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Many Visitors Came Here From Distant Places, Sunday, To Witness '52 Parade

Bill Brown, Brookings chief of police, and many connected with the 1952 parade, told the Pilot that they estimated more than 2500 cars were parked along the highway, or any street where sufficient space was available, to see the 1952 parade. These same people came up with the estimate that there were four people to each car. Added to this were local people who walked to the parade route, leaving cars at home. With pencils and paper estimates were mentioned from 10,000 to 15,000 people witness the spectacle, Sunday afternoon.

Because the Prentice band was here from Medford, more than 40 cars were here from that city, bearing the parents of the youngsters in the band, despite the fact that a Trailway bus was chartered for the occasion. It is safe to estimate that more than 200 were here from Medford alone.

Grants Pass, due to the fact the Cave Men were here, sent a delegation estimated to be more than 100. Presence of California cars along the parade route indicate that Crescent City was in the crowd in generous numbers.

The Scotia band brought with it quite a delegation from that Humboldt county city another big delegation. People from Northern Curry were here also in numbers.

This brings the estimating up to the point where the out-of-state cars may be considered. To correct tally was made of those license plates, but it was noted by many of the vast numbers parked along the roadway. Many visitors had their cameras and kodaks, movie cameras and made the parade route appear to be a Hollywood scene.

From a point in the vicinity of the Dempsey car lot, west of town, to the end of the parade route, east of the Chevron station, people were standing to a depth of ten to twelve feet from the curbs on either side. With no apparent shifting, the crowd was estimated to be more than 12,000 standing in that zone of the parade.

As early as Wednesday, there were no accommodations for the traffic which was expected. People were forced to obtain rooms as far away as Gold Beach, Crescent City, and Gasquet.

Co. Roads Speeds Cut To 25 M. P. H.

Speeds on the county roads, according to the sheriff's office, must be reduced, or the hazards will mount. It is explained this way: "At 25 miles an hour or less, the dust is not stirred up, cutting the view of drivers to less than 100 while speeds over that raise dust in proportion to speed."

The great traffic load put on the county roads, unimproved except for macadam, are inclined to be dusty at dry times of the year and being as they are, these roads are always hazardous. The sheriff wishes to hold the hazards to a minimum by controlled speed.

Mr. Wilbanks, that genial meat dispenser at Redfield's was ill at his home Tuesday, but was behind the counter again Wednesday.

Harveys Return To After Two Months

After about two months spent at Portland where he underwent surgery for bladder tumors, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harvey returned to Brookings, Tuesday, arriving about 11 a. m. To avoid traffic, the Harveys were brought here by a nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, leaving Portland at 11 p. m.

While still weak, and quite thin from his ordeal, Mr. Harvey is cheerful and told the Pilot "it seemed like heaven to be here and away from that terrific Portland heat." He said that he had followed, daily, the weather reports published in the dailies, and he noted that on July 2, when this area was sweltering under 87-degree heat, it was the coolest spot in the nation that day.

"I hope to be about in a few days, I do not intend to let this illness keep me down," Lou told the Pilot. "Already friends have been coming in and inquiring. In friendship like that you just have to get well."

Mrs. Reekman Was Involved in Mishap

Mrs. Florence Pratt, of Ashland, mother of Mrs. Kathryn Reekman, of Harbor, was killed last Tuesday about 25 miles east of Burns, Oregon. The family was returning from a vacation which included Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and Yellowstone Park.

Carroll, son of Mrs. Reekman, who was graduated from University of Oregon, in June, Miss Mary McLaughlin, a granddaughter of Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Reekman, were in the car which skidded in loose gravel and overturned.

All were bruised severely and suffered from shock. Mrs. Reekman was not able to return to her work at the Harbor postoffice this week.

Funeral services were held at Ashland Friday morning for Mrs. Pratt.

Weather Report

For the week ending on Sunday:	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 7	82	52
July 8	73	51
July 9	57	52
July 10	60	52
July 11	61	53	.02
July 12	60	53
July 13	62	53
Rainfall for week			.02

Brookings Should Do Something About It Immediately Visitor Doesn't Like 'Our Dust' At All!

Editors, like presidents, sometimes are blamed for everything! In this instance it is the dusty streets Brookings has. "Why don't you do something about it?" Being financially "healed" in the eyes of this complaining visitor, ye editor should go out, should get all the business men to oil a certain section of the streets of town, to lay the dust which causes so much asthma, so much sinus, so much sickness among the citizenry of this area.

"I was here back in the days when they picketed ships at Portland so they couldn't load out scrap iron for Japan, and they came here to do it. In those days I could have had any of the houses in this area for the cost of making out the deeds. I asked Bankus for a house to rent, and he pointed to one and told me to move in."

While it was annoying to be blamed for the dust, certainly this visitor had a point. This dust could be settled easily by application of oil, at practically no cost, if some plan could be worked out by the city. How? Wiser men than ye editor haven't come up with answers.

Couple Observed Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sun.

