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Bill Wridge Passes At Portland, Friday

Friends of this area were hurt to learn late last week that W. B. Wridge, Bill to everyone, had died at the home of his daughter at Portland. A letter from a daughter, to the Pilot:

"William Bedford Wridge, better known in Brookings as Bill, passed on to his blissful home April 18. He had been with me since Christmas, after an operation which he underwent at Eugene which disclosed that he had cancer.

"Dad has gradually failed, but he never lost hope of returning to Brookings, his home.

So his wishes are going to be granted, as he has asked near the departing time for cremation — then there is a grave at Brookings, bought for dad by his brother, Andy Wridge, where the ashes will be buried and a head stone for dad, where his friends can see his name and remember he loved them all and wanted so to return to them. Funeral services were held from the Gable Sunrise Chapel, 225 N. E. 80th Ave., Portland, Monday, April 2, at 1 p. m. Yours sincerely, Mrs. Crystal Maxwell, a daughter, 1331 SW 12th St., Portland."

Lived Here Most of Life

Bill spent most of his life in this coastal area, 15 of which were spent in Brookings. He was 80 years old, and annually at the Lily Festival depicted his idea of a retired lily grower.

Bill was a gardener of note, and always his gardens, both flower and vegetable, were the envy of everyone in the neighborhood. He lived alone for a number of years — preferring to be in this section where it never goes really cold.

He often came to the Pilot office in the days when his health was good, and would spin yarns by the hour of the early day in this section.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at William Jas. Ward Memorial Park.

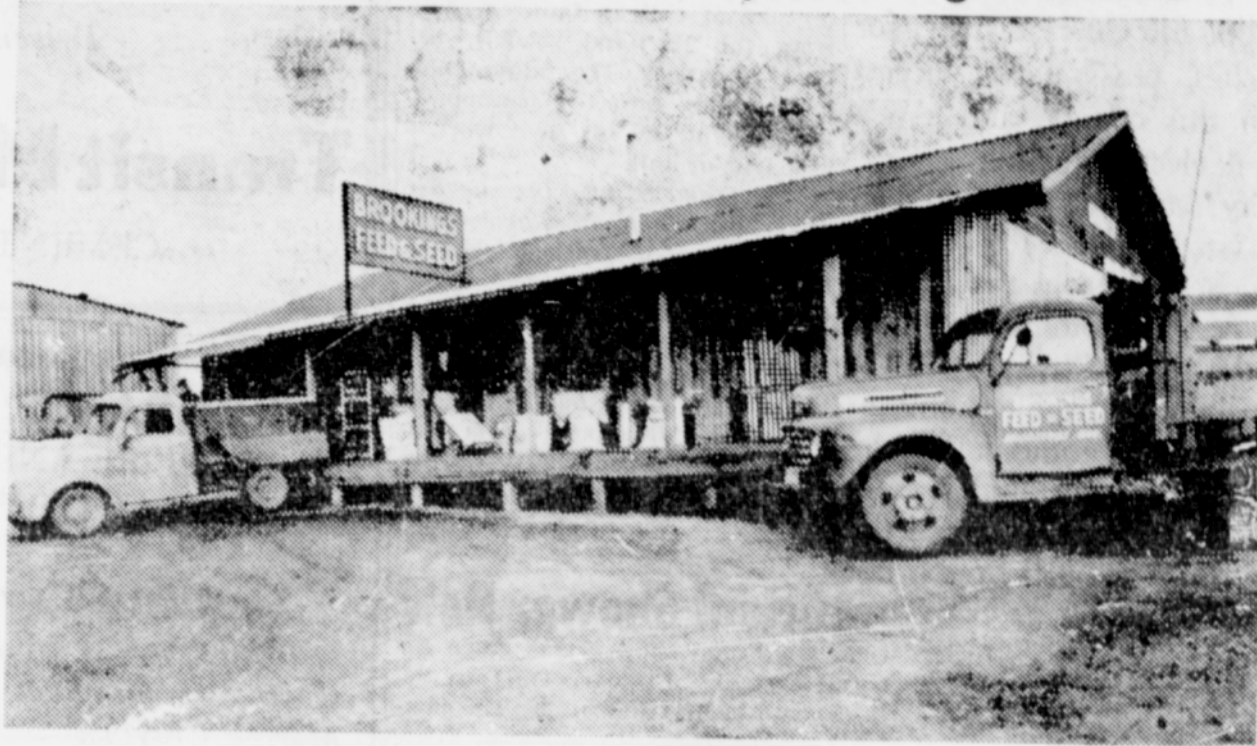
Azalea Festival's Future In Doubt

The All-Year Events Association is sending out an urgent appeal to the citizens of this area to attend the meeting called for Monday night, April 28, at the high school auditorium, when final plans for the 1952 Azalea Festival will be formulated.

In anticipation of a large attendance, the Association is giving door prizes. The association particularly requests that the news-comers to the area attend and bring their neighbors in order to acquaint themselves with these community events and become a part of the traditional celebrations of this area.

Continuation of the Azalea Festival, which has long been a popular event, depends on whether or not you come to this meeting!

First Anniversary Reason For A Special 'Big Celebration'



Purchased a year ago, May 1, by C. F. Yahr, who had been manager of the Co-operative Creamery at Smith River, Brookings Feed & Seed will observe the event in a special way, advertisement elsewhere in this issue points out. Free chicks will be given to about 1000 people visiting the establishment May 2.

