



Brookings-Harbor Pilot



Nowhere A Finer Climate - Nowhere a Finer Community

Volume Six, Number 44

BROOKINGS, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON

Thursday, December 27, 1951

West Coast Telephone Co. Outlines '52 Improvement Plans For Brookings

West Coast Telephone Company plans quite a lot in the way of improvement of all local facilities and service, according to a letter to Samuel A. Hall, contents of which are:

This is in reply to your letter of Dec. 3, concerning telephone and teletypewriter service at Brookings and by your client, Brookings Plywood Corporation.

We recognize the importance of telephone service in your community and we further recognize the great and unexpected growth which has occurred in the coastal area of Oregon. The enormous activity in the timber market had continued to expand beyond our most optimistic estimates and is the principal cause of shortages of telephone service.

The following projects which will affect service at Brookings

are in the process of construction or are included in our construction budget for next year.

1. Exchange teletypewriter service will be provided Brookings Plywood Corporation early in January as previously requested pending reconstruction of the toll lead south from Coos Bay that was severely damaged by the recent storm. A technician is now at Crescent City making the necessary arrangements.

2. The central office equipment at Brookings is now being replaced and will be cut over next month providing equipment is delivered as scheduled. The result will be a 100% increase in central office lines which will enable us to add more subscribers and upgrade present service if so desired. This new dial system is capable of indefinite expansion.

3. The fourth Brookings-to-Crescent City trunk is now on order and will be installed upon receipt from the manufacturer. 1. Two more trunks will be in which is scheduled for January stalled during 1952 which will bring the total to six.

4. The Brookings office is controlled and operated through the Crescent City office. Because of an approaching overloaded condition there, a new building is being completed which will permit the addition of two switchboard positions which are now on hand and will provide for future growth of the Crescent City switching and toll terminal equipment.

5. Automatic-start emergency power plants are being installed permanently at Brookings and Crescent City in an effort to maintain service without the interruption of toll service due to commercial power failure. The Brookings power plant will be installed about January 1.

6. The 1952 construction projects at Brookings include:

- a. A 50-line addition to the Brookings central office.
- b. Extension of distribution cable and wire facilities south of Brookings and to the outlying districts. Circuits are included in these projects to serve the PBX switchboard which Brookings Plywood Company requested to be available by June, 1952.

7. Long distance traffic northward and southward from Brookings is routed out of Crescent City. Four additional toll facilities making a total of nine commercial circuits, will be installed and turned up during the first quarter of 1952 between Crescent City and Eureka which will alleviate delay in calls to the south.

Three toll circuits are now in operation between Coos Bay and Crescent City, our north toll switching center, and a 12-channel system is ordered and should be added during the first quarter of 1952.

8. The re-build of the main toll lead south from Coos Bay to Coquille is nearing completion. This will provide better quality long distance service in addition to providing a ample additional long distance circuits to outside points.

9. Six toll positions were recently added in our Coos Bay office insuring faster operator answering.

10. A very substantial program is set up in our 1952 construction budget for the coastal areas of Oregon which includes circuit additions to all points from our toll switching centers. En-

Eagles Plan Big New Years Dance

A gala event for the welcoming the New Year has been advertised by Aerie 3087, Fraternal Order of Eagles for Monday evening, Dec. 31, at the V. F. W. hall in Brookings.

Since its organization here in the fall, the local aerie has been a leader in social events, with emphasis being placed on the encouragement of youth participation. Students will be admitted for 35c and 50c.

Santa Treats Kids Monday Evening; Carolers 'Delight'

Christmas, despite bad weather in this area, held much for everyone, with Santa present to give treats to the youngsters at the community Christmas tree near the Central building, Monday evening.

A group, composed largely of high school students, went caroling about town, not forgetting those "shut-ins" who are unable to leave their homes. This was done under direction of Mrs. J. L. Mumbower, teacher of the high school group, nucleus of the carolers, and supplemented by the Guild Girls and others.

Auto Licences May Be Bought Here

Al Botzek, bookkeeper at the B. B. Crabb Co. office in the Kerr Building, has been appointed as local auto license collector, according to Sheriff R. G. Sabin, who was in town late last week.

"This service will save people the trouble of mailing direct to Salem," Mr. Sabin said, "and will be an added service to this fast-growing area."

