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C. of C. APPROVES RESOLUTIONS

At the February Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting, attended by 100 persons, the membership approved two resolutions represented by the budget committee. The first resolution requested \$1000 be set aside to begin securing statistical information for the brief which will largely determine the success of our harbor and highway programs. When this information is requested by the state and federal agencies, our brief must be ready; it must be accurate and complete, and by showing a favorable "benefits to cost ratio," justify our request for better highway and water transportation.

On April 1, at the opening of the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Center in the Forest Service building, the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an Industrial Registration Day, requesting all employers and business men to fill out questionnaires. By this voluntary contribution of information, you, the members of the Chamber of Commerce, will be saving yourselves many dollars by eliminating the expense of a field worker to secure the same information.

The second resolution requested \$1500 to be pledged immediately for printing costs of a revised and up-to-date tourist information folder which we hope will be available for distribution on April 1 at the Tourist Information Center. Although the treasury did not have \$2500 available at the time of the meeting, both these resolutions were unanimously passed, as the membership felt that enough new members could be secured during the month of March to more than make up the additional money which will be needed. Anyone wishing to join the Chamber of Commerce for its fight for better highways, harbor development and increased tourist attraction should contact a Chamber of Commerce director, or any member of the chamber.

Informative talks on the Brookings Plywood Corporation were given by Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Bonner. Our plywood corporation is of vital interest to all of us. Last fall the Chamber of Commerce wrote to R. F. C. supporting BrookPly's request for financial aid, and outlining its important part in our community. The attitude of the chamber has not changed, and we pledge again our continued support toward its success.

The usual excellent dinner was served by the ladies of the Altar Society, and the door prize, donated this month by the Curry County Lumber Company, was a bronze lamp, won by Claude Golden.

Rep. Ellsworth Writes

The Brookings Chamber of Commerce received encouraging correspondence from Representa-

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Dan Freund Victim Of Heart Attack

Dan D. Freund of Brookings passed away very suddenly on Monday morning while at work at the Rivers End Auto Court belonging to Mr. Gonzales. He was on a construction job and finishing cement at the time. He had remarked earlier of feeling ill but continued to stay on the job.

Daniel D. Freund was born May 16, 1901, in North Dakota, and passed away on March 2 at Rivers End, Calif. He leaves two daughters, Marleen Freund and Mrs. DeLane Anderson of College Place, Wash.; a son, Staff Sgt. Melvin Freund, stationed at Mountain Home Airforce Base, Idaho. (Staff Sgt. Melvin's home address is 110 N. 14th, Boise, Idaho.) A sister, Mrs. Rose Zwiegler of Lodi, Calif., and a brother, Henry, in Fresno.

Funeral services will be held in Walla Walla, Wash., Monday, March 9. Interment in Walla Walla.

Vandals Add To La Barge Loss

Adding to their other troubles, some criminals stole everything they could pry or tear loose from the wrecked home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry La Barge while it lay awaiting insurance and FHA adjustment decisions. Doors, fixtures windows, and other material which could have been used in the construction of a new home were taken and the sad part is the couple must pay for them in the sum they still owe on their FHA loan. Mr. and Mrs. La Barge made a trip to Portland to see if they could get this indebtedness eased but could not, nor could they get anything out of their insurance. The American Red Cross has allowed them \$2,200 toward material, only, for a cottage, and the neighbors are assuming a further help to the unfortunates who lost their home at four in the morning during the heavy rains the early part of February. There will be a benefit dance at the V.F.W. hall this coming Saturday evening with tickets available from V.F.W. post and auxiliary members. There is no fixed admission price other than it must be over a dollar.

Volume 8 Starts With This Issue

The Brookings-Harbor Pilot put out the first issue seven years ago this week. During that time we have enjoyed your patronage and want to thank all those people, businesses and organizations who have contributed with news and ads which has helped to make this paper a success.

Volume 8, Number 1, denotes that The Pilot is starting its eighth year of publication.

See our offer on Page 5 where we show you in a practical way how much we appreciate you as a reader.

Gem and Mineral Society Will Organize

A group of people interested in gems and minerals, from finding them in their natural state to the grinding, polishing and marketing of the beautiful specimens and jewelry they adorn, are gathering at the V.F.W. hall on March 12, at 8:00 p.m., to form the Brookings Gem and Mineral Society.

There will be a display of minerals, cut gems and just plain rocks, with interesting histories in formation and interesting futures, after some "rock-hound" has given them his attention for an evening or two.

Delegations from the Gold Beach club, the Crescent City club and the Eureka club will be in attendance and will give talks on materials displayed.

