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THIS AREA HOLDS MOST PROMISE

John Bowdish, who was here in 1945, 1946 and a portion of 1947, doing land clearing work, but who now lives near Medford, on his visit to this area, Monday, asserted emphatically that "this area held most promise of any in Oregon," and he never made any reservations.

Bowdish, who has been in Oregon quite a number of years, says he has watched growth all through this section of the state, and that every time he makes a trip around, it amazes him what progress has been made. "If I were younger, and even now, if my wife would consent to leave her ranch home near Medford. I'd be right here, doing everything I could in helping progress of this community. There's no place like it."

Bowdish is but one of hundreds of people who feel the same way—people who do not live here, mind you. The Pilot has now way of finding out what reasons are behind these desires to live here, but it can imagine a lot of it is the climate—some for reason of wishing to get away from congested areas—areas where opportunities do not present themselves as much as here.

Perhaps many of the people who wish to come here live in 'stagnated' towns which refuse to accept and keep abreast of progress. Perhaps some want to be like their pioneer forefathers—create a new existence just as their ancestors did. Whatever the reason, this area is profiting or going to profit.

HELPING BASEBALL MANAGER

Pete Lesmeister, business manager of the Pelicans, is appealing to local citizens to 'give him a lift' on building bleachers at the local high school field to accommodate fans during the coming season. Materials for this project already have been donated, now a few nail-drivers are needed to complete the structure which will also be used by the fans who attend high school games.

Perhaps many people of the area do not know it, but to date the baseball team here has never paid its own way. Chetco Home & Auto and Jim Robinson went in with Pete Lesmeister and bought the uniforms. Pete has carried on from there and it has been a drain to the bank account. Brimm Bros. and others of the area have co-operated in providing jobs for the talent which Pete Lesmeister brought in, especially last summer, first year Brookings stepped into Southern Oregon League.

Pete had a good team last year, made up of youngsters whom we were proud of in this community. Some will be back, the service got some, and one or more may be beckoned by 'faster' leagues. Pete must rebuild. He is in need of help—not so much the money, as the co-operation of fans who can help build bleachers that all may have a seat at the games.

Fans who like their baseball, who wish to see this community have a good team, can do more than they realize by donating Pete a few hours of labor, and still have fun from it, Saturday and Sunday at the high school field. Think what it will mean to have a seat at a game, say on a hot day next summer when the game is all tied up going into the last of the ninth, with a man on third and three and two on the batter—if it

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Pete Lesmeister is scouting for talent to build his 1951 Pelican team, of the Southern Oregon League. His trip south was partly with that in mind. To Pete baseball is a hobby. He seems to close his eyes to the expense it has been to him personally. He has that much public spirit—he would never tell the world what it has cost him.

Baseball, the great American sport, which has kept the public interest for generations, has always gained in popularity, and this community is but an example. However, it might make the fun greater if we shared a little of the responsibility by helping Pete out a little. Even the price of a baseball is that much—two and a half bucks.

I will not enter into a discourse why I think baseball is so great. I don't have enough space in this or a couple papers. However, I do wish to impress people of the importance of a sport such as baseball to give this community an identity.

I expect to pound a few nails in that grandstand—bleachers—and contribute in a small measure what Pete has long done. How about fifty or more fellows being out there, with a hammer and a saw if you own one, and it won't take very long to put up those bleachers.

Jefferson High of Portland is the coveted winner of the state "A" tournament held last week at Eugene. Given no higher place than in the consolation bracket, those boys powered their way to the finals against teams which had previously beaten teams of the state which had beaten Jefferson. Cinderella Kids, you call 'em? Maybe, but I see a will to win doing the whole thing.

Central Catholic, Salem, Eugene and Lincoln of Portland had been picked by the wisecracks, but some of the favorites fell into the lower brackets. Klamath Falls gave Jefferson the run of their life, after Klamath Falls had almost spent itself beating Lincoln out in the semi-finals.

Teams which win usually have that spirit to win, a characteristic which marks the boys who are picked for those coveted all-star berths. Sports are carried on primarily for that purpose of building up competitive spirit. I know of no other trait in the youth which wins my admiration quicked.

I believe that this will to win is the chief difference between college teams and high school teams, or any semi-pro group. The more competitive the youth the more likely he will be to succeed—best brought out only through athletics.

There's been plenty of knocking lately—with hammers, I actually mean. Coming to work the last few days I hear pounding in almost every direction where home are being built, or being added to—and here in town, the noise of concrete mixers is music to my ears, also.

Construction means progress—progress means better homes, a lot better town, and those accompanying things which make life much more enjoyable. It is an amazing sight to me to watch

fashioning of life—at least new way of life. Lots are being sold by the dozen for new homes to be built here soon. Sound of hammers might become deafening in a few weeks.

In The Mail-box:

Editor, Pilot: Thanks a lot for sending me the Pilot. It's just like sending me a little part of Brookings.

Am sorry that I have not written sooner but you know the army: first they move you from place to place, then when they station you at a certain barrack and put out in a company, they work the devil out of you, giving you barely enough time to write. Well, last week I was appointed squad leader so I do not have to pull any details this week, giving me time to catch up on my writing..

The training is just as you predicted—pretty rough—but you have a feeling that you are in a good outfit. In three weeks time I will go to take my jump training and then take the remainder of my basic here.

Please say hello to everyone. Am looking forward to the next

issue of the Pilot. Sincerely Pete Grootendorst, Co. B., 503 A. I. R., Fort Campbell, Ky.

Thank You, People

We wish to express our thanks and that of the community to Warren Dixon and Ira Brown for the mechanical work they have donated on the ambulance recently. Others donating work from time to time since its purchase are Cur-Del Cleaners, for cleaning; Brookings Laundry, for washing; and Homer Haggerty for the numerous jobs he has done to keep the motor running. Certainly it is an asset to the area to have such public-spirited people here.

Brookings-Harbor Ambulance Association, Inc., Leo Lucas, Pres. Lloyd Harbin, Vice-Pres.; V. A. Mendenhall, Sec.; John Darger, director.

LaVern Mendenhall returned to naval air station at San Diego, Calif., after a 30-day leave, following service in the Orient.

Mrs. Eugene Ackley returned the first of the week from almost a month's vacation as guest of her sister at Oakland, Calif.

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