LOCAL NEWS

Everyone is invited to a Country Store Bingo sponsored by the V. F. W. at their hall, Dec. 29, from 7:30 to 11 p. m. Money derived will be used for Chetco Community library. Refreshments will be served free to everyone by the library board and Harbor Community club.

A message from Tony Grace, former resident of this area but now living at West Yellowstone, Mont., says it was 23 below, with three feet of snow. Tony was a charter member of Chetco Rod and Gun Club, and wants to be remembered to his old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith spent Christmas at Everett, Wn., guests of their son-in-law and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hampton and family went to Newberg to spend Christmas with relatives.

Power outages and Christmas coming on Tuesday, cut deeply into the Pilot work-week schedule, with but eight pages this issue, instead of the usual 12 or 16 of the past many weeks.

Ukrainians Will Be Featured, Sat. Eve At Annual Affair

While they have not revealed the topic of their talks, Valentina and Oleg Jefimenko, Ukrainian displaced persons, will be expected to tell what their experiences were under both Russian and Nazi domination before and during World War 2.

Both were residents of a small Ukrainian community, when the Nazis invaded Russia in 1940. He was taken as slave labor to Western Germany, and she to Poland. She managed, somehow, to escape Poland to West Germany, there to meet him a number of years later. Families of both were eliminated, it is said, and under the displaced persons act, were able to enter the United States. Now residents of Portland, he is a senior at Lewis & Clark College.

Earlier this fall, the Oregonian carried quite an article about them, together with pictures. It was this article that the local Rotary club interest was aroused and correspondence followed to have the couple appear as speakers before the club.

Reluctant, partly due to the language and customs, the couple first told the club that they could not appear. On a trip, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith met them, and through influence of President Odell, himself a Rotarian, the couple was persuaded to come to the Christmas party, Saturday, Dec. 29, of the local Rotary club.

Unable to do too much in an international way, this club felt that this was the best opportunity possible to learn first hand, how things were conducted behind the iron curtain and in the dictator countries. No doubt the couple will be called upon to answer scores of questions.

Limited to 125, local Rotarians would like as many as possible to hear the couple. Since it is ladies night, many guests already have been invited.

Thanks Friends

The Pilot received a card from Lozella Sternberg, at Emanuel hospital, Portland, wishing to tell all the people of this area, as well as Curry county, that she is so grateful for the help she is receiving. Her note:

"I wish to thank everyone in that country for the wonderful help they have given me since I was burned nearly seven months ago; also for the grandest Christmas possible for me here in the hospital. I wish the happiest New Year to everyone."

Unable to get out of bed, and practically helpless, she would enjoy mail. Her address is: Miss Lozella Sternberg, Room 111, at Emanuel Hospital, Portland.

INCLUDE THESE RESOLUTIONS!

What are your ten resolutions for 1952? Let us put it this way: What would you like to accomplish in 1952?

Yes, the Pilot does a little of that day-dreaming—for this area, this county and this state. These are some of the most most cherished resolutions:

1. Greater unity and understanding among business and professional men of the area, working in closer harmony for the advancement of all businesses.

2. To beautify the area as rapidly as possible, without jeopardizing the economic structure of the area.

3. To accomplish a better understanding between adults and youth, that some plan of mutual helpfulness be accomplished so that delinquency become non-existent.

4. That people realize that money spent at home will help build the home. That merchants of this area are our neighbors, our fellow-citizens and helpers.

5. That our schools are over-crowded and rapidly become wholly inadequate, and that some plan must be devised to increase their standards to fit the community.

6. That rumors which defame one person or group of persons be forgotten and never repeated. Judge not if you wish no judgment against you.

7. Join your chamber of commerce and become a worker in its cause. Many problems face this community which demand cool and calculated thinking.

8. Become a member and booster for Oregon Coast Association, which organization may be responsible for much added wealth to western Oregon.

9. Help your city council plan the future of this city. These men have a gigantic task, which sometimes, they feel inadequate in coping with all phases.

10. Remember that there's room for everyone, if everyone does not try to usurp all the space. Practice a little bit more that "Golden Rule."

Among these ten, the Pilot feels that accomplishment would eliminate all others, because there would be no time left for others to enter the picture.