Helicopter Comes To Rescue Of Smith River Man, Stricken Near Long Ridge

Jim Violet, a mill worker of Smith River, and a co-worker of Ross Horn, may thank a helicopter for his rescue from the upper reaches of the Chetco on Tuesday, after he had been stricken some time Saturday.

Many details were not available at the time this paper went to press, but the Pilot learned:

The fishing party, made up of Jim Violet, Ross Horn and his son, Demis, Deryl Hampton and Lee Schley, left early Saturday, the day of the season opening, for the upper Chetco.

The group drove to Long Ridge where Mr. Violet and Mr. Horn

got out, and said they would fish back down stream, toward Upper Summer Bridge, where the boys would await their return. The distance is said to be about 10 miles, but the terrain is exceedingly rugged.

Came Saturday night, and Sunday morning, then Sunday night. The boys became anxious, and perhaps somewhat excited, so all returned to Brookings.

Monday, Demis Horn, and Lee Schley accompanied Frank Steineke to the bridge. In the meantime Mr. Horn had reached that point, and informed the boys that Mr. Violet had been stricken, apparently by paralysis, and was up the river. Frank Steineke returned to town, while the boys went to the stricken man to aid in any way, and word was sent for a helicopter to make the rescue, for other means of travel might either be too painful or prove fatal.

Further details concerning the condition of Mr. Violet, or his ailment were not learned at this moment. Where he was taken is also not known at this time.

On The Main Drag

Those two fishermen, Mrs. R. E. Smith and Marj Cummins, just talking over their latest 'catch.' Norma's beautiful gift bouquets in her place.

Archie Hendricks wielding a dust mop.

Wilson Freeman inviting the ladies to use his new black glass store front for their "primping" mirror.

The Robinson building's yellow tile front—good looking.

Most of us gardeners growing a good crop of weeds—isn't it a caution?

A serious interest in baseball—spaces large enough to hold a few youngsters, a ball and a bat—and a few mits.

Rhododendron beginning to open rose colored florets and three petalled trilliums suddenly there.

Spring fever and "itching" feet. Mr. Seliway coaxing those old swarming bees.

Address of Roy Brimm, in care of C. A. A.

20 Pages Hampers

The Pilot was a few hours late reaching the mails this week, due to the unprecedented run of advertising, four pages of which came in Tuesday morning. The force does not like to be late with the paper, but these customers had to be served.

For Sale: Smith-Corona typewriter. Wonderful for that boy or girl going away to college—or a graduation gift. The Pilot.

Rotarians Make Tour, Tuesday, Of Plywood Plant

Members of Brookings Rotary Club, Tuesday immediately after luncheon, made a conducted tour of Brookings Plywood Plant, under guidance of Carl Mason, engineer. While time sufficient was not available, the members felt they had gotten one of the best programs ever.

Starting with the machine shop the members went from there to the boiler and generating plant, where the giant generator was seen in action. From there, they viewed the pumps and fire-prevention system, the pond, and the segregation of logs into the various lengths and grades.

From there, a log was followed through the plant, where the "barker" removed all the old bark and any rock or sand; to the lathe, where, after just a short time, sheets of veneer stock were seen going on conveyors to the trimmers, to the kiln, to the spot where each piece was graded and put into piles according to grade.

The fabricating of plywood, the press, the trimmers, and the sanding were watched with enthusiasm but nothing compared to the little machine which is used in the patching.

Knots or any imperfection of the wood is removed and a piece placed in its stead at the same pressure movement.

It was apparent at the time by all members how much teamwork is involved in a plywood plant, and how little motion is lost in its operation. Finished plywood from a certain piece of timber requires but few minutes quite contrary to the belief that the process was long and labor-

C. of C. Directors Resigned Thursday

Four of the officers of the chamber of commerce tendered their written resignation at the noon luncheon meeting held last Thursday at Don's Cliff House.

The remaining members of the board of directors then held a special meeting that evening and decided to call a general meeting of the chamber of commerce at which time vacancies in the board of directors will be filled and plans outline for carrying on the work for the chamber during the remainder of the year.

The regular noon luncheon for Thursday of this week has been cancelled.

Arrangements have now been completed for a general meeting of the chamber to be held at the Grange hall next Tuesday evening, April 29. The ladies of the Altar Society will prepare a fine dinner to be served at seven p. m., which will be followed by the business session at about eight.

Those wishing to make reservations for the dinner are asked to phone Charles Grayshel's office, phone 2824, or Pete Lesmeister's office, phone 2271.

All present members, past members and prospective members are urged to turn out for this meeting and preferably the dinner as well. It is felt that with the co-operation of all the chamber of commerce the organization can again become strong as in past years.

Will Continue Offer

Brookings Studio will continue its introductory photo-taking offer this week, and next, so Mr. Strong says, to better acquaint the people of Brookings of the studio which will remain here.

Edward F. Strong has had 27 years experience in photography and is affiliated with the Guild Studio, Portland. He has hopes of establishing a studio in a lower floor location soon.

He is a member of the Photographic Artist Association and previously operated three studios in Chicago. He has done much children's portrait work, and enjoys working with them.

His wife, and a married daughter and her husband will join him here soon. He maintains his studio upstairs in the Bank building.

Game Rained Out

With Brookings leading at the end of the first inning when rain stopped all play, Brookings-Gold Beach game was called last Friday. A re-play was called for Tuesday, but again Gold Beach called for a postponement.

Mr. Mason pointed out to the club members that of the log as it leaves the pond, there was about a 52 per cent recovery in plywood. Installation of a hard board plant later will practically eliminate this waste, he said.