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City Ordinances Should Be Saved By Pilot Readers

Better to acquaint all citizens of the city of Brookings with the ordinances they will obey, the City Council has caused to be published in this issue the first eight, known as emergency ordinances, dated Tuesday of this week.

That there be no claim of ignorance of all city ordinances of Brookings, the Pilot suggests all citizens save these ordinances as they appear from time to time in these columns, and become well acquainted with what is expected.

Council Meets Weekly

For possibly the next three or four months, or until such time when all city business may be cared for in a single monthly meeting, the city council will be meeting each Tuesday night, for the moment at the office of Pete J. Lesmeister.

Wishing to do everything in the proper manner, the council wants the public to know, through these columns, of the ordinance and acts taken by the council.

Descendants of Pioneers To Oregon Country



Pictured at the re-union were George Black, George Wilcox, Mary Smedberg, Robt. Wilcox, Edna Hedderly, John Black and Lorena McCourt. (Pilot engraving)

Re-union Attracts Pioneer, To County

GOLD BEACH—An interesting re-union was held recently at the home of Mrs. Mary Smedberg, here, when seven first cousins gathered for a visit. These cousins are John Black, 85, Highland, Calif., George Black, 79, Gold Beach; Mary Smedberg, 76, Gold Beach; Lorena McCourt, 79, Seattle; Edna Hedderly, 72, Gold Beach; Robert Wilcox, 72, Ashland; and George Wilcox, 71, of Oakland, Oregon. Two other cousins, Claude Wilcox, 69, Idyewild, Calif., and Jack McGee, 76, of Portland, were unable to attend.

All are direct descendants of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McGee, who crossed the plains by wagon train leaving Richmond, Mo., April 28, 1864, with a party of about 100 and Mr. McGee was head teamster. They traveled every day except Sundays and arrived near Oregon City in October, 1864. In the group was Henry Black, who later married Sarah, one of the McGee daughters. The McGees settled at Oakland, Oregon, and George Wilcox still farms the original farm settled in 1864.

Henry and Sarah Black took up a homestead on Catching Creek inlet, near Coos Bay, in 1875. They came to Sumner which was the end of the wagon trail. There was a toll gate at Coos Bay wagon road and it took three days to visit their parents at Oakland, traveling by buckboard. They reared a family of five children, three of whom are John Black, George Black and Mary Smedberg.

John Black began teaching in 1887 and taught at Sumner, Fairview, Langlois, Cape Blanco and Marshfield. He was postmaster of Marshfield under Cleveland's administration for four years, 1894 to 1898. He went into the grocery business in 1901 in Southern California. He now operates an orange grove in the Redlands district.

George Black worked with the Coos Bay Hardware from 1910 to 1921 and then went into the same business for himself in California. He was badly injured in a car accident while there and in 1947 came to make his home with his sister, Mary Smedberg.

Mary Smedberg, a graduate nurse, attended the University of Oregon and went to San Francisco in 1901 for further training in the hospital there. She was in San Francisco during the earthquake in 1906 and can tell many interesting stories of that time following the quake.

She returned to Marshfield in 1907, to the first hospital in Coos Bay, the Marshfield General. After her marriage to Carl Smedberg, they lived on a ranch in the Coos Bay area. They later sold the place and came to Gold Beach and in 1926 they established the first hospital here.

Mrs. Stanley Patterson is ill with bronchial pneumonia at her home here. Her mother, of Paradise, Calif., is helping to care for her.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young who is with the armed forces is spending a few days at the home of his parents and enjoying some fishing.

Council Enacts 8 Ordinances At Tues. Meet.

Many matters of importance to city welfare were cared for at Tuesday evening's meeting of the city council, when this body was faced with one of its busiest evenings. Eight ordinances were read for the final time and declared in full force and effect. (These may be seen on pages 5, 6 and 7).

A city recorder office will be set up, Nov. 1, in the room to the rear of Pete Lesmeister office, with Charles Grayshel to hold office hours from 2 to 5 each afternoon. The entrance is made by side door, on the driveway leading to Coos-Curry Electric Co-op shop.

Charles Echols, who will be the city engineer, appeared before the council in behalf of seven subdivisions for council approval in order to record at the courthouse. Approval was granted on all, after explanation.

V. A. Mendenhall Sr. appeared before the council to give the city deed to a 50-ft. street on his subdivision. It was accepted for recording.

Application of James O. Robinson, to establish a club, in order to obtain a club license from the state liquor commission, was taken, but no action was taken at the meeting. Application for renewal was granted Norris Kemp for Pine Cone tavern.

By action the council appointed Charles H. Grayshel as city Recorder and Samuel A. Hall as city attorney for the year.

Discussion of the new city licenses, effective Nov. 1, was held. These must be on display not later than Nov. 15, in all businesses in the city. Since this is a measure to realize immediate funds for operation, the council is making an appeal that all who can to pay the 1952 license at the same time they pay the remainder of the 1951 license fee. Many have already signified this intent, it was reported to the council.

