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CAREFUL PLANNING MUST COME

Brookings of the future, and Marshall Dana predicts it is exceptionally bright, should be planned, provisions should be made now for those years when this will be the largest center of population of southwestern Oregon. Certain that was food for thought for those interested in the incorporation of Brookings.

Schools must be provided for the children who will come here. Homes must be built to house the people who will help the economy of this area. Services must be expanded to accommodate the trade which will be seen here within a year. Yes, as Mr. Dana expressed it, there must be sane planning, there must be careful study of the needs of the area, and definite movement made toward solution.

Co-operation without personalities must be the order—what is good for one must be made good for all, for this city-to-be to become great, as it surely will.

BASEBALL STARTS 1951 SEASON

That was a good start, Sunday, how the Pelicans performed on the local diamond, and gives fans promise of more good baseball during the coming months. True, Sunday, play was somewhat ragged at times, but it was also amazing to see how smoothly a team could play its first game, for the Pelicans matched Coquille blow for blow, run for run right down to the tenth inning when the Pelicans said 'this has gone too far—let's stop right here.' Despite the 14 to 11 score, the game was as good, perhaps better, as any coast league game at the beginning of the season.

Clausen, on the mound for the Pelicans, displayed exception ability until the ninth, when definitely he became tired—and who wouldn't—facing the potent Coquille sluggers. The same may also be said about the parade of Coquille pitchers who were rudely manhandled by the Brookings batsmen, much to the delight and joy of the biggest crowd witnessing baseball in this section of the state.

Business Manager Pete Lesmeister and Playing Manager Whitey Matson are off to a good start, and fans no doubt will rally behind these two and for once have a season which will break even financially.

CURRY COUNTY FAIR A MUST

August 30, September 1 and 2 are dates set for 1951 Curry County Fair, at Gold Beach, when Curry county again will display its resources of wealth and handicraft.

The Pilot is most concerned about how Curry County is going to re-act on this occasion. Fairs should become better each succeeding year. Fairs should spur people to excel in whatever the display. America has grown to be the nation it has because of this type of competition. Everything possible to further this type of competition should be encouraged—abetted in every way.

The Pilot hopes that 1951 will be the beginning of a new era of competition—the kind that builds.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Another Azalea Festival has come and gone, and with it all the thrills one might expect at such a colorful event. But also with this enjoyment were many—oh so many—headaches on the part of two people, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kerns. True, I know there were many others who helped with the work, but few know the countless hours, the many disappointments these two people experienced while making all plans for the event.

From experience I know that too many of this community, or any other for that matter, are willing to "let George do it." To offer no assistance, to come forward with little labor to make the affair more spectacular. The future of this festival depends largely now upon the newcomers who have realized the value of this annual spring event.

Despite lack of help, Mr. and Mrs. Kerns were able to come forward with what I believe was a commendable show, a pageant or call it what you may. However, my intent is to point out the unfairness of the 1951 method of leaving all the work up to so few people. Let us resolve that never again will this happen in Brookings.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerns are unaware of these lines, written in their behalf, they never complained in my presence of the details they personally had to oversee, and I am surprised. Yes, I know they were willing, apparently, so to do this, but do ask yourself if there is any real sportsmanship and fairness in it.

Pete Lesmeister, whether he may believe in omens, hunches, or luck, is happy this week, by virtue of Brookings win from Coquille in a game which will provoke much talk for weeks. The Coquille lads have nothing to bow their heads in shame for, and for that reason Brookings' victory was all the more sweet.

Potent sluggers in both line-ups made the pitchers study all pitches with greatest of care. This may account for the number of bases on balls issued by the chuckers, for if the ball was anywhere near the right range—home runs were frequent. From the fans' standpoint, never could better baseball be played, be it in the bush leagues or in the majors.

Grandstand umpires had plenty for gossips, for the partisans could not always agree with the men in blue who were right at the play. That, of course, makes America what it is, and Americans the competitors they are. Perhaps a fan could question a ball or strike decision, but there were no denying the home runs blasted to the far corners of the lot—three by each team.

Brookings looked defeated in the top half of the ninth when Coquille exploded with seven big ballies and what looked to be a baseball game. One cannot deny it took competitive spirit to face

this fact and come back as did the Pelicans—and blast out a victory in the tenth after the score had been tied in the bottom of the ninth. Coquille must admit that mediocracy did not get these runs for the Pelicans.

Pete Lesmeister told me after the game that he would have been glad to accept the seven-run spurge in the average tilt, but his faith in the suited youngsters afield jumped many thousand per cent when he saw they weren't giving up that easy. It must be just a little more than gratifying to see one's faith be restored that quickly.

Fans have come to know that Pete likes youth—to know that Pete likes clean sports; that he has left nothing undone to bring this area good baseball, the best he can under circumstances. To this praise, Glenn Sabin, sheriff of Curry County, added, "Pete has done much for the county by his efforts to put baseball in the place it deserves. That game I saw today, was as good as any fan could hope for."

Mrs. Jean Horst Now With Cleaners

Mrs. Jean Horst has re-entered the dry cleaning business, it was announced Monday, forming a partnership with Mrs. Edna Newman, to operate the Cur-Del Cleaners. Mrs. Horst purchased the interest of Ken Taylor, in this business, once owned by the Horsts who sold to Taylor.

During the year and half Mrs. Horst has been out of the business she has inspected many different plants throughout the country, to further improve her "spotting" technic.

Mrs. Edna Newhan has been manager of Cur-Del Cleaners for the year and half, but has had several years experience in the dry cleaning business. The new owners will give the people of this area the best of their knowledge in dry cleaning.

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