This is a hobby all members of the family can enjoy together, and anyone who is genuinely interested in gems, rocks and minerals is eligible to membership.

The local beach, hills and near localities abound in materials of a semi-precious type and a collection can soon be acquired.

The public is heartily invited to attend the meeting and view the displays. For detailed information contact Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young at the 5 & 10, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yokum or Eva Lee Long.

FIRE RAZES OWEN HOME

Fire from an undetermined origin destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Owens on Hiway 101, four miles south of Harbor Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

No one was at home at the time, Mr. Owens having gone to town a short time before, and Mrs. Owens was at work in the Felipes lily field near by. There had been no fire in the house as the day was warm. Before anyone knew it smoke and flames enveloped the house, making it impossible to enter. No attempt could be made to save anything.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens had recently purchased new furniture. They moved here last summer, coming from San Diego, and purchased their home from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weigle. They have a daughter, Betty Jo, who is in high school and was in Gold Beach at the time.

The Brookings fire department was on hand but due to inadequate water supply and the advanced stage of the fire, all attempts to put out the blaze were futile.

The home and furnishings were insured, it was understood.

Are You a Member?

JOIN YOUR C. OF C.

MANY CHANGES RECORDED DURING SEVEN YEARS' PUBLICATION

THE ANNIVERSARY NUMBER of any newspaper automatically makes its readers retrospective, and few small communities can look forward over the comparatively brief life of a paper and see more varied and interesting development than can Brookings and Harbor.

How pleased we all were to learn that we were to have a paper published here, but we could not realize until Dewey Akers appeared as its editor what an invigorating influence it would have upon us.

Majority Vote For County Soil Conservation

One hundred votes were cast on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the three polling places, the Grange hall in Sixes, the county agent's office in Gold Beach, and the Chetco Grange hall in Harbor, for the establishment of a soil conservation district in Curry county.

A majority of 147 votes in favor and an election of three supervisors will firmly create this organization for farmers' assistance.

Elected were Cecil Watt of Brookings, D. P. Ferguson of Gold Beach, and C. H. Brooks, Langlois.

All Year Events Sets Dates

The All Year Events Association held its first meeting with the new officers in charge Monday evening at the Chetco Inn. The date of the Azalea Festival was set for May 30 and 31, and the tentative date for the Lily Parade was set for either July 12 or July 19, depending on how rapidly the lilies develop and their blooms become available.

Several committees were appointed and much of the framework of the 1953 organizational program was established.

The next meeting of the association will be held at the Inn on Monday, March 9.

Surprise Party For Mumbowers

The high school age Sunday school class of the Baptist Community church surprised Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Mumbower with a party following the regular business meeting at the Mumbower home last Wednesday.

The young people had planned plenty of food for the refreshments and finished with a sheet cake decorated with a gold cross. They presented both Rev. and Mrs. Mumbower with going away gifts.

During the business meeting Karen Ritche was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sharon McClain.

Of course at that time Brookings was feeling a bit conceited over its recently completed broad highway and the relocation of several of its business buildings, changing it from a village to a town. And Easter lily bulb production in the region had attracted such wide attention that magazines of national prominence carried articles about us, incidentally remarking upon the mild climate which made this possible, and accompanying the stories with pictures showing the romantic setting of many fields overlooking the sea. Result, we became probably the best known small community in the United States, and certainly in the Pacific Northwest. Inspirational articles in The Pilot played no small part, as the paper went to many distant points carrying its message.

We ourselves who lived here several years before the coming of The Pilot, found it hard to envision the division and settlement of the well-known Pedroll Ranch at Harbor, took much pride in showing visitors the carefully tended flower fields in that locality, and even more difficult to realize that business in Brookings was encroaching almost to our door over "The Arnold Tract," a wide expanse of brush and small trees which had intervened up to that time between our residence and the town, and which had been in the Arnold family "back East" since 1876, according to records. Our own house had been, "up to a few years ago, the only one built to take advantage of a site directly on the ocean. Now there are innumerable beautiful homes, many of them much more pretentious than ours, overlooking the sea, and ocean front property has gained full recognition as being extremely desirable, as have locations in the foothills commanding views of the Chetco river and the broad Pacific.

Brookings has long been known as the shipping point for the earliest daffodils to bloom in the state, normally beginning in late January when their destinations were very apt to be in the midst of winter storms. Almost twenty tons of blooms went to market the past season, by air.

One of the most desirable things that has happened to us of recent years is the construction of the road leading to the beach in Harris State Park, and

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