

## In The Mail-box:

Editor, The Pilot: The Gold Beach Water company was organized in 1912 as a corporation of the State of Oregon. This was 41 years ago. The original rate for service for a home with bath, toilet and wash bowl, was \$1.75 subject to 10% discount if paid by the tenth of the month. The system was unmetered until 1929 when some meters were installed. At this time the company applied for a reduction in rates to \$1.50 per service, allowing 3750 gals. per month per service. This rate was continued until 1949 when application was again made to the commission and the rate was returned to \$1.75 per month which is the present rate.

There are many newcomers to this community as well as old residents who may not be informed about this. It is doubtful if any other utility in the state of Oregon has had no increase in 41 years. One certain thing is that water rates in some form are going to be much higher in this locality before long.

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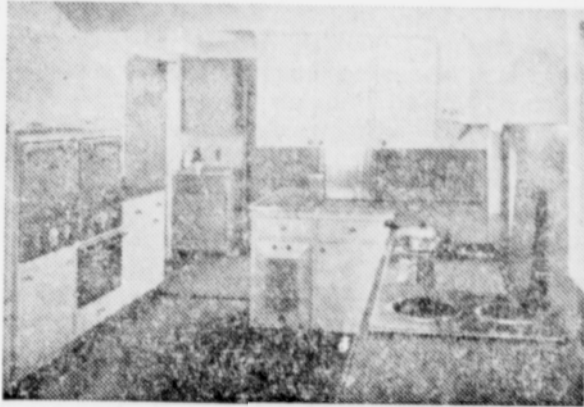
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## Built-In Kitchen Ranges

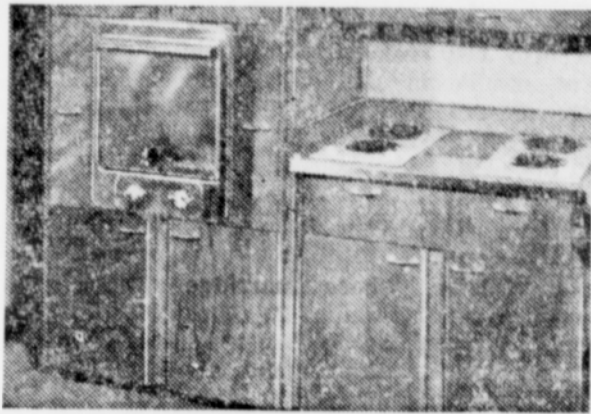
from SMALL HOMES GUIDE

\*Today an oven can be tucked into a wall of the kitchen and located at the height that is most convenient. Burner units can be as close to or as far away from the oven as the housewife desires. Built-in ranges, in either gas or electric models make this possible. They offer more flexible kitchen planning, allow the creation of the type of cooking center best suited to the individual's work habits.



The picture at left shows two electric ovens and a warming drawer located on one side of the kitchen. Opposite is the four burner and griddle surface unit. An important safety device is the controls on top of the unit and out of the youngsters' reach. Griddle top swings down when griddle is not in use.

Pictured here is a built-in oven and electric model burner unit placed side-by-side. Burners are built into a countertop which means storage space close at hand. A split-burner arrangement affords in-between work space. Oven has anodized copper finish on the door. Also available in stainless steel or baked enamel.



pressed its willingness to negotiate the sale of its holdings in the city of Gold Beach. This willingness was based on the expectations of a fair deal made in an honorable manner with understanding people.

Knowing it was going to take several months to complete the deal the company requested an increase to tide them over. The increase asked 7c per month is only a part of the increase the new operation will require which the future will prove.

During the storm just passed the company has had to operate pumps night and day to keep a water supply. This has added considerably to the cost of service.

In the matter of the sale of the water mains to the city of

Gold Beach one must know that quite a number of services are outside of the city.

At the time these services were made the city did not exist. These people, living in an area some greater than that of the size of the city, must be considered. That is the reason the Water Company cannot sell these people out of service—not as some objectors might think—to have another system.

The wells which supply the present needs of the company were drilled by the same well driller who drilled the uncapped well of the Lloyd Corporation of Portland which is stated has offered its use to the city. The driller, Mr. Freeman of Grants Pass, stated the well which is now supplying Gold Beach, had every capability for volume and quality as the Lloyd well.

The water comes from a depth of about 100 feet with no chance of contamination from Rogue river.

As for reservoir locations it can be stated truthfully that the Water Company or its owners have many sites available up to nearly 1000 feet. Some are near Gold Beach and some up Hunter Creek where they also have a bountiful supply of water capable of caring for Gold Beach and Hunter Creek area for years to come.

This is a good time for planning. There is no question or doubt in the minds of a majority of people as borne out by the last election that private enterprise is not to be ignored in the future development of this area.

Private industry should be allowed a free hand to operate—untrammelled by bureaucratic control as well as conniving politics.

This question is too large to be solved in a newspaper controversy with the usual name callings.

Let the parties interested carry out their agreements in a broad minded way. Consider the future of this whole area not only the city interests.

What will happen to the Indian Creek watershed when logged off? What happens to the Lloyd wells when covered by contaminated high water from the Rogue? Let cool heads answer these questions.

JAMES C. LEITH

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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The congregations in all Christian Science churches on January 25 heard read from the Bible (Luke 13) the healing account of a woman who "was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself." In their consideration of the subject "Truth," it was then concluded in a reference from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy (p. 495), "If sickness is true or the idea of Truth, you cannot destroy sickness, and it would be absurd to try. Then classify sickness and error as our Master did, when he spoke of the sick, 'whom Satan hath bound,' and find a sovereign antidote for error in the life-giving power of Truth acting on human belief, a power which opens the prison doors to such as are bound, and sets the captive free physically and morally."

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Oldest of all veterans' organizations is the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, which had its beginning in 1899, immediately following the Spanish American War. Today, in the V.F.W. there are 1,200,000 members in approximately 10,000 posts. National V.F.W. Week is being observed during the period from Jan. 25 through 31.

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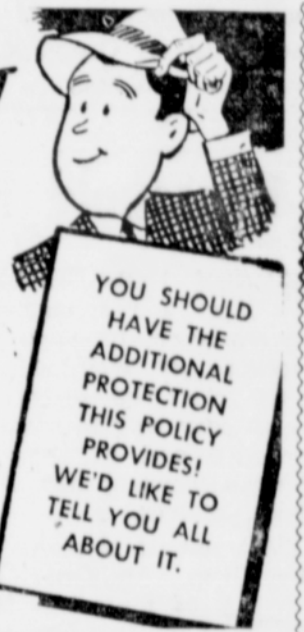
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