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Brookings To Be Host To Many At Azalea Festival

Next Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31, will occur the annual Azalea Festival, a time-honored event in this town when we of the Brookings-Harbor area will play host to many guests. The crowning of the queen, the installation of her royal court of princesses, the Flower Show by the Azalea Garden Club, the queen's banquet, the baseball games, the Sunday open air church services and the barbecue are the features to which we are all accustomed. This year there will be an innovation with the exhibit of the Mt Emily Gem club.

Eisewhere will be found details of the program. The subject of this particular article is financial.

BUTTONS

Heretofore it has been the practice to "hit the merchants" for contributions to finance the costs of various projects. President George Funk, right bower Arthur Knox and the committees who have donated hours upon hours to this community project, decided this year on a new plan for financing. That is, by selling buttons at one dollar (Turn to Page 4)

School's Largest Enrollment Closes For Vacation

Friday, May 29 marks the closing of the school year, with the largest enrollment in the school's history, with overall enrollment in the elementary school reaching 604 and the high school 202. Both the elementary school, with 54 graduates, and the high school with 27 graduates, mark the largest graduating classes up to date.

Students will come for their report cards as follows:

Town elementary pupils, 2:00 p.m., Friday.

Country elementary and high school, 3:00 p.m., Friday.

Student body officers for next year were installed in a meeting last Friday:

Ray Western, president; Barry Sage, vice-president; Carol Ann Benson, secretary; Ann Ritchie, treasurer; Raleigh Burr, sergeant-at-arms; Pat Herman, Annual editor; Peggy Gran, assistant editor.

Scout Building To Start Soon

At the meeting of the Chetco Scout building committee Friday evening it was approved, when and if the lot site is approved, the building will be started within two weeks. All members with plans and permit are ready to go. The next meeting will be June 5 at the Odd Fellows hall at 8:00 p.m.

THEY REIGN IN AZALEA LAND



Princess Mary Lou Berger, Queen Carla Whillock (seated) and Princess Elaine LeClair. Front, Princess Sondre Parker and Princess Joann Clendenin.

It has been and is the custom among many peoples in many places to celebrate annual flower festivals. There are Rose Festivals, Tulip Festivals and Cherry Blossom Festivals celebrated around and about America. We have our annual Azalea Festival.

This area is singularly blessed by the abundance of this glorious flower that grows about us in profusion. Its glorious colors defy description. Its beauty leaves the observer speechless. It is lovely and it is fragrant. With the arrival of latter Spring and the coming of early Summer our Azaleas burst forth into bloom along our highways and in our forests. They lend an added touch of beauty to a beautiful area. Azaleas bloom in other sections of American but nowhere do they attain such a degree of splendid display that they attain in Southern Curry county.

Contained within the limits of Brookings is Azalea State Park. This park is unique and sensational. Here Nature appears to have concentrated its efforts in

creating Azaleas which shall surpass all other azaleas. Throughout centuries Nature has silently and ceaselessly been at work to accomplish her purpose. She gave us our great fir trees, our graceful myrtles, our stately oaks, and then, as a final addition to set off her work, she placed a crown upon her labor. In her act of coronation she chose the Azalea as her symbol of regal dignity.

It is most fitting and proper that we, who live in this area, should pay our homage to this flower. It is most appropriate that, once a year, we should gather together and show our appreciation of what has been so freely and unreservedly, given to us. To those of our citizens who have given unstintingly of their time and efforts to arrange our Azalea Festival and to those of us who have contributed funds to insure the success of our Azalea Festival we extend our appreciation. To those citizens of this area who, down through the years, have labored unceasingly

to perpetuate this festival we extend our gratitude.

Our Azalea Festival has become an institution. Long may it endure. It has been nationally advertised. Each year people from all parts of America, in increasing numbers, come here to see the azaleas in bloom. We greet our visitors in the spirit of good neighbors and proudly exhibit our gorgeous azaleas. We invite our visitors to be with us, we are happy that they have been with us and we pray that when they leave for their respective homes that their memories of their visit with us shall all be pleasant.

To all of those who come to us, and celebrate our Azalea Festival with us, we humbly and modestly suggest that here is a land of unsurpassed beauty inhabited by cheerful, happy and hospitable people. To our visitors we say, "You are our guests. We are at your command."

To such effect we dedicate our 1953 Azalea Festival.

E. F. A.

Park Vandalism To Be Dealt With

Azalea State Park is now at its beautiful best. The Harris State Park is also beautiful but marred by criminal vandalism. Parkkeeper Tisdale says he and his crew have to spend at least

half their time repairing, replacing, or hauling away damaged or destroyed equipment, which is a shame to the entire community.

This is not the first time destruction of public property has been noted. There is more than a possible chance that this will be brought to a sudden and costly end.

Should It Rain!

The only Azalea Festival events depending upon the weather are the barbeque and baseball game. In the event of rain the rest of the events will proceed, the locations of which will be announced.

Harbor Plywood Plant Will Start Operating Aug. 1

Plant superintendent of Lake Pleasant Plywood Co., Inc., Harbor, was named Tuesday. Gordon Asp, Myrtle Creek, will assist Robert K. Molloy, manager. The name, Chetco Veneer Corp., was changed last week and registered as given above.

The plant will employ forty to fifty men with operations starting August 1. Two shifts will be used with the possibility of a third being added later.

Work will be started at once on the office building, which will be located at the plant.

Mr. Molloy stated that he hoped to employ as many local men as possible and do all the buying here he could.

Gems and Rocks To Be Displayed During Festival

The newly formed Mt. Emily Gem and Mineral Club will stage its first Gem and Mineral show in the hallway of the Brookings grade school May 30 and 31, during the Azalea Festival.

There will be many interesting displays of mineral and gem material in its direct from the mine and field form; also precious and semi-precious gems after they have been cut and polished.

There will be displays of beautiful agatized wood from trees that grew five million years ago. You will see Oregon's famous myrtle wood, petrified and colored by nature's magic process, in tints of reds, browns and black. You will see crystals and other beautiful specimens from nearly every country in the world.

You will see and understand why the gem and mineral hobby has become the third largest and taking rapid strides toward being the first largest hobby in the world.

As an added attraction they will cut and polish gems during the two days so that you may see how a very unlovely looking "rock" can become a beautiful gem.

Don't miss this interesting and educational collection of nature's wonders. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Admission free.

Lions Lose Drive; They Eat Beans

Mr. Hendricks, overall chairman for the drive for Boy Scout funds for the Oregon Trail Council announced the Rotary Club was winner in the recent competition.

Editor's Note to Lions: The barbeque committee has 100 pounds of dry beans to be cooked. In case the barbeque must be postponed the Lions will be welcome to the beans.