

Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

Lots of things have happened since I closed the forms last week to get the paper into the mails. To begin is the question—that is, where to begin. First, let us consider the bank and its opening—let us view for a moment the line ready, long before the doors were opened. The fact that a bank is here supersedes any other idea among the local people.

E. L. Morton, in a statement, Monday morning, wouldn't say exactly—for banking reasons, it must be understood, just how many dollars were deposited—just how many depositors came in and "did business." However, he did tell me that "he had no idea that the number would be as great." That is indicative of what Oregon State Bank may hope to enjoy.

Gone from most minds, it seems to me, is the thought that this bank cannot do the community any good. Frankly, it looks like these investors of bank stock are in a mood to do plenty good. It also seems to me that these, or many of them at least, have come here to make their homes, to become part of the community and its civic movements.

Regardless of the past, regardless of personal ideas, there is still going to be prosperity and progress in this community. If it is not possible for Oregon State Bank to handle the entire loan, The United States National Bank of Portland will be ready to take up the additional segment, or the entire amount. Loans which have to do with the progress of the area should get the attention needed, it seems to me.

Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon Mrs. Prentice's Accordion band of Medford, entertained at the Chetco Inn Lobby, during the meal hours. How many of you availed yourselves of the opportunity to hear this talented group of youngsters? If you are one, please write it down that you missed something of a treat.

There were sixteen in the band—ranging from a six-year-old, to a senior in high school. Each, in his, or her, own right was something of an artist. Each had a

number of parts in the entertainment. Yes, that little six-year-old child sang to a number, to Ed Sund, Chef Adrian, Mrs. Hendricks and others.

The soloist, a junior in high school, had something more than just average. There was a senior boy who could make his accordion sound quite a bit like a pipe organ. Really it is amazing how such youthful faces could be made perform like veterans of the stage of the metropolitan areas.

It was quite a show late Saturday evening. Visitors were reluctant to leave, to permit the youngsters to go to bed. Requests were complied with gladly—no person was disappointed if he would only speak up. Anything from the popular to the classical was played with equal ability.

Sunday evening, next, will be Baccalaureat services for class of 1952. When I think of this class I am tempted to make a claim, and see if it can be equalled by any school, anywhere, at any time—even back a century. More often than not, girls outnumber the boys in number of graduates.

But with this class, the story has a peculiar twist—odd is a better word. As far back as the seventh grade the boys had a decided edge, four or five to one. There were five girls graduating from the eighth grade—but in these four years, all of the original girls dropped out for one reason or another.

Shirley Bowlin kept it from being all boys, when she came to Brookings as a sophomore, and is the only girl in the class—pitted with 16 boys. Shirley, who has brothers of her own, knows she has competition, but is willing to "give and take." She feels she has something to be proud of—"only girl graduate, with 16 boys in the class of 1952."

On top of that Shirley, who was chosen to Girls State last

Accordion Band Thrills Listeners At Chetco Inn, Last Saturday and Sunday

Sixteen youngsters, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years, members of Mrs. Prentice's Accordion band of Medford, entertained guests Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon at the lobby of Chetco Inn with scores of numbers, as well as requests. The program was broken up into solos, duets, quartets, both in singing and in instrumental numbers. Beverly Jones, a comely junior at Medford high, won the plaudits of all with her singing.

Possibly one reason why so few local residents heard the group is accounted by the fact that the Medford paper published the advertising, stating: "in the dining room," which the musician's union took exception to, and it was once announced the program had been cancelled.

The youngsters, thrilled to be in Brookings, and many of them

year, is on the Azalea Court this year, is also salutarian. She is an apt young lady whom we may expect much from in the years ahead. How does Shirley take this being "the only girl?" Right in stride. She is proud to be a member of that class, she told me, "the fellows are just right."

seeing the ocean for the first time, spent every available moment on the beaches. Great was the enthusiasm shown over a pail of rock crab which caused the boys to entice many squeals from the girls of the band. It was noted, however, that before the afternoon was over, Sunday, the girls each had a couple small crab to take home as mementos of this trip to the coast.

This same group has promised to come to Brookings again to be present at the Lily Blossom Time parade.

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