Street work, which will not be possible until funds are available, was discussed and it was reported that Ross Putnam had volunteered to do such necessary work any time, and wait until funds will be available. Some of the heavily traveled streets are reported to be in poor condition.

Hallowe'en Parties

Mrs. J. L. Mumbower's high school age Sunday school class is giving a Hallowe'en party at the church basement Thursday evening. At a recent business meeting the group elected officers: President, Kay DeMartin; vice-president, Ronald Akers; treasurer, Pauline Hendricks; secretary, Jean Gott. A monthly business meeting with occasional parties are planned, to work on a project to send Bibles to Japan, as well as to gather clothing for shipment to Korea.

The young married peoples of the Community church will have a Hallowe'en party at the church basement, Tuesday night of next week. Mrs. Dal Sanders is the class teacher.

Ashland Architect Likes South Curry

Intrigued by the Oregon coast and especially the area of southern Curry county, David I. Bockius, Jr., architect of Ashland, Sunday made quite a check of this area with idea of buying land on which he would like to erect his "dream house."

A graduate of University of Pennsylvania in 1935, Mr. Bockius has been in the west many years, recently with Pierto Belluschi, noted architect at Portland, before locating in Ashland.

"The coast is what I would call an architect's dream. I certainly would like nothing better than to have the opportunity to design buildings which would fit this area—that would be the height of my delight," he told the Pilot.

Mr. Bockius is located at 13 North Main, Ashland, in case a person wishes to contact him.

On The Main Drag

Those beautiful dahlias in the Kruger windows.

That mammoth specimen of fossils embedded rock at Young's Gift Shop.

A loaf of Mrs. Don Yarnell's home-made bread—delicious.

Fashion Parade—"What the well-dressed duck will wear!"

A Paul Bunyan myrtlewood bowl at Moore's Variety.

Mrs. Lucia Ireland's plants and pottery giving that 'certain thing' to logging equipment.

A reminder for meditation—that Bible lecture sign.

An epidemic of cars bogged down—in mud, of course.

Tony and his wrecker yelling for help.

Ed Hoar taking orders for potatoes for delivery, possibly next year.

Miss Marie Becker returned to Brookings early this week after a business trip to Portland.

No State Emergency Funds Available For Brookings School District 'Plight'

"There is no hope for Brookings to obtain federal aid to its schools because of the increase in school population brought on by the coming of the plywood plant," said Mr. Turnbull, assistant superintendent of public instruction, in charge of school buildings and federal aid for the state superintendent's office.

The fact that the plywood organization is organized and moved to Brookings, or even that the plywood plant may hold a federal contract or that a percentage of its output goes to some housing project in a defense area, does not in itself qualify the district for assistance under Public Laws 815 and 874.

Public Laws 815 and 874 intend to care for those children whose parents have employment on tax-exempt federal property. Such children are given attendance credit only for such time as their parents actually work on

federal tax-exempt property.

"As far as I can see," said Mr. Turnbull, "Brookings does not have sufficient children to qualify under the law."

Lynn Hampton also interviewed Mr. Marchat, state school assistant in charge of the basic school fund distribution, also in Superintendent Putnam's office. There are no monies available from that source merely because of increased enrollment in a school even though that increase may be a large one, or create an acute problem, according to Mr. Marchat. However, if such increased enrollment creates a deficit, and provision for the increased enrollment was not provided because such increase was not known at budget time, the district may make application for funds to cover such deficit.

At the present time no such deficit exists because the news of the plywood plant came in time for the local budget committee to make provision in the budget for the increased load at school. Also the Curry County Rural School District Board included the added budget items in the equalized budget of the county.

Whether or not such a deficit will be created remains yet to be seen. As yet the plywood employees children do not constitute the major part of the school enrollment. Housing available when the plant starts operation and the number of families willing to live in trailers and tents will no doubt be the determining factor.

Lynn Hampton returned from Salem on the early morning bus, Wednesday from the annual two-day administrators' conference, held at Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Miller, accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Bolz of Baltimore to Portland on the first lap of her return home.

H. S. Carnival Set For Saturday Eve

Student body of the local high school has completed plans for the annual carnival and amateur show, at the gym, Saturday. The affair will begin at 7:30 p. m., with no admission being charged.

Votes for a king and queen will be sold and a nice door prize is to be given. Candidates chosen by the seniors are Jerry Anderson and Shirley Bowlin; juniors, Schell Bennett and Dennis Fadling; sophomores, Dick Grush and Juanita James; freshmen, Larry Horn and Joan Clendenin.

Coronation will take place in the latter part of the evening, following the amateur show.

Participants will be talented individuals of the community in piano solos, vocal numbers, tumbling, etc.