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INCORPORATION MUST COME

Incorporation of Brookings, like the founding of this nation and each of its states in the past, is a step of progress. People who are opposing the movement have lost sight of the fact that this area no longer is an isolated spot—but is being swarmed under by new home-seeking citizens who will demand much of the area which they expect to heavily invest toward its future.

Incorporation has ceased to be an issue of wanting to "stay like we are," but a move toward directing our destinies in a way these destinies should be. Somewhere along the line there must be a governing agency, empowered to exact certain standards of health and conduct from the citizens. With another couple thousand people here there must be traffic ordinances, zoning ordinances, health regulations and certainly conduct rules. What the opinion of each of us might be, there must be movements to safeguard the area which is now in the throes of the greatest expansion any place has seen in the past half century.

No parents would want to keep their children small any longer than nature allows. Parents want their children to grow up—to create for themselves an identity. Brookings has long ceased to be infant—it has grown up—it is still growing.

Announcement of the coming of the plywood about two months ago is but a beginning of expansion. The entire west coast is experiencing the same intensity of growing pains. Thousands of people all over the nation have considered this area for their future location. Incorporation, then, is but a step toward being able to cope with any situation this section is likely to face. Vote for it!

NEWS BRIEFS AFFECTING CURRY

Bids Called For Right-of-way Clearing In County

EUGENE—Bonneville power administration called for bids for clearing on part of the Port Orford-Gold Beach 115 kv transmission line right-of-way in Curry County, Oregon. Bids are scheduled to be opened at Portland, May 17.

This right-of-way clearing project consisting of 7.68 miles in about 14 tracts represents final clearing work to be done on the Bandon-Port Orford-Gold Beach transmission line. Successful contractor will be given 150 days to complete the work. Copies of specifications may be obtained from Bonneville Power Administration procurement officer, Portland.

Petitions Ask For Incorporation Election Here

Petitions to the county court, asking for an election to determine citizens' willingness to incorporate the city, were presented this week to the county court, which will set the date for the event. The committee, named at the April 5, general meeting to obtain signatures on this petition, obtained more than sufficient signatures to call the election, which was presented to the county court at its monthly meeting Wednesday. The committee told the Pilot it was the wish of the group to ask for Monday, June 4.

Curry County Shows Lack of Interest In History

Emil R. Peterson, who has been compiling data for the Coos-Curry history, lets it be known that Coos County has furnished about 90% of the funds which have gone into this work, with only 10% coming from Curry, none of which has been furnished by the south end of the county. With this lack of co-operation, Curry county is likely to have but little mention. Southern Curry abounds with history which may be overlooked unless funds are available. A cabin for a week, with possibly a little expense money for meals would suffice for the moment to get Mr. Peterson here.

Business Increasing Rapidly In Southern Curry

Almost without exception, businesses of the area have reported to the Pilot in the past week that 1951 is months ahead of all previous years in sales volume with only about a fourth of the year gone by. New residents flock to the area in groups, seeking location for homes, thus adding impetus to that spurred by the coming of the plywood plant. This year, believe all business men, will never equal again in percentage of gain, not excepting the days when Brookings Lumber first established its workings here almost 40 years ago. More businesses are forecast in the area.

Residents "Change Mind" About Incorporation

North of town, where some 22 landholders signed a petition to ask that their names and property be withdrawn from the proposed incorporation of Brookings, already some have had "changes of mind" and affixed their names to the petition which goes to the county court, to set date of the election. These told the committee that the matter had not been properly represented when they had signed the petition asking withdrawal.

Passing of Herschil P. Weter deprives this area of a grand old man who had much effect on the founding of this community at the time the Brookings Lumber Co. started operations about 1912. Although not one to go about telling his worth, Mr. Weter nevertheless made it felt by his acts of goodness, by his kindness to all the people with whom he came in contact. The area is much better because he was here all these years. Maybe we will be a long time forgetting his name without surety it will eventually come.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

"We are going to have baseball here somehow," Pete Lesmeister, business manager of the Pelicans, told me Saturday. "We thought for a time we would be in the league embracing Eureka, Arcata, and others in that area, except that a Fortuna man put a monkey wrench in the deal."

All this came about when a few teams withdrew from the Southern Oregon League for reasons beyond the stretch of most imaginations. Crescent City, also, is in the same plight—has a team but no league to enter. With the Southwestern Oregon League indifferent, apparently the only hope is to get back into the old Rogue Valley league after one year in faster company.

Fans of this area who have come to rely upon Pete Lesmeister for their baseball, are quite sympathetic toward his plight at the moment. People here do like their baseball—the faster the more they like it. Pete was at a point where he felt he could put afield a pretty fast team.

Pete and Roy Deo, helmsman at Crescent City, may be expected to figure out some way to get baseball here, but as yet neither have come up with any solution. Pete, despite the delay in plans, is not letting down a bit in obtaining ball players to enter "some" league when that opportunity arises.

Was quite sorry to learn indirectly from Emil R. Peterson that Curry county, especially the southern end, was indifferent to the forthcoming history of Coos and Curry counties. This area, so full of lore and interesting material, then, by necessity, must be ignored, as it were, in having its history told in much detail.

Histories cost money despite the fact that Mr. Peterson was "dipping" into his own personal savings to compile this data. It goes without saying that someone is "missing" an opportunity by not coming forward with a little expense money for him. At Gold Beach in February, he was given a cabin for several days, and his meal checks were taken care of by some interested person.

This paper, to some expense, has acquire pictures, had cuts made, and did what it could to arouse the people of the vicinity to the importance of this history. None stepped up except Mrs. Bertha Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crockett and Victor Anderson. It cannot be expected that they are to carry the load.

Here, for once, we are passing up an opportunity to really do a turn worth while. It may be such a few short months until these pioneers are gone and with them the knowledge of those long-ago days which did much to shape the destinies of this county and section of Oregon. Who will write Emil Peterson at his North Bend home, and offer him at least expense money to come here for his mission?

LOCAL NEWS

The shortest route from seller to buyer is an advertisement in the Pilot Classified Ads.

Construction on Wilson Freeman's new Chetco Store building indicates that the store, af-

ter completion, will be one of the most modern in the southwest Oregon area.

Madge Moore returned from the Bay area Monday, after having visited her son for a few days last week.

Mrs. Flora E. Weber left Fri-

day on an extended bus trip through San Francisco and Los Angeles to Pomona, to visit relatives. She will return through Bakersfield to Cottage Grove and Portland where she will visit a sister and brother before returning to Brookings.

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