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Dewey Akers — Founder of the Pilot

This week marks the first anniversary of the death of Dewey Akers, the founder of the Brookings-Harbor Pilot. It was on August 14, 1952 that Dewey died in a plane crash near the California line.

The newspaper he founded has come a long way since the day he started it, back on March 7, 1946, and the community it serves has come a long way, too.

The success of any newspaper and any community are inextricably entwined. Dewey built well and solidly during his six years, and the growth of Brookings, we like to think, is due at least in part to the civic pride and enterprise of the Brookings-Harbor Pilot.

And we who are here now, carrying on his paper after him, we can promise this community that we will try to live up to the example that he set, and that we will go on working to make this paper worthy of this community, and this community the finest place there is to live. We can think of no finer monument for Dewey Akers.—WGP

Curry County and Highway 101

In the wake of the highway hearing held at Gold Beach last week, there are a number of things which can be said. But the most apparent fact is that there can never be a highway location that will satisfy everyone concerned.

The people of the Gold Beach area who objected to the plans of the State Highway Commission were undoubtedly sincere in their apprehension. They envision a highway through their area, cutting their most valuable land into shreds, and still closed to local traffic. On that highway they foresaw a stream of tourists rushing through Curry County, with never an opportunity to stop and see the scenery, and, incidentally, enrich the proprietors of local businesses.

From what we heard at the Gold Beach hearing, we think such fears are groundless. It is true that access to the highway will be limited to certain points, and that it may be necessary to some property owners to construct roads to those points, if they have not previously developed access to the highway. It is also true that they are reserving large parts of our coast line for state parks, in an effort to preserve its distinctive beauty.

Both policies are dictated by certain facts, and neither of them, we think, are detrimental to Curry County. The people of this area are correct when they say a large part of our economy will be based upon tourist trade in years to come. And there are two things that will bring the tourists here. One is the safe, broad, magnificently scenic highway the state proposes, clinging to the cliffs along our shore. And the other is the beauty of this coastline, unmatched anywhere on earth.

It is a sad commentary that private development of our lands is often dictated more by immediate profit than long-range protection of our one irreplaceable resource, our scenery. If you doubt it, you but have to run on up 101, through Newport and the coast towns north, where whatever scenery they have is hidden behind a ribbon of motels and filling stations.

And there is one thing very certain, concerning this country. When 101 becomes the kind of a highway the state proposes, there will not be a more popular highway in the west. We think this highway will carry traffic that cannot even be envisioned now. There will be tourists thronging the cities of Curry County, and there will be private businesses in plenty to take care of their wants, but those businesses will not be doing so to the detriment of our scenery.

There are two things necessary to the development of Curry County: A highway, safe and pleasant to travel, and the preservation of our magnificent scenery. With those two things assured, you couldn't keep tourists out of this country. And the State Highway Commission, it seems to us, does no harm to Curry County in trying to provide those two things, with its plans for 101.—WGP

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For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

You won't find it mentioned in any of the propaganda furnished freely to prospective vacationers, but I have my own definite idea as to the most pleasant experience anyone can look forward to as the warm months call him to the open road.



My counsel is the result of no little education along the line of summer meanderings. I have gone to conventions in distant cities where I had never been before. I have taken long trips by family bus which covered much territory and whizzed through scenery which my passengers informed me could never be surpassed anywhere. Also, I have flown by plane over both Oregon and Washington, the only two states in the union where the scenery baffles description.

Still if anyone were to ask me to name the one scene which gave me my greatest thrill, I would, in all honesty, hasten to inform him that it was my first glimpse of the old home town on my return.

Much has been written, spoken and sung about this wonderful country in which we live. Each of the 48 states has garnered its share of similar praise. But the old home town, anybody's home town, comes first of all in our affections when the bare facts of the case are sincerely revealed.

Huge mountains, never-ending plains, lovely countrysides, and the awe-inspiring ocean can always be relied upon for momentary spasms of ecstasy. Still can any one of them compare to the surge of genuine pleasure that warms one when old familiar places and faces welcome the traveler returned?

Claims are made that a change in environment is good for one and that travel is broadening. Granting that some truth exists in such contentions, I will at the same time insist that gallivanting around the country yields a much more worthwhile reward. It is the only reliable means of discovering that the home town is the one place in which you would care to live and that your fellow townsmen have no equal anywhere in the land.

On the Main Drag

Car licenses from "far away places."

The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.

Sun worshippers cropping up here and there.

Vacation time — Have you had yours?

Those cute puppies and colts. Dr. Ronniger hanging blinds off hours.

Miracles of nature—Gold Band Lilies.

View of freighters off shore. Those nice energetic Teen-Agers.

Leave those asbestos shakes for the Observer Post at the Shell Station.

Mickey's smiling face in the shoe store for a short visit.

House of Shoes in new location. "Somewhere the Sun is shining."

That good neighbor policy being well demonstrated at the Studio building.

A glimpse of the Lighthouse. Whites new T.V. antenna.

DEL NORTE FAIR OPENS AUGUST 21

Moving toward the high gear of fair week, exhibitors and the fair management of the Del Norte county fair are shaping up exhibits and the fair grounds for the three-day county event on August 21, 22, and 23 in Crescent City.

Final entries were closed on August 6 with almost 200 exhibitors signed up in every class, for potential premiums of \$29,505. Feature booths from organizations, the 4-H, Humboldt state college, the Division of Forestry and one-family farms are scheduled for display in the main pavilion.

Construction work on all five senior exhibits is almost complete with exhibits from the Klamath Valley grange, the Lake Earl grange, the Elk Valley Women's club, the Crescent Redwood grange and the Pomona grange.

Exhibit tables for specimen horticultural and agricultural exhibits, glassed showcases for home economic food exhibits and the slanting display shelves for the handiwork and fanciwork exhibits have been placed by Bill Braden, grounds superintendent, and his crew.

Braden said that the commercial exhibits building has been cleaned and prepared for booths and that construction work on those exhibits could be started any time.

Floriculture exhibits in which the Del Norte county fair has led the state for entries in some time will be held for the 1953 fair in the old pavilion building where the flowers will be the whole display confined in that building.

A full three days of events to please everyone are being scheduled by the management with the added feature for the 1953 fair of four special days with two lined up for Sunday, August 23. The first of the days will be Kids' day

on August 21 when various races and contests will be held for the youngsters.

Grange day honoring the county's three subordinate granges and its Pomona grange will be held on Saturday, August 22; and on Sunday, August 23, Eagle day will share the spotlight with Maid of Magic day.

On the entertainment side, variety shows are scheduled for the afternoon and evening at the grandstand; horse shows and horse races will be on tap Saturday and Sunday; Desmond the Magician will entertain on the midway and several dozen carnival booths and food booths will provide a wide group of games of chance and rides.

Square dancing will be another innovation for Del Norte's 1953 fair with a platform near the grandstand under construction now for both exhibition and general square dancing.

FAMILY VISITS HOGANSON

Mrs. Joseph Hoganson and children Jan and Linda of Riverside, Calif., are visiting Mr. Hoganson who is employed by the U. S. Geological Survey, for the month of August. They are living in Harbor. The survey is now engaged in mapping a large part of Southwestern Oregon. Field work on this project will be completed by November 1.

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