responsibility assumed by the area for its own government.

Powers, who won this district playoffs two weeks ago, went a long way in the state 'B' tournament at Salem, coming second in the finals. Powers had a group which had played together two years, almost intact, and with tournament play spurring the boys, their best was almost good enough to win the state title.

Phoenix, a southern Oregon team, took the coveted honors, but not without a do-or-die conflict all the way from the very first game. Those boys won not only the honor, but a satisfaction that they had played teams which were plenty good. From this thought comes great pleasure to both coaches and boys.

Choir Will Present Easter 'Cantata'

The choir of the Baptist Community church will stage its Easter Canata at the church, Sunday evening, at 8 p. m., with Mrs. Stanley Patterson directing.

The program, in detail, may be found on page six of this issue, as released by Mrs. Patterson.

Pinochle Party

by Rebekah Social club will be held Saturday night, March 24, at 8 p. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. admission, 50c; prizes and refreshments.

All the local faculty left either Saturday or Sunday for Portland where this week they are attending an institute and meeting of Oregon Education Association. More than 4000 teachers of the state are expected to be present at the four-day assembly.

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