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ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?

It was astonishing to committee members who circulated the petitions asking the county court to set a date for incorporation, to find the number of people in this area who have not registered to vote. Many confessed it "had been years" since they voted.

In a few instances unregistered people signed the petitions, knowing at the time they had not registered, and most of them fully aware of the responsibility of this action. When this fact was revealed at the county court house, it certainly put this area in a bad light.

It is beyond the comprehension of any loyal citizen to fathom a reason for people's negligence in such matters. It also shows up that most of these people who fail to exercise their rights as citizens—to vote—do the greatest amount of "yelling" when measures go against their particular liking in state or national affairs.

A GARBAGE DUMP NEXT DOOR

Of course this particular banter was made in fun, but the implication behind it shows the absolute necessity of incorporation of Brookings as a matter of self protection henceforth. This friendly banter was made by one proponent of the incorporation to one who has been against the movement: "I am going to establish a garbage service, and make the dump in . . ." (which was almost next door to the opponent).

Zoning ordinances, which control erection of types of business and maintains standards which must be followed for certain sections of the city, are vital. Certainly with the present expansion looming, this zoning cannot be done any too soon. Zoning is but one benefit which is derived in a city government. Traffic, health, behavior are a few others which are important.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Was rather amused, in a way, but concerned in another, Monday, when a lady, wife of a logging contractor came to the office and asked where she could find land that she wouldn't have to pay more than \$25 to \$50 an acre for, to build a home. I was amused because immediately I knew she was from some place inland where she never heard of the inflated prices of ocean-front property.

She would hardly believe me when I told her of the general

trend of prices along the coast, as far back as I had any contact with these. She doubted me when I told her that the cheap land of any county along the coast would be in a place where only a pack train or goats could be driven. I couldn't convince her that people were not trying "to hold her up" when they asked the prices for land here.

Coastal property, since I first came to Oregon in 1940, has more than tripled generally — and what else hasn't? I notice, too, that the state owns nearly all the choice spaces and spots of ocean frontage all along the coast. The state isn't selling, so those who have are able to ask for and get almost their own set price for the land. Those who wish to buy will pay those prices or they will go elsewhere.

This irate lady wasn't exactly friendly when she left the office, apparently taking the attitude I was upholding the high prices of land. I tried to reason with her that she was paying four times as much for butter as she did a few years ago. She wouldn't be consoled—because she felt that no more than fifty dollars was enough to pay for land to build. Can any Pilot reader find such bargains these days?

Independent baseball will be the fate of both Crescent City and Brookings this year, since Grants Pass and Ashland didn't see fit to remain in the Southern

Oregon League. The league embracing Eureka, Arcata and a few other towns didn't like the idea of traveling here, and the Southwestern Oregon League, of North Bend, Bandon, Coquille, and others, did not want any of the distances, they said.

Pete has been three years in building this town to become a bit baseball-minded. This year, he and his co-sponsors had held hope of almost breaking even on the team—before it has been a constant expense. Pete, Monday, told the Pilot he was going to do all he could in getting games against other towns and as often as possible, but he fears he is not likely to hold a team here when the players can't get baseball games more often and for certain. Pete is pretty discouraged at the moment.

Is Brookings going to have a band in the local school next year? Many people have asked the Pilot this question in the past month or so. Frankly, I do not believe any one knows exactly what will be offered at the moment, since there are too many other problems to work out in the meantime.

Mrs. Noble Ellison told the Pilot some weeks ago, on a visit here, that she knew of about sixteen children who would come here, seeking band instruction. It was told the Pilot that each of these youngsters owned their own instruments. Perhaps, then, public demand will force the issue—but there's a matter of a band instructor to consider.

Frankly I like nothing better than to see youngsters become interested in band. Saw just that in the 1930's at Bonner Ferry, Idaho, where a high school of about 150 had a 56-piece band. Nattily dressed in their uniforms this band furnished plenty of interest for the community.

In addition to the fun which the youngsters derive from band, there is the benefit which will remain with them throughout life. Perhaps they may never be in another band—that has happened, and again, any of these youngsters may pursue band as a hobby throughout life, making the world more joyful because of their love for music. It will cost, certainly, but think of the pleasures, too!

In The Mail-box:

Editor, Pilot: Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Struebing, Harbor, was recently initiated into Alpha Rho chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi international sorority. Marilyn is a sophomore this year at Oregon State College, and is majoring in school of business technology.

The outstanding honor or "Alpha Rho Girl of the Month" went to Marilyn in March for friendliness, scholarship and outstanding service to the fraternity. She has recently been elected house manager.—Rosemary Roth, public relations officer.

Editor, Pilot: Just read in the Pilot of a meeting between the logging contractors and property owners at Sixth Grange. Visualizing the fur that will probably be flying at this meeting, we thought you might be interested in, not a complaint, but a commendation. There should be closer co-operation between the loggers and the landowners, co-operation of the kind we have just experienced with "Speed" Furnari and Elmer Galloway.

The Sis-Co Logging Co. completed its operations on our ranch last month and not only lived up to every article of the contract (which was mostly verbal), but went out of the way to perform helpful and constructive work. The business-like and efficient way this company accomplished the logging amazed us. Through its willingness to use their equipment for other purposes than strictly logging, we are now much closer to having an operating ranch. Could not more ranches with timber benefit by a properly handled logging operation, along with the judicial use of the power equip-

ment that usually comes with such operation? Would it not be cheaper and quicker in the long run than asking the government to pay for such improvement by and through PMA?

For their cheerful co-operation—for their generous use of their

time, ability and equipment, for their patience and integrity, it is a pleasure to publicly commend and recommend Thomas J. Furnari and Elmer Galloway, loggers, and gentlemen of their word.—Mr. and Mrs. Clive D. Manley, Harbor.

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