One hundred and thirty-five friends gathered at the Chetco Grange hall, Sunday evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ostenberg, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The stage was set like their own living room and as Mr. Ostenberg turned on his radio a special program was presented for the occasion. Master of ceremonies was J. T. Jacobs.

Bill Cochran, a son-in-law, read the history. LaMerne Christensen and Gladys Robinson played a violin and piano duet.

Marie Funk gave a reading and Jeanne Ostenberg, a granddaughter, sang, "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet." The ladies chorus of the Seventh-ady Adventist church sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold," and "In the Gloaming."

After gifts were opened, guests of honor cut the wedding cake and refreshments were served buffet style.

Lydia Adams and Alma Cochran, daughters, poured from each end of a table decorated with a beautiful white bouquet in a plain gold bowl. The wedding cake was also on this table.

The Ostenegs received many lovely gifts and congratulations.

Out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Matthias and Evelyn of Petaluma, Mrs. Matthias is the oldest daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Max Ostenberg of Chico, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cochran Jr. of Angwin, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scheer of Redding, Calif., who are old-time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ostenberg.

Arrangements for the reception were made by Mrs. Howard Adams and Mrs. Karl Ostenberg, who wish to thank all friends who helped to make the occasion enjoyable.

Except for .02 inch of rain which fell Friday, the weather the past week has been pretty much constant. The minimum temperature has varied but two degrees in that length of time.

Will Build Second Story To Present Fire House

Bids for construction of a second story on the fire house were authorized by the city council at its Tuesday evening meeting, inasmuch as the city council must vacate its present quarters in rear of Pete Lesmeister's office, which were loaned, and which have been wholly inadequate.

Elsewhere in this issue may be seen a call for bids of the second story of the fire house, which will be used as all city offices.

Locals Should Aid Curry County Fair

All people of this area, interested in helping in any way with the "logging show" to be staged at the Curry County Fair, in August, are asked to meet with the directors of the Wranglers and the Curry County Fair Board, at Don's Cliff House, on Wednesday, July 23, at 9:00 p. m. Daylight Savings time.

This year, the Chetco Wranglers have taken upon themselves the task of staging the entertainment for the fair, thus to eliminate the "second-rate" rodeos which have been attempted in some of the past years. Many have come up with the idea that since this is a timber country, a "logging show" would have more popular appeal.

With Leo Lucas as chairman of the Fair Board, also a Wrangler, he expects lots of help from his rider friends. Headed by Eddie Thornton, Roy Brimm and others of the group, a logging show is planned. Now, this group wishes to know whom they may expect to take part, and what phase of the show each wishes to enter.

Since Curry County Fair is the only way this county has to "display its wares," intense effort is being made to make the 1952 affair far better than any previously staged. At least that is the intent of the group backing the fair. This meeting, July 23, is open to anyone who has public spirit, and who wishes to aid in any way, regardless of how insignificant it may be.

Chester Maris, 69, Dairyman, Passes At Smith River

SMITH RIVER—Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the local Methodist church for Chester Maris, 69, prominent rancher and dairyman, who passed away suddenly from a heart attack at his home on Hwy 101 while caring for his stock. Rev. E. C. Hicks, assisted by Rev. Geo. Pearson, officiated.

Soloist was Mrs. J. W. Hall, who sang, "End of a Perfect Day," and "Love's Old Sweet Song," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. B. G. Slater.

Mr. Maris, a native of Smith River, was born March 10, 1883, son of the late Joseph and Catherine Maris. He spent his entire life here where he engaged in cattle and sheep raising.

He was married to Miss Mabel Brown in 1924, who survives.

Other survivors are two half-sisters, Mrs. Catherine Ward of Crescent City and Mrs. Mabel Tyler of San Anselmo, and a half-brother, Robert Maris, of Smith River, step-mother, Mrs. Agnes Maris, also of Smith River, a number of nieces and nephews.

Interment was at the family plot in Smith River cemetery with Wier's Mortuary in charge of arrangements. Pall bearers were close friends: Chester Enderst, Lester Ulrich, Nick McNamara, Fred Haight, Clarence Hight, Kenneth Layman.

Grays Now At Home To Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, who were married June 22, have returned from their honeymoon and are at home to friends at the State Line Motel apartments.

On their motor trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gray (nee Betty Tyler) visited many places, among which were Glacier National Park, Sun Valley, Yellowstone National Park and Fair Lake, as well as other spots along the route.

Mr. Gray is now on duty at the inspection station at the California-Oregon line.

Other Smith River Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Darrow Nelson are enjoying a visit with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Humble of South Dakota, who are enjoying a visit to the west coast. They visit the beaches and other scenic spots of the area.

James Pressler, who has been stationed with the U. S. Army in Korea for almost a year, arrived home and is enjoying a visit with his mother, Mrs. Henry Molle of Crescent City, and his wife and little child. He has not been discharged from the army, but expects to remain in the states.

Mrs. Geraldine Bomar of the Nook Cafe, left yesterday for Coos Bay where she will enter the hospital for surgery. She expects to be gone about three weeks. While she is gone Mrs. Millie Peterson will be in charge of the Nook.