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WE NEED GEORGE SUTTON!

George Sutton, stories inform the Pilot, will not be a candidate for county assessor this fall—all because some believe he isn't qualified, isn't equable, and shows discrimination. One should get away from Curry county to really get the true picture—learn elsewhere that he is considered one of the best in Oregon.

An assessor, like any official, has a job to do. Like any other office of county or state, law controls his actions—regulations set up his course of action. Yet George Sutton has been the butt of abuse from many sides all because he followed the law—did his job as he he was directed by his superior, the state tax commission.

What Curry county voters do not realize, the Pilot believes, is the fact that George Sutton's place cannot be filled by anyone who can possibly offer the same service as fairly and as economically as he has. George, the Pilot firmly believes, is "quite indispensable."

WHAT OF NEXT SIX YEARS?

What will we plan for the next six years? What will we see by the first of March, 1958? Will it be as good, steady, and fruitful as have been the last six years? The Pilot looks with considerable concern to the next six years for, in that time southern Curry county can be one of the greatest areas in the world—or it can be just average (if that is the expression).

How well as we, the present citizens of this area, going to join forces for a common goal? How much will each of us be willing to bury personal likes or dislikes to be able to achieve this hope for the future?

This area must meet every challenge offered in way of competition. This area must plan and at least offer to the world a united front in all its actions. Accomplish this and the area will see unprecedented growth. Fail, and this area will become stagnant and just exist.

Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

It was a typical March day—March 7, 1946, the day when Volume 1, Number 1, of the Pilot came off the press—the day had been a tiresome, I recall, because so many things had bothered the printing of the first issue. Many will recall that the show had been moved in, thing placed so as "to be handy", and in the meantime a paper had to be com-

posed. "Where was this thing, or that—" seemed to be all I could get to working in my mind that particular week. The machinery had to be adjusted, a routine had to be established, so the week was exceedingly trying. Yet, in the six years since that eventful beginning, only three times has the Pilot missed its regular press time, and not once has an issue been missed.

I doubt if I can draw a comparison for you readers to give you an idea of the details which must be considered when you are about to launch a new publication. I seriously doubt if any enterprise has a parallel. I was so new here, yet people were kind. I knew so few, had to ask so many questions, had to learn all the names and faces.

Gathering of the news and all the advertising copy to start the publication is but a minor part, in a way, of the publication. In a well-regulated plant, a routine is established so that delays are few, but when you move into an empty basement—made so by a "green" concrete floor, things are so different.

I look back at that particular

day with mingled emotions. It is true with every human being, I suppose, to do something in their lives that is different. For years I had longed to have my name on Volume One Number 1. I realized my dream—but my dreams had not included the "so many" things which must come to a newspaper "pioneer."

Once, in Illinois, I worked on a newspaper at the time it was observing its diamond—seventy-fifth—anniversary. For the "birthday" edition, I searched the files for material to make comparisons of the two different times. I noted especially Volume One, Number One, and right there I envied that man who had started this paper, only shortly after the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln.

I will not, I realize, have such a milestone to mark the beginning of the Pilot. Studying the old files of that Illinois newspaper only increased my desire to some day launch a newspaper. It was, however, partly due to Rev. E. C. Hicks whom you all know and like, that I chose Brookings, which was, at that time, in the public eye due to the lilies. He talked to me as early as 1943.

There have been many compensations, however, to having a small bit in the history of the re-vitalized Brookings-Harbor district. If I were to live to the century mark, I can always look back to those moments with no small amount of pride. This area is to my liking in almost every possible way—even to its disadvantages.

Times, during the existence of the Pilot, have been full of romance, even if some of us were not able to recognize it at the time. Little do many of us realize how carefully we have been watched by the outside world in our every action. We must not, in our next six years relax for one moment that effort to advance in about the same rate.

While we like to rest and reflect upon our accomplishments, it would be disastrous since that would become a habit which will not re-act in the manner we wish. This issue, starting the seventh year of the Pilot, is a re-dedication to do everything possible to make the advancement keep up in the same rate. Let's all assume a like attitude.

Chetco Wranglers

Chetco Wranglers Saddle Club will hold a basket social, Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 p. m. at the V. F. W. Hall. Members are asked invite two other couples and each lady to bring a gaily decorated basket to be auctioned off.

Of course, all baskets will contain all manner of good things to eat and the lucky bidder will enjoy them during the refreshment period.

An over-all entertainment committee is composed of Mesdames Floyd Matlock, Ernest Wheeler and Art Crook. A committee on arrangements is composed of the Mesdames Wally Morris, Dave Crockett and Roy Brimm. This will be an evening of real pleasure and funds derived from this sale will be added to the building fund.

A baked food sale will be held Saturday afternoon from 1:30 at Dimmick's Market, by the intermediate class of girls of the Baptist church for benefit of building fund. Baked goods will be accepted by the girls at the store from 12:30, or contact Mrs. Chester Gragg for any that need to be picked up.

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